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LES RICKARD: COMMANDER, STARFLEET 2001-2002



The end of an Era:
It would be somewhat difficult to distill the Rickard/Goldberg/Malotte Administration down into a few pictures.

Naturally, we chose the most embarrassing ones.

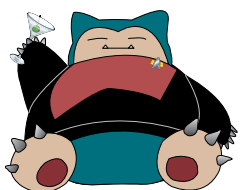
Top Left: "Oh my gosh! I got elected as **what?!?!?**" **Top Center:** Matt Myers (with his wife, Amy Alexander) gives Les (with his wife, Dee) a special "personal" touch. **Top Right:** "Yes I **will** retire, dag nab it." **Left:** So just how did Les and Chris Wallace maintain the peace in 'Fleet? Threats of physical violence, naturally. **Right:** As Les rides off into the sunset, he passes Wade Olson's Grand Poobah hat on to Michael Malotte and Tammy Willcox.

All pictures courtesy of the many contributors to the CQ over the last several years. (Which is a polite fiction for "We really don't remember who took some of them anymore. Sorry about that!")



MICHAEL MALOTTE ELECTED COMMANDER, STARFLEET — SEE PAGE 15

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GOOD-BYE!
THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SERVE
YOU FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS!
- THE CQ PRODUCTION STAFF -



An Open Letter to the members of STARFLEET:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Fellowship,

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

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In This Issue: The article entitled "Time Travel" by Robert J. Jackson on page 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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"You mean *I* am the new CQ Editor? Whoa!"

Yes, Bob, you are. And as a friendly reminder, please direct all written submissions to the CQ to the new editors address, which is as follows:

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Email submissions should continue to go to: cq@sfi.org

Photo courtesy of Keira Russell-Strong



"So, Dave...It's our last CQ. I thought we'd go out with a bang. Thus, I need these 312 graphics and i need them in 24 hours. No problem, right?"

CQ Graphics Editor David Pipgras prepares for his inevitable bi-monthly STARFLEET-induced coronary.

Seriously, though: this is our last issue and we'd like to thank everyone who has ever contributed to the CQ over these last two years for making SFI the best fan association there is!

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Here we are, the end of another administration and my final report as your Commander, STARFLEET. There are some things I want to say.

In looking at everything, I personally believe that STARFLEET has come a long way in the last two years. When I took the reins of this organization it was coming from an administration that had saved us from certain financial ruin and a near collapse. I saw the opportunity to take a once again thriving organization and maybe improve it a little. Now of course I could not do this alone and in fact without the help of my EC and staff it would not have been possible.

What Have We Done?

In the past two years we have come a long way in areas such as finances, membership processing and Communiqué distribution. There are many areas that I am proud to have been a part of improving.

One of the foremost things on my agenda from day one was to restructure and develop a financial accountability plan. With the help of an outstanding treasurer, a hard working EC, a dedicated finance team and the Admiralty Board we have been successful. We have developed things like a finance list for the day-to-day demands of our EC and staff. We have an expense list that allows us to track just our transactions. This list is also open to an AB Liaison who reports back to the AB monthly. We have also ensured that the membership has been kept informed through regular finance reports in each CQ and through their RC's. This consistent and reliable reporting of our finances was our check and balance to the members so that they could go about the fun of STARFLEET without question.

An area that deserves some attention and thanks is Membership Processing. Membership services has improved steadily since the beginning of last year. We have reduced the unofficial membership packet turnaround time to less than two weeks in most cases. With the dedication of the entire department, CompOps and Membership Services have developed a new database that will revolutionize how STARFLEET does its work. I believe that the membership will see a day when the stated turnaround time is two weeks.

Communications has done a lot of hard work to upgrade and improve how the CQ is distributed. Once upon a time the CQ would take weeks and months to get to members in Europe and Asia. The Communications Department has brought on board an international mailing house to service the international CQs. This was tested for the first time around IC and it seems that it was a huge success. We have reports of CQs getting to members in about the same amount of time it does for our domestic CQs.

These are but a few of the accomplishments that come to mind, but they are important

ones. They provide HQ with the ability and tools to do the job of running Fleet smoothly, allowing the members to enjoy STARFLEET again. It was important to me and other members of this administration that we do this well, for you. We wanted to take the burden of concern that STARFLEET was being managed off of the members. We accomplished this by conducting our business with great care and then ensured that everyone had access to this information in many different ways.

direction and friendship I have accomplished much more than I knew I could. Thank you, Tommy.

In 1998, when Tom decided not to stay on the EC for a second term, another person who I consider a friend took a chance on me. FADM Mike Smith asked me to step up and assume the position of Chief of STARFLEET Operations. Mike and I have always been "chums" I guess you would say. We have had



Hail to the Chiefs:
Fleet Admiral Edwin Leslie Rickard, Commander - STARFLEET, 2000-2002
(and his son, Zach)

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

Some Thank Yous

I have enumerated some of the accomplishments and it's now time I thank some people who deserve the accolades for them far more than I do.

As I said in a previous CQ article I do not think I would have had the experience or the knowledge necessary to do this were it not for one person, Tom Monaghan. Tom took a chance on me and brought me on board as his Vice Chief of Operations in 1997. Tom counseled me and helped me mature into one of many leaders in this organization. By no means am I one of the greatest, but with Tom's

our disagreements but I always knew where I stood with him. Mike was always there when the times were tough whether it be personally, professionally or Fleet. Mike, thanks for being my friend and thanks for everything you have done for STARFLEET.

In the beginning, I started down this path with a partner who is a dear friend. Gordon Goldberg has been a friend and advisor for longer than I have been Commander, STARFLEET. When, as a member of the EC, there was something happening that I questioned Gordon was the "go to" guy. I knew that Gordon would always put it into

perspective. He was the guy that would tell me "Okay, take a deep breath and tell me what's up." I was sad to see you retire, but with the many accomplishments you have achieved as a member and leader in STARFLEET your retirement was well deserved. Gordon, thank you for all you have done for me and for STARFLEET.

When Gordon retired from the EC and I had to make a decision on who would assume the duties of VCS I did not have to look very far. Mike Malotte has been a friend for quite a while and agreed to serve on my EC as Chief of Communications. When you hear Mike and I talk you will hear us refer to each other as "Bro." Mike is like my older brother and has always shot straight with me, whether I liked it or not. Like Gordon, he was always there to tell me to take that deep breath and explain what the problem was. On those rare occasions when I was just swamped, Mike has picked up the ball on some things and made sure they got handled. Bro, thanks for all you have done and good luck in the next two years.

I have spoken about our finances a lot in this article. There is one person who must be thanked for all of her hard work. I knew coming into this job that if I did not have a good financial leader we were sunk. I found that in Tammy Willcox. She picked up the ball on day one and ran with it. Thanks to that we are financially solvent with money to spare. She has set aside a savings account for that inevitable "rainy day." She has made sure that we have always been on schedule with our debts and obligations. I am glad to see she will be taking over as STARFLEET's first Chief Financial Officer. Tammy, thanks for all you have done for me and for STARFLEET's growth.

I have said this a few times already and I suppose it is a theme with the members of this administration. I wanted to know I could go to them with ideas, problems and such and know I would get honest and helpful answers. When I asked Mark Anbinder to continue in his role as Chief of CompOps he gladly accepted. I remember the conversation like it was yesterday and what he asked me "Why me?" My answer was "I trust you." Trust is important in many areas, but most important in the handling of our membership. Mark, thank you for all of your hard work and friendship. Also, good luck as STARFLEET's next VCS.

Greg Trotter is a one of those guys you have around because you want to laugh a lot. Seriously though, when things seemed to be as tense as they possibly could be Greg has could always be counted on to lighten things with a joke or humorous comment. Greg has been an asset to the Communications department. He has done what his predecessor, Mike Malotte did, managed the department and allowed the editors to get the work done. Thanks for your hard work and thanks for making sure that STARFLEET always got the news.

Mark Vinson came on board as Ops Chief at the recommendation of a number of the EC members. During the last two years Mark has been able to provide a new slant on some things that I thought were just cut and dry. Thank you for your hard work and good luck to you and Melinda.

What can I say about Alex Rosenzweig? He is the essence of STARFLEET. He took his role in helping along new shuttles as serious work. When it came time for Region 7 to elect a new

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leader I was sad to lose him from ShOC, but was glad for Region 7. While I lost a fantastic EC member the region gained one of the most knowledgeable and fair leaders it could have gotten. Alex, thanks for your hard work and good luck as RC.

Marlene Miller has served SFI in many areas, from Treasurer to Academy Commandant. In all of her endeavors she has worked for the members of STARFLEET. As Commandant of Academy she has continued to work to make sure the members could participate and learn. Thank you for your service and good luck in all your future endeavors. What else can I say about the people I have served with than they are some of the finest individuals I know. I am proud to have served with them.

There are a couple of departments I would like to thank. First are Communications and the Communiqué team. This group of people has worked hard for the last two years to provide a quality service and a quality newsletter for STARFLEET.

Thank you to Greg Trotter and Dixie Halber as well as Kurt Roithinger, Allyson Dyar, Chris Wallace, Dave Pipgras and all of the others on the CQ team that work to make the CQ look as great as it does and still provide you with views inside STARFLEET. Also, thank you to Joan Pierce for her tireless work at the STARFLEET HelpDesk. This has been an invaluable tool in assessing problems and getting results.

The second group is CompOps and the Membership Processing team. This group of dedicated volunteers has made sure that your memberships are processed and delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible. As I have stated once or twice, they have reduced the amount of time you wait on your membership to as little as two weeks and sometimes even shorter. Thanks for doing such a fantastic job so that everyone else can enjoy their STARFLEET experience.

I really could go on and on like this and take up most of the CQ so I need to stop somewhere.

But before I do I want to thank my fantastic staff. These are staff that has made my job as CS easy.

There are two at the top of that list and one is Admiral Allyson Dyar. Where would I be without such a hands on and active Chief of Staff? Allyson keeps me on track and makes sure I am up to speed on things. I cannot begin express to you how much work she did for me at IC this year. She kept me on schedule, made sure I was where I was supposed to be and had what I needed. With so much happening in a weekend this was invaluable. That is but one example of so many. Thank you Allyson!

Along with Allyson is Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET's Treasurer. Tammy has done so much more work than I could possibly report here. She has put many hours into making sure that we are not only operating in the black but in the green. Tammy, I do not know we could have done it without you there at the beginning.

Also near the top of this list is Inspector General Robb Jackson. Robb has done an outstanding job of multitasking VOCs and elections and other such items. Without his assistance as well as counsel I would have been lost. Thank you Robb.

Carl Johnson just recently took on the post of Quartermaster and has some really great ideas for how to improve that department. I know Carl will do a fantastic job as QM in the coming years. Thanks for stepping up to the plate Carl.

When the time came it was easy to pick the Promotions Director. Deb Malotte had been so involved in the job, assisting her husband Mike Malotte, the former Promo Dir., that I could find no one more qualified to do the job. She jumped right in and started work. Thanks for doing such a great job and thanks for making it look so easy when I know it wasn't.

Mandi Livingston was another member of my staff who stepped in and just started the ball rolling as SFI Awards Director. She took a difficult task and made sure it was painless

as possible for the EC. Thanks Mandi! I inherited Sue Hampton from administrations past as Scholarship Director and was I was certainly lucky to have her. Former Vice Commander, STARFLEET and my former Commanding Officer, Sue did an outstanding job this year of reviewing and choosing our 2002 Scholarship winners. With the Scholarship Program revived I know she will continue her hard work for STARFLEET. No matter the rank I will always say thanks "Commander Mom"!

Ron Fell has held the posting of Recruiting Director for a few years and I was glad to have him on board as part of my team. With the recruiting handbook he and his staff put together to the seminars put on at various events he has been an asset to STARFLEET and the Office of the CS. Thanks and good luck.

I want to thank Ben Redding for stepping in and working with me on openings and resumes. While there have been very little turnover in the past two years Ben has really made himself available to assist whenever there was an opening. As this job evolves in Fleet I am sure Ben will make it a more versatile and vital part of the Office of the CS. Thanks and get well soon Ben!

I must thank two more people, my wife Deidre and son Zachary. Without Deidre's support and sacrifice I would not have been able to carry out the duties of Commander, STARFLEET. Deidre has done a lot more than many know. She has been an unofficial Chief of Staff, and believe me, she and Allyson have coordinated on more than one occasion. Zachary, what can I say but you are the light of my life. I told someone shortly after your were born that your birth put everything into perspective. I am looking forward to having more time to play and watch you grow. You are both very special and I love you both.

My Final Words

Here we are, the end of another journey. In 1997 I began this journey as a Vice Chief and I can honestly say I never believed it would lead me where it has. I have enjoyed parts of this job and been saddened at parts as well. But I can say that in my heart I know I made the

best decisions possible. As I said, I have indeed reached the end of another journey. But, as we all know, it is merely the beginning of another. Where do I go from here? Well I will still be active as the CO of the USS Normandy and a bit more active with regional activities. But, I made Deidre and Zachary a promise that I would enjoy retirement for a while before delving back into anything resembling the jobs I have done the last six years. This was an easy promise to make as I am looking forward to refocusing my attention on my family, career and education.

While I have enjoyed being your CS I will enjoy being able to focus all of my time on these things. Outside of my law enforcement duties I am a criminal justice instructor with the state. I handle much of our in service training and teach some classes in the local academy program. I said before, this is the beginning of a new journey, a journey to complete my education. I say this as I was recently accepted to Guilford College and begin studies in the spring 2003 semester. I hope to complete my Bachelor of Administrative Science in Criminal Justice in a few years. From there, the sky's the limit.

As I complete this last article I must admit to some tears in my eyes. I will miss so much of the good stuff that we have done the last two years. I will never forget the outpouring of love and caring when Zachary was so ill. I will not forget how many members of the EC, AB and around Fleet pitched in and helped.

No matter what was happening nothing stopped this family from leaping into action. I will not forget these deeds for they are truly what STARFLEET is all about. But then I will be reminded always that no matter where I go or what I do, I will forever have this STARFLEET family.

Take Care and God Bless.

The Malotte-Anbinder ticket passed its vote of confidence this fall by a wide majority of the votes cast, but the majority of eligible votes were simply not cast. More STARFLEET members didn't vote for us than did, and the significance of this is not lost on us.

Of course, the relatively low "voter turnout" in this year's STARFLEET election is due in large part to the simple fact that there was only one candidate for the office of the Commander, STARFLEET. Many of the folks who voted "no confidence" in our team wished they could vote for someone else, and no doubt that's also true of many of the people who didn't vote at all.

We realize, though, that we are here to serve all of STARFLEET, and every single one of its members, not just the ones who voted for us. This fall's presidential debate episode of "The West Wing" featured a scene in which President Jed Bartlet, the incumbent, said, "I'm the President of the United States, not the President of the people who agree with me."

This is an important concept, and it's one that we'll be keeping in mind as we, and our team, do our best to serve STARFLEET over the

WE'RE WORKING FOR YOU!

General Michael W. Malotte and Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder



Your Commander and Vice Commander, STARFLEET (Elect) hard at work.
Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

course of the next two years. Even though most of the people receiving this newsletter didn't actually vote for us, we'll do our best for all of you. Actually, the situation isn't as odd as it sounds. For better or worse, many STARFLEET elections, even ones with opposing slates of candidates, bring out fewer than 50% of the eligible votes.

We need your help to make this successful, though. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you think something's not quite right, or if you think you or another member or group of members isn't getting a fair shake. We promise to do our best for all members, and we ask that, in return, each member gives us the benefit of the doubt.

Of course, your vote is secret, but we invite those members who decided to vote "no confidence" this fall to let us know. We'd like to know where we've gone wrong in the past, what your concerns are about our team or our administration, and what we can do to regain your confidence and your trust.

No one knows what the future holds in store for us, but we hope that, two years from now, we can look back and say we've done our best for our fellow members, and have that be the general consensus.

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2002

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

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	10/2/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$62.79	16370.12
	10/2/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$4.87)	16365.25
	10/2/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$9.88)	16355.37
	10/2/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$31.01)	16324.36
1118	10/2/2002	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense/VOC Expense	(\$627.60)	15696.76
	10/3/2002	First Virginia Bank	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$24.95)	15671.81
	10/3/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$31.00)	15640.81
	10/3/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(\$5.00)	15635.81
	10/7/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$36.00	15671.81
	10/8/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	15652.82
	10/16/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$157.48	15810.30
	10/17/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$555.00	16365.30
1119	10/17/2002	Postmaster	CQ Expense : CQ Postage	(\$1,000.00)	15365.30
1120	10/17/2002	International Mail Service, Inc.	CQ Expense : Mailing	(\$190.72)	15174.58
	10/21/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$84.00	15258.58
	10/21/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,068.00	16326.58
	10/24/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$221.00	16547.58

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

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	11/4/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$46.71)	16500.87
	11/4/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$9.73)	16491.14
	11/4/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$13.34)	16477.80
	11/5/2002	First Virginia Bank	Bank Charges : Service Charge	(\$24.95)	16452.85
	11/7/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	16433.86
	11/15/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$15.00)	16418.86
	11/17/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$475.00)	15943.86
	11/18/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$55.00	15998.86
	11/18/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$618.00	16616.86
	11/18/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$306.00	16922.86
	11/18/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$592.62	17515.48
	11/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(\$5.00)	17510.48
	11/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$15.00)	17495.48
	11/25/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$611.00	18106.48
	11/25/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$16.00	18122.48
	11/25/2002	PC Nation	Equipment	(\$2,531.18)	15591.30
	11/29/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$15.00)	15576.30

Opening Date: 10/01/2002
Opening Balance: \$16307.33

Ending Date: 11/30/2002
Ending Balance: \$15571.30

Total loss for above
reporting period: \$736.03

STARFLEET - Savings:

Balance (10/01/2002): \$3,411.79
Balance (11/30/2002): \$3,411.79

No activity recorded
during this period.

Scholarship Account:

Balance (10/01/2002): \$4604.74
Balance (11/30/2002): \$4606.74

\$2.00 in donations were
added during this
transaction period.

Academy Checking:

Balance (09/01/2002): \$3,984.79
Balance (10/31/2002): \$4,096.95

SFA earned \$324 from tuitions paid
during this period.

SFA made the following payments
during this period:

\$93.85 in Director's Expenses

\$23.34 in Postage

\$19.00 in Returned Check Fees

\$49.00 in Copier Expenses

\$44.34 in General Expenses

Total revenue in excess of expenses
for this period: \$112.16

Academy - Savings:

Balance (9/01/2002): \$3,539.73
Balance (10/31/2002): \$3,543.36

The Academy Savings Account
received \$3.63 in interest.

Hi everyone!

First off, I would like to thank everyone that voted in the Vote of Confidence. It's always important to take the time to vote for any issue that you can. In particular, I'd like to thank everyone who voted for the Chief Financial Officer Amendment. I personally feel that it is vital to Starfleet's financial health in the future to have the Chief Financial Officer on the Executive Committee.

I'm thrilled that the Malotte/Anbinder team will be taking office on January 1, 2003 and I look forward to working with all of the team members in my new capacity as an EC member.

I am still taking applications for the Loss Prevention Specialist and the Budget Specialist positions that I've posted in the last two CQs. If you are interested in either position, please contact me right away as I need to get the positions filled quickly.

I will probably be adding additional positions in the future to the CFO team, but I would like to get the two new members settled in with their positions first.

TREASURY REPORT

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

Our new process for international and Canadian checks and money orders is working well and we haven't had to pay a fee for any international or Canadian checks or money orders since August. Please remember though to send any international payments in US funds.

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** STARFLEET member may have concerning paying for Starfleet memberships, vouchers, scholarship donations, chapter finances, etc.

Please contact me if you need assistance or just have questions.

Until next CQ!

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 the Academy, or be promoted until the issue has been resolved. In addition, if you are a chapter CO or XO, this places your chapter in jeopardy, as it is a requirement that these officers have **active** memberships. Please make sure that when you send in money that you make sure that you have that money in your account until it clears.

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 five 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)

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

Tammy Willcox
4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456



SECOND TO ONE

GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings and Happy Holidays, STARFLEET!

So starts my final article as Vice Commander, STARFLEET. As most of you know by now, I start my term as Commander, STARFLEET at the first of the coming year. It was an interesting and unique election turned Vote of Confidence. I'd like to once again thank Martin Lessem for having the courage to step up to the plate and run. Deciding to give two years of your life to the center seat isn't an easy choice.

The last couple of years have been interesting, to say the least. I started out January of 2000 as STARFLEET's Chief of Communications, trying to fill some pretty fantastic shoes. Following Allyson Dyar is no easy trick.

Fortunately, I had an outstanding staff that was more than capable of continuing to deliver what Fleet needed. September of the same year saw Gordon Goldberg stepping back as Vice Commander, STARFLEET after many outstanding years on the Executive Committee. Les needed a replacement and, once again, I was asked to step in and fill some pretty big shoes. My thanks to both Allyson and Gordon for helping me through those transitions.

My time as Vice Commander, STARFLEET has been extremely busy and enjoyable. I like to think this department has made some very positive strides for the future of this organization.

The Fleet Division Program has been completely revamped and is now a department contributing in the way it was

meant to and hadn't for quite a while. The STARFLEET Marine Corps is enjoying arguably its largest membership numbers in years, if not in its history. The International Charities Department is slowly getting some of its departments back on track and the Diplomatic Corps is in the process of redoing its mission. Look for great things coming from both of these departments in 2003.

None of these advancements would have been possible without the dedication of some outstanding officers. Matt Copple, Wade Hoover and their FDP Chiefs have taken the FDP in a direction that makes it "the" go-to source for so much information. Wade Olsen, Aaron Murphy, Joost Ueffing, John Adcock, Truman Temple, John Roberts, Jenna Duerr and too many others to name have contributed to the continued success of the SFMC.

Troy Pharis is neck-deep in reconstructing much of the Charities department and Kyle Wolf has taken on the task of rebuilding the Diplomatic Corps. To all of these folks and those behind the scenes, I offer sincere congratulations for helping all these departments move forward.

I'd also like to take a minute and thank those members who will be completing their time on the Executive Committee. To Mark Vinson, Marlene Miller, Chris Wallace and Chris' predecessor Alex Rosenzweig -- it's been a pleasure working with all of you.

The greatest thing about working with a group of dedicated individuals is the opportunity to learn so much from them. I know I finish these two years wiser than

when I started.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to my current boss, my CO and one of my best friends in Fleet - Les Rickard. Two years ago, Les set out to "make a difference" and take STARFLEET to the "next level." Three of his main platform planks dealt with increased fiscal responsibility and financial disclosure; continued on-time CQ delivery and continued, if not better, membership processing. Looking back over these last two years, it's evident that these planks were not only followed through but that we saw more than promised.

Not only have we gotten the best and most consistent financial disclosure in years (ever?), STARFLEET paid off its bills, has no long term debt and the IRS issues have been completely resolved. Not only has the CQ continued to come out on time, this administration has found innovative ways to get them to the international members quicker. Not only has membership processing maintained its consistency; it has made some stellar record-setting turn around times.

While Les may be stepping down in January, his impact on this organization will be felt by the membership for years to come. Congratulations, Bro - you have once again set before me a huge pair of shoes to fill.

I'm very much looking forward to the next two years. My team and I have a lot of ideas to further the direction Fleet is going. We will be working together, as a team, for the betterment of all. Mark Anbinder and I will be working hand in hand to assure a smooth

rapport between the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board. And, thanks to the membership, we have a new member of the EC.

This is probably one of the most exciting results of the ballot. For years, we've wanted the kind of financial accountability that was responsible to the membership and not just to the Commander, STARFLEET. As you know, in the past, the treasurer has been appointed by and reports to the Commander, STARFLEET. If the membership was unhappy with the job they were doing (as we have seen in the past), the members had no recourse. This all changes on the 1st of January. As stated in the STARFLEET Constitution in Article 6, section 3:

"Any member of STARFLEET has the right to petition the Commander, STARFLEET (CS) for the removal of a member of the Executive Committee (EC)...[for]... lack of performance of official duties."

In simple terms, this means that if you don't feel the EC member is performing their official duties, their removal can be sought. By making the treasurer a member of the EC, they now fall under this article. No more will the membership have to put up with a treasurer who doesn't report.

This has been a concern of mine for quite some time and, since 912 out of 1150 voting members of Fleet helped elevate the treasurer to an Executive Committee member, I wasn't alone. I truly feel that we've taken a huge step in keeping the membership more informed as to what is going on with our money.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the members who took the time to fill out their ballots and mail them back in. It is only by exercising our right to that voice that we can really see where the membership wants this organization to go.

More from me in 60...

Michael W. Malotte

Five years ago, I don't think many people had thought that the question would be asked, "Which is better for a newsletter, paper or electronic?" It's incredible how fast things change and how far we've come.

For years, we were used to the Communiqué, our regional, and chapter newsletters being mailed to us as a series of pages folded or stapled together. Today, many regions and chapters distribute their newsletters exclusively in electronic forms, whether it be an Adobe PDF or on a web page on the Internet. You can even now read the latest Communiqué's shortly after they've been finished by the CQ Staff. But is it better to get newsletters electronically?

There are the obvious pros and cons to both. Electronic newsletters have the benefit of being fairly environmentally

PAPER OR ELECTRONIC — WHICH IS BEST FOR NEWSLETTERS?

By Fleet Captain Dave Blaser • FDP Communications

friendly. By distributing your newsletter electronically, you're saving paper because you don't have to print off dozens of extra copies that may eventually end up in a landfill, all you're using is a few electrons of energy to power up your computer and read all the latest news in STARFLEET, your region or your chapter. You're also saving money in printing costs, you don't have to pay for the paper, the ink, and all the various other printing charges.

Now, on the other hand, there's something special about having those pages in your hand. They're tangible; they show that something has been accomplished.

They're also something that can be used at membership drives to attract new members

to our chapters and to STARFLEET as a whole.

Now there's one question I'd like to pose to you, if you pay membership dues to your chapter or pay for a subscription to your chapter's newsletter, don't you expect to receive something tangible for your money? And what about those people who don't have a computer or aren't connected to the Internet?

Those two things alone are the biggest problems with distributing your newsletter electronically. When people pay for something, they expect something tangible in return. That's just the way we humans are. It's a great way to cut costs for your chapter, but what do you say when you've

paid your membership and you don't receive something tangible to show for it? It's also important not to exclude anyone in your chapter or region from being able to receive your newsletter. You're likely going to end up having to print at least a few copies!

Ultimately, it's up to you as your chapter or region's newsletter editor to make the decision of how you're going to distribute your newsletter, but perhaps now the benefits of each are clearer to you and will help you decide which is best for you.

If you'd like to discuss this and other Communications topics, please feel free to join the FDP Communications List Serve on Yahoo! Groups. Send an e-mail to:

FDP-Comm-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Hope to see you there!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Since this is my last report to the CQ as a member of the Executive Committee I want to say thank you to the members on my staff that have performed their jobs faithfully and diligently.

I especially want to thank Rear Admiral Michelle Fanelli of the Correspondence Chapter Operations Department and Fleet Captain Marian Murphy of the Chapter Assistance Program. Thank you ladies for all your hard work over the last two years.

To my Special Assistant and successor as Chief of Operations, Joost Ueffing, the first truly international Executive Committee member, your help over the last year has been invaluable. I thank you and wish you all the best!

To Les Rickard -- You da Man! Thanks Brother for all of your help, guidance and making sure that your staff was customer service oriented. I think that made the biggest difference for the individual Joe Crewmember.

To Mike Malotte, Mark Anbinder and the incoming EC, I truly wish you all the luck in the world and hope y'all continue to keep things on the same even keel that Les Rickard and his team were able to do.

And finally to all those COs who have over the last two years kept their membership numbers over 10, made sure that their MSRs were filed on time and that they and their XO's were command qualified as dictated by the Constitution, a big thank you!

Since Jan. 1, 2001 the operations department has commissioned over 35 chapters and processed over well 100 changes in command. Over the last two years MSR reporting has been 97% fleetwide. Regions 3, 11 and 17 have been at 100% for both years. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to the following ships for Celebrating 10, 15 and 20 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET (Nov. - Dec.):

10 Years
 USS Aeon (11/30/92) and the
 USS IDIC (11/10/92)

15 Years
 USS Horizon (12/04/87)

20 Years
 USS Carson (12/01/82)

If your chapter is not listed above it is very possible that your chapter's commissioning dates are missing from the membership database. Please let Joost know and I am sure they will be added and recognize your chapter.

Remember that starting with the December MSR's, that are due by 5 January 2003, are to be sent to the new Chief of Operations, Joost Ueffing. Joost



Mark Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

Photos courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

lives in Canada and those ten or so chapters still sending your MSRs via snail mail need to keep that in mind and check into the cost of sending your MSR to Canada and make sure it is sent in plenty of time.

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. Please feel free to email your MSR directly to MSRReports@sfi.org or send it via the snail mail to Joost at:

Joost Ueffing
 207-96 Highfield Park Drive
 Dartmouth, NS, Canada
 B3A 4W4
web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca

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 to MSRReports@sfi.org you will get an email back stating that it has been received. If after a couple of days though, you don't get such an email, please email Joost to check on its status.

Chapters are also required to send MSRs 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 tmbrowlf@pcconnect.com if they are an Armed Services Chapter.

If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the STARFLEET Communiqué it needs to be sent to CQSummaries@sfi.org or U.S. mail it to

Dixie Halber
 8606 King George Rd.
 Evansville, IN 47725

In closing please remember that you can 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 Joost at ops@sfi.org.

It's been real and it's been fun...

Mark A. Vinson

As the incoming Chief of Ops, I thought I'd pass on some general information about what's going to happen at the STARFLEET Department of Operations.

Operations Staff:

Vice Chief, Operations: Chrissy Killian
 Correy Operations Director: Michelle Fanelli
 Armed Services Program : Barbara Paul

New Position Opening: Chapter Care Program

On a related note here, I also wish to give notice that there will be a fourth position opening up the beginning of January when I take office. As you may have read in our platform, a new program will be starting in Ops: the Chapter Care Program. This is going to be the customer service centerpiece of Ops, keeping in touch with the COs of the region making sure we're caring for your needs. This program will be headed by the Chapter Care Program Director, who will work with me and Chrissy to design the program and then will administer it for Ops. This position will require a person that is highly motivated, organized, and will stay on

the target / goals set by myself. If you think you're this person, you can send me your:

- Your Fleet resume
- Your real world resume
- Why you want to be CCP Director
- What strengths you would bring to a program

MSR Reporting:

For those of you that send in your MSRs via the postal service the new address is listed in Mark's report above.

The current MSRReports@sfi.org is **not** going to be discontinued. If you still wish to send your MSR there you will still be able to. However, the current MSR reporting page will be discontinued sometime into the new year in favor of the new reporting tool on the new on-line database. More details on the new on-line reporting procedure

will be given from CompOps in the near future.

Starting in January:

- Anyone using the DB will be considered reported and will not have to send a report to the e-mail or reporting webpage unless you want to.

- Anyone using the e-mail and webpage will be manually entered into the database by myself or one of my staff (both go to a list and we'll get them from there).

The current reporting webpage is not going to be taken down until the new DB is working properly, so please continue to use it if you wish.

Other contact information for me is as follows:

E-mail: xomagellan@delhaven.ns.ca

Phone Number: (902) 463-3769. I have voice-mail, so if you want to leave a message please do so.

Anyone wishing to send large packages for some reason can send them to:

Joost Ueffing
 207-96 Highfield Park Drive
 Dartmouth, NS, Canada
 B4A 3W3

My IRC Nick is "ColonelJoe" or "Excalibur" and you can find me living on the STARFLEET IRC servers (<http://www.fleetchat.org>). My ICQ number is : 3253152

I hope to attend at least two 'fleet events this year: IC for sure and a regional summit to be determined depending on schedules, money, etc. A letter to all COs will also be going out in the new year giving more details on Ops plans and how it will affect them. For now, if you have any questions you have my contact info. I check my e-mail often and will doing my best to at least respond to messages within 48 hours.



COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

While I imagine the rest of the EC wrote about leaving their positions, I don't get to do that, since I'll be the only one not changing jobs on January 1. But that doesn't mean things will stay the same!

This issue of the Communiqué is the last for Kurt Roithinger and his band of hooligans. It truly is the end of an era, and I want to thank the entire production team for putting out what I think is the finest publication in all of fandom.

I have a lot of respect for anyone who takes on that job, which leads me to the introduction of our new Communiqué editor.

Bob Bulkeley will be taking over the stewardship of this publication with the next issue. Bob has shown me some concepts of what he wants to do with the CQ, and believe me, you'll notice! It's pretty exciting, and I think you will like it as much as I do.

We're also saying goodbye to Allyson Dyar, who has been in the Communications Department in some form or another for the past six years. Allyson, as our first webmaster, was initially the Vice-Chief in charge of Net Services.

She later went on to serve a year as Chief of Communications. For the past two years, her remaining duty (besides her substantial duties on the Communiqué staff) in Comm was the Announcements Guru. In this job, one she's held since she created it six years ago, she moderates an announce-only mailing list.

It's been a great way for people to keep informed if they didn't want all the chatter of the regular lists, and I know I am not the only person who has searched the archives of the announcements list to find out when exactly something happened!

So, I'd like to welcome Robin Smith of the USS Dragon's Cub to the STARFLEET Communications family. Robin is XO of the USS Dragon's Cub, and is taking to the Announcements job like a Ferengi at a cash machine.

To find out more about the Announcements check out: <http://www.sfi.org/news/sfi-announce.html>

This web page contains all the information you ever wanted to know about how to subscribe to the announcements list, how to access the announcements archives (which go back to when the list actually

started six years ago) and summaries of the announcements for the last sixty days.

One of the things that we keep a close eye on at Communications is the quality of our product. And a key item is the Communiqué. Some of you may have received a damaged Communiqué last time; it seems that some of them had a printing defect. If you did (believe me, you'll notice it), please drop us a note at lostcq@sfi.org or by postal mail to:

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

...and we will see about getting you a replacement copy. Of course, this holds true anytime you get a damaged CQ or if your CQ gets lost in the mail.

I want to extend a personal thanks to all of you who participated in the most recent STARFLEET election. All of you, no matter how you voted, are what makes things tick in this organization.

See ya next time!

Dyie Trotter

RECRUITING: STARFLEET WANTS YOU!

Mandi Livingston
Recruiting Director, STARFLEET

Do you have what it takes to be a member of the new STARFLEET Recruitment Network?

We are looking to establish a comprehensive network of dedicated individuals to assist in recruiting efforts throughout fleet.

We need people from all regions, all chapter types, and even unassigned members!

Do you remember the person who recruited you into STARFLEET?

Are you proud of that SCC#?

Do you try to convince everyone you know to join STARFLEET?

If you are interested in spreading the good news about STARFLEET, then I'd like to hear from you!

Please email me at RecruitersNetwork@sfi.org or write me at

Mandi Livingston
102 Washington Drive
Ladson, SC 29456

Just remember: STARFLEET wants YOU!

In the two years that Kurt Roithinger has been editor of the Communiqué, one name has consistently appeared in the colophon of each and every CQ on page two.

During these last two years, he was:

- The Master of All He Surveys
- Crouching Kitty, Hidden Squirrel
- Favorite Member of a Boy Band
- Could Have Thought of a Better Movie Title than "Attack of the Clones"
- Owns a Native New Yorker (Currently in Charge of Food Logistics)
- The Grumpiest Raindeer
- Just Don't Call Him a Pussywillow
- "Put Me in Coach!"
- Not Running for Fleet Admiral: yet...
- Spent IC Weekend Sleeping
- Consigliieri for the Family Business

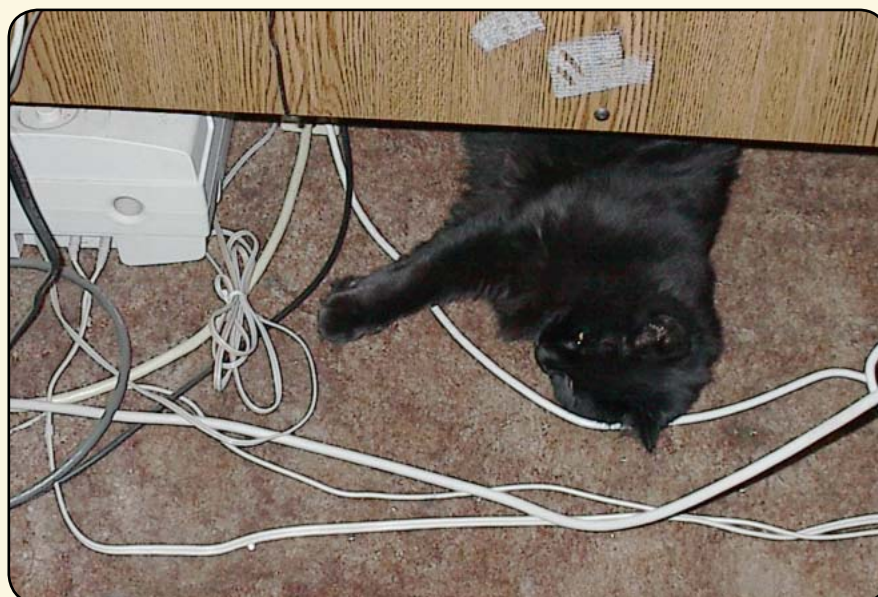
So who is this mysterious being who seems to rate a mention in every issue of the Communiqué? Well, as stated on page 2:

He's Toby, just a Widdle Itty-bitty Kitty (of 12 lbs or more).

Also known as Furbliimp, Furmeister, Loafus Rex (this term courtesy of Chris "Tigger" Wallace), Little Dude

TOBY, GOD-EMPEROR OF THE UNIVERSE

By Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar • STARFLEET Cat-Wrangler General



Some people put a Tiger in their tank. We have Toby under a desk.
For more Toby (in)action shots, browse: <http://www.ssnexus.org/toby/>

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

or Tobikins. Most of the time, he's just known as the cat who during the winter resides under my desk while I work on the CQ. This isn't because he enjoys my company. It's because he can soak up the heat coming from the wall heater. Of course, his chosen resting place does cause me a bit of trouble, as I tend to stomp on his tail when I shift my feet resulting in an indignant "meow!" from under the desk.

Toby doesn't require much. He's a dedicated MeowMix "man." He does, however, require his water to be bottled (and will meow up a storm if it's tap water). Kurt has never forgiven me for getting his cat "addicted" to Cat Sip, a milk made especially for cats. Toby has gotten so fond of it that he meows for it: day and night.

Walk into the Communiqué Headquarters living room and you'll notice that computer and cat lovers live here. The living room has four computers in one corner and is dotted with cat toys of various shapes and sizes.

As you can see, Toby is an integral part of the Communiqué team. Without his input, the Communiqué wouldn't be the bi-monthly newsletter that it is!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

<Kosh Voice> "And so it ends..." </Kosh Voice>

Yes, after twenty years of active service, it is time for this cat to retire. Twenty years is a long time to be in the trenches, and considering fifteen of those have been in HQ, it's time to call it a career. I need some time away from FLEET and while I will, of course, keep my membership active and chances are I will drop in at even more FLEET events than last year, no official duties, roles, or responsibilities for me for the next two years, minimum. :-)

The true reason why I am taking a sabbatical from active service? It's not fun anymore. Hasn't been for a few years, really. But it is a state that has come about mostly of my own making. Nobody came to me and said, "You can no longer have any fun." This state came about in (a series of) conscious decision(s) on my part. I chose to become more active. I chose to let my "love" of STARFLEET channel my energies into the debates I undertook. I allowed my (at times) snap judgments of people and the issue to color my responses. It's easy to get "too close" to something after twenty years and the fact is that the STARFLEET of today is not the STARFLEET of ten years ago, nor will it be the STARFLEET of ten years from now. I feel I need to step back, and away, from it for a bit. I enjoy the

social aspects - traveling to new cities to see old friends. Now I can do so without having to worry about "official business" getting in the way.

Polarization has been a dark cloud that has often arrived with the cold wind of intolerance and rained on our little party. The result is a lot of screaming and yelling, with the fracturing of friendships, memberships, and even chapters. While it is easy, and common, to yell "Get a Life!" at the people and groups who engage in this sort of behavior, the fact is that it is a part of human nature and as much as we wish to strive for the "utopian" ideals of life in the 23rd and 24th centuries as presented in much of *Star Trek*, we must note that even our heroes have conflict and strife at times. Three million years of evolution are not undone with the saying of a slogan.

And while we like to think of ourselves as "just a fan club," the reality is that, with thousands of members and hundreds of organizational sub-units, we are much more like a mid-sized corporation. We have a Board of Directors (the Admiralty Board) to approve policy drafted by the corporate officers (the Executive Committee) and we have "stockholders" - the members themselves. And like many corporations, our stockholders are also our clients. They give us

money in exchange for products - such as the Membership Handbook and *Communiqué* - as well as rights and privileges - such as attending STARFLEET Academy. Like any corporation, sometimes our reach extends our grasp and we fall short in meeting the requirements our stockholders expect. And they sometimes "sell" their stock by leaving STARFLEET - for either other clubs or fandom altogether.

STARFLEET has once again gone through a tough election cycle. Some 25% of the people voted (which, frankly, neither surprises or worries me) and 88% of them voted in favor of having Mike Malotte and his team lead them for the next two years. I've served with Mike since he took office with Les in 2001, first as an advisor, then Chief of Staff, and now as a fellow peer on the EC.

I believe he will continue the current trend of Commanders, STARFLEET who have the interests of the organization as a whole as their first duty. All the ShOC records are on their way to Jerry Tien, who as Vice ShOC is already up-to-speed on everything. Please be sure to note the new mailing address in the back of the CQ to ensure your correspondence goes to the right place. I will not be checking my postal box as often come January 1st, but be sure that if it comes to me, it

will be forwarded to Jerry.

I want to take a moment to commend a man who, I feel, has done more for advancing STARFLEET than any CS since John Bradbury, who founded the organization. I am speaking, of course, of Les Rickard. When Les took Office in January 2001, STARFLEET was stable, but in danger of starting to flounder. The financial situation was a mystery, the IRS was on our case again (for mistakes of their own doing, not ours, it turned out), a number of senior officers had called succumbed to the pressures of their positions, leaving things unfinished and members languishing. Les came in and took charge.

He appointed people who had the demonstrated skills to address the issues at hand and, while there were stumbles, the things that need to get done got done. Les' gift was communications. He could be upset with someone and vent in private, but in public, he was always level-headed. Too many times, the "whys" of an argument have been buried in the "hows" they were presented. Les took care to articulate the whys which prevented the hows from derailing the debate at hand into a contest of egos and styles, instead of issues. It has been an honor to serve with him, first as an advisor, then as his Chief of Staff, and finally as a member of his Cabinet. Mr. President, it has been real. It's been fun. And it has even been real fun.

And less you think this column is all doom-and-gloom, know that I have never regretted the time, effort, and money I have given STARFLEET. I feel that the return on my investment has been better than anything Wall Street could ever offer.

On Our Way to Great Adventure!

In the last *Communiqué*, we learned that Hellemans and Bunch (in their 1988 book, *The Timetables of Science*) traced the development of modern science through the following 5 stages:

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

Last issue we discussed how the foundations of modern science were established during The Newtonian Epoch and The Enlightenment. In this issue, we'll cover the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. The material in this section was originally published in the October, November, and December 1998 issues of **The Alaric Heim Page**.

THE LAST TWO CENTURIES

Science in the 1800's underwent many changes and refinements. It was the century of electricity and chemistry. It began with the discovery of electromagnetism, and ended with the developed countries utilizing electric motors, electric lights, the telephone, telegraph, radio, and other electronic technological innovations. The formulation of Maxwell's mathematical laws describing electricity was possibly the high point of 19th Century science. The relationship between electrolysis and chemistry was also identified at this time. The change in focus from electricity to electrons which occurred in 1895 marks the boundary between 19th and 20th century science.

But chemistry held sway as the leading science during the 1800's. During the 1700's, chemists abandoned the idea of *phlogiston* (an imaginary element believed to cause combustion, or basically the element *fire*), discovered elements, and accepted the idea of the atom, with the Industrial Revolution fueling the establishment and growth of the chemical industry. In 1852, the concept of valence (electron shell) was introduced, which formed the theoretical basis

of chemical interactions between elements. The periodic table was introduced in 1869. During the 20th century, chemistry was rethought in terms of physics.

Science expanded greatly during the 1800's, with many new fields originating during the first 50 years. These include anthropology, archaeology, cellular biology, psychology, and organic chemistry. The 19th Century also saw changes in how people viewed science and taught science, giving Science (with a capital "S") much of the form it has today. Before then, scientists had to depend on wealthy patrons for financial support. There were no institutions and few teaching jobs. But during the 19th Century, science became a paid profession. There arose, especially in Germany, universities where science flourished, with the teaching of science becoming linked to scientific research. Even today, university professors are expected to teach classes while also conducting original research. Scientific papers and the exchange of scientific information between nations became important, with universities and scientific societies publishing journals. The AAAS, American Association for the Advancement of Science, was founded in 1848 and played an important role in the development of American science. Beginning in 1822 in Germany, scientists started meeting at national scientific congresses and conferences. The relationship between scientific education and technological progress became fully understood at this time. France, Germany, and then the U.S. founded technical schools with the idea of applying science to technology. This gave rise to engineers who used science to solve technological problems rather than to advance knowledge.

The 20th century started with some major physics developments that led to a profound revolution in how scientists view matter and energy. These

include the discovery of X-Rays, radioactivity, subatomic particles, relativity, and quantum theory. These affected other fields of science such as chemistry, astronomy, geology, biology, medicine, and technology, and led to the development of the first nuclear weapon, the atomic bomb, in 1945, which had profound implications for the future fate of the Earth.

Hellemans and Bunch succinctly summarized the growth of 20th century science by comparing it to the preceding century. During the 19th century, science was still the occupation of only a few persons. In the 20th century, the scientific community mushroomed, leading to the cliché: "more scientists have lived in the 20th century than in all previous eras together." Twentieth century science became much more of a communal effort. The century began with great discoveries being made by a talented few (e.g., Einstein).

There were changes in outlook as well. Science during the Renaissance and Enlightenment had strongly influenced the philosophical outlook, but had little effect on society itself. During the 20th Century, however, scientific research became firmly entrenched not only in the universities, but also in industry. Several industries founded their own laboratories, seeing that not only applied research but also fundamental research was extremely important to technological progress.

During the 19th century, science indirectly affected society through technology, these technological innovations (e.g., inventions, labor-saving devices, the electric light, etc.) transformed society by making it easier to do things the way we always had. During the 20th century, science started having a direct effect on society (e.g., communications, radio, etc.) by changing how we do things.

In the political arena, Germany played the leading role in science and technology around 1900, but it lost the lead when Hitler came to power. The U.S. then became the leading country of science, largely due to the influx of European scientists. The First World War showed that science could play an important role in the outcome of a war, especially technology and the weapons of war. During the years after WWI, governments in the East and the West started actively funding science, thus largely contributing to the enormous growth of science during the 20th century.

WWII vastly accelerated scientific development because it was a matter of survival. After WWII, the new technology quickly reached the public, at least in the developed countries. As Hellemans and Bunch noted, "There had been no period of comparably swift technological change since the Industrial Revolution or perhaps not even since the adoption of farming some 10,000 years earlier."

The lone scientific genius was the exception rather than the rule after WWII, science advanced through the effort of teams, largely due to the need for expensive research equipment, which had to be shared to be affordable. Interdisciplinary teams were needed to view a phenomenon from many angles before it could be understood. Also, commerce recognized the importance of science, in the 1980's, half of all scientists in the U.S. were employed in business or industry.

The sheer volume of scientific knowledge became overwhelming. From Hellemans and Bunch: "So much knowledge was produced that no one could keep up with the details and only a few generalists could even follow the major trends in all areas of science. This has resulted in another trend, specialization. Only the very best scientists can bridge the gaps between even two specialized fields." I've found the weekly magazine, **Science News**, to be a help in keeping up with advances in a wide range of scientific fields.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

VICE ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Closing Credits

As this issue of *Communiqué* goes to press, the results of the 2002 STARFLEET elections have just been announced, and we know that the Malotte-Anbinder administration will be picking up the reins of STARFLEET on January 1st. That means you'll be hearing from me again, but I'll be in a new role, writing about that and not CompOps.

As my time in this Executive Committee post draws to a close, I'd like to take some time to thank the people who've made it all happen, and made it all work. I'll say right now that, no matter how hard I try to remember every single person who's had a part in the last two years, odds are I'll manage to forget one of the many fine folks I've worked with. Please accept my apologies in advance!

Online Presence

It seems like not so long ago that STARFLEET was entirely paper-based, the Internet was all about e-mail and newsgroups, and the World Wide Web was a thing of the future. Well, STARFLEET has put the net to good use over the last couple of years, and some of the people helping it happen

during my tenure have been Brett Morrow, Tony Rowley, Mike Smith, Mike Wilkerson, and Greg Trotter.

CompOps itself owes a lot to its web developers of the last few years, such as Blair Learn, who dreamed up and developed most of the online tools we've been using, and Lisa Fogelman, who helped fill Blair's shoes.

The Rosters

One of those tasks that only a relative handful of people get to see is handling requests for chapter and region rosters, and managing online access to that information.

Blair Learn created much of this system, and handled it alongside his web developer tasks. Mike Dugas took over, and I thank them both for taking care of an unsung but critical job.

Membership Processing

Speaking of critical, Membership Processing is one of the hardest jobs in all of STARFLEET. I've been delighted to see lots of people take time to send their kudos, either privately or to one or

another STARFLEET mailing list, so I'm no longer able to say this is a thankless job.

It's still awfully demanding, though, and it's most visible when something goes wrong. Thanks to those of you who've taken a moment to draw attention to everything that's gone right over the last two years.

When I took this office, my predecessor, Teri Smith, continued on in her Membership Processing role, and I'm glad she did. She made my transition so much easier, and set a great example for those who followed her.

At the beginning of the 2001-2002 administration, the team of Don Willits and Chris Wallace took over Membership Processing, and spent most of the year 2001 working hard to take what Teri had done and divide the work into more easily sharable segments.

Don and Chris also did lots of research and took the first substantial steps towards online payment handling, so we could establish quicker and more reliable online renewals and new memberships.

Last of all, I'd like to thank the guy who's taking over for me, der fliegende Scotlander of Membership Processing himself, Sandy Berenberg.

When Sandy took over Membership Processing, he implemented a group he called the MP Corps. Helping out have been Gerry Sylvester, Gerri Wampler, Rick Driver, Angel Nehl, Ed DeRuggiero, Josephine Acton, and Terri Sylvester.

Assisting with the money end of the process have been STARFLEET Treasurer Tammy Willcox and her assistant (and daughter), Jessica Poole. Meantime, Sandy has been working with Dino Gravato to implement the new membership database you've probably read about before.

I predict lots of continued progress in the area of Membership Processing as Sandy takes over my post, and passes the Membership Processing baton along.

Best of luck to Sandy and the MP Corps.

My thanks, also, to everyone who's participated as an EC member or Fleet staff member over the last few years, and the Regional Coordinators, COs, and XO's I've been in touch with.

It's been a pleasure serving you from the Computer Operations office, and I look forward to working with many of you in the future as the Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

Greetings friends. This is my last article as Director of Membership Processing. What a wild ride it has been. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve you all in this capacity, as I feel it has truly readied me for the next phase of my STARFLEET career, that of you next Chief of Computer Operations.

With the change in administration there will also be changes in the next Computer Operations Department. These changes are, I hope, will help bring Computer Operations up to a higher level to service all the members of STARFLEET similarly to the we have been able to improve Membership Processing over the last year.

First and foremost, I would like to assure you that Membership Processing will continue to run as well as it is now, into and throughout the next administration. Gerri Wampler has been ably assisting me in Membership Processing and has continued to take on more and more of the job over the course of this year. At the time of writing this article, Gerri has learned to run nearly 100% of this office. Thus I expect January 1st to be a smooth transition from me to Gerri.

Of some of the new changes, we have rolled out the new database, all members are now eligible to use this database. If you did not get a username or password, contact your CO, or if you are unassigned, you can contact your Regional Coordinator or the HelpDesk for this information. And of course, you can always contact Computer Operations.

The next phase of updates to the Database is due in March of 2003. These include many tools for all aspects of Fleet. Thanks again to Dino Gravato for his tireless work on this new Database.

Recruitment moves to Computer Operations. This move allows all new options to Recruitment and for all of STARFLEET. We are taking an active roll in building this into a

vibrant and dynamic office that will both assist chapters and members all throughout Fleet.

First, let me thank Ron Fell and his staff for his many years of service to STARFLEET for his work in the Recruitment Office. Ron is always welcome to join our team in this new phase of SFI Recruitment, but we accept his decision to take time off from this office. Ron is currently working with Jack Hopkins on IC 2003, which, no doubt, will be a wonderful event. Hope to see you all there.

Now, no one or two people can run an entire office; so let me introduce to you my new staff. Many of whom have served in the EC or AB themselves in the past.

Senior Vice Chief, who will work as my Shadow, Sal Lizard, former Chief of Computer Operations.

Sal will oversee all aspects of Computer Operations and assist in areas that are necessary. Sal will also oversee the Database Transition and Rosters.

Vice Chief of Membership Processing, Gerri Wampler, who is also CO of the USS Highlander. Gerri will oversee all of Membership Processing and the MP Corps who will assist her.

Vice Chief of Administration, Mandi Livingston, who has served in Membership Processing, SFA Commandant, Region 1 AIG, SFI Awards Director and CO of the USS Rutledge. Mandi will oversee Recruitment, Unassigned Members, and other administrative Areas.

My Chief of Staff, Susan Fugate, who will work to make sure I am in my own loop is a vital role as we continue to transform Computer Operations

into the best it can be for STARFLEET's Membership.

Unassigned Member Director, Bran Stimpson, currently serving as the Region 15 Chief of Communications and a member of the very fine ship, the USS O'Bannon commanded by my friend Bob McCann. Bran will lead this new office that is specifically geared to servicing STARFLEET'S Unassigned members.

In the Recruitment Office, we intend to build a network of recruiters all over Fleet. So eventually, there will be recruiters in each Region. In addition, we intend to combine the efforts of Recruitment and the Unassigned Member Director to assist chapters who may run low on members. The third part of the Recruitment office is the Forms and Archives. We have enlisted the aid of Region 7 Recruitment Director and Former Region 7 RC, Bob Vosseller as the Recruitment Coordinator who will help Mandi build this new Recruitment team. So far, Robbie Lewis has joined us to run as Forms Director (a position set up to help chapters make personalized forms and flyers).

As Computer Operations Advisors, we have enlisted the aid of Region 2 Coordinator, Pete Mohny as our Recruitment and Unassigned Member Advisor. We have also enlisted the assistance of Former Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman as Computer Operations Advisor. Rob will provide insight and experience to help guide our growth and service to you.

Last and definitely not least, Dino Gravato will be STARFLEET's Database Administrator. Dino is the lynchpin in our work here. Thanks again for all your work. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and help make STARFLEET the best it can be.

Be well my friends, see you in 2003.

A few words from Sal Lizard:

A lot has happened since I had the honor of being appointed Chief of Computer Operations by Mike Smith when he began his tenure as the Fleet Admiral. When I started out, with Jesse Smith and Mandi Herrmann (now Livingston) as my vice-chiefs, our goal was to get out membership packets to the members and to make sure that renewals and new member packets went out within the "two month" window, as "promised." We also wanted to set up the membership database so that it was accessible to the membership and those placed in leadership positions within STARFLEET. We felt that Computer Operations (CompOps) could do much to help both the individual members and the organization. And I'm happy to say that with the help of some great people, we were moving in that direction when real-life circumstances forced my early "retirement" less than halfway through my watch.

Since that time, CompOps has continued along that path and even surpassed the goals that Jesse, Mandi and I set for "our" department! Jesse, Mark Anbinder and Sandy Berenberg have done an amazing job of evolving the department's processes so that when I renewed, it was only days before I received my materials, I was so impressed! And when I had an opportunity to speak with Sandy and learn of the plans he had for the future, I wanted to get back in here and be a part of it. Like so many of you, I love the organization and want to do my part to support it. The new database that Dino has built offers the organization so many opportunities for growth and communications by providing so much more than just member information that it's too hard not to get excited!

I want to thank Mike Malotte and Mark Anbinder for recognizing my desire to rejoin the Executive Committee in a supportive role. And I especially want to thank Sandy for inviting me back to the CompOps team.

It feels so good to be back.



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

As Bob Hope often said: Thanks For The Memories...

Welcome to what is my final article as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy during the Rickard Administration. I promise not to get "sappy," but I want to thank everyone who was responsible for me serving in this position especially Mike Smith, Mandi Herrmann, and Les Rickard.

I'd also like to say "Thank You" to the Academy Staff (old and new) who made my 'Dant job enjoyable. Thank you for all the work you've done in your tenure as an Academy Director or Staff member. Thank you for processing SFA courses and your diligence in getting MSRs to me in a timely manner.

Working with all of you is a pleasure, and I plan on continuing to be your friend, even though I'm no longer your 'Boss' <chuckle>. That's almost an "inside joke" since anyone who's called me "Boss" was met with that same "chuckle." Perhaps in theory I was your "boss" but in practice I was (and continue to be) your partner.

As a result of being the 'Dant, I've met many people of all ages, and from all walks of life. We "met" via e-mail, surface mail and Alexander Graham Bell and several have become close friends. This friendship will continue.

I count our students among the best that STARFLEET has to offer. People, just people, but bound together by their love of STARFLEET and Star Trek and their drive to continue their learning process. As I've often said, without our students, there's no Academy. Thank you for being there.

Good Health

I wish good health to our Directors and Staff who have had some health issues in the past years. I would mention your names, but I'm afraid I would inadvertently miss someone.

Donna Jean Noddin

As we all know, on October 4, 2002, the Academy lost Commodore Donna Jean Noddin, Director of the Ship Counselor's College - Canadian Campus. Donna Jean is sorely missed by all of us who knew her. Among the pages of this CQ issue is a tribute to Donna Jean.

Apologies to Janice

For some reason, one graduate has been eliminated from our Academy Graduates List. Janice Graham of the USS Renegade - Region 01 -- should have been listed as graduating from the Vulcan Academy of Science (3)*** and the Flag Officer's School (2)**. Janice was also awarded Red Squad status for both of these schools at IC '02. Congratulations, Janice! (Although a bit late.)

Red Squad

In a recent e-mail I was asked by a Red Squadron appointee, "What's the big deal about the Red Squadron? What is it such a big deal?"

In 1993, with the help of Denise Dugan (former Director of the College of History) the Academy

established Honors Graduates Awards to recognize outstanding achievement within a 12-month period from International Conference (IC) to International Conference.

These awards have been renamed "Red Squad" or "Red Squadron", and are awarded to the best students that have attended STARFLEET Academy.

Each year at the IC the top three students from each College or School are awarded a Red Squad Award. Each Academy Director is responsible for notifying the Commandant and Vice Commandant-Administration, of their Red Squad choices.

From these nominations, the top recipients (the "Best of the Best") are also awarded the title of Red Squad Leader and Red Squad Assistant Leader Awards that reflect their leadership skills while in attendance at the Academy.

If you excel at your Academy endeavors, you may find yourself on the Red Squad Roll!

Scott Akers Completes Institute of Military Studies

It's been brought to my attention that Scott Akers, Academy Commandant-elect, has completed every course offered in the Institute of Military Studies. He's completed all courses in the College of Survival Studies, the Security School, School of Strategy and Tactics, Klingon Warrior Academy, College of Starship Operations and has had his chapter certified in all available departments via the Vessel Readiness Certification Program! Congratulations, Scott!

College of Communications (CoC)

As of October 10, 2002, Kim Brooks has handed the CoC baton to Julie James. Julie's husband, C. David James is being added to the Academy Staff as Julie's Assistant. Kim Brooks is also making herself available should Julie and David request consultation. The CoC continues to be available via surface and e-mail.

The CoC's new contact information is:

Julie James
608 Edgemont Ave # 22
Greenville, SC 29617
Email: xo@francismarion.org

Cadet College of Federation Studies Web Page

Director Donna Stewart has created a web page for the Cadet College of Federation Studies! The Site has CCOFS tests and chronology summaries for each test. Having the summaries online will eliminate the need for having a copy of the "Star Trek Chronology" text. If you are interested in taking the Cadet COFS courses, here's Donna's contact information:

Donna Stewart
990 One Mile Road
Fayetteville, AR 72704
Email: DonnaS3844@aol.com

Remember, to attend the Cadet Academy, you must be a STARFLEET Member in good

standing, and be 18 years of age or under.

Cadet Academy Articles

Please find other Cadet Academy articles within these pages. One by Cadet Academy Dean Peg Pellerin and another by Cadet Security Director, Nancy O'Shields.

New Courses

There are several new courses which are in the works as I write this (November 25) some of which may already have been added to the Academy's Application.

• Science Fiction History - Paul Williams

This school will focus on the history of science fiction programs, not only Star Trek, from 1950 through 2002. It'll test your stamina and ability to research television programs, movies, actors, etc.

• Borg Technology - Shawn Gregory

As the name implies, this course will concentrate on Borg technology. Information will be accessible via a URL for those with Internet access, or via a photo copied manual for those who prefer surface mail.

• Cadet Literature - Jill Rayburn

This course will teach cadets how stories are structured and what to look for when reading stories. They will also get a very basic lesson in writing their own stories. This is great for cadets who are interested in reading and possibly writing their own stories. Tuition will be \$1 plus two loose stamps by mail, or free electronically.

• Australiana - Commander Michael

This course, as the name implies, will focus on Australia. Details have not been finalized as of this writing, however, it will be announced as soon as it's ready to accept students!

• Eddie Eagle Meets SFI - Marlene Miller

This course is for the students of the Cadet Academy, with a companion School (of a different name) for those who attend STARFLEET Academy. It will focus on firearms safety and will teach the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be safe when one comes in contact with firearms.

OCC - Canada - Deb Blaser

Deb Blaser has taken over the Officer's Command College (OCC) Canadian Campus. Those students from Canada should contact Deb for their course packets. If you choose to apply via the Online Academy, your application will be forwarded to Deb for processing. It's my intention to have each OCC campus Director, score their own packets. Deb has already had that opportunity. Welcome aboard, Deb!

International Directors Needed

As always, the Academy and particularly the International Campuses are looking for individuals who would like to serve as an Academy Director. Contact the Academy Commandant if you are interested.

Translators Needed

Since STARFLEET is growing by leaps and bounds and the Academy is reaching individuals

in many countries, we are continuously looking for people to translate documents into languages other than English. Contact the Commandant if you can lend your services.

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 \$14.00 (yes the fee has increased to \$14) 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 \$14.00 (per check) 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.

New 'Fleet Database

By now many of you have heard about or are already using the new STARFLEET database created by Dino Gravato and Sandy Berenberg. There aren't enough adjectives in the English language to describe what a fabulous Database this is! How does the Academy fit in?

Well, every director, every school, every college and every single course has been added to the database. When you complete a course, the School Director will enter you as a graduate of the course. This information will automatically go into your chapter's MSR so your CO knows what you've accomplished. The database will eventually have an area for Academy Awards (such as the Red Squad awards) that are traditionally presented at International Conferences!

If I'm not mistaken, CompOps is expected to have an area for our students to look up their records. There's so much more to this new database than I can ever attempt to discuss some is ready right now, some is slated to come aboard in the future. I'll leave it up to Sandy and/or Dino to fill you in!

Academy Website

As you know, Lauren Milan has been working diligently on the new STARFLEET Academy web site. For the past few months, she's been working on getting the Academy Schools and Colleges into the Online Area. Many of us Academy Directors have already been making our courses available via e-mail, so the transition to online should come smoothly. Look forward to the announcement that the new site is ready for you to check out! Greg Staylor (current web site guru) has made suggestions and has offered to help Lauren in any way possible.

A New Era

As we end one Era, we begin yet another. We welcome the new Academy Staff and we have confidence that they will continue the Academy traditions. Welcome aboard!

Academy Packets Processed

It gives me great pleasure to note that STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed 330 Graduates in the 8.5 weeks between September 26, 2002 and November 24th, 2002. Excellent!

Academy Graduates

And last but not least among these pages, please find the latest list of Academy Graduates. Is your name listed? Let us know!

Marlene J. Miller

EULOGY FOR A FRIEND

By Admiral Helen Pawlowski

Donna Jean Noddin was a warm, caring, and outgoing woman who always had time for her neighbors, her family, and anyone who wanted to talk "Trek."

She was a photojournalist for her local newspaper and was abreast of the goings-on in Nanaimo, British Columbia where she and her husband of many years, Allie lived.

My favorite memory of her was a trip we took to watch the whales off the coast of Victoria. Donna Jean was an amateur magician whose skills held up to close scrutiny.

She entertained fellow passengers on the boat with her "disappearing" handkerchief trick. You couldn't catch her at her secrets, even a few feet away!

She used her magic best when she went to the local hospitals and entertained sick children. The hospitals would let her know when they had new patients and D.J. would pack up her paraphernalia and go and amaze and make some of the pain go away.

She always had some little trinket to give the small patients so that they would have a memento of the visit.

Her other big passion was science and the

crew of the Roberta Bondar was invited repeatedly to give science fairs at local mall; she was always on the lookout for some new scientific wrinkle she could use to teach and entertain.

By the time Donna Jean came into my life she was starting on her slow downward spiral that finally took her life. She was a celiac; that is, she was violently allergic to any form of gluten and couldn't eat anything prepared with flour.

She had also had an accident at some point that forced her to use a cane. Her biggest disappointment was that she was no longer able to drive and had to depend upon others to ferry her around.

Just before her last illness she was taking lessons on the concertina, maybe she was going to include a little music with her dog and pony show at the malls.

She had a wonderful sense of humor and made people comfortable in her presence. I don't know if they will play "Amazing Grace" at her funeral but it would be entirely fitting to do so for she was truly a lady of amazing grace.

I shall always remember her with great respect and affection.

IN MEMORIAM: KEITH RODGERS

Captain Tonya Sparks • Chattahoochee Station, Region 2

It is with profound sadness, that I let you know fandom has lost one of its most devoted fans, Keith Rodgers.

Keith fell very ill around October 25th. He went to the hospital (Kennestone) with breathing problems, and found out that he had pneumonia in both lungs. They had to put him on a respirator as well. Sunday, November 2, 2002 his heart stopped and they could not revive him. Please keep his family in your prayers for this, their most difficult time.

The memorial service, not a viewing since he wished to be cremated, was held on Sunday, the 10th at 4pm at the Turner Funeral Home: Both friends and family were allowed at this service. The service focused on Keith's love of Star Trek and the many ways he incorporated it into his life. The minister also spoke of how Star Trek relates to the Bible

Keith had been a member of STARFLEET in Atlanta since 1989. He was an avid Trekker and had worked many a con. Among the Atlanta cons, he had been on staff for Atlanta Vulkan since the original Patrick show in 1992.

According to his brother he was complaining in the hospital about not getting TNN or sci-

fi so he could watch Star Trek. That was the Keith we knew and loved. He will be greatly missed.

Keith B Rodgers 4/26/61 - 11/4/02

On a more personal note, Keith's passing has affected me more than I thought it would.

When I last spoke with Keith, he was professing his love to me. He was working security at the May Vulkan, here in Atlanta, one evening and he looked a little tired to me. I asked him when he was leaving and he stated he was waiting for his roommate to leave work. I offered a bed in the room I had at the hotel, but he turned me down. I told him I would finish his shift for him, but at least go outside and get some air. He said OK and added that he's always loved me. I told him, "yeah, right" to which he responded with, "No, I'm serious. You've always been a good friend to me." I told him, "Sure, Keith. That's just your medication talking. Go get some air." I asked a couple of Klingons to keep an eye on him until he left for the evening. The next morning Keith was back, working and just as chipper as he always was.

The Chattahoochee Station will be making a donation to the Gene Roddenberry Foundation in Keith's name I think Keith would like that.

CADET ACADEMY UPDATE

By Admiral Peg Pellerin • Dean, Cadet Academy

Please inform your younger STARFLEET members that they now also have some Cadet courses they can take. There are a few already open and hopefully more opening soon. Now open are:

Cadet School of Literature

Jill Rayburn, School Director
P.O. Box 61
Puryear, TN 38251
Email: SOL@sfi.org

This course will teach cadets how stories are structured and what to look for when reading stories. They will also get a very basic lesson in writing their own stories. Great for cadets who are interested in reading and possibly writing their own stories. Tuition will be \$1 plus three first class postage stamps by mail, or free electronically.

Cadet Security School

Nancy O'Shields, School Director
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First course \$3.00 no SASE just five stamps for postage, other courses will depend on size of manual. First course is Basic Security that range on topics of rank and insignias to safety at home and school.

Cadet 20th Century Space Flight School

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Learn about space flight in the 20th Century. You'll learn about the highlights and defeats we've experienced in the space program. The cost is \$3.00 plus two first class U.S. postage stamps. You will have 10 weeks to complete and return the test.

Cadet Federation Studies

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

The courses are broken up as follows:

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

Cadet School of Law

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Those who enter this school will study law on several levels. Please contact the Chancellor of this School for details.

The courses are \$2.00 (\$3.00 for B3 Exam) a large Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope, two loose first class stamps or free online.

Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science

Rebecca Self, School Director
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Decatur, AL 35603-5313
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The Cadet Vulcan Academy has just added three new fun and interesting courses to its school.

All courses are open to both 6 - 12 year olds and 13 - 18 year olds. Astronomy, Botany and Planets now join Paleontology and early space History and the Mercury Program.

Each course is \$1.00. Please include a SASE and two first class stamps.

Cadet College of History

Deborah Butcher, Director
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There will be questions about "real" history and history of the "Star Trek" world. The course is \$1.00 and three loose first class stamps.

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

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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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Officer's Training School (OTS)

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Wendy Roulier *	Everett Brooks
Arthur Sheffield	
Sandy Kicinski	
William Duane	
Ellen Majka	
Constance Pawlik	
Lilja Kristjansdottir	

Flag Officers School (FOS)

None at this time.

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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Thomas Guertin (6)**** Robin R. Smith (9)*****
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John Sprouse (4) Cathy Edgington (3)
Meg Roach (3) Debbie Artrip

School of Law (LAW)

Mark Abbott (2)	Anthony Spotts (2)*
Elizabeth Goulet	Robert Torres
Shawn Gregory (2)	Alex Trevino, Jr. (4)*
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Tracy Lilly (4)	Alice Baillie
James Muench (4)**	Tina Bellman
Edith Padgett	Glendon Diebold
Robin Smith (5)**	Cathy Edgington
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College of Alien History And Culture

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Tom Schulte (10)**** Sidley Howard
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Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

Mark Abbott (4)** Shawn Gregory (6)
Shawn Gregory (6)* Melissa Cawein
Jill Tipton (8)

College of Medicine (SACOM)

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College of History (COH)

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Michael Balewitz	

College of Starship Operations

Matt Baillie (2) Kimberly Brooks
Truman Temple Douglas Mayo (4)

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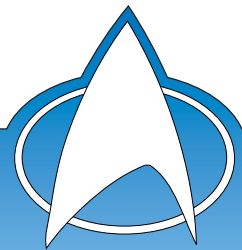
Dave Kennedy

College of Survival Studies (COSS)

Scott Akers (4)
John Roberts

Vessel Readiness Certification Program

USS Appomattox (8) + VRCP



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 Captain/Colonel:

William Duane
Don Meyer
Deborah Malotte



To Fleet Captain/Brigadier:

Angel L. Avery Edith Padgett
Debby Garris Mysteri Tullis
Deborah Duane Deidre Rickard



To Commodore/Brigadier General:

Kris T. Klufas Marian Murphy
Joy Flynt Brett Morrow
Richard Heim Travis Littou
John C. Cohen



To Rear Admiral/Major General:

C. David James Michael Dugas
Sanford Berenberg David Pipgras
Edward Allen III Alan Yates



To Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General:

Michael Urvand



To Admiral/General:

David Miller



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

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STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Or via postal mail:

James Whatley
176 County Road 606
Hanceville AL 35077

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/04 Mimi Gallandt	12/16 David W. Barnett	12/24 Clayton A. Jackson
12/04 Veronica Pense	12/16 Bill Lemmond	12/24 Collin Wahlund
12/04 Charles Pense	12/16 James Cozine	12/24 Abe Smith
12/04 Debbie A. Dennis	12/17 Gary Ensey	12/25 Hugo Costa, Jr.
12/05 Melanie Caton	12/17 Bob Fillmore	12/25 Robert Lane Keck
12/06 Kyle Caton	12/17 Donna Friesen	12/25 Kevin Allen King
12/06 Larry Morris	12/18 Ariel Vitali	12/26 Gail Self
12/07 Amanda L Jester	12/18 Kevin Shane	12/26 Jonathan Kus
12/07 George Daher Jr.	12/18 Graeme Kan	12/26 Michelle Lampson
12/08 Jonathan Self	12/19 William Perry	12/27 Steven Rosbury
12/09 Dave Pitts	12/19 Jeffrey Self	12/27 Tanya Smith
12/09 Cyndi Temple	12/19 Mae Ling Mak	12/27 Bill Jackson
12/10 Stephen Torres	12/19 Kimberly Brooks	12/28 Michael Romero
12/10 Kris Paavola	12/20 David Hines	12/29 Gloria Wilkerson
12/12 Michele A. Gage	12/21 Stacey Sona	12/29 Cami Royer
12/15 John Finley	12/22 Ray Brown	12/30 Veronica Duane
12/15 Samantha Cadmus	12/23 Craig Horbinski	12/31 Katrina L. Mohney
12/15 Marilyn Romero	12/24 Bonni Stevenson	12/31 Pam Rhine
12/15 Cheryl Lynn Jones	12/24 Rhonda Peterson	12/31 Billy R Boehm

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/02 Fred McCarthy	01/13 Peggie Kennedy	01/23 Teri Smith
01/03 Liz Reilly	01/13 Trisha Tunis	01/24 Robert Tompkins
01/05 Ivar Gunnarsson	01/13 Janice Balsor	01/24 J. Anthony Rideout
01/05 Karl F. Hickman	01/14 David L Elliott	01/24 Jamie Milholen
01/06 Rosa C. Jackson	01/14 Reynir O. Bjornsson	01/24 Peter Lutz
01/06 Beth Chrisp	01/15 Nicholas Roche	01/24 Rex Moffett
01/07 Neil Yawn	01/16 Mike Mahaffey	01/25 Sam Black
01/09 Tony Rowley	01/17 Trisha Dean	01/25 Marla Bush
01/09 Richard W. Hewitt	01/17 Jonathan Madon	01/27 Rachael Pfeifer
01/09 Kevin B. Brown	01/18 Travis Littou	01/28 Michael Stein
01/09 David Golik	01/19 Ben L Kokochak	01/28 Angela Stevens
01/09 Dennis Evans	01/19 Brian Caton	01/28 Sheldon Bickel
01/09 Jack Babb	01/20 Nikki Miller	01/29 Dean Rogers
01/10 James West	01/20 Mariellen Chidiac	01/29 Will Evans
01/11 Parker Gabriel	01/21 Josh Dye	01/29 Patricia Jordan
01/11 Ronald Romero	01/21 Brad Pense	01/29 Shawn Rideout
01/12 Pat Simmons	01/21 John Newmark	01/30 Dominique Oakley
01/12 Jessica Storrer	01/23 Ray H Shepherd, Jr	01/31 A.J. Morris
01/13 Trisha Rohal	01/23 Liz Beaulieu	01/31 George F Malone, Jr



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

By Major General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Artwork Created by Lieutenant Ben Kokochak • STARFLEET Region 2

The Office of Inspector General has been very busy since the last issue – so what's new, you say?

STARFLEET News

Please see the inset for the STARFLEET General Election Results.

Region Business

The OIG has been very busy with Regional business and electing or confirming Coordinators for new terms in office. Here's what we did in the last four months of 2002.

Region 02

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for RC R2 is scheduled to begin on 23 November 2002 and conclude on 26 December 2002.

Region 04

A standard Vote of Confidence for Regional Coordinator began 01 September 2002 and concluded on 01 October 2002. Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin was confirmed as RC.

Region 05

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 16 September 2002 concluded on 16 October 2002. Only one candidate was nominated, and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Fleet Captain Nat Saenz was confirmed as the new Regional Coordinator.

Region 09

Due to the decommissioning of the USS SAGA, the election for RC R9 was suspended.

Region 12

A special Vote of Confidence for Regional Coordinator began 13 September 2002 and

STARFLEET GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Pursuant to FLEET regulations, A8:S6, 4000+ ballots were distributed on or about 3 September 2002 for the Vote of Confidence for Michael W. Malotte as Commander, STARFLEET. Pursuant to the same Regs, said ballots were due to this office by 15 November 2002. On that date, the VOC was officially closed. 1150 ballots were returned and the count was certified to match the spreadsheet database. On 20 November, the candidate and incumbent CS were notified of the results.

Per the official count of the VOC ballots:

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

1013 votes for Confidence
137 votes for No Confidence

General Michael W. Malotte was confirmed as Commander-Elect, STARFLEET.

Also, there were two amendments on the ballot for membership approval.

AMENDMENT 1

(Adding a Chief Financial Officer to the SFI Executive Committee)

PASSED

with 912 ballots in favor and 238 against.

AMENDMENT 2

(Creating a 3 year Term of Office for Commander, STARFLEET)

PASSED

with 812 ballots in favor and 338 against.

Congratulations, Fleet Admiral Malotte and may the Great Maker have mercy on our souls!

was scheduled to conclude on 13 October 2002. Unfortunately, a complaint concerning a perceived error in procedure by the OIG ("letter of the law" vs. "spirit of the law") was submitted by the aggrieved that challenged the validity of the VOC. Therefore, the VOC process was suspended by order of the Commander, SFI for 30 days.

On 6 November 2002, after consultation with

the Commander, STARFLEET, it was decided to left the suspension of the VOC and allowed it to conclude as scheduled.

On 13 November 2002, the VOC was officially concluded. The results were made known to the Commander, SFI and the RC R12. Per said results; a majority of the chapters voting cast a "No Confidence" vote for the R12RC.

Region 13

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for RC R13 began on 29 October 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 30 November 2002.

Region 15

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for RC R15 began on 12 November 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 13 December 2002.

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 SFI 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 IG definition of 'praise' or 'criticize' might be different from someone else's.
- This Office will never deal with any violations of Local, State or Federal laws. That is for the appropriate law enforcement authority to handle.
- This Office will never deal with personal conflicts that occurred outside of SFI events.
- This Office will never begin an investigation that is not assigned by the proper chain-of-command.

Your most humble & obedient servant.

The ancient Egyptian Eye of Horus or *wedjat* ('Whole One') was considered a powerful symbol of protection, and thought to confer wisdom, health and prosperity.

The eye is represented as a figure with six parts. These six parts correspond to the six senses: touch, taste, hearing, thought, sight, and smell. The eye is the receptor of input with these six doors, to receive data. The construction of the eye followed very precise laws. The senses were ordered according to their importance, and according to how much energy must be eaten by the eye for an individual to receive a particular sensation. All of the sensory data input is food. In the ancient Egyptian measurement system, the eye represented a fractional quantification system to measure parts of a whole. The entire eye measured one heqat. And each of the parts of the eye measured fractions of the heqat. The corresponding sense data are:

1/64 heqat - Touch
1/32 heqat - Taste
1/16 heqat - Hearing
1/8 heqat - Thought
1/4 heqat - Sight
1/2 heqat - Smell

The parts of the eye correspond to the various senses as follows:

1. Touch 1/64 heqat or 5 ro

This part of the eye represents planting a stick

into the ground. Like planting a stalk that will take root. The Earth represents touch. Planting itself represents physical contact and touching.

2. Taste 1/32 heqat or 10 ro

This part of the eye represents the sprouting of the wheat or grain from the planted stalk. It is the food we put into our mouth. And so represents taste.

3. Hearing 1/16 heqat or 20 ro

This part of the eye represents the ear. The figure points towards the ear on the face. Also, it has the shape of a horn or musical instrument. When we hear a sound or combination of sounds we find this to be pleasing or unpleasant.

4. Thought 1/8 heqat or 40 ro

This part of the eye represents thought. We often use our eyebrows to express our thoughts. And this facial feature is closest to that part of the forehead we associate with thinking. We raise our eyebrows to express surprise, for example. Thought = Touch + Taste + Hearing. If you think about it, thinking is a kind of suppressed sound.

5. Sight 1/4 heqat or 80 ro

This is the pupil of the eye. And so no more needs

to be said. It represents seeing, or the sensation of light.

6. Smell 1/2 heqat or 160 ro

This part of the eye points to the nose. It even looks like a nose. It represents the sensation of smell.

As an ambiguous symbol, it described the status of regained soundness. In the field of astronomy it was the moon symbol absolute and referred to the increasing completion of the moon disk. In the ideology of the Pharaonic kingdom it represented the eternal renewal of the divine kingdom from king to king.

So, you ask, why is the Office of Inspector General using the "Eye of Horus" as the centerpiece for its logo? That's easy. The idea of a strong protective and stabilizing entity seems to be exactly what the office should be. The Inspector General is one of two unique positions in STARFLEET (the other being the Judge Advocate General or JAG). The IG is "nominated" by the Commander, STARFLEET. He is not "hired" or "appointed," but "nominated" – only – a clear distinction, to be sure. This nomination then goes before the Admiralty Board for their "simply majority

vote." If confirmed, he begins the stated term of office and is listed under the CS along with the other "staff" members. Does that mean the IG "serves at the pleasure of the CS?"

Not really. Article 6, Section 5 states that if the CS becomes dissatisfied with the IG's performance, he must submit a petition to the AB for removal. Obviously the vote could go either way, but that depends on a lot of other factors. Basically, the wording of the Constitution states the IG "reports" to the CS, and the CS "directs" the IG when to begin an investigation. Other duties of the IG are spelled out in the Constitution, MHB and IG Manual, requiring no direction from the CS. It is MY opinion that while the IG "reports" to the CS and "briefs" the AB (as an officer of the Board), the IG actually *works* for the members of STARFLEET as a whole.

This is important. The Inspector General, STARFLEET works for the members.

The current wording of the Constitution was put in place to prevent the IG from being a hatchet man of the sitting Commander, SF. Yes, while its important to work well with the CS - and - the AB, the IG really is the protector of the members of SFI and their rights as stated in the Member Handbook.

The Office of Inspector General and the Eye of Horus. A symbol of protection and stability.

Briefly I would like to present some information regarding the changes taking place at the beginning of the year. There are not many, but there are some critical changes that need to be reported. Here is the list of the EC for the 2003/2004 term with his/her contact information.

STARFLEET COMMAND TRANSITION 2002

By General Michael W. Malotte • Commander, STARFLEET-Elect

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MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Beginning with the December MSRs (Due 01/05/2003) all MSRs should be sent to:

STARFLEET Operations
207-96 Highfield Park Drive
Dartmouth, NS, B4A 3W3
Canada

Or online reporting form: msr.sfi.org or via Email to: MSRReports@sfi.org

In the coming months, with changes in location for some key areas, there will obviously be some confusion and misdirected mail to various locations. We will work as hard as we can to make sure the word gets out to everyone about any changes that occur. No transition is perfect, but we are going to work hard to make sure this one is as smooth as possible.

NEW FLAG PROMOTION GUIDELINES

By Fleet Admiral Les Rickard • Commander, STARFLEET

At the 2001 International Conference, and at the request of members of the Admiralty Board, I formed a committee to revise our Command Grade Promotions Guidelines. The committee consisted of the following individuals: Brad Pense (Committee Chair), David Kloempken, Robert Westfall, Mark Vinson, Mike Malotte, Gerry Sylvester and Joost Ueffing.

This committee, consisting of Executive Committee members, Admiralty Board members and representatives from the general membership, was directed to look the current document and revise the process and guidelines. After much discussion over the year, Brad Pense submitted the final document for the EC and AB to look over at IC 2002. The revision was approved and sent to the AB for final approval. By a vote of 12-0-2, the revised Command Grade Promotions Guidelines were approved by the Admiralty Board and will go into effect on 1 January 2003. The entire document will be made available on the STARFLEET website but here is an overview of the two major changes.

Under current guidelines, eligibility was based on a combination of Time in STARFLEET (TIS) and a minimum 12 months Time in Grade (TIG). This has been changed to reflect a straight minimum TIG scale based upon current rank.

You'll note from the table below that, other than for Captain/Colonel, all eligibility for promotions are based on minimum TIG. You should also note that meeting minimum time in grade does not guarantee promotion - it is merely the first point in time that one can be considered. Also of note, in recognition of Extraordinary Service to SFI or Outstanding Performance of Duty, 6 months can be dropped from the minimum TIG requirements.

The other major change had to do with minimum ranks for Admiralty Board and Executive Committee members. The current guidelines set it up for RCs to be promoted to the minimum rank of Fleet Captain unless the Region had only one chapter. In this case, the promotion rested with the CS.

This has been changed to a minimum rank of Fleet Captain, regardless of Region size. The current guidelines also set EC members to the minimum rank of Captain. This was felt to be inconsistent with the responsibilities that go with these positions and was modified to set the minimum rank of EC members to Commodore.

I'd like to thank the members of the committee for their time and dedication to this process.

The revised Time-in-Grade Schedule for Flag Promotions:

Captain/Colonel:	24 months Time in Fleet
Fleet Captain/Brigadier:	18 months Time in Previous Rank
Commodore/Brigadier General:	21 months Time in Previous Rank
Rear Admiral/Major General:	24 months Time in Previous Rank
Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General:	30 months Time in Previous Rank
Admiral/General:	36 months Time in Previous Rank

2002 ADMIRALTY BOARD RESOLUTIONS

By Fleet Admiral Les Rickard • Commander, STARFLEET

The following is a list of Admiralty Board resolutions voted on by the AB in 2002.

Ayes: 4, 7, 9, 11, 17
Nays: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15

AB02-01 - PASSED

A resolution to define the Election Coordinator order of succession due to the Chief of Communications being on a slate for election.

Ayes: (Region)1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

AB02-02 - PASSED

Aproposed amendment to the Constitution, to be voted on by the membership. This amendment would change the term of the CS from 2 years to 3 years with no concurrent terms and no more than two terms served.

Ayes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

AB02-03 - PASSED

2002 Honorary Membership to T. Willcox.

Ayes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17
Abstain: 7

AB02-04 - PASSED

A proposed amendment to the Constitution to be voted on by the membership. It would add a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to the EC.

Ayes: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17
Nays: 3, 6, 10, 12

AB02-05 - FAILED

A proposed amendment to the Constitution to be voted on by the membership. This amendment would change the terminology concerning shuttle designations.

AB02-06 - PASSED

A resolution to place a time frame on EC/AB debates before going to vote

Ayes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17
No vote: 1, 9, 11

AB02-07 - PASSED

A resolution to increase membership dues in Mexico by \$4 to cover mailing costs..

Ayes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

AB02-08 - PASSED

A resolution to make the Lifetime Membership Award cover both the recipient and their family.

Ayes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

AB02-09 - PASSED

2002 Lifetime Membership for Chuck Freas.

Ayes: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17
Abstain: 3

AB02-10 - PASSED

A resolution to approve the revised Command Grade Promotions Guidelines as presented to the EC/AB at the 2002 IC

Ayes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17
No vote: R1, 15

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

On 0011.17, the SFI Election results confirmed that General Michael W. Malotte and Team would become the next SFI Executive Committee. Your fearless roving junior cub reporter, Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, takes PADD in hand once again to bring you the first interview with "Tomorrow's EC"!



COMMANDER, STARFLEET



MICHAEL MALOTTE

Gumby: Congratulations on becoming the next Commander: STARFLEET! Another term on the EC, Mike, two more years to your sentence! May the gods have mercy on your soul!

Mike: LOL! Some say I've won, others say I've lost, who knows, maybe both are correct <g> Actually, I'm honored that this organization has chosen this team to continue the work of the last 3 administrations. We've made tremendous strides in so many areas; I'm looking forward to offering my contributions to the continued success of the club.

Gumby: Now that you know that your administration assumes office on 01 Jan 2003, what steps are you taking to assure a smooth transition and transfer of records?

Mike: We've already begun this transition. The outgoing Executive Committee members are in the process of sending records and material from their respective offices. The easiest will obviously be in Communications as Greg Trotter is staying on as the head of that department. The Academy probably has

the most to transition and Marlene is working on this as we speak. We are also adding the new Executive Committee members to the various lists they will need to monitor and participate on to be effective in their roles. In all reality, I firmly believe that this transition will be all but transparent to the organization.

Gumby: What will be your first official act as Commander: STARFLEET?

Mike: Hadn't thought much about that. I guess if I had to choose a first "official" act, it would be to ask that everyone put all their personal feeling aside and direct that energy towards a better STARFLEET. There is so much potential in this club, I'd love to see it all work together for a common goal.

Gumby: What exactly will your administration's policy be on the Rights of the Member?

Mike: It will be our policy to not only explain these rights, but to make them even clearer to the member, what his or her rights are. STARFLEET International is for the many and not just the few

Gumby: What will be your first goal upon taking office?

Mike: Seamlessly integrating our newest EC position, the Chief Financial Officer, into the administration. While the primary duties of the treasurer will not change, how and who this office deals with will.

Gumby: What do you feel is STARFLEET's greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?

Mike: Involvement. When I first got into Fleet, you had to stand in line to get a position. Nowadays, it's those looking to fill positions that have to stand in line for the few applicants that are interested. The revamp of the Director of Personnel is intended to address this issue. By keeping a list of those interested in getting involved and their skills, we should be able to improve on this.

Gumby: What long-term goals do you have for STARFLEET?

Mike: Better financial accountability through the creation of the Chief Financial Officer ; better

member recognition through the creation of a comprehensive, year-round awards program; becoming more "user-friendly" to our International members; increasing awareness and participation in the Scholarship Program; and a more efficient Executive Committee.

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

Mike: I would like to say thanks. Thanks for having confidence in this team; thanks for passing the amendments, especially the Chief Financial Officer amendment that will result in much needed accountability; and thanks to all of you who took the time to vote. This is our most precious right and more people should take advantage of this method of stating their opinions. I'm looking forward to a fun-filled two years. I hope everyone will join me! <g>

Gumby: Mike, thank you for taking the time for this interview! I look forward to great things over the next two years!

Mike: Not a problem, Gumby - it's been my pleasure!



VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



MARK H. ANBINDER

Gumby: Another two years on the EC, Mark, congrats!

Mark: Thanks, Gumby! When I first became a Fleet staff member in 1997, getting involved in a couple of projects, I'm not sure I expected I'd wind up on the EC. This new post will be a new challenge for me, and it's one I'm looking forward to.

Gumby: Just what exactly is it that a Vice Commander-STARFLEET does anyway?

Mark: A little of everything, of course! The VCS has some specific responsibilities, such as acting as EC/AB archivist, coordinating the Fleet Division Chiefs program, and overseeing the SFMC. Like any EC member, I'll participate in the Flag Rank Promotions process, and I'm looking forward to working with Mike Malotte on keeping the Fleet moving forward.

Gumby: Any new programs?

Mark: We're going to focus first on existing programs, such as the Fleet Division Program, the Diplomatic Corps, and the SFMC, making

sure things are working smoothly, and tweaking where we need to, before looking around for new things to tackle.

Gumby: What new changes do you plan to bring to the office of the Vice Commander?

Mark: Honestly, I'm not planning on any sweeping changes. I'll be Mike's right-hand man, as he and Gordon Goldberg before him were Les's. I'm also going to try to focus on under-represented groups of members, including those who've chosen not to join specific chapters, and international members.

Gumby: What do you think is STARFLEET's greatest area of improvement?

Mark: Over the last two years, interaction with the members has improved enormously. That includes membership processing, thanks to Sandy Berenberg's efforts this past year, an exceptional Communiqué newsletter, and a central HelpDesk that Greg Trotter set up within Communications that can answer members' questions, or point them to the right places to get help.

Gumby: Have you appointed a VCS staff?

Mark: I'm inheriting some great folks from Mike's VCS staff: Wade Olson as Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, Matt Copple as Director of the Fleet Division Program, and Kyle Wolf as the Director of the Diplomatic Corps. J.C. Cohen joins the VCS staff as my Chief of Staff. We've worked together for years in a variety of ways, as each other's advisors and sounding boards, and I'm glad he's willing to help me coordinate this crew. J.C. will be working closely with Allyson Dyar, the CS Chief of Staff, just as Mike and I will be working closely together.

Gumby: Is there any aspect of STARFLEET that you'd like to see changed?

Mark: We've made tremendous strides over the last couple of years in bringing services to international members, and members who can best participate online, especially with this year's improvement to overseas mailing. There's obviously still more we can do, especially in the area of recruiting and retaining members, and developing chapters, outside North America.

Gumby: Where do you see STARFLEET two years from now, when your term is up?

Mark: You know, I really just visualize a stronger, better fine-tuned version of the STARFLEET of today. There is nothing drastic that I see changing in our two years in office.

Gumby: Finally: Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?

Mark: Come to Watkins Glen Weekend 2003! It'll be the 14th annual WGW, and we'll be celebrating the tenth anniversary of USS Accord's commissioning. Write to me for more info, or see our web site at <http://www.ussaccord.org/>

Gumby: Mark thanks for taking the time for this interview. I know we can expect great things from you and the whole Executive Committee Team!

Mark: Thanks for giving me the chance to talk to everyone, and thanks for the optimistic predictions! We'll do our best, and we'll look forward to hearing from everyone.



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS



JOOST UEFFING

Gumby: Congratulations on your appointment as our next Ops Chief, Joost!

Joost: Thank you Gumby...I think. :-) After seeing what this job is going to entail, it's going to be both a lot of work and a lot of fun!

Gumby: What will be your first official act as Chief of Operations?

Joost: I do plan to send a letter to all the COs introducing myself and giving information they'll need for myself along with my plans for the next two years. I will also sit down and take a look at all the chapters in 'Fleet so I can get a good sense of the people I will be working with over the next two years. I also plan to look through the mounds of paperwork that will be coming to me from Mark sometime very soon! :)

Gumby: Aside from commissioning chapters and tracking MSR's, what other duties do you have as Chief of Operations?

Joost: I consider myself as much a customer-relations manager as I do an administrator, making sure that everyone is happy in regards to chapter operations within the boundaries of SFI's regulations. In that vein, I'll be trying to keep in contact with all chapters and help them out with anything that I can do. This is going to be primarily done via the Chapter Care Program, which I'll be introducing later

next year. As well there will be administrative things like keeping the VR up to date, making sure chapter information is accurate, tracking chapters that may need help, etc.

Gumby: Is there any aspect of Ops that you'd like to see changed?

Joost: As I'm just starting the job I don't see anything at the moment I'll be changing, however as I immerse myself more and more into the position I expect I'm going to find things I'd like changed or adapted to more reflect my style; for instance the Armed Services Program, which I mentioned in our platform, will be reviewed for possible changes. Programs under Ops may change and well as internal ops procedures, but for the moment things will be staying the same. If I do make any changes I will be making sure everyone knows ahead of time.

Gumby: Have you appointed a staff?

Joost: Yes I have. Most of the faces you've seen with Mark Vinson will be staying with us. I'm pleased to have both Michelle Fanelli of Correy Operations and Barbara Paul of the Armed Services Program staying with us. I've also have offers from several people to help, and if the workload gets heavy I may take them up on their offer.

Gumby: Any staff changes planned?

Joost: There are going to be two major changes

/ additions to my staff. The first major change you'll see is the introduction of my new vice chief, Chrissy Killian.

You'll remember Chrissy as the chair of IC2002 in San Jose, California. If you can pull off an IC, you're more than qualified to be a Vice Chief of Operations! The other change you're going to see is the addition of the Chapter Care Program director. This person will be helping Chrissy and myself design the program and will oversee its implementation. Look for a call for that position in the near future.

Gumby: What do you see as Ops' greatest area of improvement and how will you address that?

Joost: I think Ops needs to improve the tracking and handling of chapters that are not keeping their membership up to regulation levels. Technically, I have the authority to decommission chapter that fall below ten members for a certain period of time. It's going to be one of my most difficult tasks and one I don't want to do too often; in an ideal world I wouldn't have to decomm any chapters at all.

Working with CompOps, we're going to be doing our best to make sure that chapters who may be having difficulty keeping their crew compliments up, or having other difficulties in general, are helped back onto their feet and keep

that compliment up to par. Information will also be an area for improvement, but the new database that will be going online soon is going to improve that immensely.

Gumby: Where do you see Operations two years from now, when your term is up?

Joost: I want to see Operations as a smoothly running department with a reporting rate for chapter above 95% and having over 95% of chapters up to full strength.

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

Joost: I'm here to help you make your SFI experience as pleasant and fun as possible! My door is always open, and I will try to answer any questions sent to me within 48 hours. I'm very open and personable as most people know (I'm Canadian, it's in my genes <G>).

Gumby: Joost, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule for this interview. It appears that you have a lot of work ahead of you.

Joost: When you accept the big positions, you accept the work that goes along with it. But I'm sure that with the help of my staff and everyone in 'Fleet, it's not going to be as much work as you or I may realize. Thank you for speaking to me Gumby.



CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS



GREG TROTTER

Gumby: Congrats Greg! Two more years as Minister of Propaganda! How do you feel?

Greg: Fantastic! I am the only EC member who doesn't have to pack up his office.

Gumby: What changes for the future do you plan to bring to Communications?

Greg: Well, I am fortunate enough to have most of my staff returning, with the notable exception of the Communiqué staff. The Communiqué is definitely the star of our publications group, headed by Dixie Halber. But look for the return of Stellar Visions, our fanzine. And of course, our NetServices team, under the direction of Ed Nowlin, continues to enhance STARFLEET's online presence. Look for Webmaster Mike Wilkerson to have some surprises in store for the Fleet website! Also, STARFLEET Communications will be assuming the Network Infrastructure duties from Computer Operations, which includes things like sfi.org email aliases and mailing lists.

Gumby: Any changes for the STARFLEET HelpDesk?

Greg: Absolutely! The HelpDesk has been spectacularly successful in its first two years, handling about a thousand requests. HelpDesk Diva Joan Pierce hopes to be able to leverage the power of STARFLEET's new online database by adding HelpDesk hooks

into it to allow us to help members by researching their questions more quickly than ever before.

Gumby: Communications is more than just the CQ and the HelpDesk. Can you tell us some of your other duties as Chief?

Greg: Helping with Communiqué post-production issues, such as mailing, and working HelpDesk tickets do take up the lion's share of my time. But that's the great thing about this job, where there are so many able people taking care of their end of things. Also, the Chief of Communications is charged with running the election for Commander, STARFLEET, unless he/she is on someone's proposed slate (as I was in this most recent election).

Gumby: Any changes in store for the CQ?

Greg: Yes, and in a big way. This issue is the last one produced by Kurt Roithinger, Allyson Dyar, and that entire fantastic production team. While I am sad to lose them, I am very happy that Bob Bulkeley of the USS Arc Royal in Region 17 has accepted the position of CQ Editor. Bob has some big ideas for the Communiqué, and I am quite excited about it.

Gumby: What do you feel is the CQ's greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?

Greg: Well, the number one thing that we can do is to continue to get fantastic people to produce a

fantastic product. Also, in the last year, we have made great strides in delivery of the CQ to our international members, improving delivery time from a matter of weeks to a matter of days. We're very proud of that and we continue to look at new ways to improve both CQ quality and delivery.

Gumby: What do you feel is the CQ's greatest strength?

Greg: I think the answer to that is the same as it's always been, the people who contribute to it. It's important to remember that the CQ is a publication not only for the members, but also by the members. The CQ staff depends a great deal on member submission and feedback to continue to make the Communiqué one of the shining stars of Trek fandom.

Gumby: What do you see as your biggest challenge in your new position?

Greg: I don't want to pick on Bob too much, but I will have to say "breaking in a new Communiqué editor!" I really have to answer with that because the CQ staff is just about the only thing that is changing.

Gumby: Where do you see Communications two years from now, when your term is up?

Greg: Well, I would like to see us all on some tropical beach, complete with a Communiqué production and mailing facility, a HelpDesk office, and a server farm for NetServices. But

I don't expect STARFLEET Chief Financial Officer Tammy Willcox to approve our expense vouchers for that, so I imagine that we'll still be doing what we are doing now, while continuing to improve our publications, online services and HelpDesk.

Gumby: Is there any aspect of the CQ that you'd like to see changed?

Greg: We are looking into different printing solutions that could yield us more space in the publication. Long-time STARFLEET members are probably a lot like me, and marvel over the sheer size of the Communiqué. But I think that there is more that we can do, and I'd like to be able to provide our editors the space in which to do it.

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

Greg: I really wanted to thank the people for all the kind words that have been sent our way. It's really gratifying to know that people are appreciative of the fine work that the people of STARFLEET Communications do.

Gumby: Greg, thank you for taking the time out of your schedule for this interview. I look forward to the HelpDesk and I also look forward to seeing your plans come to fruition!

Greg: Thanks!



STARFLEET ACADEMY



SCOTT A. AKERS

Gumby: Scott! Congrats on your two-year sentence at STARFLEET Academy!

Scott: Thank you very much Gumby, I am honored to be able to serve the membership.

Gumby: Any new schools in the works?

Scott: As a matter of fact, we are planning on expanding the Institute of Leadership Studies, first with the a course called "Officer's Leadership Thesis" It will be based on the premise "If I were Fleet Admiral, I would..." In addition we are going to offer courses on recruiting, chapter finances, communications and marketing, essentially taking the almost thirty years of experience SFI has in running chapters, and passing that knowledge on.

Gumby: What new changes do you plan to bring to the Academy?

Scott: Finish bringing the Academy on line, for those members who want to have their courses e-mailed to them, also work on real time taking of courses on line. Also we are going to offer degree paths for taking multiples of courses across different disciplines.

Gumby: How much of SFA is online now?

Scott: As far as we can tell about 70% of the courses are available to be emailed. About 5% are available for real time taking with two ready for instantaneous grading.

Gumby: Can you tell us something about the revised SFA website?

Scott: Lauren Milan has put together a massive rebuild of the SFA site, including a new look on all pages, and is working on an interactive connection with the new Database created by Sandy and Dino over in Computer Operations. Soon the membership will be able to look up online their course work completed, COs and higher, can verify OTS, OCC, or any other courses their chapter/region/etc require for eligibility for positions, and the membership will get quicker turn around times on courses they order by email.

Gumby: Where do you see the Academy two years from now, when your term is up?

Scott: The plan is that all four Institutes and the Cadet Academy will be reviewed for ease of use by the membership of STARFLEET. We may also add another Social Sciences Institute.

Gumby: Tell us about your 'fleet background.

Scott: I joined 'Fleet back in 1988 aboard the USS Jamestown in Region 1. As I moved across the country, I was a member of chapters in R3, R12, and now in R5. I was the founder of the Starfleet Marine College, which was then in SFA. First CO of the first USS Texas, XO and CO of the USS Jaguar, and Regional Coordinatr of Region 5 the last two years. I was also the 5th

Commandant of the SFMC, serving in the Mike Smith Administration in that post for 1997, then as Fleet Historian since January 1998.

Gumby: Impressive! What about your SFA background? What courses have you taken?

Scott: I've take OTS, OCC, all of Flag Officer School, all of the courses in the Military Institute to include Security School, Klingon Warrior Academy, College of Survival Studies, Starship Operations School, School of Strategy and Tactics, and the Gorn Academy. I have also finished the College of Computer History, taken dozens of courses in VAS and SACOM, The Literature School, College of History, and the STARFLEET Officer's Radio School. I also finished the old Post-Graduate School coursework, back in the early 1990's.

Gumby: What are your strengths and what are you weaknesses?

Scott: My strengths? I am very good researcher, very tenacious once I start working on something, I will into give up until I have finished the project. I am also very detail oriented but can still see the big picture. My weaknesses? I am a blunt SOB who is doesn't take BS from anybody. I stand up to people who are being jerks and tell them so. This makes me unpopular and disliked at times. I know there is a more diplomatic way to do things, but I am personally tired of the ultra PC, never

offend anyone atmosphere that often pervades both this club and fandom in general.

Gumby: How will you overcome any weaknesses you feel you have?

Scott: In an attempt to force myself to be more considerate and diplomatic, I have recruited a staff that have been instructed to whap me over the head with a lead-filled whiffle bat if necessary. Carol Thompson my Senior Vice Chief has worked with me a long time as a student and peer, and has no qualms taking me to task. Dave Blaser and John Adcock, my junior vice chiefs are also prepared to let me have it as well :)

Gumby: What do you feel is the Academy's greatest strength?

Scott: The Diversity of the Directors. We have over fifty hugely dedicated people, volunteering their free time to provide education and entertainment for the membership; it is a labor of love for all of them.

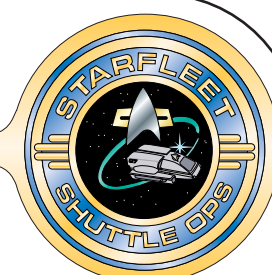
Gumby: Scott, thanks for giving us the time for this interview! I guess now I'll have to take more Academy Courses!

Scott: And don't be late Mr. Spicoli...errr Simmons, I have my eye on you. And no, there are no nachos allowed in class.

Gumby: Bogus!



CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPS



JERRY TIEN

Gumby: Congratulations on the ShOC'ing post, Jerry! <G>

Jerry: Thanks Gumby, it's a real honor to serve SFI on the fleet level.

Gumby: Now that you know that you are inheriting ShOC for the next two years, what will be your first goal upon taking office in January?

Jerry: I am going to make sure all the departmental resources are being applied to the right places. Also, employ project management aids to help manage all active shuttles in an effective manner. This should help us getting more done with less stress.

Gumby: What will be your first official act as Chief of Shuttle Operations?

Jerry: How about free oil change for all shuttles? (laughs) Seriously, I do plan to contact all the shuttles and get some direct feedbacks on their progress. This will help the resource planning for my department.

Gumby: What will become of DTS and the ASDB under your leadership?

Jerry: I am very fortunate to retain the service of Alex Rosenzweig as head of DTS. As for ASDB, David Lockwood will continue the role of chairman, succeeding Chris Wallace, who retired after several years of service. Since these

departments are critical to maintaining the "Trek" flavor, we will do our best to offer sound and innovative ideas to make your Trek experience more enjoyable. To this end, we have plans to expand DTS by opening the Office of Technical Publications (OTP). Adm. Rosenzweig and FCapt. Lockwood will be recruiting some schematic artists to help the expanding services of DTS.

Gumby: What will be your policy on "Career Shuttles"?

Jerry: I'd like to help folks move forward in SFI. This means helping as many groups become full-fledged chapters as possible. I will offer every resource at my disposal to help these shuttles achieve this goal. On the other hand, there are many factors such as time commitment and local interest level that prevent shuttles from growing into chapters. Remember, it takes a significant amount of time to recruit new members and manage existing crews. If a shuttle lacks the resources to grow into a chapter, it might make more sense for the "career shuttle" members to join existing chapters and start a new shuttle when the market condition is more favorable.

Gumby: What do you feel is ShOC's greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?

Jerry: I think interoffice communications is one critical area that can be improved. Since SFI

has distributed offices, we need to maintain solid communications with other departments (e.g. Operations and Membership Processing) to avoid delays in commissioning and so forth. I will work with my staff to ensure timely and accurate responses to all shuttles.

Gumby: Is there any aspect of ShOC that you'd like to see changed?

Jerry: Not at the moment, but I welcome all suggestions that can help ShOC serve the members better.

Gumby: What do you feel is ShOC's greatest strength?

Jerry: ShOC has made many people's dream come true over the years, namely, forming shuttles and eventually full chapters, allowing the Trek fandom to flourish. I'd like to continue that line of great work.

Gumby: Any changes for the EFCP (Existing Fan Club Program)?

Jerry: Many of the EFCP issues are similar to our regular shuttles'. So service improvements there will also benefit EFCP. As for issues unique to EFCP, I will review them with the EFCP staff to ensure the issues are addressed to these chapters' satisfaction. Because EFCP chapters are frequently formed completely outside of STARFLEET (i.e. not former SFI chapters), they pose a unique

challenge for us. I'll review feedback from these chapters with our EFCP staff to make any necessary changes so EFCP chapters can receive the best care possible, helping them become regular SFI chapters.

Gumby: Where do you see ShOC two years from now, when your term as Chief of ShOC is up?

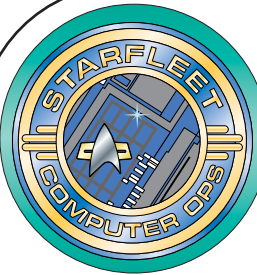
Jerry: I would like to see this department seamlessly integrated with other parts of STARFLEET, thanks in part to enhanced Computer Operations. This way, people can focus more on the shuttle development and less time recovering lost paperwork.

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

Jerry: Running shuttles is challenging work, but it can be a rewarding experience. Let ShOC help you on the road to success.

Gumby: Jerry my friend, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule for this interview! I think it's safe to say that Fleet can look forward to ShOCing things from you in the future!

Jerry: Only the good kind, Gumby. (laughs) It's a real pleasure talking to you again. I look forward to serving SFI members during the Malotte/Anbinder administration.



CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPS



SANFORD "SANDY" BERENBERG

Gumby: Congrats on the appointment!
Sandy: Thank you, it's an honor!

Gumby: Membership services and processing are a big part of SFI and have improved under you in Membership Processing. What changes, if any, will you make?

Sandy: Basically only a few, but positive changes. Little did anyone know, but over the last few months, Gerri Wampler, my Chief of MP Corps and now Director of Membership Processing-Elect has been taking on more and more of the job. The transition between us will be seamless. In addition, we are looking for more ways to improve the Membership Kit. So in all, I think it will continue to improve. Like last January, we have plans to roll out new kit materials for the New Year.

Gumby: Is there any aspect of CompOps that you'd like to see changed?

Sandy: I would like to have a standard policy of a one-week turnaround issues and questions posed to Computer Operations. This excludes Membership Processing, which is promised in six to eight weeks, but averages two weeks.

Gumby: Expansion of the website into Member/Non-Member has been a lingering question. Any plans on this?

Sandy: The Website is under the auspices of Communications. But let me offer you this, the New SFI Member Database, (<http://database.sfi.org>), is available only to members. The STARFLEET website (www.sfi.org) is open to the public, that is anyone from anywhere. We plan on expanding the database over the next two years to give members even more options

and features. The list of additions is called our wish list and this list is currently several pages long. Eventually, some of SFI's own documents may be moved into the database and removed from the SFI Website, making them Members Only. But, right now there are no solid plans on moving any items, but it remains a possibility.

Gumby: Any new programs in the works?

Sandy: We are taking on Recruitment, improving the Database and creating a new role to assist the Unassigned Members of STARFLEET.

Recruitment: The Recruitment Department, to be overseen by Mandi Livingston, one of my very capable Vice Chief's is to be expanded and built on the solid foundation laid by Ron Fell and his team. We plan on developing a Network of Recruiters all over STARFLEET, while helping train members how to recruit, while providing Recruitment materials and advice and also working with chapters with membership issues to get them up beyond minimum membership requirements. The new Recruitment team will off their services to any member or chapter who requests it.

The Database: This has been a project started over a year ago. Dino Gravato and I have spent many 60-hour weeks going over plans, coding and debugging our new database. The former membership database served Fleet very well for the last seven years, and has earned its retirement. Thanks again to Jesse Smith and all who assisted with this tool. The new database is built with the idea that people, who need to do something, or have a job to do something, can do that job in the database. For example, a member who moves can log onto the database and change their address.

The Director of Promotions can go into the database and promote people. Etc. None of this could be possible if it were not for Dino Gravato, Thank you Sir.

Unassigned Member Director: Unassigned members are far less likely to renew their memberships than members assigned to chapters, that is, many sign up and vanish after a year. I have recruited the services of Region 15's own Bran Stimpson to drive this new project to assist these members and increase retention. The office will have three primary duties.

1. Find all members who are happily unassigned so Fleet and Regional HQ will stop nagging them to join or start chapters.
2. Find all members who are not happily unassigned and help them find chapters to join or get them set up with Shuttle Operations to start a new chapter.
3. Provide a forum to pass along information from STARFLEET and Regional HQs to the Unassigned and then return feedback to the RCs and STARFLEET HQ. While this last part is not intended to be a 'Voice for the Unassigned' it is a way to keep our unassigned members more in the loop than they currently are.

Bran will be working with each Region and building a staff of Regional Contacts to work with the Unassigned. This position will also further define itself throughout the next two years.

Gumby: Any changes planned for the SFI website?

Sandy: Talk to Greg Trotter, and call him 'Mr. Trotter' in a Vinny Barberino voice.

Gumby: I think that CompOps is more than just website and labels. What other things do you do?

Sandy: I seem to do a lot. I have been assisting most areas of SFI. Working with our international members to both get a better understanding of what obstacles they face and how to overcome them. Helping Shuttle Operations get some shuttles started in England, Portugal, Poland, Mexico, and in several places in the US too (I guess I never left the ShOC mentality, thanks to Dennis Gray and you, Gumby). I work with the SPMC General Staff to improve that aspect of Fleet. I provide assistance to the Academy from both a Membership perspective and advice as a former Course Director. I have been working on the Technical Manual for the USS Edinburgh, which is now over 115 pages. I like to create. I work with multiple Regional Coordinators and their staff's to help their Regions. That's most of what I do. Some of this is CompOps, but I like to help others and while this may not all be in my job description, I feel that if I can help, I should. Oh, yeah, and I have a day job. CompOps, itself, is morphing into the Member Services area of Fleet. Tied in with the HelpDesk, we will cover just about all Member Concerns from membership issues to recruitment issues to database issues, etc. Not all members are online so we will help them by using the database for them for their changes and requests.

Gumby: Sandy, thank you for taking the time out of your schedule for this interview.

Sandy: Sure, what did you say? Oh, sorry was doing memberships...again. You are most welcome and thank you.



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



TAMMY WILLCOX

Gumby: Congrats on your appointment!
Tammy: Thanks, Gumby! I appreciate that.

Gumby: What will be your first official act as Chief Financial Officer?

Tammy: Well, the first thing I'll need to do is get new signature cards for all of the Fleet accounts so that we can remove Les from any obligation and put all that stress on Mike and Mark! <smile> I'll also be looking for several new staff members.

Gumby: Making sure the money is tracked correctly must be a big job! Do you have any help? A staff?

Tammy: Right now it's just Randy Norris and me. Randy is my Vice Chief and my right arm. I couldn't do this job without him, he receives all of the bank statements, ensures that all of the RCs receive copies, notifies me of returned checks, double-checks all of my account work to ensure that I don't make typos, and generally keeps me sane and from running amuck!

I'm currently looking for a Budget Specialist and a Loss Prevention Specialist. If anyone is interested in either position, they can contact me at treasurer@sfi.org. I will probably be adding additional staff during my two years, but at this point I haven't decided on positions or duties yet. I'll need to see how much work the new positions and personnel can handle.

Gumby: What exactly are your job duties as our CFO?

Tammy: There are a lot of tasks. I process all incoming deposits, all check requests, balance all of the accounts, report on all the accounts, process credit card memberships, verify membership income, pay the bills, mail the bills, maintain two finance lists, and lots of other numerous tasks!

Gumby: What would you like to bring to the table as an EC member?

Tammy: The word NO! <grin> I will be ensuring that Fleet's money is spent on Fleet items, bills and needs, and that all purchases, expenses,

reimbursements, etc., are handled in a practical manner. Though, honestly, everyone is really very good about researching costs and weighing the practicality of our needs. We have disagreements occasionally on the best way to spend money or handle Fleet's funds, but we always work them out.

Gumby: Where do you see the Treasury two years from now, when your term is up?

Tammy: I'd like to see it more professionally handled. While we've come a long way in terms of reporting, money handling, and accountability; I'd really love to see us get into a professional money management program and processes, utilizing invoices, general ledgers, and a multi-tiered level of staff. I don't know if it's possible to do that in two years, but that's what I'd love to see happen.

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

Tammy: Hey, I exist! Oh, sorry, I couldn't resist!

I'd really like to thank everyone for voting for the amendment. The treasury is such an important and integral part of STARFLEET and the position needs to have a voice at the same level as the rest of the officers to ensure accountability. Also, if anyone has any questions about Fleet's finances or other treasury matters, please, feel free to contact me. I'll always do my best to answer questions.

Gumby: Tammy, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule for this interview. It appears that you have even more work ahead of you... and thanks for stepping up and volunteering your time and talents to keep us in the black!

Tammy: No problem, Gumby. It's been a lot of work, but it's very rewarding to look at that bank statement every month and think about how far we've come. Everyone has worked very hard to make STARFLEET a financially stable organization, and I'd like to thank all of the staff members that have helped to do so!

That's it folks, the first thoughts of your next Executive Committee! This is Gumby, your fearless SFI Junior Cub Reporter, saying... "Next time it could be you!"



SALUTING OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST:

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS



THE STARFLEET AWARDS PROGRAM

STARFLEET has for most of its history, decided to choose and highlight the most outstanding contributions of its members and chapters. Yearly awards, action specific awards, regional award systems, chapter awards, the awards system of the SFMC. All of these strive to recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve their fellow members. Never will a STARFLEET member have to worry about being in a situation that the young men and women faced at the Marne, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Chosin, Dien Bien Phu, Kuwait, Mogadishu, or Kandahar. We are not trying to pretend we are worthy of those honors. However STARFLEET strives to recognize those who have done Outstanding jobs, first as a thank you for the hundred and sometimes thousands of hours those people have donated to the rest of the membership, and to give an incentive and example to the rest of us to emulate those who have so selflessly served.

The Office of Fleet Historian has enjoyed the opportunity to share with fleet, the lineages of specific chapters in fleet and those chapters that have set the standards for over two decades in fleet: the Eagle, Alaric, Jamestown, Discovery and Avenger. The Office has also had the opportunity to write about the history of that fine institution, the STARFLEET Academy. Now we are going to look at those members and chapters who have excelled above and beyond the call of duty, and have been recognized by their peers as those who have served the most, as it has been written, the Best Leaders, are those who have Served Most.

This list goes back to the 1997 IC. Records before that are sketchy, and an expanded list of the Awards Winners from the 1990s will be in a future articles. If you can help us fill in the gaps, please send it to historian@sfi.org.

2002

Chapter of the Year
USS Maat, Region 1

Member of the Year
John Roberts, USS Anasazi

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Greywolf, Region 5

Officer of the Year
Wendy Fillmore, K'Ehleyr Station

Enlisted Member of the Year
Dayne Clark, USS Alioth

Cadet of the Year
James Brown, Greywolf Station

Helping Hands Award
Shirley Weaver, USS Alpha Centauri

Scholastic Achievement Award
Sydney Marsh, USS Rogue Phoenix

Lifetime Membership
Chuck Freas, USS Palo Duro

Honorary Membership
Tammy Willcox, USS Maat

2001

Chapter of the Year
USS Stormbringer, Region 4

Member of the Year
Wayne Lee Killough Jr., USS Witchfire

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Hokolani, Region 1

Officer of the Year
Allyson M. W. Dyar, Space Station Nexus

Enlisted Member of the Year
John Bryant, USS Jurassic

Cadet of the Year
Veronica Duane, USS Rogue Phoenix

Helping Hands Award
Sherry Ann Newell, USS Morning Star

Scholastic Achievement Award
Amile Wilson, USS Haise
Lifetime Membership
Peg Pellerin, USS Ian Fleming

Honorary Membership
Allyson M. W. Dyar, Space Station Nexus

2000

Chapter of the Year
USS Mir, Region 17

Member of the Year
Blair Learn, USS Highlander

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Jaguar, Region 5

Officer of the Year
Chris Wallace, USS Jaguar

Enlisted Member of the Year
Garry Cameron, USS Jurassic

Cadet of the Year
Lori Kinney, USS Jurassic

Helping Hands Award
Michelle Barrat, USS Highlander

Scholastic Achievement Award
Amile Wilson, USS Haise

Lifetime Membership
Marlene Miller, USS Renegade

Honorary Membership
Chuck Freas, USS Palo Duro

1999

Chapter of the Year
USS Athena, Region 1

Member of the Year
Mark H. Anbinder, USS Accord

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Stormbringer, Region 4

Officer of the Year
Kurt Roithinger, Space Station Nexus

Enlisted Member of the Year
Gracie Schmidt, Region 7

Cadet of the Year
Dean Rogers, Region 7

Helping Hands Award
Beverly Reynolds, Region 4

Scholastic Achievement Award
Beth Steidle, Region 7

Lifetime Membership
Alex Rosenzweig, USS Avenger

1998

Chapter of the Year
USS Hephaestus, Region 2

Member of the Year
Glen Corbin, Region 3

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Bounty, Region 7

Officer of the Year
Don Haven, USS Constitution

Enlisted Member of the Year
Matt Linton, Region 7

Cadet of the Year
MySha Allen, Region 12

Helping Hands Award
Byron Flynt, Region 3

Scholastic Achievement Award
Greg McDermott, Region 7

1997

Officer of the Year
Linda Reynolds, USS Czar'ak

Helping Hands Award
Wade Olson & Lynn Shaddrix, Region 1

1992

Chapter of the Year
USS Sally Ride

Rookie Chapter of the Year
USS Nighthaw

The Director of the Office of the Fleet Historian (OFH), General Scott Akers, asked me to take over the writing of the official articles for him, especially in light of his new job as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. This is the first article, in which I hope continue to do articles such as the how-to-do-a-history I have been doing, or to do interviews from people historically connected to the fleet, or genealogical chapter-to-chapter articles such as General Akers has done in the past.

Recently the OFH received a message from a former member of STARFLEET. He had been with the group back in the early eighties and he had heard about our history site. He had looked up our site and examined it. He then took the liberty of contacting us and offering information that he felt was left off the site. But there was a catch, the information he provided was "off the record."

Any good journalism student, in fact most journalists, would walk away from such items

WHEN IS DOCUMENTATION NOT USEFUL?

By Commodore Jeffery Higdon • Office of the Fleet Historian

that are offered in this manner. The information, however juicy, would not be able to be used unless it pointed to another source information that would be on the record and thus usable. This would be the only reason for keeping and filing the information in the archives, as long as that information does not go public.

The information that the individual was provided was useless and could not be proven or disproved as fact. Other documents in possession of the OFH pointed in another direction indicating that lack of verbosity in the new information. An independent source could not be found to verify or be used as documentation for his claims. Thus the information offered was, at the time, worthless to the historical researcher.

An example of information that could be used was on that another set of information sent to the OFH about a different event in SFI's illustrious history. The data, which was received by the OFH from the former Chief of Personnel, a position equaled to today's Chief of Computer Operations, revealed why an event happened, the way the way that person handled the event in question and gave a fresh viewpoint to what was clearly a one-side event in our organization's history. Because the information was offered without constraint it was used in reevaluating a portion of the history and, thus, a minor rewriting of the official history. Thus this information became an important document for the researchers of the OFH. On a side note, that former Chief of Personnel is once again a member in good standing in STARFLEET.

Whether writing a news article or a historical document, the information making up your documentation is everything. But when you can't confirm the information or cannot use offered information, it is not documentation and cannot be used. However, just because the information can't be used does not mean it cannot be used toward getting information that can lead to proper documentation. It can be used to direct a researcher to information that either confirms or dismisses the information that is 'off the record'.

Bjo Trimble once said to me (and I paraphrase here), "Watch the information that comes in because the person who offered that information might have an agenda attached." The balance between documented information and the information offered by the individual must be observed. It doesn't mean that the information isn't the truth, just that the information is suspect and cannot be counted without an 'on the record' document.

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FROM THE DEPUTY 'DANT

By Bdr. Aaron Murphy, Deputy Comandant, SFMC

The end of the year has finally arrived. I hope that this year has brought each of you everything you have hoped for and that next year will be even better.

By the time you read this article, the 2002 version of the Marine Force Manual will be in your hot little hands. To keep you from having to set the previous two versions down side by side and compare, I'll let you know what changes you can look forward to:

- The removal of Support Command
- The Creation of Information Command
- Updated descriptions for General Staff Officers
- Removal of the Steering Committee
- The addition of the 9th Branch: Maritime Operations
- Addition of the TRACOM Commander's Award Ribbon

Other minor edits have been made throughout

the MFM, but those are the note-worthy changes. Further modifications and redesigns will occur on an as-needed basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a fond farewell to our outgoing COFORCECOM, COL Joost Ueffing and COSUPCOM, COL Susan Fugate. Both of these officers have served the Corps with distinction and will be sorely missed. COL Ueffing will be assuming the position of STARFLEET Chief of Operations.

As these officers are leaving, I also have the opportunity to welcome a fine officer to our staff. Moving into the role of our first COINFOCOM is MGN Wade Hoover. MGN Hoover brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience collected from all levels of the FLEET and Corps.

As always, if you have any proposals, suggestions, questions, or even complaints, I can be reached at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

INFOCOM

By MGN. Wade Hoover, CO-INFOCOM

Hello my name is Wade Hoover and I'm proud to be serving the SFMC as COInfoCom!

I am sure many of you are wondering what is InfoCom and what are its job duties. Please allow me to give a brief explanation. InfoCom is responsible for all things electronic that SupCom formally took care of. It operates the Corps web site, maintains the Corps presence in IRC, moderates the SFMC E-mail list, and coordinates the AoD for submission within the CQ. I, along with Wade Olson and Brian Davis will be moderating the Corps list. Any questions about the operation of the E-mail list should be directed to any of the above named operators.

There are many ways to contact me. Among those include e-mailing me at infocom@osprey.net or sending me a postal letter. My address is:

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messenger, I can be added to your contact list by typing in wade_hoover@hotmail.com in the 'add a buddy' prompt. Please **do not** e-mail me at that address, as I do not check mail there very often. It is set up primarily for instant messenger. I do not have any other instant message client on my computer at this time. The best times to reach me are Monday-Friday after 5PM central time or on weekends between 10AM and 10PM.

E-mailing me is the best option and I can guarantee that you will receive a response from me within 24 hours Sunday thru Thursday and up to 72 hours on Friday and Saturday and during holidays. I can be reached by phone but I ask that you e-mail me with the time you wish to call me so that I may be off-line at your convenience. I am operating on dial up modem right now and will be changing to high-speed connection after the first of the year.

Hello from the Sergeant Major of the STARFLEET Marine Corps! By the time this reaches you it will have been announced that I have stepped down as SGM/SFMC. I want to thank everyone for their opinions and reports during my tenure. Unfortunately real-life considerations of school and work have taken up more and more of my time, it was **not** any one person or idea that caused my resignation.

Before I stepped down and as promised, I completed the Enlisted Guidelines for the most commonly used ranks. My special thanks to all who aided in suggestions and proofreading the guidelines.

You will notice that I have chose to highlight five main areas of responsibility-Leadership, Morale, Recruitment, Mentoring, and Conflict Resolution.

Private (PVT)

Entry-level rank, awarded to any member in good standing of SFI who expresses a desire to be a marine.

Private 1st Class (PFC)

Chooses unit and chapter; chooses an MOS and Branch of Service; passes MBT and NCO-10; shows a basic understanding of the chain-of-command.

Lance Corporal (LCP)

Passes LD-10; starts to become involved with mentoring new members under the guidance of their SGT; resolves any misunderstandings that a PVT or PFC may have about SFMC or the chain-of-command; communicates on a regular basis with other LCPs and Senior Enlisted members-whether to pass on an interesting bit of trivia, share problems and solutions, or discuss happenings within their unit.

ENLISTED RANK GUIDELINES

By SgtM. Jenna Duerr • 771st MSG, USS Accord

Corporal (CPL)

Passes 2 or more 10-level courses relating to their MOS; starts to become more involved with mentoring new members in the SFMC; shares at least 2 morale-boosting activities with their unit; convinces at least 2 Reservists to become full Marines; shows respect for and uses of the chain-of-command; demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively with other CPLs and Senior Enlisted members.

Sergeant (SGT)

Passes PD-15, NCO-20, at least one other 20-level course and LD-20 OR OTS; mentors new members and lower ranked Enlisted personnel; participates in at least 2 Brigade or larger-level events (participation, in this case, means more than simple attendance; the marine must have done additional work: participate in panels, perform honor guard, etc.); works with at least 2 other SGT's on 2 or more morale-boosting projects; recruits 2 or more new members into SFI; shows to Senior NCOs and Officers the ability to assist members with conflict resolution; communicates on a regular basis with other SGTs and Senior Enlisted on a variety of topics including problems/solutions, anticipated need of their Officers, mentoring and morale.

Staff Sergeant (SSGT)

Passes PD-20, LD-30 OR OCC, NCO-30, and at least one other 30-level course; mentors at least two CPL's or lower; works with at least two SSGT's or SGT's from units not within Battalion on development or community service projects which can include online

or Tracom development; recruits at least 2 additional members into SFI; participates in a least one additional Brigade or higher event; shows to Senior NCOs and Officers continued development and ability to assist members with conflict resolution; communicates on a regular basis with Junior and Senior Enlisted members of any unit within the Battalion on a variety of topics including membership problem solving (such as how to handle the member who always gets lost, can't find a ride, or needs a bit of extra help with SFMCA courses or choosing an MOS).

Gunnery Sergeant (GSGT):

Passes at least one additional (two or three total) 30-level course or SFA equivalent; works with three or more units and their enlisted personnel to develop morale-boosting events; anticipates at least some of what their OIC needs and has it ready before it is needed; convinces at least five Reservists to become full Marines or three new members to join SFI; assists in conflict resolution between Flag Officers and prevents such conflicts from impacting the larger group if such a situation exists; communicates on a regular basis with Enlisted members within their Battalion on topics including how to anticipate an Officer's needs and how to stay one step ahead of the Officers (in terms of fulfilling those needs).

1st Sergeant (1SGT):

Takes and passes the 10 and 20-level Infantry courses; demonstrates an ability to work at Battalion-level or higher; working with other Senior Enlisted to develop standards of excellence for Junior Enlisted members. Works with others

on leadership development, morale, community or helps with SFMCA courses (this can be done via online communications); convinces at least five Enlisted personnel to stay Enlisted; continues to be available for conflict resolution which includes being trusted by both Officers and Enlisted personnel; communicates on above mentioned topics with Junior and Senior Enlisted members at the Brigade or higher level, looks after the Junior Enlisted to make sure that no one is left behind and that the Junior Enlisted are doing the same for their peers.

Sergeant Major or Command Sergeant Major (SGM or CSGM):

Initiates at least two or more Brigade or higher leadership development and morale-boosting projects (includes Tracom development); communicates clearly and regularly with Senior NCOs Corps-wide; is available to any member from PVT to Flag Officers for conflict resolution, leadership, advice, morale or recruitment ideas; communicates with all Enlisted, regardless of rank that are within their Brigade or SFMC, has taught at least three tips to anticipating the needs of the Officers to Junior Enlisted members; continues to look after ALL members to make sure that no one is left behind; looks beyond just the Battalion or Brigade levels and into the future of the SFMC with ideas and projects for leadership, morale, recruitment, mentoring, community service, and conflict resolution.

That's all from me! See you around!



ALL AROUND THE S

Graphics Courtesy of David P



Next thing, we'll be calling him "Count" Vosseller: Bob Vosseller has a bottle of red stuff during a trip to Fright Fest at Six Flags Great Adventure by members of the USS Challenger in October.

Photo by Mary Francen



"Cap'n, she canna take anymore": Ken Dohn of the USS Challenger enjoys a 'warp core breach' drink while at the Quark's bar section of the Star Trek Experience in Las Vegas, NV.



The warp core is seen in the casino of the Las Vegas Hilton.

Above two pictures courtesy of Bob Vosseller

REGION 5 CHANGE OF COMMAND BASH



One of these people is gorgeous. The other is just an RC: Nat Saenz (right) and his wife Inge.



Contrary to rumors, Scott did not get any calls from Cosmo: The Region 5 Breakfast Bunch.

By David Lee Kania • USS Rubicon, STARFLEET Region 5

Photos Courtesy of Nat Saenz

On Saturday, November 23rd, STARFLEET members from all around Region 5 poured into Portland Oregon for a fun filled action packed weekend. This was the weekend that Scott Akers, the current RC R5 had his retirement party. It was the weekend that Nat Saenz the Region 5 RC elect held his initial staff meeting. And, it was the weekend both staffs met, started turnover, and had an amazing time.

Saturday afternoon there were meetings, groups of people were doing outings to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, going to movies, and swimming. Nat introduced his new slogan for Region 5: "All for one, One for all."

Saturday night everyone gathered at the Rheinlander German Restaurant. The restaurant had to add more tables to our area due to the number of personnel who

turned out for the occasion. It was a great party and despite the current rumors it did **not** get out of hand. There was no table dancing by previous RC Kurt Roithinger [Hey! - Ed.]. All wished Scott well in his upcoming role as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy.

Sunday the incoming and outgoing staffs met for breakfast and a brainstorming session on turnover items and ways to help the Region grow and come together for more events. Afterwards pictures were taken of all attendees and of the four Regional Coordinators of Region 5 that were present, Nat Saenz (RC elect), Scott Akers (current RC), and Allyson Dyar and Kurt Roithinger (former RC's).

The Portland area hosts had wonderfully hospitable and everyone is looking forward to returning. We all even learned a new song, the "Dough, Ray, Me" (beer song).

THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Words and Pictures by



On October 26th, folks from several of the Millenium Costumer's Guilds invaded the StormCellar to celebrate the 4th anniversary as a chapter of STARFLEET around 9PM with the captain's theme. It was a great time at the USS Pioneer's 7th anniversary in the day.

It was a mix of fog and snow, and was largely due to Admiral Denny of the FOG (Fall Over, Gumby) managed to track in from the port hand with his usual array of contraptions. John also had the Challenge Coins, one of which he was checked in by the Pumpkin. The Pumpkin looked like a method sequel. We promise that no pumpkin of this year's celebration.

Lionel Smith noticed the outline and handed Gumby a glass of grog. It progressed into the Jacuzzi (yes, it was on until the sun came up).

All that, and to top it off folks were left. On behalf of the USS Stormb... We hope to see you again next Halloween. End of our first 5-Year mission. More more pumpkins!



Men with tropical fashion sense: Frances Alvarado, Michael...

TARFLEET GALAXY!

Pipgras and Kurt Roithinger



KIN OF REGION 17

By Johnathan Simmons



in regional SFI chapters, the Jedi's, and, the Grey Council and House celebrate the USS Stormbringer's TARFLEET. Festivities kicked off triumphant return from having a 10th anniversary party held earlier

and that was inside the house. This is Gray's thoughtful procurement machine and what snow we all arch. Colonel John Roberts was on tab and microbrews from the New e new, and most agreeable, R17 awarded to the CO. All weapons and as the night progressed the actor from a bad Friday the 13th skins were harmed in the making

of the Klingon taped to the floor green liquid, from there, the party (it was snowing) and as usual, went

n helped clean up a bit before they bringer, thank you all for coming. Halloween, when we celebrate the Next year, we promise we'll have



es: Gumby Simmons, his fiance el Bruno and Dennis Gray.

USS ALIOTH GIVES THANKS

Words and Pictures By Rear Admiral Keira Russell-Strong

Ever wonder what happens to retired RC's? RADM Lynnette Knox of Region 17, USS Alioth has become a mime. The USS Alioth held its yearly costume party at a readers theater at Thanksgiving Point, UT. The readers are professional and do a great job of acting out the stories. This year the stories were for the children, of all ages, and one of the surprise readers was John Stockton of the Utah Jazz. After it got too cold to sit any longer the crew dismissed for dinner at Denny's..



Top - The Crew of the USS Alioth at Thanksgiving Point

From Left to Right: Captain Tiffanny Knox, Rear Admiral Lynnette Knox, Fleet Captain Janet Shepherd, Ensign Dayne Clark, Crewman Robbie Lawrence.

Right - Be a Clown, Be a Clown:

Rear Admiral Lynnette Knox shows her "True Colors."

Bottom - With an assist by the all-time assist leader:

John Stockton of the Utah Jazz dressing a member of the audience in costume as he reads a story at the readers theater at Thanksgiving Point, UT.



Walk softly and carry a big stick: Amidst the pastoral beauty of Watkins Glen, NY, a few attendees of the USS Accord's annual Watkins Glen Weekend pose for a group shot.

Photo by Michael D. Smith



More of the scenery at Watkins Glen Weekend.

Photo by Michael D. Smith



In Memoriam: Donna Jean Noddin (see Page 12)

Above picture courtesy of Marlene Miller

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Greetings from the mounds of paperwork, soon to be even bigger!

As most of you may know, Michael Malotte and Mark Anbinder successfully passed their vote of confidence for the next CS/VCS for 2003-2004. In December of last year I was asked to be their candidate for Chief of Operations, and I accepted. Since they've won, it seems I'm going to be putting my nose to the grindstone so to speak. Although the official date has not been set yet, I will be leaving the post of COFORCECOM no later than the end of December, 2002.

I want to thank everyone I've worked with over the past year. The experience has been rewarding and satisfying. I especially want to thank the members of the GS for 2002, whether they're currently serving or finished their terms during the year. You all made doing my job somewhat easier with your experience and advice, and that was a real help. Special thanks goes especially to Wade Olsen for giving me the chance to do this job. I also want to give special thanks to the BDE OICs, past and present, for 2002. They are my link to the SFMC membership; without them I couldn't do my job properly. Kudos to you guys and gals for doing your duty with gusto and zeal.

With that there are a few particulars I want to note:

- A new OIC for the 4th BDE was appointed this month. FORCECOM wants to welcome Cyndi Temple to the post and looks forward to working with her.
- I also accepted the resignation of 13th BDE OIC Matt Ballie from his post. FORCECOM wishes Matt luck in future endeavors and wishes him all the best!
- FORCECOM is currently accepting applications for the position of 10th BDE OIC and 15th BDE OIC. Anyone interested in the position can e-

THE FORCE IS WITH YOU...

By Colonel Joost Ueffing
CO, Force Command, SFMC

mail me at web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca for a job description / qualifications. 696th, 066th, 033rd, 505th, 777th, 202nd, 245th, 440th, 999th

Thanks all. Here are the latest stats:

STATE OF THE CORPS* As of September 31st, 2002**

Latest members (14):

Ken Hoffman, Jared Fielder, Robert Kitson, Shawn Braaten, Jake Tenenbaum, Richard C. Watson, Erica Stanley, Wade Wantoch, Pam Bell, Teresa Frey, Chrystal Overby, Rex H. Prior, Ronald B. Smith, Carolyn Zimdahl

Current Membership Reported:

Last period: 594 (active and reserve)
This period: 578 (active and reserve)
Decrease of 2%

Brigades Reporting: 14
Brigades Listed: 15

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

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

This period reported: 113
This period listed: 11
Report rate: 91%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 4
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 2

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): 695th,

Awards Received

1st BDE

Great Barrier - Michael W. Malotte, Deidre Rickard, Les Rickard, Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, Susan Fugate
International Service - Michael W. Malotte, Deidre Rickard, Les Rickard
Academic Excellence Ribbon: Tracy Lilly
Good Conduct Ribbon: Jason K Ryan, Scott Jensen
Leadership Commendation: Nelson, Jim

2nd BDE

TRACOM Commander's Award - Shawn Williams

3rd BDE

Initial Entry Training Award - Joyce Fink, Jared Fielder

4th BDE

Great Barrier Expedition - Chris Esquibel, Jim Monroe, Truman Temple, Adam Bernay, Adrian Martinex, Cyndi Temple, Cross of Valor - Cyndi Temple
Sword of Valor - Truman Temple
Legion of Valor - 1st MSG
Marine Honor Guard - Jim Monroe, Cyndi Temple
International Service - Jim Monroe, Cyndi Temple, Fleona Dysastar, Truman Temple, Adam Bernay, Adrian Martinez, Lionel Smith
Embassy Duty: Jim Monroe, Truman Temple, Adam Bernay, Adrian Martinez and Cyndi Temple

5th BDE

International Service Ribbon - Chris Wallace, Allyson M. W. Dyar, John Adcock, Scott Akers, Kurt Roithinger, Stephen Idell and Norman DeRoux
Marine Honor Guard - Norman DeRoux, Russell Garrison, Joel Housworth, Rick Ervans
Leader's Commendation - Joel Housworth, Jon Rider, Rick Ervans
Legion Of Arms - Russ Garrison, Joel Housworth
Cadet Legion Of Arms - Russ Garrison

7th BDE

Academic Excellence - Martin A. Lessem
Brigade Service Commendation - Sean Niemeyer
Leader's Commendation (By MSG OIC) - Michael Fruggerio
International Service Award - Martin A. Lessem, Geraldine Sylvester, Lauren Milan, Mark Anbinder
NCO Ribbon with a "2" - Michael Fruggiero

10th BDE

STARFLEET Cross - Clayton Hobbs
Community Service Citation - Derek France
Leaders Commendation - Derek France

12th BDE

Academic Excellence Award - Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Glenn Overby II
Initial Entry Training Award - Franz Bruyere, Jr., Teresa Frey, Chrystal Overby, Glenn Overby II
NCO Professional Development Ribbon - Teresa Frey, Glenn Overby II

13th BDE

Community Service Citation - Paul Williams

17th BDE

David Cereme - BDE Achievement Award
Jack Kern - SFMC Service Award

TRAINING COMMAND

By Col. John Roberts, CO - TRACOM

Courses in the SFMCA:

SU21 Combat Service Supply Command OIC Course: This is a course designed for knowing all the ins and outs to Support Branch's largest command. This course will prepare all CSSC OIC's for future command and give them intimate knowledge of the divisions within. This is Part one in the Support Branch OIC Series

SU23 Signal Corps Command OIC Course: This course is designed at understanding the fundamentals of the communications arm of the Support Branch. Students of this course will gain advanced knowledge of the Signal Corps Command and prepare them for future command of this area. This is part two in the OIC series.

SU24 Military Intelligence OIC Course: Arguably one of the most secretive portions of the Support Branch, the Military Intelligence Command course makes a student think in new and diverse ways and instead use multiple resources to solve problems, just as a Military Intelligence officer would. This is part three in the OIC series.

IN-15: A weapons qualification course focused solely on 24th century weapons and equipment.

School of Strategy and Tactics: A new advanced studies course focusing on Strategy and Tactics for ground based forces that is designed to give the student a basic understanding of the concepts of strategy and tactics and then gives them the opportunity to apply those concepts. Successful completion of these three courses bestows a Master's of Military Science upon the graduate.

We are also working on several new courses for the SFMCA:

Xenostudies School: This school will have several areas within it designed to familiarize the student with the culture, weapons and tactics of non-federation races. The first area, Klingons, should be operational within the next month and others (Romulan, Cardassian, Dominion, etc) will come on line as we find sources and volunteers to help us create them.

IN-27: An advanced Infantry tactics course.

Jason Braaten, the Support Branch Director has also been working on completing the last four of the Support Command OIC courses and they will be released when completed.

Jill Rayburn and Mysteri Tullis are working to create a series of cadet courses (sort of an SFMC ROTC course) for the younger members of the SFMC and those with learning and other disabilities that may prevent them from being able to complete the full blown courses.

Future plans for TRACOM:

Each branch will be getting at least one new course every year as part of our ongoing efforts to develop and expand the various Branches and Schools of the SFMCA. We are also working on a plan to update and revise the various manuals used by the SFMCA. These are both long term plans and will not be completed in the near future but may take 12-18 months to get everything completed.

If you have any questions or comments, or any ideas for new courses or other offerings for TRACOM, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be glad to help in any way I can. I can be reached by email at jcroberts2@hotmail.com or cotracom@sfi-sfmc.org or on IRC (Anasazi-CO) and would be glad to chat with you anytime.

I have been named Commanding Officer of the Training and Doctrine Command (COTRACOM) and wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself and give you an idea as to what TRACOM has been, and will be, doing.

I currently serve as the CO of the USS Anasazi, VRC for Region 17, Director of the SFA's School of Strategy and Tactics and DOIC of both the 898th MSG and the 17th Brigade. I have served TRACOM as the Chief of Ops/Plans/Staff and as Dean of the SFMCA, so I am very familiar with TRACOM's mission and staff.

Since I took over as COTRACOM, the only staffing changes have been: (1) BDR John "Kiwi" Kane has become the Special Advisor for Manual Revisions; (2) LTC Jonathan Slavin has been moved from IN Branch Director to DCOTRACOM; (3) 1LT Michael Fruggiero has been named as the new LD School Director to replace Sandy Berenberg as he prepares to become a full member of the EC; and (4) SSGT Shawn Williams has been named as the new IN Branch Director; (5) SGM Jennifer Colpitts has resigned for personal reasons and (6) LTC Scott Jensen has resigned as Ecerts Coordinator due to time constraints. Since October, we have opened the following new

WILLIAM SHATNER SUITS UP FOR "SPPLAT ATTACK"!

Article courtesy of WilliamShatner.com

William Shatner recently hosted and participated in the largest Sci-Fi scenario paintball game ever, William Shatner's Spplat Attack. This reality-based film takes viewers behind the gun sight of the people who play paintball, highlighting the strategizing that occurs between teams, depicting the players devotion and illuminating their camaraderie and desire to win. William Shatner's Spplat Attack is a unique opportunity for science fiction fans to see Shatner bring the spirit of one of his most famous characters back to life while battling side-by-side with some of his biggest fans in a "Survivor-like" atmosphere. This one-of-a-kind science fiction reality adventure takes viewers on a journey of intergalactic proportions.

William Shatner's Spplat Attack took place Saturday, August 31, 2002 at Challenge Park Xtreme in Joliet, Illinois. Over 1,500 people gathered to simultaneously play a reality-based sci-fi scenario paintball game, where participants received a one-of-a-kind opportunity to fight alongside Captain Kirk in a unique paintball competition that benefited William Shatner's charity, the Hollywood Charity Horse Show.

William Shatner's Spplat Attack premiered on Pay-Per-View nationwide beginning December 8, 2002 and was released on DVD and VHS on December 10, 2002. William Shatner's Spplat Attack marks the first ever paintball scenario game to air on Pay-Per-View.

About the Story:

Organized by The Society of Paintball Players and Teams (SPPLAT) and documented by Creative Light Entertainment and Melis Productions, William Shatner's Spplat Attack is a reality-based sci-fi scenario paintball game that finds three disparate alien teams battling it out on the field. Arriving in grandeur style, Shatner starts the competition by paramotoring in to Challenge Park Xtreme, where he then proceeds to lead his team like only he can; with dynamic strategy, rallying speeches and the willingness to take matters into his own hands when the chips are down. From the moment William Shatner literally flies into the event, he doesn't stop and neither do the cameras.

The concept of the story begins with "The Big Giant Head," a member of a newly encountered and destructive alien race bringing together three different life forms with a longstanding history of deceit and mistrust. "The Big Giant

Head" orchestrates an intergalactic paintball battle between the three life forms for an opportunity to obtain advanced weaponry. In order to win the competition and save their alien races, each team must complete a series of missions. Ultimately, the life form with the most points wins acquiring the armaments that belong to "The Big Giant Head."

Surrounded by an elite team of warriors who

Kaye, heads a third conglomerate obsessed with assimilating the planet and every warrior that gets in their way. It's an all out battle for world domination, as "The Big Giant Head" watches the three teams enter into paintball combat.

As expected, Shatner and his heroic team of warriors start off strong but several twists ensue and a deadly alliance threatens the safety of the paintball universe. "We knew that there would be



Ready to make things go "SPPLAT!": William Shatner

Photo courtesy of <http://www.spplatattack.com/>

would sacrifice their lives for the Captain and the mission, Shatner steps in to make sure the advanced arms do not get into the wrong hands. Nationally syndicated "shock jock," Mancow, directs the charge of the savage and untrustworthy opponents, who only want to pillage the planet of its treasure and resources before destroying it. World-renowned paintball player, Tom

subterfuge, enemy intelligence and confounding plans abounding, but nobody thought an alliance would be formed amongst opposing teams" proclaimed Shatner. All the while, Shatner fights side-by-side with team members, trudging into the heat of the battle, completing missions, doing everything he can to beat the other worldly life forms of Mancow and Tom Kaye.

About the Production:

William Shatner's Spplat Attack is the brainchild of William Shatner, Creative Light Entertainment and JJ Brookshire, founder of the SPPLAT organization (www.SPPLAT.com). Ironically, the event came about as a result of Shatner's love for horses. While at a horse show a few years ago, Shatner began talking to a fellow horseman who informed him that his son was into paintball. Soon after, Shatner was introduced to JJ Brookshire and the two began to toss around ideas for a possible charity benefit. Following their meeting, Shatner and Brookshire reviewed several potential play sites and chose Challenge Park Xtreme located in Joliet, Illinois as this year's location. Challenge Park Xtreme encompasses miniature cities including the town of Bedlam, Armageddon, Fort Courage and the Jungle of Doom to name a few.

About the DVD:

William Shatner's Spplat Attack is presented in fullscreen and features Dolby Digital 5.1. The DVD, loaded with "extras" including: Scene selection; Featurette on "Shatner's Combat Training," following Shatner as he prepares for battle; Bios on Shatner, Tom Kaye, Mancow, JJ Brookshire, Creative Light Entertainment, Kathy Weiss, Pacman and Ike; Featurette on the location, Challenge Park Xtreme; In-depth look at the arsenal with a close-up of Shatner's weapon; "Extreme Outtakes"; Photo gallery; Maps of the paintball course; Featurette on "Tom's Tips" spotlighting advice from world renown paintball player, Tom Kaye; Three hidden Easter eggs and has a running time of approximately 80 minutes.

About the Charity:

A portion of the proceeds from the DVD/Video sales of William Shatner's Spplat Attack will be donated to William Shatner's Hollywood Charity Horse Show, an organization that benefits Ahead With Horses, a non-profit therapeutic riding organization that assists approximately 200 severely disabled children each month in Los Angeles. Proceeds will also benefit LA's BEST, which provides safe and supervised after-school education, enrichment and recreation programs for children ages five to twelve. "I was so impressed with all the colorful people that came to play, and with the generosity of the volunteers who helped put the game on; but, the best part about it was we raised a princely sum for the charity" said Shatner.

This report reflects the activities of Section 31 for the 2002 calendar year for Sol-3. The following officers of SFI and SFMC were successfully targeted during this time frame:

Wade Olson - Commandant/SFMC

Region 2 Summit - Private shuttlecraft impounded.

Mike Malotte - CS elect

Region 1 Summit - Compromising photos of CS elect with Agent Trout.

Dallas Vinson - Chief of Ops/SFI

Region 3 Summit - Private transport vehicle confiscated.

James Monroe-Senior Staff/SFMC

Personal Bodyguard for Federation President
Region 17 Summit - Private quarters sealed off. Presidential transport vehicle impounded.

Greg Trotter - Chief of Comm/SFI

STARFLEET International Conference

Aforementioned Agent Trout was presented to Admiral Trotter during the awards banquet as a dinner entrée.

Edgar Torres - CO/USS Osiris

Region 7 Summit - Agent Trout assumed the role of sashimi

Sanford Berenberg - CompOps elect/SFI

Watkins Glen Weekend -Agent Lambchop masqueraded as a dinner entree

Dennis Rayburn-SFI/SFMC

Watkins Glen Weekend - Attempted

assassination by Mad Cow Disease

The following starships now have Section 31 agents on board as crewmembers: USS Alioth, USS Asimov, USS Avenger, USS Delta House, USS Draco, USS Eagle, USS Edinburgh, USS Highlander, USS Osiris, USS Peacekeeper, USS Stormbringer.

This year also saw the creation of Section 31's subsidiary Section 31-A. Remarks from the Deputy Director of 31-A are as follows:

The 2003 calendar year will mark a new beginning for Subsidiary 31-A. Section 31-A's report being submitted from the 3rd rock from the sun.

Final remarks from the Director:

This was a very productive year.

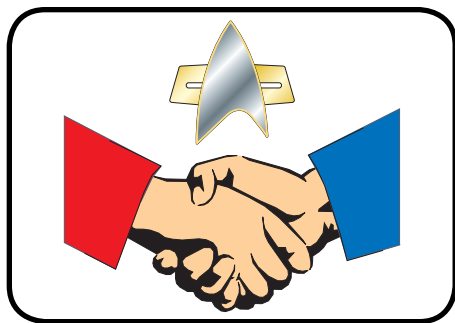
We met all of our goals. More importantly, we made it clear that no one is safe from Section 31.

This year also saw the creation of the Section 31 Special Victims Unit.

There has been a renewed interest for people wishing to become members of Section 31.

For all who wish to aspire to this level, you may place an announcement within IRC or on the STARFLEET/STARFLEET Marine Corps Listserv's. From there, the decision to notify any and all will be made.

I wish all Section 31 agents the best in the coming new year



CARL'S COUPON CORNER

By Commodore Carl Lewis • STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP
Artwork Created By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

Greetings STARFLEET. As many of you know, the Overseas Coupon Project has changed its name to the Overseas Coupon Program OCP. There have been a number of changes to the program, none of which will cause any problems for those taking part in OCP. For more information on those changes, please visit the OCP website <http://www.OCPnet.org>—and read the FAQ.

I have been viewing the new website and it is coming along nicely. I did notice, however, that the STARFLEET totals are way off. I presume that this is due to the program changing over and the usual glitches in reporting that happens when a program changes like this. This is something that we can all help to correct.

I would like to get a report from each STARFLEET chapter of how many coupons they have sent off in 2002. According to the OCP websites both old and new—a total of 1,322,223.05 has been collected program-wide and sent off in 2002. I am sure we have collected and sent off more than this and would like to get this info so we can get the website updated more accurately. The site also shows that only around 35-40 chapters are participating. That is almost half of what we had participating last year.

Send a report of the totals to me at co@ussdominator.org with a copy going to Eddie Allen III (eddieallen3@mchsi.com). I would like to get the totals updated so that all chapters and individuals can see where the program stands.

The following info is provided for everyone to look at and verify. If it is incorrect, please let us know. This is current as of October 14.

Shuttle Nemesis – \$3,268.86
U.S.S. Asgard – \$54,821.78
U.S.S. Charleston – \$26,192.23
U.S.S. Hornet – \$13,303.23
U.S.S. Jamestown – \$10,579.08
U.S.S. Jurassic – \$6,274.71
U.S.S. Maat – \$36,627.65
U.S.S. Maelstrom – \$70,028.10
U.S.S. Ronald E. McNair – \$2,626.71
U.S.S. Tycho – \$5,000.00
Region One Total – \$228,722.35

U.S.S. DaVinci – \$13,502.38
U.S.S. Draeknfire – \$1,117.00
U.S.S. Guardian – \$25,591.86
U.S.S. Haise – \$2,611.55
U.S.S. Triumph – \$4,072.05
Region Two Total – \$46,894.84

U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus – \$2,209.30
U.S.S. Joan of Arc – \$2,519.75
Region Three Total – \$4,729.05

U.S.S. Angelfire – \$139,799.07
U.S.S. Centurion – \$4,613.36
U.S.S. Peacekeeper – \$691.60
Region Four Total – \$145,104.03

U.S.S. Pendragon – \$17.70
U.S.S. Rubicon – \$44,012.22
Region Five Total – \$44,029.92

Shuttle St. George – \$648.12
U.S.S. Czar'ak – \$3,110.90
Region Six Total – \$3,759.02

Shuttle Flying Fox – \$299.66
U.S.S. Albany – \$26,068.68
Region Seven Total – \$33,257.09

U.S.S. Crystal Star – \$1,891.56
Region Ten Total – \$1,891.56

U.S.S. Bortas – \$739.05
U.S.S. Discovery – \$54,615.39
U.S.S. Hexum – \$8,536.34
U.S.S. Horizon – \$48,802.92

U.S.S. Marko Ramius – \$15,905.42
U.S.S. Mystique – \$772.22
Region Twelve Total – \$129,371.34

U.S.S. Alioth – \$14,631.09
U.S.S. Mir – \$3,737.39
Region Seventeen Total – \$18,368.48

Current Total - STARFLEET: \$656,127.68

I ask that all STARFLEET chapters send their coupon totals to Eddie and I whenever you mail them off. A simple email is perfect. This way we can keep the totals up to date and everyone can see where the program stands.

If you have any questions, you can contact me and I will find the answers or forward the email to someone who has the answer you seek.

I look forward to hearing from everyone and can't wait for the program to kick into high gear.

Thanks go out to Eddie Allen III for his work in getting the program running again after the changeover. Another big thank you goes out to everyone who has sent off coupons. I know that they are being very well used and appreciated.

STARFLEET ONLINE DIRECTORY

By Commodore Michael Dugas • USS White Star, STARFLEET Region 13

Have you ever needed to find an e-mail address for someone in Fleet?

Have you ever visited the Starfleet chat rooms and wondered "Who the heck is that?!"

Have you ever tried to figure out if anyone from the USS Jaguar is online?

Well wonder no more! You can find answers to those questions in the Fleet Online Directory (<http://www.sfi.org/directory>), an online 'white pages' for fleet members.

The Online Directory has been under my care since it was moved to the World Wide Web, about eight years now. We started with just a simple list, which was started before my time on the FidoNet TrekNet BBS network, and it has grown to a database with over one thousand members listed.

So what can to the latest version of the Directory do for you? When you visit the page, you are given three immediate options: lookup by last name, lookup by chapter, and lookup by region. Simply enter the person's last name or the name of the chapter, or select the region to view – and you'll be good to go.

You can almost always 'drill down' for more information, ultimately getting to a page where you can view detailed information about the member, including a photo, if one has been submitted.

Members can also add, edit or delete their information from the directory themselves. This helps members be more "in control" of

the data that is available on the Internet, and keeps the lists up-to-date in real time. There are security controls in place to try and curb any problems with defacement or vandalism of user data.

One question that is often asked is if the Online Directory is connected to the STARFLEET Computer Operations Membership database.

The answer is No.

The Directory is kept independent of the CompOps database to ensure member security and privacy. People listed in the directory are there because they have, at one point, provided their information for the directory.

If you are in the directory and no longer wish to be listed, you can either delete your information yourself, or you can drop me a line at directory@sfi.org and we'll get the change made.

There are more changes coming for the Online Directory soon! We'll be returning the lookup by IRC nickname feature soon, and we'll be adding support for members upload their own photos to the Directory. We'll also be adding additional security and validation steps.

So enjoy the Online Directory! Naturally, if you have any questions, concerns, or have some information that needs to be changed, feel free to drop me a line at directory@sfi.org.

If you have a photo that you'd like to have displayed on your Directory entry, please e-mail it to me at directory@sfi.org.

CAUGHT IN THE WEB!

By Lt. Cmdr. Karen Mitchell • USS Richthofen, STARFLEET Region 7

At the urging of a good friend, who shall remain nameless, since he's probably forgotten the conversation, I've decided to drag an old monthly newsletter column of mine out of mothballs. *Caught in the Web* is a website review column, an effort to sift through the cyberspace halls of Trekdom and give you something to do when you're bored online.

Each column will feature two or three sites for your surfing perusal. This edition will focus on one of my favorite parts of fandom: fanfic. Comments, questions, website suggestions, and photos of Connor Trinneer (a.k.a. Trip Tucker) in his blue skivvies can be directed to terpette@erols.com.

Our first site takes us to the mysterious, secretive world of printed 'zines. Secret and mysterious because they're so hard to find these days, what with the popularity of online fiction archives! The site is *Agent with Style*, located at:

<http://www.agentwithstyle.com>

The site is a clearinghouse of 'zines from just about every fandom imaginable.

This site gets top kudos from me because the folks that run it make a lot of con dealer appearances, including two of my favorites, Shore Leave and Farpoint. You can order your 'zines online and pick them up at a con or have them mailed. They also offer gift certificates.

If online fanfic is more your style, or is friendlier to your wallet, there are tons of archive sites you can choose from.

One of my faves is the *Trekiverse* is the following:

<http://www.trekiverse.org/frame.html>

This site doubles as alt.startrek.creative's official archive. The stories are archived by author, pairing, and title. I find the title index the most helpful, as it breaks down the stories by series and type of content. Please note that there are slash stories here, so browse the adult section at your own risk.

No listing of fanfic sites would be complete without some sort of "writing fanfic for dummies" site included.

I've found something even better: a site that not only tells you what not to do with your fiction, but shows you: "*Bad Fanfic! No Biscuit!*", located at:

<http://www.englishchick.com/badfic/>

While not specifically Trek or sci-fi, I've found it to be an excellent and funny read, even though I'm guilty of some of the same "badfic" errors in my own writing.

The lessons include a list of common errors, a section on sex scene tips, and an interview with that most infamous of badfic problems, Mary Sue. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll never make the same trite mistakes in your own fanfic again.

And that's all for now. I'd love some suggestions on what topic to do next issue. See you all then, same turtle time, same turtle channel.



USS FRANCIS MARION COMMISSIONS

By Captain Julie James • Executive Officer, USS Francis Marion, STARFLEET Region 1
Artwork Created By Rear Admiral David James • STARFLEET Region 1

Greeting fellow Fleeters! It is my honor and my privilege to inform you of the commissioning of the Francis Marion a shuttle of the USS Normandy to the U.S.S. Francis Marion NCC-2006. The commissioning ceremony was held in the main lobby of the MainStay Suites on Pelham Road in Greenville South Carolina on October 19th, 2002.

In attendance were the Commanding Officer, Rear Admiral David James, the Executive Officer Captain Julie James, as well as our two daughters Dakota and Tiffany and the ship's Second Officer, Lieutenant Guy Blandford. Visiting from the USS Malverne were Commodore Kimberly Brooks the Operations Officer, as well as her daughter Lieutenant Morgan Kirby, Chief Communications Officer, and the CO, Admiral Tony Rowley. Putting in a special appearance were Captain Ann Marie Reilly from the USS Avenger and Commodore Carl Lewis CO of the USS Dominator out of Charleston, SC, and Region1 NC/SC Section Representative, and his wife Lt. Rita Lewis also of the USS Dominator.

Once everyone had arrived and settled in, the group headed to a local Ruby Tuesday's restaurant, for some much needed sustenance and conversation, as most had been traveling much of the day. From there we went back to the hotel where the group gathered in the lobby after donning uniforms and putting up ceremonial decorations. Before the official ceremonies commenced, Rear Admiral James promoted our Second Officer to Lieutenant Commander as well



The crew of the USS Francis Marion (and friends!)
Photo courtesy of Julie James

as presenting his Executive Officer Commander Julie James with her promotion to Captain. Admiral Rowley had a promotion of his own to grant to Morgan Kirby. Congratulations to all!

Admiral Rowley, being the highest-ranking officer present had the honor of officiating over the ceremony. Granting Rear Admiral James the rights and privileges granted to commanding officer aboard the newly commissioned U.S.S. Francis Marion. A bottle of sparkling cider was even bestowed upon the CO and his crew.

After a round of photos Carl and Rita departed for Charleston, SC as they had a long drive ahead. We adjourned to one of the rooms for some drinking and Fleet discussions. I think I can speak for everyone when I say a great time was had by all. The next day we took a short sight seeing trip through Greenville, and a visit to the local Krispy Kreme bakery where we of course had to obtain samples. Region 7 knew the doughnuts were on the way before they got there, I only hope Ann Marie and Guy had some left. We all had a wonderful time with old friends and the making of new ones. I only wish more guests could have attending to share in our victory with us.

I would like to offer thanks for the CO and myself to everyone who was able to come and be with us as we brought the Francis Marion into the Fleet as well as for making it a most enjoyable and memorable occasion. Thanks also to Commodore Kimberly Brooks for providing photos of the event.

Admiral's Log: Stardate 0209.14
(Earthdate: Sept. 14, 2002)

I started out the day by doing a little last minute cleaning, getting Jurassic HQ in fairly good shape. Then I had to finish up an inter-ship delivery. Our chief Medical Officer Sharon was due to arrive sometime during the afternoon. Since Sharon is also the Region 1's RDC of Medical, I had a message and a package for her from Meg Roach, Chief Medical Officer of the USS Appomattox in Virginia. It was an embroidered square for the medical department quilt Sharon is making.

This square had the Appomattox ship's logo and Medical department logo embroidered on it. When Sharon arrived she showed me the square she is working on for the USS Jurassic. WOW! It is really nice. Sharon has asked all the ships in Region 1 to create a square for the quilt, and they are just starting to get to her. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

As I was working on finishing up some things, Engineer Jerry arrived by shuttle. He brought lots of food, including his universally famous lemon cake. I can't tell you how good this cake tastes, because there just aren't words to describe it. I think he stole the recipe from a chef on Cestius III, because the Mighty Gorn loves this cake also.

Jerry and the Mighty Gorn set about moving the amateur radio equipment and laptop computer to the deck on the back of Jurassic HQ. They had the radio station setup by the time Bill, from the Communications Department arrived.

USS JURASSIC EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By Admiral Carolyn Donner • USS Jurassic, STARFLEET Region 1

Being an engineering officer, Jerry immediately noticed that our propane tank for our grill was not properly aligned with the grill. After consulting with Bill and the Mighty Gorn, Jerry and Bill took it apart and re-assembled it to specs. They also setup the canopy where the food table was located, and it's a good thing they did, too.

Our anniversary party was held in conjunction with an amateur radio special event. After all we are a Star Trek and an Amateur Radio club affiliated with both STARFLEET and the American Radio Relay League.

At 1300 hours local time (EDT), we powered up the radio and started calling "CQ Special Event". We were celebrating the USS Jurassic's 8th anniversary and wanted to tell the world about it.

During the afternoon between 1300 and 1700 hours local time, we chatted with people from all over the USA and Canada. Amateur radio special events are celebrated first with making a contact over the radio. Then the person who

contacted us, sends us a QSL card and a 9 X 12 SASE. We then send them a special certificate commemorating the special event. Of course we also take the opportunity to send them lots of information about the USS Jurassic club and STARFLEET.

It's nice to read messages written on the cards, like, "Sounds like a good club. I've been a fan from the beginning and still enjoy all the new Star Trek series." I talked to one person who said, "I thought I was familiar with all the ships in the American fleet but I don't recall a USS Jurassic." I laughed and told him we were in a different fleet, STARFLEET! He got a big kick out of that.

About an hour into the special event time, we had to stop because of a thunderstorm, which wasn't supposed to arrive until the next day.

We shut down the radio, unplugged everything including the antenna, and turned on the grill

instead. By this time Chief Medical officer Sharon and her husband, Scott had arrived and joined in the fun. While Gary (the Mighty Gorn), Bill, and Paul set on the deck enjoying the cool breeze, Jerry, Sharon, and I were under the canopy keeping the food dry. OK, the food wasn't in danger, but you've got to admit we were in the best location. We did try to keep the rainwater from pooling on top of the canopy and causing it to collapse.

We grilled out Brontosaurus burgers and pterodactyl patties (earthlings usually call them hamburgers and chicken patties), and served them with all the trimmings, including chips, cheese ball, tomatoes, onions, cheese, catsup, mustard, etc. I'm quite sure no one was going to starve that day.

After the rain stopped we plugged the radio back in and continued to make contacts. By 5 p.m. we had about 78 contacts, and someone said, "Let's keep going until we get 80 because that will be 10 for each year we've been a club, so that's what we did."

Contacts were made with amateur radio stations in OH, LA, TX, NJ, NY, FL, IN, IL, PA, OK, MN, VT, MS, IA, WI, TN, NE, MA, NH, MO, AZ, WA, CA, Ontario and Quebec in Canada, and Spain.

Following the amateur radio activities, we had more grilled food and enjoyed catching up on what Sharon had been doing since we last saw her (6 years ago). The last of the crew left Jurassic HQ about 2100 hours local time. All in all we had a great time and ate far too much.



Dr. Thomas Jones, four-time shuttle astronaut and Baltimore native, made an appearance at the College Park Aviation Museum in Maryland on October 20. This was his second visit to the area, having made a speech in November 2001 Goddard Spaceflight Center's Flying Club. Co-author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to NASA" (Alpha Books, \$18.95) - "My wife says I'm the perfect guy to write it" - he is currently working on "Rendezvous With Destiny," an accounting of what he calls "what I've been able to experience in my 11 years at NASA." Dr. Jones was selected as an astronaut in 1990, and his last mission was the culmination of his dreams when he helped install the Destiny laboratory module to the International Space Station in 2001.

His interest in space began in 1960, when he was five, and received a book known as "Space Flight". Published before the first manned spaceflight, it contained many drawings by noted space artist Chesley Bonestell. One particular scene in "Space Flight" showed a space shuttle servicing a telescope while a space station orbited nearby, a scene that would reach fruition forty years later.

Back then, the road to the stars began with test pilot school, and Dr. Jones started on that road by applying to the Air Force Academy. His resolve was further bolstered when he underwent pilot training in Oklahoma in 1978. Dr. Owen Garriott, an astronaut who had flown on Skylab and would later fly on the first Spacelab flight, lived nearby and would fly out in his NASA T-38, landing at the same airfield. During those occasions, Dr. Jones would lay his hands on the airplane, and imagine what it would be like to be an astronaut.

His journey took a sharp detour after pilot training when he was assigned as a pilot and aircraft commander of a B-52 bomber. Dr. Jones was disappointed. "How many test pilots you know fly bombers?" he asked. Nevertheless, he called his time as a bomber pilot as an

SPACE WAS A JONES FOR DR. TOM JONES

By Hartriono B. Sastrwardoyo • Shuttle Poteidaia, STARFLEET Region 7

"instructive way to spend five years," where he learned about teamwork and flying together as a crew, lessons that would prove important in the multi-crewed shuttle missions he would later fly.

It was during pilot training that he heard NASA had a new class of astronauts called mission specialists who didn't need test pilot school to fly. He resigned from the Air Force in 1983 and worked on his Ph.D., where his research included the remote sensing of asteroids and meteorite spectroscopy. Dr. Jones also further bolstered his chances of being selected as an astronaut by serving as a program management engineer for the CIA's Office of Development and Engineering.

Twice Dr. Jones applied, and twice he was turned down. On his third application he was selected, and in April 1994 was assigned to STS-59, the first flight of the Space Radar Laboratory, used to gather data about Earth's changing environment. A second flight five months later focused on seasonal changes, and also flew over the same areas as did the first mission, allowing scientists to create accurate topographical maps.



Keeping up with the Jones: (L-R)
Hartriono B. Sastrwardoyo meets former astronaut Dr. Thomas Jones
Photo courtesy of "Just Jim," Shuttle Poteidaia.

Dr. Jones called his first mission a "great flight for a rookie like me," since it focused on and utilized his work in planetary science. His third flight, on STS-80 in November 1996, saw the deployment and retrieval of the Wake Shield Facility; a satellite used in the manufacture of semiconductors, and was supposed to be the first space walks from the shuttle Columbia to test tools for the construction of the space station.

As a historian, Dr. Jones said it was a privilege to fly on the first shuttle. But it didn't seem like such a joy then when a balky screw stuck in the gears of the airlock first postponed, then canceled, the space walks altogether. "While I was disappointed, I thanked God for all the blessings on that trip. The science satellite was going well, I was weightless in space with four friends, and looking out the window I was just struck by the beauty outside. Thanksgiving came, it was just a few days late, that's all," he commented.

On his last mission, which occurred in February 2001, Dr. Jones finally got his spacewalk. He showed a video of that flight, and described the

ascent as akin to "like going down a dirt road doing 50 mph in a pickup." All the while he was wondering, "Is this really happening?" When he got outside of the shuttle and helped to install the Destiny module, it was hard to believe that it was happening to him. "What a gorgeous sight," he mused, pausing for a moment. "Sunrise on the Earth, with the darkness below." The STS-98 flight marked the start of onboard scientific research on the International Space Station.

What does Dr. Jones see as the future of space exploration? He answered that question with a question of his own: "What do we want to do as a follow up to the space station?" He further said, "What's next in space is a big blank sheet of paper. Where we are going is all up to us. Do we utilize the space near the Earth for economic and commercial development? What's most likely to make space pay off?"

While some would like to see a return to the moon, others a mission to Mars, Dr. Jones' favorite would be to explore the near-Earth asteroids. He cites that from the asteroids one would be able to find water. "Water is life and treasure in space," he said, and it could be able to be broken down into its constituent parts for breathing oxygen and hydrogen to "fill up your tanks for a Mars expedition with it." In addition, with the number of asteroids making near-hits on the Earth (one estimated the size of a football field missed Earth in June 2002 by only 75,000 miles, about one-third the distance to the moon, making the near collision one of the closest ever recorded), exploring near-Earth asteroids would enable mankind to "take out an insurance policy" and perhaps "protect us from the fate of the dinosaurs."

Dr. Jones' talk was the first in a series of lectures by the Museum highlighting the past, present, and future of aviation. For more information on the College Park Aviation Museum, visit their website at <http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com>.

BAJORAN CEREMONY

By Captain Lisa Miller • Greywolf Station, STARFLEET Region 5

Our greatest festival of thanks is called the Gratitude Festival. This ceremony of thanks involves the ceremonial burning of renewal scrolls inscribed with personal problems. A speech is given by a religious leader or a person of great importance to the ceremony. It is written phonetically and should be spoken in turn as the sacred flame is lit; this is usually done using a mixture of chemicals. The Presider also has the honor of placing the first scroll in the fire "Tesra Peldar Impadre Bren. Bentel Veytan Olan Sten." "As the scrolls burn, may our troubles turn to ashes with them."

It is a time of thanks for the harvest that the prophets have given to us, a time to write down the fears and troubles that burden us, and place them into the fire and their ashes rises up to the celestial temple.

On September 21 members of the USS Kensington, Greywolf Station and the House of Qultaj joined up at Veterans Park in Boise, Idaho, to take part in this wondrous event. Dressed in Bajoran costumes we all gathered near the outdoor amphitheater to dress it up as the Bajoran Temple. Klingons and Starfleet personnel joined as well.

We all must have made an impression, because when we arrived there was a huge family get together, but as the members of the Bajorans and other cultures arrived, they took one look

at us and quickly left to go to the other side of the park. What a shame! They would have been invited!

Despite of being blurry eyed from the long hours of sewing these costumes Captain Diana Hoff and Captain Jolynn Whitaker (Brown) showed early to get things set up. Even Kiva, the Greywolf station's mascot, even took part in the festival and was the hit with all the even those who were just walking by.

We could not have asked for a better day for the festival, for the previous week it had been cold and rainy, but the prophets were with us and the day was warm and sunny with a slight breeze to make it a little more comfortable to those of us in those heavy Bajoran robes.

After some delay, the temple was set up and the ritual began. The fire was lit in the cauldron, the scrolls passed and the participants wrote down things that they wanted to banish from their lives. From there, these scrolls were then tossed into the fire.

Then it was on to the feast, in which only fruits and breads and vegetables were served, for this was a harvest festival. This year was only opened to the crews of the ships but we are hopeful to open it up to the public next year. Hopefully we can find an indoor place so that some of us won't be so sun burned.

GOLDSTONE TOUR

By Lt. Cmdr. Pamela Michaud • USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1

After you pass through the gates of the US Army's National Training Center, Ft. Irwin California, a blue sign off to the right of the road catches your attention. The sign reads JPL Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex. What's JPL doing way out here, you ask yourself. There's nothing here but sand, hills and blistering heat. My curiosity got the better of me one late summer evening as I took a drive to see what was there. Satellite dishes are seen from the housing area where I live on Ft. Irwin.

Some of you may be wondering what the heck is a National Training Center is and some of you with military service; especially Army may know what it is. The National Training Center is where various Army units within the US send components of troops out to train in desert warfare. The fort is 38 miles north of Barstow, California and accessible by a 45 minute drive upon a long asphalt ribbon of a road that winds through the desert. The Fort is desolate with Los Angeles about two hours or so away as is Las Vegas.

But nestled within the hills of Ft. Irwin lies Goldstone. After seeing tours are offered I went on one. Tours start at 9 am and showcase the 14 antennas that resemble giant satellite dishes that communicate with robotic spacecraft exploring different parts of the solar system. One such antenna is the largest at Goldstone

measuring 76 meters high; weighing more than 8,000 tons with a diameter of 70 meters is used to communicate with the Mars Global Surveyor.

The tour begins with an orientation of the deep space program, visitors are the shown the museum which houses the history of the program and ongoing projects. Currently the antennas are tracking a number of satellites, including the Mars Global Surveyor, which is mapping landing sites on Mars for future missions and Stardust which is scheduled to encounter the Wilt 2 comet in 2004 to collect dust that is billions of years old. Also noted was that one of the antennas is being used in partnership with the Lewis Center for Educational Research in Apple Valley, California to offer students across the country the opportunity to participate in radio astronomy via the Internet.

After viewing the museum the next part of the tour are three antennas where visitors take a closer look. The final antenna is about the size of a football field. You can actually walk under and inside the antenna to view the control room.

Unknown to many here and possibly elsewhere contact is made with deep space every day. The tours help people see the magic behind this mystery.

"I would imagine my interest in science was due to my parents who seized upon my interest in designing and building things. Back in the 60's you could buy children's chemistry and physics sets but my longing was for technology. You have to remember that the home PC has not been around that long - it is still an infant."

When it came time to leave school and get a job I had two offers on the table: either working as a shop assistant or working as a specialist technician in electronics at University College London (UCL). I opted for the obvious choice at UCL and the work proved stimulating and bizarre. I was immersed and bathed in all manner of scientific experiments requiring electronic equipment. Some of the equipment was very specialized but it was leading edge science and it captured my imagination

UCL allowed a day release at college scheme for its employees so I got some basic exams, which we call City and Guilds. City and Guilds are more like trade exams rather than academic, although I did take a degree course in Business Studies graduating in 1999 at the age of 46.

I had always been seen in magazines, as I see myself very much like Dax in DS9, i.e. gender was never an issue...? Dax could be either gender but is still Dax.

Even as a teenager I cared not for the social side of life, but preferred to stay in my home-built lab that the family referred to as 'the back kitchen.' The back kitchen was located in the upstairs flat as my parents had taken over the whole house and the upstairs living room had become my bedroom. In my lab nobody could bully me or tell me what to do. I could play at being a scientist and build and create all kinds of things. You see school was horrendous. It was an inner London School where many of the teachers had no control over the students. In fact many teachers were frightened of the students! No control in the classroom meant gangs and for me daily bullying. This scared me off wanting to be a social person in my youth. The key advantage of having my lab was the opportunity to be able to teach myself from the school lesson books or have the teachers set personal classroom exercises. I am an inventive person looking for ideas and ways around challenges.

Back in my early twenties, my career with UCL allowed me to develop the first continuity checker. This device checks the conductivity of cable, ideal if you are running very long lengths of cable and need to check for breaks. The device caught the imagination of other technicians and demand for the product grew very quickly. Unfortunately not being a businessperson at the time, I missed this golden moment and it was not long before an electronics company produced something similar. Oh well what will be will be!

My interest in science and technology has been with me since very early years, I remember the magic of the first moon landing, the first Star Trek and Star Wars. Yet there was this affinity for Star Trek. It was not so much the storylines, in fact I felt some them to be unworthy of the series, but the science and technology behind Star Trek that held my fascination. As human advancement in medical technology progressed it is like watching a mirror image of the concepts we have all seen in the Star Trek. For example the doctor's Hypo Spray is now in military use. High-pressure guns fire medication through the skin of troops. We have scanners like the MRI that can see inside our bodies. The list is endless. Then there is the personal computer, what an innovation that has proven to be.

My life is ambition-driving achievement against sometimes, impossible odds. Take my



Just scale it up a few thousand times and it be ready to cruise the final frontier:
Above are some pictures of a Monogram model of the USS Voyager, which is fully lit from the inside with customised working landing pad for their shuttlecraft and a backlit Deflector Dish.

Photo courtesy of Stephenie Robinson

degree for example, the only reason I did this was simply that I was too sick to work and was waiting for treatment on my heart to put me back on track. Student life was three years of home, university and hospital with little or no social excursions. There was also the opportunity to study a year in the US, but my sickness negated this opportunity. Did this stop the drive? You bet it didn't! In my freshman year I won first prize Business Excellence award, came runner up in the Financial Times Newspaper and Natwest Bank PLC Business Ethics competition. By my second year at university I had a seat on the board of governors.

As time has developed it was discovered that two small strokes have occurred, now I cannot go for aerobic exercise without endangering myself. Is it frustrating? Of course; does it stop me? No way, so life comes back full circle. My interest in construction kits and model building rekindled with a renewed interest in Star Trek thanks to Captain Janeway and her crew. Voyager's adventures in getting home so paralleled my life in just trying to keep ahead of the game, that I would not miss a show unless I had to. The cuddly bit

to all this are my wonderful nieces and nephews. They love having an aunt who is a little eccentric. Sunday used to be a family gathering day, and Voyager would be transmitted at 6.45pm on BBC2. I would don my Captain Janeway uniform and the children would all have Star Trek Comm. badges (ah to be young with a mind full of ideas and imagination). For those 45 minutes their mums and dads would not hear a peep.

However, just when things appear to ease up another issue that plagues my life, severe debilitating migraine headaches that can mimic a full-blown stroke. So to gentler pursuits. Last winter I went to a Sci Fi convention in Docklands, and behold found Voyager (the only Monogram construction model in the entire convention). As Paramount has withdrawn both DS9 and Voyager licenses, these models are like gold dust, so I paid £75.00 for the ship. However when the building began it seemed to lack a certain something. There was no life in Voyager so apart from upside down Bussard Collectors (my fault - must be the migraines) the decision was to compliment the model with internal lighting plus an electronically driven landing pad that displays patterns of light in unison with the transfers.

How was it done? Simple really, I cut out the whole landing pad area and raised it a few millimeters to provide space underneath. With a trusty illuminated magnifier lens, the sort you find in beauty salons, I used micro LED's mounted behind a small piece of scrap Perspex. On the underside of the Perspex I glued the micro LED's then connected them with very fine strands of wire stripped out of an old cable. The electronics were mounted in the hull underneath the wire frame used for the internal lighting. Although it was thicker at the back it allowed me to micro wire everything together. This has impressed everyone that has seen my Voyager. As per the Voyager on the show I put three small red LED's at the rear of the ship. In the hull are two very small buttons that switch the timing and pattern. The whole ship has around 70 small LED's for windows and warp drive engines. The big disappointment was that the deflector dish was original molded in opaque plastic and not clear plastic.

So with a little thought and some help from my hairdresser Sam who loves making roman castings in plaster for his Salon. He advised me to visit a shop called Tiranti that sold casting equipment and was based in the west end of London. Here was the answer to my quest, so armed with clear casting plastic and rubber mould solution I remodeled the complete deflector array and back-lit it in the colors as shown on the box. Effective or what? Now the deflector dish and all lit components are lit. If you add up all the time and effort and parts this ship has taken in its construction it would cost at least £2,500.00. Perhaps one day it will go on sale and fetch even more? It took around three months but the children love it and want to play with it (don't think so)

Both Voyager and DS9 have kits are gone from the shelves so I bought an extra DS9 and I have even got a Lost in Space silver chrome Jupiter 2 Saucer 1 of only 5000 made which will go on Ebay for sale at some point. Manufactured by a company called Polar Lights this has to be a collector's piece. Sometimes I wish I had more time to do all the things that grab my interest. With great ideas pouring out of my mind constantly it is a shame there is not enough opportunity to explore this inventive side of my life more fully.

I have been married and have two sons who think that being in a mental institute for the over zealous Trekkies might be an answer to my weird ideas, but once an engineer always an engineer. Joining STARFLEET was to get me back into socializing with like minded people, but alas the R20 division and its unit called USS Valiant never really took off as it should have. So back to my bedroom home lab I went. We moved to a flat and I live with my elderly Mum, but hey we need to take more care of our parents as each moment spent with them is very precious and our lives are short on planet Earth. Perhaps Star Trek insurrection holds some clues to longevity?

So for my next mission? My greatest wish would be to act in a Star Trek film, go to A Star Trek premier or if not have a full Star Trek funeral, go out with a bang as they say! Meanwhile next mission of interest is to build a working model of the Time Machine as seen from the latest film. Perhaps get married again to a STARFLEET Admiral and have a great life. What more could anyone ask. Leaving you with one final THOUGHT:

'No matter what people think, keep your heart true and your direction defined for a clear mind and boldness is our passport to great things.

My Thanks to CQ for giving me this opportunity to share with you!



TIME TRAVEL

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Greetings and felicitations to all.

Last issue we looked at the effects of time travel on reality.

This issue, we're going to look at the primary Principles and Theories of Time.

The Principles And Theories Of Time

Temporal Exclusion (The Singularity Principle)

No traveler can clock into a period he already occupies (see Temporal Snarl) or exist more than once in the same event location. This principle is enforced by the fact that each and every event entity has a unique Quantum Signature, defining its existence and location in space-time.

No two objects with the same quantum signature may exist within a spatial radius of 5-10 miles (8-16km) of the same event location. Since this may only occur through the use of time travel, this principle effectively prevents time travelers from physically interacting with their past or future selves.

If you try to clock to a time where you have "already" (in your own absolute past) been, several things can happen:

- You can bounce - The attempted trip fails.
- You can wind up at the wrong time. Usually

you go farther back than you planned, sometimes a lot farther back. But you might wind up just before, or just after, the stretch of time you already occupy.

- You can travel randomly through time/space.
- You can wind up in Limbo. Limbo is just a theory, a term to describe the place travelers go when they vanish and are never seen again.

The quantum signature of an event entity may be altered by extreme changes in its physical nature, such as molecular manipulation, smelting, or in the case of living beings, aging. For example, the quantum signature of a human being gradually changes with time, as the atoms in his or her body are slowly replaced. This changes the quantum signature enough to avoid looping in approximately seven to ten years.

By introducing a random oscillation into a subject's quantum signature, it is possible to temporarily bypass this law. However the technology required, known as a Temporal Isolator, is currently only 50% effective. If a subject is in close proximity (four to five meters) with an earlier self when the isolator fails, the result can be the catastrophic event referred to as Chronal Annihilation.

Instead of looping, the displaced energy of temporal inertia crushes the two versions of the subject together, causing an extremely localized

fusion reaction. This occurrence so disrupts the causal flow that it becomes a meta-event, a permanent disturbance that remains even if history is altered to prevent it.

The Theory Of Temporal Expansion

Time expands to accommodate events. This controversial theory was first posited in the early 21st Century by Professor Louise Gray in her book **Mystic Physics: Why the truth doesn't want to be found**. It states that the timeline of each parallel is expanding to accommodate the history within it.

This means in effect that history, and indeed time itself, has a leading edge beyond which nothing exists, and that this leading edge is moving, creating the future at a rate observable in Absolute Time (see below). The leading edge is defined as a sort of 'true present', independent of the infinite present experienced by sapiens living throughout history. This leading edge moves forwards, creating history by collapsing probability structures into events.

However, without observation in absolute time, this theory is unprovable, since any traveler within the timeline attempting to move forward beyond the leading edge would simply be collapsing further probabilities, creating events and moving the leading edge onwards.

This theory may go some way to explaining the

phenomenon of extra-temporal meta-events. These are events that apparently defy the law of temporal preservation, having an effect that moves both downtime and uptime. The best-known example of this is the so-called Paradigm Shift, and is derived from the idea that the observer creates reality. The paradigm shift, an event so far unobserved in absolute time, theoretically occurs when a new belief system gains dominance among a given sentient population. When this occurs, the combined will of the population can reshape the parallel around them.

This effect moves backwards in time, remaking history to match the current reality. However, it must be noted that this is purely a theory, and one that finds little favor among (DELETED) temporal physicists.

Absolute Time

Also known as 'Imaginary Time', this is the 'time' experienced in phase space, in which the rate of historical change and temporal flow can be measured. Absolute time exists only for an observer in phase space, but it can be expressed in terms of normal time (often referred to as real time, though this is a misnomer). The Kleindast

Absolute Time equations enable (DELETED) to measure the speed of temporal disturbances such as the time wave or timequake, and estimate the subjective time available before impact on a specified time zone.

On Sunday, September 8th, members of the 7th Fleet celebrated the 36th anniversary of the premiere of Star Trek with a bang, the bang of bowling bowls against bowling pins that is. The USS Thagard sponsored a bowling marathon to benefit its primary charity, Project H.O.M.E.; and 15 bowlers from three ships (Thagard, Adamant and Ascension), including a group that traveled all the way to the Philadelphia area from Staten Island, NY (Thagard member Cheri Rosen and her friends Gabe and Michele), took up the challenge, taking over four lanes at the Facenda-Whitaker Bowling Center in Norristown to bowl for six straight hours.

Lots of fun was had by all as several people, including Thagard CMO Stephanie Campbell, attempted to bowl on two or three lanes at once. A few balls were dropped in the wrong direction and several people wowwed us with their bowling skill. Cheri Rosen surprised us by getting the first turkey (bowlingese for three strikes in row) of the day. Thagard members John and Mary Croak bowled the most games, eight each with Thagard members Francis Barron and Beth Mauch close on their heels with seven games a piece.

The top three bowlers were Ascension CO, Jim Pugliese, with a high score of 185, and Thagard members Francis Croak and Cheri Rosen with highs of 157 and 153 respectively. One of the highlights of the day was seeing Thagard CO Ty Campbell make the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of charity by actually wearing (and allowing himself to be photographed in) bowling shoes. The rest of our bowling contingent included Thagard members Beth Mauch, Steve Mauch and Susanna Reilly and

BOWLING FOR DOLLARS

Commander Susanna Reilly • Chief of Operations, USS Thagard, Region 7



Striking out: Members of the USS Thagard bowl for charity.

Photo courtesy of Susanna Reilly

Adamant CO Mary Ann Pugliese.

Francis Barron received a gift certificate to the United Artists theater for bringing in the most donations - \$220.00. Total donations reached \$910.00, which, combined with amounts brought in by other fundraising efforts, allowed Region 7's USS Thagard to present a check for \$1,000 to Project H.O.M.E. shortly after the bowling marathon.

Our gratitude and appreciation go out to all of the bowlers who gave so generously of their time, energy and funds to assist Project H.O.M.E. and to all the donors who supported us. Special thanks go to Thagard Sciences Chief Beth Mauch, who spent a great deal of time, effort and money organizing the marathon and working to ensure that the event would be a success so we could continue to support the worthy efforts of a deserving charity.

Project H.O.M.E. is an organization that assists the homeless in Philadelphia by providing support services such as health care, education and employment counseling to help families get back on their feet. Among its recent projects is the opening of two and three bedroom apartments in North Philadelphia for single women and their children, providing permanent housing combined with support services to help these families permanently overcome the obstacles that initially led them to become homeless.

The Thagard adopted Project H.O.M.E. as its official charity more than five years ago and since that time has raised over \$5,000 for the organization through merchandise sales, bowling marathons, yard sales and other activities. Thagard CO Ty Campbell III believes Project H.O.M.E. is a fitting charity for a STARFLEET chapter to support because, "Star Trek shows us a positive future where the citizens of planet Earth have learned to overcome their prejudices and work together for the betterment of mankind."

Project H.O.M.E. is the type of organization that will help us achieve that dream. It is an organization that doesn't just meet the immediate needs of the homeless, it teaches them skills that will help them lead independent, productive lives in the future."

To find out what the Thagard is up to next, visit our website at <http://www.ussthagard.net/>. To learn more about Project H.O.M.E. and its programs, follow the link on the USS Thagard's 'Charities' page or visit the website of the program directly at <http://www.projecthome.net/>.



IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR...

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January

The USS Highlander became the Flagship for the Fleet in 2002 Polar Bear Plunge. SFI had been granted a private booth by the Maryland State Police. This was only one of five private vendor booths. The turn out was beyond wildest dreams. Words will not describe what it was like to see so many fleters in Plunge sweatshirts at the Saturday night dinner at Buddy's Crabs and Ribs in Annapolis. The first plunge was a solo event in 2001. In the 2002 year, the Plunge encompassed Plungers from 3 countries and 6 time zones. (CQ 111)

February

A lot of thank you notes to the Maryland State Police as well as a lot of Certificates of appreciation for all involved in the 2002 Polar Bear Plunge. All the Plungers were thawing out in February.

March

The USS Highlander was scheduled to man the telephones for the US PBS station WPMT-TV 67. This was the same weekend as the R2 conference in Columbus, Georgia. So while the USS Highlander gave their all for Maryland Public Television, TV-67 in Owings Mills, Maryland, this Highlander went off to the R2 conf. The Con suite was always open for a place to sit, talk, deal with membership concerns or just plain have a meal. Which is to say that the folks in R2 saw to it that all who came to the conf were well taken care of.

It was also that weekend that my great aunt passed on. We had just recently given her a gift membership for SFI in December. Auntie (See: SFI's Oldest Member) was elated to see her name on a cert all her own. Upon my return to Baltimore I found myself having to find pallbearers in NY for Auntie. It was SFI to the rescue. The people who stood by Auntie at the end were all SFI.

And Life goes on...

The next event was the USS Highlander's annual March for the Animals. This is a fundraiser for the Maryland SPCA. Besides the obvious fundraising reasons, we do this in honor our CO, Gerri/Batman Wampler. Gerri is a professional handler and has shown at Westminster. The name of Whisper will forever echo in the hallowed halls of the Westminster Kennel Club.

April

I embarked on a quest for the 9/11 Flag (See: CQ 111). It was a shot in the dark. I missed the flag by only 2 days. This was also the time of the R1 conf was held at the base of the Great Smoky Mountains. It was this conference that I discovered that Wade Olson is a top-notch amateur botanist. Wade led an away mission to an area that contained a great many rare and endangered plants and flowers. It was one thing to view an endangered species. But to listen to the power and passion in Wade's voice, as though he could almost, by the power of his voice, will the botanical species off the endangered list. During the conference, Wade approached me with his dream of the SFMC's Toys for Tots drive, and that day will live in infamy.

There was the "Duckie" Race and the Saturday BBQ. Mike M. was having the time of his life, cooking dogs and burgers at poolside. What really stands out is the final dance at the R1 Banquet/Dance. I remember standing between Mike Malotte and Aaron Murphy. I thought of

all that I had been through in my lifetime, and the idea that fate had brought me to this place and group of people. It was overwhelming.

May

Highlander was on the move again for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon. The USS Highlander made plans for the annual Polar Bear Plunge Auction at the local area trek convention. The auction was held in July. It was during this month that I hit the end in my quest for the 9/11 Flag. I was very disappointed when that happened to say the least. I still don't know how Sandy Berenberg/CO-USS Edinburgh, put up with me while I was chasing after the flag. It really hurt not to obtain the flag for SFI and the IC.

June

It started with a trip to Texas for the R3 Summit. USS Comanche CO Liz Goulet greeted me at the airport with her daughter.

Finally I was able to meet in person my IRC friend, Dustin (CW) Williams. We had been talking via IRC and phone. But to finally meet the person, who called me friend sight unseen, was beyond words. The R3 summit was an adventure. Prior to the summit I went on a roommate list. I was hooked up with Tommy Holman. My first response was to ask, "Who is he? What does he do? Any references, any priors?" standard questions mind you. But all I had to hear was that Tommy was on Brad's (Pense) ship and that was good enough for me. Tommy is the best roomie anyone could ever have.

Alex and Helen Trevino were also on hand at the summit. It was heart warming to be greeted like family by them. They both came up to me and hugged me. From there, the orders were that I was going to dinner with them. I will always remember meeting with Robert Graham, USS Spirit Wolf. A brilliant soul. He went on to appear on "The Weakest Link".

One of the most memorable parts of the conf was seeing the look on Brad Pense's face during the opening ceremonies. I was called upon to go forward and speak on behalf of Membership Processing. Looking at Brad in his Indian Chief headdress and I said, "Nice to see the Washington Redskins were able to make it to the event." I thought for sure that SFI Admiral Vaughn Armstrong would fall off his chair laughing.

Next was R17, Las Cruces, NM. While I went south again, Sandy went north to R15. Between the 2 of us we kept both summits in touch. The road to R17 started in El Paso, Texas. At the R17 conf, I met many old and new friends.

After the summit it was a three man away mission to White Sands National Monument, and Roswell, NM. On the away mission I was accompanied by Jeff Spurgeon/USS Alioth and William "Biff" Bassett/USS Stormbringer. There was even time for a quick side trip to R18. Juarez, Mexico.

Then it was back to Baltimore, and the USS Highlander annual camp-out. It was a welcome respite to a very weary traveler. Not long after the R17 summit, I got a very nice thank you card from the USS Mir.

July

A trip on the 4th of July weekend to see a preview

of the new SFI database. From there it was a lot of questions and requests for the DB, listings, and totals for charity amounts raised and other PR matters.

From there was on to the USS Challenger's cook-out/pool party. Now who would have ever figured a need for a "SuperSoaker" water gun. This was also the time for the local Baltimore Trek con and the first annual SFI Breakfast (see: CQ 112).

August

IC 2002, San Jose. I was once again honored to be an assistant at the EC/AB meeting. And I do indeed consider it an honor. In addition to being named the SFMC Marine Volunteer of the Year, it was unforgettable. Then there was the comment from the CS as regards the folks from R7. Everyone was watching the R7 contingent doing the "Star Wars Macarena". To which the CS said, "You people in R7 are crazy!"

During this month the 773rd/USS Highlander came to the rescue of a homeless Marine. It was harrowing to say the least, but all is well now. (see: CQ 113 - SFMC to the Rescue!) This was also the time of the R7 conf. Let it not be said that R7 doesn't know how to party.

September

The first anniversary of 9/11 rolled around and with it the Baltimore Run to Remember (see: CQ 113). No one will ever forget!

October

Congrats to the MSG of the USS Avenger. It was a short 3-hour drive to attend the commissioning of SFMC's newest strike group. Mid October was also the time of the annual Watkins Glen Weekend (WGW), in Ithaca NY. It was wonderful meet Dave Klingman's father, Wayne.

If you have never been to WGW, you need to go at least once in your lifetime. It could be considered the 8th wonder of the world. The USS Accord has a wonderful tradition at WGW. At the summit, each person speaks about an important event that took place in the past year. (This for repeat folks.)

If you are a new person, you speak of a lifetime event. For Wayne Klingman, it was his defeating cancer. If ever there was an outstanding soul, it is this gentleman.

The Highlander was again on hand for yet another charity event. This time it was the for the benefit of the Humane Society of Baltimore County. The month of October was also the time when the sniper killings were taking place in Maryland. It was even more harrowing when you consider that the SFI mailbox was right in the heart of the target zone.

November

As I write this, the CQ deadline is November 25th. The Toys for Tots event in the Baltimore area is looking to be very big event. The Muvico/Egyptian 24 movie theater in the Baltimore metro area is wholeheartedly behind the toy drive as well as the upcoming 2003 Polar Bear Plunge.

At this point I have re-named The Commandant of the SFMC to "Dr. Frankenstein"! I say this as the entire toy drive has turned to monster proportions. What a beautiful site it is.

Final thoughts...

This past year was a whirlwind. I was privileged enough to be able to travel to places I had never been. I was lucky enough to meet so many wonderful people as well. It made me think more about the people who make up SFI. I was welcomed with open arms into private homes of people who had never heard of me at all. All they had to hear was that I was a fellow fletcher.

I came in to SFI as a nobody. Les Rickard saw me as a somebody. He did not simply dismiss my ideas as that of a birdbrain. And now I have my work cut out for me as regards the SFI Scholarship fund among other things!

Regrettably, in October, we had to deal with sniper killings in the area. Because of this, Major Greg Shipley, (Md. State Police) was front and center in the national news. While this was a horrific circumstance, I fielded e-mails and phone calls as regarding the Polar Bear Plunge as many Fleters remembered Major Shipley from the Annapolis Polar Bear Plunge. Out of the tragic events that were taking place, something good was happening.

The R2 summit was a turning point. It was here that Wade Olson spoke to me about his Toys for Tots ideas. I was shocked at first that he asked me for my help. After all, who was I to take on this task. At that point I had only been a member of SFI for a little over a year. But here we are with the blessings of the TFT foundation.

During R1's summit, the CS and VCS were presented with what are now the first SFI press packets along with the concept of Publicity and Public Relations for SFI.

When I went to the R3 summit, I went there not knowing a soul. I came home with a whole new family.

AT R17, I saw first hand what it meant to be a part of SFI. For the people of R17 know how to treat their crewmates with dignity.

During the CS election process, being approached to carry through with my ideas and thoughts to promote the image of SFI, again honored me.

Along my travels, I was treated like a visiting dignitary everywhere I went. To a weary soul such as myself, this was very much appreciated

When I joined SFI, Terri (Moogie) Sylvester, (Shore Leave 25 Art Show/PO3C- USS Highlander) was none to happy with my joining "another Trekkie" group. But then the SFMC named me the Volunteer of the Year...Well things changed.

Terri Sylvester attended the World Science Fiction Convention In San Jose this year as a member of SFMC. She then went and purchased a label/hat pin that reads: My Daughter is A Marine!

But I will temper this by saying that not all was good and great during the year.

Let's face it, not all people in this world are prime examples of humanity. But it is the bad examples that give us cause to appreciate the good people in the ranks of SFI.

Which makes this a very good year.

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY THESIS: RICHARD III - A KLINGON

Captain Alice C. Strange • Commanding Officer, USS Drakenfire, Region 2

*Introduction by Deb Kern, Director,
Klingon Warrior Academy:*

The following article was written by Alice C. Strange of the USS Drakenfire. Alice is the 11th member to the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard of my Klingon House: House Veska.

Richard III was a Klingon?

I suppose that could depend a great degree on your definition of a Klingon. Just as any proper Klingon, Richard was trained/educated as a warrior; he was honorable as well as loyal to his clan/house; and he was not afraid to go after what he wanted. Thus, Richard, as any Klingon, was very much a being of his time and place in history.

This was a time where war was the way of life for Richard for he was born, lived, and died during the time of England's War of the Roses. In fact, the battle where he was killed is considered by many to be the last battle of that very long and very bloody war.

Therefore, Richard, as a good Klingon should, was born to be a warrior; he lived as a warrior; and died as the warrior that he was on the battlefield.

The male dominated Klingon culture is basically one of warriors. To a Klingon, everything is secondary, if not superfluous, to fighting and winning. As a warrior culture, a Klingon's training starts early for they believe that a Klingon is a warrior as soon as he is old enough to hold a blade.

At the age of 13, to prove that he is a warrior, a Klingon male has to prove his combat skills and his knowledge of his Klingon heritage by showing his knowledge of Kahless' teaching and to demonstrate mastery of the bat'leth and other Klingon weapons. Richard was no different in his own way and time, for at the age of nine he began his apprenticeship of becoming a knight (warrior) by entering into the household of his cousin, the Earl of Warwick.

Although he learned such things as Latin and French as well as topics such as English law and mathematics, he also learned how to be an expert equestrian and had a very in-depth military training for his time. The military training included learning to use swords, daggers and battle-axes. In addition, he had to learn how to manage a hawk and learn to hunt.

However, of all his lessons, his greatest efforts as a warrior were directed toward the use of weapons. Thus, Richard at the age of 17 was able to come to his brother, Edward's defense when Warwick had taken Edward captive. The next year, Richard again showed that he was a warrior at the battles of Barnet where Warwick was defeated and killed, and at the Battle of Tewkesbury where Prince Edward of Lancaster was killed.

During the next twelve years of his life, Richard spent much of his time as being a warrior by bringing peace and order to an otherwise troublesome area along the border of Scotland and England. For it was here that his abilities of being a warrior and that of being a just leader was proven once and for all during his campaigns along the Scottish border.

Through his abilities of being a good warrior as well as a leader, he was able to gain not only the loyalty, but the trust of the northern gentry as

well, both of which were not easily given by the northern gentry to anyone. This loyalty turned out to be to Richard's advantage later when his brother died.

However, to a Klingon, there is something more important than fighting and winning. It is as important as loyalty and that is honor. In fact, those two go hand in hand. If a Klingon does not have honor, he is nothing. One way a Klingon shows this is through their tremendous loyalty to their families, to those of their House lines, and to the associates/connections of their Houses.

When a Klingon belongs to a House, he is honor-bound to contribute to the welfare of that House with their loyalty, and to defend the honor of that House at all cost. In return, the Klingon will gain the protection of that House as well as the reputation and social status of the family line that is associated with that House.

As Richard's motto "Loyaulte Me lie" shows, he had a tremendous loyalty for his family, especially to his older brother Edward, Earl of March, who later became Edward IV. He did everything in his power to protect the House of York. When Edward became King of England, Richard did everything in his power to protect England as well.

One of the King's advisers and cousin, Warwick, who was the head of the Neville family and who wanted to rule Edward and thus, England, turned against Edward because Edward married someone of his own choosing without his advisers knowledge, especially that of Warwick. Richard on the other hand remained loyal to Edward.

When Warwick, along with Clarence, the younger brother of Edward and Richard, finally went to war against Edward and managed to take the king hostage, Richard showed his loyalty to Edward by raising an army and coming to Edward's rescue.

Later, he fought for Edward and the House of York (and thus for England) by suppressing a Welsh rebellion and recapturing the castles of Cardigan and Carmathen. Continuing to protect the House of York and England, he managed to crush the Lancastrians at Tewkesbury and even fought against the Scots on the northern borders of England.

His loyalty to Edward and to the House of York benefited him in that he was able to gain a reputation of not only being loyal, but being honorable as well. Because Richard had shown that he was not only loyal to Edward but also honorable, he acquired a social stature that was equal to none except that of his brother, the King. Hence, at the age of nine, he became the Duke of Gloucester.

In the next few years, Richard also was appointed the Commissioner of Array of nine counties, charged with levying troops to clear Northumberland of Lancastrians. Before the age of nineteen, he also became the Constable of England and the Chief Justice of North Wales.

Although Richard might be considered young for these positions by today's standards, as a Klingon and as a being of his own time, he was not. Thus, he succeeded in making himself popular with those whom he presided over by his warrior-wise and firm administration.

Although he was popular, during the years of his brother's reign, he was always honorable by Klingon standard and by the standards of his

times in that his loyalty to his House and, therefore, to his brother never wavered.

Still, Richard, as the Klingon that he was, was a very proud person and, thus, he was not afraid to go after what he wanted. When his brother died, with a question as to the legality of the birth of his brother's sons, he began to see things a bit differently, because he was loyal to his house. First, as his nephews' guardian, he was technically the head of the House of York and, thus, of England.

So, if both of his nephews were not legally born, and there was possibly some truth to this, then according to the law, neither one of his nephews could be the head of the House of York, much less the King of England. Therefore, as the good Klingon he was, and due to the fact that he was possibly the next in line anyway, he saw no reason why he should not be the head of the House of York in fact and, thus, the ruler of England.

Consequently, as the Klingon Richard was by nature, he did not procrastinate, and the fact that the boys were too young to be warriors themselves, it was a simple matter to have them locked up in the Tower of London and were later disposed of. Thus, he removed the only obstacle that would have kept him from taking over as the ruler of the House of York and, thus, becoming the King of England in reality.

Of course, taking over the kingship as he did led some to disagree with him. Being a Klingon warrior, he had no trouble crushing a rebellion led by his former assistant Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, who sought the installation of Henry Tudor to the throne instead of having Richard there. Still, Richard's reign was short-lived, for Henry Tudor's forces later attacked those of Richard's at the battle of Bosworth Field, which was the last battle of the War of the Roses.

It was during this battle that Richard died, as any Klingon warrior would want to die, honorably on the field of battle. If Richard had lived longer and been able to rule the House of York longer, we might have seen more of the aggressively proud side of Richard.

Still, he was able to do some great deeds in that short period that showed the real power that he had. While he was King, Richard was able to get the most number of enlightened laws passed during the Fifteenth Century.

Among other things, he set up a council of advisors that administered justice for the poor as well as the rich, which shows that as a true Klingon he felt that there was no honor in abusing the weak.

Yes, it is possible to say that Richard was a Klingon, at least by nature, for he was born in a time of warriors, he lived much of his life as a warrior, and he died, as a warrior should on the battlefield.

In addition, as any Klingon should be, he was trained/educated as a warrior, was honorable as well as loyal to his clan/house, and he was not afraid to go after what he wanted.

Therefore, it is very easy to see Richard as a Klingon, for he was very much a being of his time and place in history, a time where war was a way of life.

For that reason, I could easily call Richard III a Klingon!

2003 REGION 2 SUMMIT

RAdm. Pete Mohney

Regional Coordinator, Region 2

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.

Friday night contains the usual fun entertainment, with the Fleet Admiral's Dinner, followed by a Great Dalmuti tournament.

Saturday starts with the Opening Ceremony, and then switches over to separate panels. The Second Brigade Marines also have their Muster to attend. Saturday evening features the Auction.

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.

Sunday starts with the usual panels, though you don't want to miss the Closing Ceremony. Outgoing Regional Coordinator Pete Mohney will pass command of Region 2 over to a new RC. 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 Beville 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.

The Beville 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.

For the latest information:

Please visit the Region 2 web site:

<http://www.region2.org/>



ACTIVATE THE QUANTUM SLIPSTREAM

Commodore David Klingman • Xenoarchaeologist, USS Jaguar, STARFLEET Region 5
Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

One of the greatest pleasures I have had the last few years as a member of STARFLEET has been the ability to connect with people both over the Internet and in person attending the various functions that take place within the regions and chapters of STARFLEET. Without the members who have become some of my close friends, STARFLEET would certainly not hold as much charm for me, and it wouldn't be the extended family it has come to be.

So I'd like to share with you some of my favorite moments and talk to you about the people that have made this year, my fifth, particularly special for me as a member of STARFLEET.

Last December, I made the decision to change my chapter affiliation to that of the USS Jaguar, the Region 5 flagship. Because I had spent much of the previous year working with a number of Jaguar's members, Scott Akers in my capacity as an assistant to the SFI Historian, Allyson Dyar and Kurt Roithinger in my capacity as a member of the CQ writing staff, it seemed a natural fit for me to focus my membership in what has been a very active correspondence chapter. I certainly count among my closest friends of 2002 Scott Akers, John Adcock, Allyson Dyar, and Kurt Roithinger.

The Jaguar and its members have also provided me an outlet for what has been my other preoccupation for the last year, writing chapter-based fiction. As some of you may know, we have had a number of members and chapters both participate and write in Jaguar's fictional timeline set in the 2380's. I have to thank Scott Akers, Rob Alpizar, and Adam Day for their participation and encouragement in getting me as excited as I have been. Anyone who wants to read the fiction can find it at http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/jaguar_operations.html.

Of course, what this article is really about is the people and places I have been over the last year, so I'd like to talk to you about a few things that have made my year special.

Region 2 Summit, March 8-10, 2002

I had the opportunity, thanks to R2 RC Pete Mohny, to take a very early flight with Les Rickard as my traveling companion. If you need those especially early flight times, book with Pete 'Vampire' Mohny Airlines. I have to say, despite likely being killed by him, that Les is in fact a fun traveling partner, so long as you don't mention the words 'turbulence' or 'Vomit Comet.' Who would have thought Les wouldn't enjoy the brief moment of weightlessness as the turbo prop we were flying to Georgia dipped a little?

R2Summit was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and as with all the trips I take, I had the chance to make some new friends - among the memorable people and moments for me were:

- Seeing Pete Mohny with green hair, in a dress, swimming the length of the hotel pool
- Seeing the infamous 'Wenches of Risa' smatter a number of the single males with lipstick
- Meeting some very nice people, including (but not limited to) Danny and Denby Potts, Jimmy Whatley, Neil Yawn, Jenn Rosbury, and of course Pete Mohny

You can view some of my photos from the R2 Summit at <http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-chaplains/>

spotlight/r2/event_r2summit.html.

Hitting the 5 Gallon Mark

One of the things I feel strongly about is the donation of blood and blood products, and so I am very proud to be a regular platelet and plasma donor through the American Red Cross. This spring, I achieved a significant goal, the donation of a total of five gallons of blood product, and in usual fashion, I do it always on behalf of SFI and my membership onboard the Jaguar.

Wedding of Matt Myers and Amy Alexander

Two of my closest friends the last two years have been Matt Myers and Amy Alexander (both former members of the USS Hawkeye) and I had the thrill to be one of the witness of their marriage. I think the genuine friendships we have

my son, Collin Jacob Klingman. Collin was born at 3:37pm on July 14 and has become, as Allyson Dyar puts it, the 'Jaguar baby'. Sandy Berenberg has, of course, been on my case to purchase the little man a membership to STARFLEET. I've opted to wait on this to see if Collin takes an interest in something other than drooling, pooping and peeing, and nursing. But we'll see if he takes a liking to all you weirdoes as much as I have!

Watkins Glen Weekend, October 11-13, 2002

After three years of telling him 'Yes Mark, I will come to WGW this year' I finally made good on my promise to Mark Anbinder, one of my other favorite people in STARFLEET. My dad and I attended for the first time this annual event held at Watkins Glen State Park near Ithaca NY. This



No, this is not another painting of Middle-Earth: A snapshot of WGW 2002.

Photo courtesy of David Klingman

forged were evident on their wedding day. Their wedding was attended by a number of members of Starfleet, including Joan Pierce (who drove all the way from Kentucky), JC Cohen (who we found a place to stay the last minute and who was able to take a flight down for the weekend), Les, Dee, and Zachary Rickard, and Kim Rochelle (former member of USS Hawkeye, Amy's roommate in college, and Maid of Honor). We also managed to arrange phone conversations with Mike Malotte and Liz Woolf during the reception (since they could not attend). Although the wedding had nothing to do with Starfleet, it was made known that in part, Les and Mike were responsible for getting Matt and Amy together, so it was really a terrific day that we were all able to share in.

Birth of Collin Jacob Klingman, July 14, 2002

Admittedly, nothing can compare to the birth of

was for me the best event of the year related to STARFLEET, since it afforded me the opportunity to see those people of whom I am very fond, Mark Anbinder, JC Cohen, Alex Rosenzweig, Geraldine Sylvester, Sandy Berenberg, Joan Pierce, Susan Fugate, Chris Wallace, and a whole lot of people that I could spend all day listing.

My trip to Watkins Glen started on October 5, when Kelly, Collin, and I flew up and spent a few days with my folks, who were thrilled to see their first grandchild. Later in the week, my dad, Wayne Klingman and I traveled upstate for the WGW. The best part of the weekend for me was getting to spend time with my dad, and the absolutely terrific reception he got from people who had never met him before, and an even warmer reception from those people who had met him. A few things strike me about the weekend:

- Driving up and down Cayuga Lake with my dad on Friday the 11th, sampling all kinds of Finger Lakes wines
- Geraldine Sylvester rushing into the hotel, past everyone else, to wrap her arms around my father, give him a hug, and greet him as if she had known him for years
- Riding in the car with Sandy Berenberg, Doc Kinne, Geraldine, and my dad just listening to music and having conversation
- An absolutely fantastic hike, beautiful scenery, and hearing Alan Rose play guitar beautifully when we reached the top of the gorge
- The 'round robin' at the top where each participant talked about their experiences over the last year and what brought them to the weekend event

I can't speak well enough about what my father noted was a wonderful reception. He knew very few of the people there, and is admittedly most of the time a correspondence member of SFI, but after the weekend, he truly said he felt like a member of a community. If you have the chance to attend a 'Fleet' related function, I strongly encourage you to attend Watkins Glen Weekend. I've posted photos from the weekend at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/wgw2002.html>

Carolina Renaissance Festival, Concord NC

While Kelly and Collin stayed in New Jersey to visit friends, Kelly's best friend got married on October 26, I had a few weeks to myself, so I took the opportunity to go to the Carolina Renaissance Festival held here in North Carolina. It's an event I look forward to every year, and this year I attended with Carolyn 'Moogie' Peters, the former Chief of Operations of the USS Hornet. Those of you who read the article in CQ112 about George Takei's mother will know who Carolyn is. The Ren Faire is always fun, and it's also one of the big events for KAG (Klingon Assault Group) here in the Carolinas. Not only were two chapters of STARFLEET represented (USS Jaguar and USS Hornet) but we had the chance to meet up with our friends in KAG.

The rest of the year leads up to the holidays and preparation for what has become an annual holiday party at my house, where friends I have met through Starfleet and friends that have nothing to do with fandom get together, we share a meal, talk about the year gone by, and reaffirm our friendship. So I'd like to take the time to reaffirm my friendship with all the folks I've met and talked to you about, and also mention my continued friendship with the local members and former members of SFI - Thom Hucks and Bruce Schulman (the CO and XO of USS Hornet), Greg Phillips (former member of USS Hornet and USS Hawkeye), Trish Johnson and Bill Grahling (USS Hornet members), and some of my new and existing close friends in Starfleet - Dave Blaser (from the USS Hadfield), Mike Malotte (who I have gotten to know a bit since IC2001), Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo, and Mike Wilkerson (a fellow Kevin Smith fanatic... snoochie boochies!)

At the risk of sounding wishy washy, what really keeps us together isn't Star Trek - we can get that anywhere. I do believe that, as Mark Anbinder said at IC2000, we are in fact an extended family, and so it's wonderful for me to write about my friends and (more or less) extended family members of STARFLEET. Here's to another year and to new and extended friendships to come!



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Tis the season...

All around the Fleet, ships are ringing in the holiday season. Starting with a bevy of Halloween parties, our chapters are now gearing up for the coming holidays with parties, movies and fundraising events. Lots of work and fun in a busy time of year.

A word about activities... I just wanted to mention that I include something from every chapter that submits an MSR. Some ships are very active and list pages of activities. I can't list everything that everyone does but I try to get a "flavor" of the past two months events.

If there is something special that you would like mentioned, try to highlight that in your MSR. And as always, send an article about that special ship event to be published in the CQ!

REGION 1

USS Aeon, NCC - 75022 Memphis, TN

Crewmembers gathered to watch the Enterprise premier. Ship celebrated Halloween with a party. Plans already underway for the Nemesis premier.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling efforts continue in support of a local children's home. Ship celebrated twenty years in the fleet, with an open house. The crew received recognition from the local news media.

USS Appomattox, NCC - 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crewmembers celebrated a successful first year together. A recruitment event was held at a local festival.

USS Asgard, NCC - 72402 Lancaster, OH

Crewmembers assisted at an anniversary celebrations of a local sciencefictionstore. Gene Roddenberry Jr was the guest of honor.

USS Athena, NCC - 51896 Reston, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed craft days and are working on a Nemesis event and the winter calendar.

Bennu Station, SFR - 119 Gatlinburg, TN

Working beginning on a Toys for Tots drive to coincide with Nemesis. Crewmembers helped out at a Halloween carnival.

USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A Greensboro, NC

A small away team braced the rain for an ice cream festival. Another away team toured the NC Transportation Museum.

USS Carolina, NCC - 74222 Greenville, SC

An away team filmed a television commercial with another area chapter. Crewmembers enjoyed a rousing game of laser tag after the monthly meeting.

USS Charleston, NCC - 71813 Charleston, SC

The ship sponsored a flea market to benefit the 2003 Summit. Ship celebrated its 10th anniversary.

USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887 Richmond, VA

Crewmembers volunteered at a Halloween festival in a local park.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

Crewmembers commemorated the anniversary of Sept. 11th in a local remembrance ceremony. An away team participated in a bowling event with Gene Roddenberry Jr and another area chapter.

Shuttle Dark Wolf, NCC - 75002 Blountville, TN

Plans in the works for lots of ship projects.

USS Dominator, NCC - 18076 N. Charleston, SC

Crewmembers participated in the NC/SC bowling tournament. Collection efforts for CP continue. An away traveled to the commissioning party of another area ship.

USS Francis Marion, NCC - 2006 Greenville, SC

Ship celebrated its commissioning as a full fledged starship.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Halloween party. An away team attended the wedding on one of their fellow crewmembers. Holiday plans are underway.

USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D Charlotte, NC

An away team attended a picnic hosted by another chapter. Another away team traveled to a nearby convention. Plans underway for Christmas and New Years events.

USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D Hampton, VA

Volunteer efforts at a local museum continue. Crewmember participated in the annual Blood Feud. OCP collection efforts continue. Away teams participated in Halloween Hospital visits.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Hamersville, OH

Crewmembers celebrated the ships 8th anniversary with a cookout and amateur radio special event. Collection efforts for OCP continue as well as the ongoing afghan project.

USS Lewis B Puller, SFR - 123 Summerville, SC

An away team attended a local Highland games gathering.

USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218 Hertford, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans underway for the Nemesis premier.

USS Nebula, NX - 61800 North Royalton, OH

Celebrated one-year anniversary of recommissioning back into Starfleet.

Space Station Nikola Tesla Puryear, TN

Crew hard at work on plans for the premier of Nemesis.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Correspondence

Completed overhaul of the ship's website. Ship celebrated the commissioning of its first shuttle.

USS Ohio, NCC - 75007 Barberton, OH

Ship sponsored a yard sale. Crew celebrated Halloween with a bonfire.

USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Crewmembers participated in their regular adopt a spot highway cleaning.

USS Questar, NCC - 75435 Louisville, KY

Ship website is being updated. Next installment of the ship's fiction was handed out to the crew. Plans for sprucing up the ship design are continuing.

USS Ronald E McNair, NCC - 61809 Columbia, SC

Collection efforts for OCP and Ronald McDonald House continue. The Crew spent a day at the zoo.

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

An away team traveled to a nearby convention. Crewmembers participated in a walkathon to raise money for juvenile diabetes. Ships sponsored a Halloween party.

USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122 Fayetteville, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf event and a Halloween party.

USS Tempest, NCC - 21556 Lima, OH

An away team attended the Autumn Bash sponsored by another area ship.

USS Tycho, NCC - 59325 Toledo, OH

Crewmembers are planning a trip to Las Vegas this winter.

USS Wasp, NCC - 1721 Bristol, VA

Crew has updated the ship website.

USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008 Charlestown, WV

Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party. A lot of fun was had by all.

USS Yeager, NCC - 61893 Bluefield, WV

The ship sponsored a game day at a local college. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party and are busy planning for the holidays.

USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A York, SC

Crewmembers combined a Halloween party with a blood drive. Work underway for a Toys for Tots campaign.

REGION 2

USS Blackstar, NCC - 75003 Miami, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party with lots of movies and good food. Plans underway for a Nemesis premiere event.

USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmember took in some stargazing at the regular meeting and had a chance to see the ISS as it passed overhead.

USS Dark Silence Station Florence, FL

Crewmembers participated in a local Renaissance faire.

USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA

Crew pitched in to help clean a local river. This annual event drew its largest crew turnout in five years.

USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary and Thanksgiving with a banquet. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Gasparilla, NCC - 74400 Tampa, FL

Real life events have kept krewes activities to a minimum but everyone is looking forward to a busier fall and winter.

USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

Crewmembers gathered to watch the premiere of Enterprise. Plans are underway to recruit that the local premiere of Enterprise.

USS Haise, NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS

Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise party and a Halloween party. Plans well underway for the 2004 Summit.

USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL

Ship sponsored its annual Halloween

party. It was well attended by people from all over the region.

USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299
Mobile, AL
Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner and Enterprise party. Plans underway for Nemesis and holiday activities.

USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000
Tallahassee, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night and helped clean a local fitness trail.

USS Liberty, NCC - 75012
Panama City, FL
Ship hosted a Halloeen party for members and for children in a local apartment complex. Plans underway for winter activities.

USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A
Hattiesburg, FL
Crewmembers attended a zone conference in the region. Plans for annual Christmas party are underway.

USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695
Collins, MS
Ship sponsored regional zone meeting with plans made for another one.

USS Paegan, NCC - 1755
Orlando, FL
Plans for a ship reunion are underway.

USS Parallax, NCC - 74657
Middleburg, FL
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's first anniversary. Crew is working on VRCP and planning for the holidays.

USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC - 75005
Savannah, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed movie and dinner nights. Ships sponsored a flea market to raise funds. An away team traveled to a nearby convention

USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097
Decatur, AL
Collection efforts for a local animal shelter continue. An away team traveled to a fair with another area chapter.

USS Triumph, NCC - 26228
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Plans underway for holiday events and for the Nemesis premier

USS Vindicator, NCC - 74212
Tuscaloosa, AL
An away team attended an Enterprise party hosted by another area chapter.

USS Werner Von Braun
Huntsville, AL
An away team traveled to an aquarium to observe science month.

USS Yamato, NCC - 71087
Pinson, AL
An away team attended a Greek Festival held at Holy trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Birmingham, AL.

REGION 3
USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622
Georgetown, TX

Chapter continues to seek tax exempt status for fundraising efforts. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming day. The ship sponsored a Halloween party.

USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX
An away team braved mud and rain to enjoy the Texas Renaissance Festival. A crewmember was honored to host Leonard Nimoy for dinner while Mr. Nimoy was promoting his photographic exhibit.

USS Bethel, NCC - 74663
Grapevine, TX
An away team volunteered at a science fiction expo that hosted Carrie Fischer.

USS Bexar, NCC - 71718
San Antonio, TX
Crew voted on a new logo and motto. Holiday plans are underway. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Comanche, NCC - 71809
Fort Worth, TX
Crew is discussing a new logo design and planning for activities for the coming year.

USS Devastator, NCC - 10533
Paris, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meetings.

Shuttle Firebird, NCC - 74662/1
Houston, TX
Crew is coordinating a Thanksgiving food drive. Plans for recruiting at Nemesis are underway.

SS Freedom Station III
Eules, TX
Ship having a quite couple of months while the CO recovers from surgery.

USS Intangible, NCC - 65421
Bryan, TX
Crewmembers busy working on a radio production.

USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289
Corpus Christi, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night fundraiser. Plans are underway for the ship's 10th anniversary. An away team enjoyed a book discussion at a local bookstore.

Shuttle John Marshall
NCC - 74750/01
Perryton, TX
Crew hard at work to ready ship for launch. Website redesign underway.

Shuttle Laredo, NCC - 71718/03
Laredo, TX
Ship celebrated its first anniversary. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party.

USS Lone Star, NCC - 73628
Lubbock, TX
Ship sponsored several fundraising nights. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party and a late Enterprise premiere party.

USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914
Amarillo, TX
Ship sponsored its 6th annual holiday costume party. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night after the monthly meeting.

USS Panther City, NCC - 74917
Fort Worth, TX
Holiday plans are underway.

USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892
Austin, TX
Ship held a Halloween party for its younger members. Collection efforts for a local food bank continue.

USS Spirit Wolf, NCC - 74300
Houston, TX
Ship collecting toys for children to distribute at Christmas. Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to the Texas Renaissance Festival. The XO appeared on the Weakest Link. Ship celebrated its fourth anniversary.

USS Tejas, NCC - 9756
Vernon, TX
Collection efforts for various charities continue. Ship celebrated its ninth anniversary with a copstume ball.

USS Texas, NCC - 74207
Killeen, TX
Recruitment efforts continue.

Shuttle Trouncer, NCC - 74917/01
Queen City, TX
Crewmembers enjoy gaming days each Sunday. An away team volunteered at a local political rally.

USS Victory, NCC - 74208
San Antonio, TX
An away team enjoyed a dinner and movie night. Ship sponsored a Halloween party and canned food drive.

REGION 4
USS Angeles, NCC - 71840
Los Angeles, CA
Ship participated in a bowl-a-thon with another area Star Trek group. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween picnic. An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers participated in a local AIDS Walk.

USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025
Phoenix, AZ
Plans for a Nemesis premiere event are underway. An away team toured an Apollo 13 exhibit.

USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011
San Francisco, CA
Ship celebrated its second anniversary with dinner, awards and a science talk.

Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003
Redding, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed an end of summer barbecue.

USS Centurion, NCC - 74801
Moreno Valley, CA
An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers enjoyed an end of summer barbecue.

USS Dragon's Club, NCC - 81003
Shafter, CA
Crew welcomed a new cadet to their ranks. An away team attended a local county fair. Efforts for the OCP website continue.

USS Highroller, NCC - 23104
Reno, NV
Recruitment efforts continue. Preparations underway for the ship's

10th anniversary.
USS K'Ehleyr Station
NCC - SS0009
Las Vegas, NV
Recruitment efforts continue. Collection plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Northern Lights. NCC - 27001
San Jose, CA
An away team toured the Liberty Bell 7 exhibit at a local planetarium. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. The ship sponsored a Halloween party.

USS Onizuka, NCC - 71815
Chico, CA
An away team attended the 20th anniversary party of another area chapter. Plans for a convention in

USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300
Visalia, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party.

USS Pegasus, NX - 9755
Las Vegas, NV
A crewmember hosted a convention for several Trek stars fan clubs. An away team volunteered at a local school. Crewmembers participated in a blood drive.

USS Tikopai, NCC - 1800
San Jose, CA
Crewmembers welcomed a new Fleet member. Recruitment plans are underway.

Camp Wendell Fertig
NCC-72300/05
Fresno, CA
Website work continues. Newsletter is in production.

REGION 5
USS Bright Star, NCC - 71875
Redmond, WA
Away teams attended the tenth anniversary of an area chapter and traveled to New York for Watkins Glen weekend.

USS CM Russell, NCC - 75285
Great Falls, MT
Various holiday charitable collection efforts are underway. An away team toured a Haunted House that benefited a woman's shelter.

USS Crusader, NCC - 74711
Spokane, WA
An away team attended the 10th anniversary of an area chapter. Crewmembers enjoyed a laser tag event.

USS Destiny, NCC - 97301
Salem, OR
An away team attended the 10th anniversary of another region chapter. Recruitment plans are underway.

Greywolf Station, SFR 501
Boise, ID
Crewmembers joined with members from other area Trek clubs to hold a festival in a park. An away team traveled to visit a touring Smithsonian exhibit.

USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750
Mill Creek, WA

An away team attended the 10th anniversary of an area chapter.

USS Kensington, NCC - 75016
Meridian, ID
Crewmembers enjoyed video and gaming nights. The ship participated in a Peldar festival in a local park.

USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816
Richland, WA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Ship celebrated its 10th anniversary that was well attended by other ships in the region.

REGION 6
Shuttle Cimarron, NCC - 81002/01
Waukesha, WI
Crewmembers participated in a bowl-a-thon with a local Klingon group. Food, clothing and book drive collections continue.

USS Czar'ak, NCC - 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN
An away team attended the Region 6 Conference. Crewmembers celebrated the commissioning if the ship's first shuttle.

USS Fox River, NCC - 81002
Appleton, WI
An away team participated in a bowling day. Nemesis premiere event being planned.

USS Imperium, NCC - 2125
Fargo, ND
Ship hosted the Region 6 Conference, which was well attended. Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. Plans to volunteer at the local PBS station are underway.

USS Saint George, NCC-63541
Burnsville, MN
Ship celebrated its commissioning at the Region 6 Conference. A Toys for Tots collection challenge was issued to the region.

USS Thunderchild, NCC - 3122
Rapid City, SD
Crewmembers volunteered for a highway cleanup day. The crew also enjoyed an Enterprise party.

REGION 7
USS Accord, NCC - 1842
Ithaca, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a go-kart outing. The 13th Annual Watkins Glen Weekend was a huge success with 59 people attending from all over STARFLEET.

USS Adamant, NCC - 3029
Valley Forge, PA
An away team participated in a bowl-a-thon sponsored by another area chapter. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's sixth anniversary.

USS Albany, NCC - 587
Scotia, NY
Crewmembers participated in local Scottish games. An away team volunteered at the Muscular Dystrophy telethon. Collection efforts for Overseas Coupon Project continue.

USS Alpha Centauri, NCC - 71812
Washington, DC

An away team attended a local Renaissance Faire. Plans underway for the ship's 10th anniversary party.

Shuttle Archer, NCC - 2205/02 Mantua, NJ
An away team participated in a local walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's research.

USS Ascension, NCC - 2520 Lehigh Valley, PA
An away team participated in a bowl-a-thon sponsored by another local chapter. Ship celebrated its 6th anniversary.

USS Asimov, NCC - 1647 Yardley, PA
An away team attended the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. Another away team attended a paint ball event in the Poconos. The crew had a great time especially watching their CO shoot trees.

USS Avenger, NCC - 1860 North Brunswick, NJ
Ship hosted a visitor from Region 20. Plans for An away team attended the Maryland Renaissance Faire. Plans for holiday activities are underway.

USS Challenger, NCC - 1767-D Dover Township, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night after a long day of grass planting at the ship's adopted dune. An away team attended a paintball game.

USS Edinburgh, NCC - 77930 Gaithersburg, MD
The website is being updated as is the newsletter. An away team attended Watkins Glen weekend.

USS Flying Fox, NCC - 3116 Philadelphia, PA
An away team attended the Maryland Renaissance Faire. The ship celebrates its commissioning with a party that was well attended by regional members.

USS Hera, NCC - 70655 Northfield, NJ
Ship sponsored its annual costume party for Halloween. Crewmembers enjoyed role-playing nights. Plans for a bowling tournament and a holiday party are underway.

USS Highlander, NCC - 10530 Frederick, MD
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual trip to the Maryland Renaissance Faire. Plans for the Polar Bear plunge are progressing, which is becoming a Fleetwide event. Plans for a holiday party are underway.

USS Justice, NCC - 556 Florham Park, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual picnic. Winter plans for multi-ship events are underway.

USS Lexington, NCC - 1703 - C West Point, NY
Recruitment plans continue. CO has been locked up by CompOps and forced to program. (And a very good job of programming he has done too.)

USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214 Ocean City, MD

Holiday plans are underway. Crew is gearing up for the XO's wedding.

USS Malverne, NCC - 2205 Upper Darby, PA
An away team traveled to R1 for a commissioning party. Recruitment plans for Nemesis are underway.

USS Matrix, NCC - 72296 Correspondence
Ships operations manual has been updated. A SETI milestone of 60 years of research time has been logged. Recruitment plans for Nemesis are underway.

USS Northstar, NCC - 10462 New York, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic with other area chapters. An away team traveled to the regional Halloween party.

USS Prevailing Wind, NCC - 74667 Harrisburg, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween and costume party. Holiday plans are underway.

USS Richthofen, NCC - 73286 Correspondence
CO participated in a role-playing paintball game. An away team participated in a Light the Night walk.

USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000 Philadelphia, PA
The ship hosted an extremely successful regional Halloween party.

USS Starlord, NCC - 74225 Ramsey, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming day and a trip to a renaissance faire. The ship hosted a Halloween party.

USS Sun Tzu, NCC - 5373 Chester, NY
An away team attended the Region 7 conference. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights and movie outings.

USS Thagard, NCC - 652 Philadelphia, PA
The ship sponsored a bowling marathon to benefit a local homeless shelter. An away team attended the regional Halloween party.

Shuttle Titanium, NCC - 5373/01 Horsham, PA
A Nemesis premiere event is in the works. An away team attended a local air show.

USS Triton, NCC - 71819 Glen Burnie, MD
Ship manned a booth at a local flea market to raise funds and recruite. Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise night and potluck dinner. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

REGION 10
USS Astra, NCC 04 Calgary, AB
Ship sponsored a Halloween party.

USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160 Anchorage, AK
Plans for future activities underway.

USS Majestic, NCC - 78601 Victoria, BC

Ship activities have been light so that the CO can travel to a personal event.

REGION 11
USS Southern Cross NCC - 1886 Sydney, NSW Australia
A new ship and regional website are in the works.

REGION 12
USS Adjudicator NCC - 73707 Kansas City, MO
Plans underway for a Christmas party. Also working on Nemesis premiere event.

USS BortaS, NCC - 74211 Urbana, IL
Ship sponsored a cookoff at that was attended by crewmembers and ships from around the region. An away team participated in a Light the Night Walk to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

USS Celt, NCC - 75018 Fayetteville, AR
Crewmembers enjoyed a campout and treasure hunt. An away team attended a Halloween party hosted by another area chapter.

USS Discovery, NCC - 1308 St. Louis, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise premiere party. An away team attended a dinner and wine tour. Another away team attended a local convention.

USS Flying Fortress NCC - 31904 Tulsa, OK
Crewmembers attended Tulsa Scottish Games and Tulsa State Fair. Ship sent greetings for launch of USS Thunderbird in Oklahoma City. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone NCC - 3143 Emporia, KS
Ship celebrated its first anniversary.

USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B Columbia, MO
Anaway team attended the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC - 14514 Wichita, KS
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary. Collection efforts for a local humane society continue.

USS Marko Ramius, NCC - 23103 Fayetteville, AR
Crew is gearing up for the ship's 10th anniversary.

USS Mystique, NCC - 58929 Russellville, AR
Recycling efforts continue.

USS Nomad, NCC - 78500 Leavenworth, KS
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary. Away teams volunteered at the local Renaissance festival.

USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155 Columbia, MO
Holiday outing plans underway.

Shuttle Ronin, NCC - 63542 Oklahoma City, OK
Crewmembers enjoyed a paintball game. An away team volunteered at a local Halloween carnival.

USS Royal Sovereign NCC - 72201 Shawnee, KS
An away team attended the Nomad's 10th anniversary party. Crewmembers enjoyed happy hours and gaming nights.

USS Sequoyah, NCC - 2043 Stillwater, OK
Away teams enjoyed gaming nights and paintball events.

USS Shawnee, NCC - 7802 Paola, KS
Nemesis events are being planned.

USS Thunderbird NCC - 71845 Oklahoma City, OK
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. Ship made a donation to a local infant crisis center.

USS Tiospaye, NCC - 4102 Urbana, IL
Crewmembers enjoyed weekly RPG events. Work on Christmas projects has begun.

USS Umiak, NCC - 3142 St. Louis, MO
An away team attended a local convention. Plans underway for a Nemesis event.

Shuttle William Wallace NCC - 75018/01 Joplin, MO
Plans underway for commissioning. Crew also planning for a Nemesis recruitment event.

USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006 Harrison, AR
Recruitment efforts continue.

REGION 13
USS Banting, NCC 17220 Guelph, ON
Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue with their September meeting. Ship sponsored a charity movie auction. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Halloween party.

USS Empress, NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, MI
Crewmembers attended a local convention. Plans for holiday charity events are underway.

USS Hadfield, NCC - 75020 Georgetown, ON Canada
Ship sponsored a star gazing night as a recruitment event. Ship sponsored a charity barbecue at a local horse show.

USS Whitestar NCC - 71012 Port Huron, MI
New officers were elected. An away team attended a local renaissance festival. Fifth anniversary celebration plans in the works.

REGION 14
USS Magellan, NCC - 72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec
Ship is helping a shuttle get ready for launch. Website revisions are underway.

REGION 15
USS Anubis, NCC - 586 Boston, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed a lunch meeting and movie outing.

USS Ares, NCC - 26291 Boston, MA
Crew celebrated the ship's third anniversary with dinner at a local restaurant. An away team attended United Fan Con.

USS Atlantis, NCC - 71803 Brockton, MA
Crewmembers have been taking the summer and fall easy.

USS Darwin, NCC - 1116 Brockton, MA
An away team attended a local renaissance faire. Crewmembers looking forward to UFC.

USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372 Sanford, ME
A small away team traveled to a convention in Las Vegas. The ship sponsored a blood drive. An away team attended a local renaissance faire. Crew collected pet food for a local animal shelter.

USS Omar Khayyam, NCC - 79001 Watertown, MA
An away team traveled to Ireland.

Shuttle Paul Revere, NCC - 5374/01 Arlington, MA
Crewmembers assisted the local Relay for Life by manning an information table. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

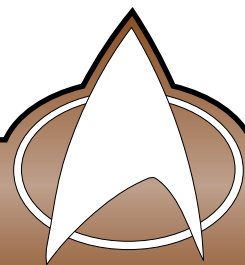
REGION 17
USS Alioth, NCC - 72383 Orem/Provo, UT
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and dinner night. An away team attended a Halloween story telling event. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Anasazi, NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM
Crewmembers busy working on holiday plans.

USS Mir, NCC - 73281 Las Cruces, NM
An away team raised money for the American Cancer Society in the Relay for Life. Crewmembers enjoyed their annual trip to an amusement park. Crewmembers cleaned the ship's highway mile that is now marked with a sign stating that it is being cared for by STARFLEET International.

USS Sol's Fury, NCC - 74915 Colorado Springs, CO
Holiday party plans are underway.

USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213 Englewood, CO
Chapter celebrated its fourth anniversary with a Halloween party. Holiday plans are underway.



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

Jan 17-19 Creation, Sacramento, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew, Gates McFadden, James Doohan, James Marsters, Andy Hallett, James Leary, Chase Masterson, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg.

Jan 18-19 Hollywood Collectors Show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net> Guests: Morgan Fairchild, Edward Albert, Zoe McLellan, Ed Lauter, Laurie Holden, Erin Gray, Felix Silla, Kym Karath, Darlene Carr, John Fiore, Rena Owen, Peter Mark Richman, Joanie Sommers,

Gogi Grant, Ron Harper, Lynne Marie Stewart, Jeannie Wilson, Jameson Parker, Soupy Sales.

Jan 23-27 Further Confusion, San Jose, California; Info: PMB #236, 105 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/> info@furtherconfusion.org

Jan 31-Feb 2 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Tim Bradstreet, Tommy Castillo, Amanda Conner, Peter David, Colleen Doran, Carmine Infantino, Jeff Johnson, Joe Jusko, Barbara Kesel, Joseph Michael Linsner, Dina Meyer, Steve Mitchell, Doug Murray, James O'Barr, Jimmy Palmiotti, George Perez, John Romita Jr, John Romita Sr, Steve Rude, Bob Schreck, Andy Smith, Dave Stevens, Bill Stout, Maggie Stan Lee, Thompson, Len Wein, Marv Wolfman

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> Guests: Lucy Lawless, Renee O'Connor, Hudson Leick, Alison Bruce, Melinda Clarke, Paris Jefferson, Claire Stansfield, Danielle Cormack, Meighan Desmond, Darien Takle, Victoria Pratt, Adrienne Wilkinson, Musetta Vander

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: Peter Davison, Colin Baker, India Fisher, Caroline Morris, Gary Russell, Jason Haigh-Ellery, David J. Howe, Stephen J Walker, Bill Baggs, Clayton Hickman, Peter Anghelides, Jonathan Blum, Paul Cornell, Paul Ebbs, Nev Fountain, Kelly Hale, David McIntee, Jonathan Morris, Kate Orman, Lance Parkin, Paul Dale Smith, Caroline Symcox, Keith Topping, Nick Walters, Lars Pearson, Arnold T Blumberg, Steve Johnson, Virginia Hey, Linda Harrison, Julia Nickson, James C Leary, Tim Choate, Brinke Stevens, Marv Wolfman.

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

Feb 28-Mar 2 ConDor X, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://www.condorcon.org/> Info@ConDorCon.org

Mar 7-9 Consonance, Milpitas, California; Info: 6167 Jarvis Ave #174, Newark CA 94560-1210 <http://www.consonance.org/> Guests: Talis Kimberley, Simon Fairbourn, Jane Mailander, Mark Mandel

Colorado

Feb 13-16 Genghis Con XXIV, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 472664, Aurora, CO 80047-2664 Ph: 303-690-6054 <http://www.denvergamer.com/genghis/dgagames@aol.com>

Connecticut

Mar 21-23 ConnCon, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: PO Box 444, Sherman, CT 06784-0444 <http://www.conncon.com/> Willi@ConnCon.com

Florida

Jan 24-26 Jonescon, Gainesville, Florida; Info: 1432 NE 19th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32609 <http://www.jonescon.org/> jonescon@afn.org

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

Mar 13-16 Sleuthfest, Deerfield Beach, Florida; Info: 6056 NW 56th Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33067 Ph: 954-782-8872 <http://www.mwa-florida.org/sleuthfest.htm> Rwymer55@aol.com Guests: Sue Grafton, Dr. Henry Lee, Laura Belgrave, Carolyn Cain, Meg Chittenden, Nancy J. Cohen, S.V. Date, Steve Glassman, Sue Grafton, Jeremiah Healy, Dr. Henry Lee, Chris Jackson, Jonathon King, Daniel Keyes, Stuart McIver, Barbara Parker/

Mar 19-23 IAFA, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 10416, Blacksburg, VA 24062 <http://www.iafa.org/> Guests: Charles de Lint, S. T. Joshi,

Ramsey Campbell, Brian Aldiss

Georgia

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

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 <http://www.prairienet.org/winterwar/> winterwar@prairienet.org

Feb 21-23 Egyptian Campaign, Carbondale, Illinois; Info: c/o SIUC Strategic Games Society, Office of Student Development, 3rd Floor Student Center, Carbondale, IL 62901-4425 Ph: 618-457-5702 <http://www.siu.edu/~gamesoc/ecgamcon/> EgyptCampaign15@aol.com

Mar 8-9 Chicago ComicFest, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd, PMB #231, Southfield, MI 48076 http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/chicago_comic_fest/ info@motorcitycomiccon.com

Iowa

Feb 14-16 Gamicon, Coralville, Iowa; Info: 221 E. Market St., PMB#201, Iowa City, Iowa 52245 <http://www.mindbridge.org/gamicon/> gamicon@mindbridge.org Guests: Jolly Blackburn

Maryland

Feb 14-16 Farpoint, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.bcpl.net/~wilsonr/trekcontact@home.com> Guests: Armin Shimerman, Erin Gray, Gil Gerard, Eric Pierpoint, Michele Scarabelli, Gary Graham, Lolita Fatjo, Michael Jan Friedman, David R. George III, Bob Greenberger, Inge Heyer, Marc Okrand, Howard Weinstein, Beverly J. Volker, Susan Sackett

Feb 28-Mar 2 JohnCon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: c/o SAC, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles St, Baltimore MD 21218 <http://www.jhu.edu/~johncon/> JohnCon@jhu.edu

Mar 7-9 Son of Fanex, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9721 Britinay Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 Website: <http://www.midmar.com/filmfest.html> Email Constatc@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

Jan 24-26 ConFusion, Warren, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/2003/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

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> Guests: Gary Bedell, Mary Capps, Fredd Gorham, Al Turne.

Nevada

Feb 20-23 Slanted Fedora, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFederal@aol.com>

New Jersey

Feb 20-23 WGP: A Gazebo of Games, Piscataway, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

Mar 28-30 MonCon, Tinton Falls, New Jersey; Info: 2025 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 Ph: 609-426-9339 <http://www.completestrategygaming.com/moncon/> info@completestrategygaming.com

New York

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>

Mar 21-23 Lunacon, Rye Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-3566 <http://www.lunacon.org/info@lunacon.org> Guests: Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Rowena, Susan de Guardiola

Mar 28-30 I-Con, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/info@iconsf.org>

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

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.

Oklahoma

May 16-18 STARFLEET Region 12 Summit, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Info: 1317 SW 83rd; Oklahoma City, OK 73159 Ph: 405-601-1950 <http://www.region12.org/okshipwreck@cox.net>

Oregon

Mar 14-16 Gamestorm, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/chair@pdxgames.com>

Pennsylvania

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 Benefits: Make A Wish

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 1-2 Lone Star Collectables Show, Houston, Texas; Info: 412 E. Main, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 Ph: 936-560-0372 <http://www.lonestarshows.com/info@lonestarshows.com> Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Bill Blair, Randy Asplund, George Lowe

Feb 21-23 ConDFW, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2183 Buckingham Road #282, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/info@condfw.org>

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>

Mar 29-30 Lone Star Collectables Show, Houston, Texas; Info: 412 E. Main, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 Ph: 936-560-0372 <http://www.lonestarshows.com/info@lonestarshows.com>

Virginia

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

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

Feb 28-Mar 2 Creation, Seattle, Washington; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew, James Marsters, Roxann Dawson, Robert Duncan McNeill, Andy Hallett, Marc Alaimo, Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, James Leary, Arlene Martel, J. Paul Boehmer, Celeste Yarnall, Nicholas Worth, Leslie Parrish, Michael Forest, Scott Macdonald, Patrick Kilpatrick

West Virginia

Jan 24-26 Marscon, Williamsburg, West Virginia; Info: PO Box 8143, Yorktown VA 23693 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net>

Wisconsin

Mar 7-9 Congenial, Racine, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 542911, Chicago, IL 60654 <http://www.congenial.org/info@congenial.org>

Australia

New South Wales

Jun 6-8 Holodiction, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

Queensland

May 9-11 Highlander DownUnder 5, Brisbane, Queensland; Info: PO Box 198, Brisbane Albert Street QLD 4002, Australia <http://www.hldu.org/sonja@hldu.org> Guests: Peter Wingfield

May 31 Holodiction, Brisbane, Queensland; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

Victoria

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 - 42nd Australian National Science Fiction Convention, 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

Manitoba

May 16-18 Keycon 20, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://keycon2002.tripod.com/loyalminion@hotmail.com> Guests: Robert Sawyer, Jolly Blackburn

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

May 16-18 Anime North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/info@animenorth.com>

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

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/whoami@ihug.co.nz>

Apr 18-21 Emoticon, Auckland, ; Info: PO Box 74-013, Market Rd, Auckland, New Zealand <http://www.emoticon.sf.org.nz/enquiries@emoticon.sf.org.nz> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, JG Hertzler, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood, Mary MacLachlan

United Kingdom

England

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 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/quince@contabile.org.uk> Guests: Teri Wachowiak, Simon Fairbourn

Feb 21-23 Redemption, Ashford, Kent, England; Info: Waveney, 28 Diprose Rd, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3QY, England <http://www.smof.com/redemption/redemptioninfo@smof.com> Guests: Boucher, Damian London, Jim Francis

Feb 22 Wolf Events, London, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/wolfevents@aol.com> Guests: Keith Hamilton Cobb

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 Website: <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/store/invasion3/invasion3index.htm> Email Contact: sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Tom Baker, Nicholas Parsons, 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 Fredericks, Jacqueline Pearce, Sally Knyvette, Gareth Thomas

Mar 22-23 Chiller Fest, London, England; Info: PO Box, 38727, London, E10 7YH, UK <http://www.sfx.co.uk/info@chillerfest.com> Guests: Tom Savini, Doug Bradley, Carel Struycken, William Meikle

Mar 28-30 Starfury: Ascendant, London, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W26LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/Guests:DinaMeyer,GigiEdgley,LauraBertram,AnthonySimcoe>

Apr 4-6 Dimension Jump X, Coventry, England; Info: PO Box 35, Hitchin, SG4 9XZ, United Kingdom http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension_jump.asp Guests: Lee Cornes, Chloe Annett, Norman Lovett, Danny John Jules, Hattie Hayridge, Chris Barrie

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 12 Wolf Events, London, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 Website: <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/> Email Contact: wolfevents@aol.com Guests: Lisa Ryder

Apr 18-21 Gen Con Europe '03, London, England; Info: 2 Roundwood Avenue, Stockley Park, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB11 1AZ, England Ph: +44(20)87445829 <http://www.gencongamefair.com/UK@wizards.com> Guests: James Barclay, John Avon, Kerry Breitenstein, Peter Adkison, Robert Rankin, Stefan Pokorny, Stephen Radney MacFarland

Apr 19-20 Destiny, Northamptonshire, England; Info: 163 Park Road, Loughborough, England, LE11 2HE, United Kingdom <http://www.vortex-events.freemove.co.uk/> Guests: Colin Baker, Anthony Ainley, Bonnie Langford, Nicholas Courtney, Gareth Thomas, Jacqueline Pearce, Mat Irvine, David Maloney, Paul Cornell

Apr 27 10th Planet - Doctor Who Riverboat Cruise, 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/sales@tenthplanet.co.uk> Guests: Mark Strickson, India Fisher, Jeremy Young, Prentis Hancock



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NOVEMBER 2002

2002.11.27: SSG Shawn Williams, Director Infantry TRACOM (Comops2ndbde@aol.com), announced a new online infantry leadership test. Detailed information is available in the original announcement or at <http://hometown.aol.com/directorinfantry/>.

2002.11.20: Commander Robin Smith, Announcements Administrator (xo@ussdragonsclub.org), announces that the email address for the Announcements list has been updated to sfi-announce-l@lists.sfi.org.

2002.11.20: Major General Robert J. Jackson, Election Coordinator 2002, (robbyjackson@attbi.com), announces the results of the VOC for Commander, STARFLEET. General Michael W. Malotte was confirmed as Commander-Elect, STARFLEET and both amendments were confirmed.

2002.11.18: Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, (comm@sfi.org), announces that Robin Smith of the USS Dragon's Cub has been added to the Starfleet Communications team as the new Announcements Guru!

2002.11.10: Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar, (nitehawk@ussjaguar.org), reminds all writers that the if you write fiction and are interested in sharing the trials and tribulations of writing, join the SFI Fiction list, hosted on YahooGroups. To subscribe, send a message to: sfi-fiction-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

2002.11.10: Commodore David Klingman (xenobio@carolina.rr.com) decided to postpone the article featuring the baby photos until CQ115. Please send all photos (.gif or .jpg preferred) to him in time.

2002.11.07: Commodore Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP, (co@ussdominator.org), announces that there have been a number of changes to the program. For more information on those changes, please visit the OCP website (<http://www.OCPnet.org>) and read the FAQ. Carl has posted a list of chapters who have donated. Please reference this entire message and check this list.

2002.11.05: Brigadier General Sanford Berenberg, Director of Membership Processing, (membership@sfi.org), announces that the new SFI Membership Database is now sending out automated Emails. Members will receive emails from: (system@thedaystrominstitute.org). This means that email notifications will be going out for members whose Memberships are soon to expire or have recently expired. The SFI Membership Database, DYNEE, sending you an email. DYNEE is the name of the Database, or the database Artificial Intelligence.

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2002.10.29: Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Director, Department of Technical Services & Director, Office of Technical Information, (DTS@sfi.org), announces the appointment of the new Chairman of the Starfleet Advanced Starship Design Bureau: Fleet Captain David Lockwood who can be reached at: (adjudicator3@aol.com).

2002.10.28: Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of U.S.S. Francis Marion, NCC-2006.

2002.10.22: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, SFI Region 17 Coordinator, (R17RC@hotmail.com), announces that in order to save the region money, they moved the Region 17 website to a free geocities address: (<http://www.geocities.com/r17rc>).

2002.10.20: Rear Admiral Paul M. Reid, Region 10 RC, (sakaari@shaw.ca), announces that Region 10 is in the process of activating its new domain. It should be active mid-week. The URL is: (<http://www.10thfleet.org>).

2002.10.20: (okshipwreck@cox.net), announces that the Region Twelve 2003 Summit will be in Oklahoma City on May 16, 17, and 18th. It will be hosted at the La Quinta Inn, I-40 & Meridian, by Brad Wynn and Robert (Booker) Tompkins.

2002.10.16: Colonel Mysteri Tullis, Acting Director FDP Youth Services, (fdp-cadets@sfi.org), announces that the FDP Youth now has a new list. To subscribe, please go to (<http://lists.wesmo.com/mailman/listinfo/fdp-youth-l>).

lists.wesmo.com/mailman/listinfo/fdp-youth-l.

2002.10.15: Rear Admiral Pete Mohney, Region 2 RC, (pdmohney@aol.com), announces that the hotel for the (R2) Summit 2003 is hosting another large group that same weekend, so you need to make your reservations early, in order to ensure that you get a room before they run out. Also, be sure to ask for the "STARFLEET BLOCK" of rooms when you reserve your hotel room for the Summit 2003.

2002.10.15: Rear Admiral Pete Mohney, Region 2 RC, (pdmohney@aol.com), reminds everyone that the bid that our group from R2 put together has won the privilege of hosting the STARFLEET International Conference 2004, which will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, on July 29 through August 1, 2004. (For details, see our page at (www.ic2004.org)). They will need LOTS of staff people, to help with various areas - security, transportation, cadets, and so on. They are currently taking applications for the positions of Program Book Chair and Entertainment Chair, until October 25. If you are interested, send a Fleet resume and a sample of your work - either a mockup of a program book, or a listing of entertainment events you would plan - to Pete.

2002.10.15: Colonel John Roberts, Director, School of Strategy & Tactics, SFA, (jcroberts2@hotmail.com), announces the newest course at the SFA's School of Strategy and Tactics: Comparisons in Strategy and Tactics.

2002.10.11: Allyson M. W. Dyar, Assistant Administrator & Channel Administrator, Fleetchat Network, (nitehawk@ussjaguar.org), is updating the channels page. Please link to (<http://www.fleetchat.org/channels.html>) and if you have a channel listed, please make sure that all the information listed is correct. For more information, come on IRC (www.fleetchat.org) and /join #fleetchat. Ask for nitehawk (Allyson's nick on IRC) and she'll be happy to help you.

2002.10.11: Commodore Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the Overseas Coupon Program, (co@ussdominator.org), announces that he is putting together a history

section for the OCP. Please reference the entire message.

2002.10.10: Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the Overseas Coupon Program, (co@ussdominator.org), announces that it had come to his attention that here may be chapters out there that have not received any OCP awards for 2001. If you are a chapter that contributed to the OCP and did not receive an award, please contact Carl. OCP Website: (<http://members.aol.com/~beckythane/OCP.html>).

2002.10.09: Major General Robert J. Jackson (robbyjackson@attbi.com), Inspector General, SFI announces he is taking applications for Assistant Inspector General in Region 1. If you are interested, please reference the entire message.

2002.10.07: Michael Smith, Chief Administrator, Fleetchat IRC Network, (msmith@acmecorp.org), announces that they have recently updated their IRC Services Code to Version 5.0. An integral part of the new services is having an authenticated email address as a further security measure for our registered users. When you first log in, and identify with NickServ, it will then ask you to set an email address. Please follow the instructions services gives to you. For further details, please reference the entire message.

2002.10.04: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that STARFLEET Academy's Commodore Donna Jean Noddin passed away today. Donna Jean was the Director of Starfleet Academy's Ship Counselor's College - Canadian Campus as well as the XO of the USS Roberta Bondar and will be deeply missed by those who called her "Friend".

2002.10.03: Commodore Jeffery 'Hawk' Higdon, Deputy STARFLEET Historian, (higdon@xta.com), announces that a new addition to the Official STARFLEET Website has been made! With permission of the Director and the Author of the initial articles that appeared in CQs 110, 111 & 112, STARFLEET Historian General Scott Akers, they now have the entire History of STARFLEET Academy as a part of the Official

History Website. You may access the STARFLEET Academy History at (<http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory/>) and click on SFA.

2002.10.03: Commodore Nancy Lynch, Region 17 CMO, (nlynch@zianet.com), announces that the Region 17 Medical Department webpage has been updated with the October issue of "Med Station 17", the Departmental newsletter. Check out the documents section to download or view. (www.zianet.com/nlynch/region17medical).

2002.10.01: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that Kim Brooks is passing the College of Communications Director's baton on to Julie (Jules) James. E-mail (coc@sfi.org) to contact Julie and sign up for a course.

STARFLEET HELPDESK IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU!

If you have any questions, concerns, problems or issues with how things are functioning in STARFLEET today, please feel free to contact the SFI Helpdesk at helpdesk@sfi.org and we'll get right on it!

For those who do not have access to e-mail, we have a voice-mail/fax. If you do have e-mail access, we strongly recommend that you use helpdesk@sfi.org. But for those that don't, they can call or fax (507) 299-2015.

This is a number in the US, and yes, it's a toll call. Make sure to leave us enough information so we know how to contact you!

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Shuttlecon 92, STARFLEET'S Western Regional Conference- August 29,30 Visalia, CA. Gene Roddenberry A Tribute To The Man And His Dreams, Starfleet and KAG Peace Conference, Writer Guest of Honor Marc Scott Zicree, Klingon Trial (Romulan Bad Guy), Masquerade and Cabaret, Guest of Honor John de Lancie (Q), Music Video, and News Broadcast 47 Live Eye Premiere of Deep Space 9, Limited Edition \$10 Donation, \$2 video tape, & \$4 S/H, total \$16. USS Explorer NCC 71845, Janice McKeever, 4747 N. Cornelia #101, Fresno, CA. 93722, e-mail: JMcKee2220@AOL.COM

"My Reflection" newsletter is available for a SASE to Robert Clyde Allen, PO Box 488, Spencer NC 28159 or email rca_artist61@yahoo.com

USS Jaguar, NCC-74750 Patches for Sale of our official Jaguar Logo. They are 3" round and can be seen on our home page: www.ussjaguar.org. Patches are \$5 each, includes postage and we accept payments via PayPal (account: allyson@dyarstraights.com). Send money to: Kurt F Roithinger, 1209 SE 89th Avenue, Portland OR 97216-1715. Email: gren@ussjaguar.org.

Region 5 -- Fifth Fleet Patches for Sale! Three-inches round -- check our home page, www.region5.org for what it looks like. Patches are \$5 each, includes postage. Send money to: Regional Coordinator, Region 5, Nat Saenz, 2201 Rouchelle Lane, West Richland, WA 99353. Email: rc@region5.org.

Did You Miss Attending IC2002? Don't worry...you still have time to buy a few of those extra special items. You can still purchase polo shirts, t-shirts, ballcaps, lanyards, and collector's coins. Prices range from \$25 for a t-shirt down to a reasonable \$5 for a lanyard or a collector's coin. Sound like a good deal? Point your browser to: <http://www.ic2002/store.htm> and indulge yourself!

MEMBERS WANTED

New Correspondence chapter forming in Region 1! Come help Lt. Cmdr. James J. Cecil form a new STARFLEET chapter in the best region in all of the Fleet, Region 1! Our mother ship is the USS Wasp, and our vessel class is that of the Intrepid Class Starship. To join send either regular mail: James J. Cecil, 511 Letcher Ave. Richmond, KY 40475 or email: jcecil@eros.chapel1.com

The USS Shawnee, an EFCP meeting chapter, based in the KC Metro area, would like to invite you to join us for exciting new adventures. We are looking to expand our ranks of friends and fellow crew/officers for some exciting events ahead. Contact the CO at: USS Shawnee CO@aol.com or CdrKen@aol.com. Check out our chapter website: www.littlestarship.com

Are you interested in Star Trek Science? Then sign aboard the U.S.S. Alaric NCC-503! As the home of Starfleet Sciences, the Alaric is STARFLEET's science flagship and a good source for regional science activities as well. We have an active local program as well as a strong correspondence program. For information, contact Richard Heim, P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802, or email alaricrh@sprynet.com, or visit us online at <http://www.ussalaric.org/>

The U.S.S. Prevailing Wind is in the search for SFI members that are not attached to any ships. Our chapter is located in the Harrisburg, PA area and we would love for you to come join our ship. Our website is located at: <http://www.prevailingwind.org>. If interested, please let us know on our website. We hope to hear from you soon.

The USS Dominator and the 144th MSG are looking for all unassigned members of the STARFLEET Marine

Corps and SFI. The Dominator is a correy chapter in Region 1. For information on joining the Dominator, visit www.ussdominator.org or email the CO at co@ussdominator.org. For information on joining the 144th, visit www.ussdominator.org/144thMSG or email the OC at 144msgoic@ussdominator.org or RRtrrs@aol.com.

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.

New and Unique Ship Forming in STARFLEET! Do you have an interest in languages? Do you speak Esperanto or do you want to learn another language? See the most interesting experiment in SFI: the Shuttle Espero! Visit our web site at <http://home.twcny.rr.com/datahold/espero/> or email Fleet Captain Doc Kinne at n2ikr@arrl.net.

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Attention all SFI members in Indiana! Looking for fellow Fleeters to organize events, etc. Contact spotts1701@ameritech.net.

A new chapter is forming in Region 9, and is looking for you. If you live in 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

EVENTS

IC2003 Celebrates 100 Years of Flight. The 2003 International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn - Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina, from July 30th, through August 3rd, 2003. For more information, contact Jack Hopkins at SFIJack@aol.com or visit <http://www.ic2003.iwarp.com/>

The 2003 Region 2 Summit and Second Brigade Marine Muster will be held in Huntsville, Alabama on March 7-9, 2003. Event highlights include the Great Dalmuti card tournament, Fleet Admiral's Dinner, Beat the Geek competition, dance, banquet, awards ceremony, auction benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and much more. Our hotel is the Beville Center. Call 888-721-9428 to reserve your room immediately and you must mention the "STARFLEET Region 2 Summit." For the latest information and rates, visit www.region2.org/summit/.

FREE ADS TO STARFLEET MEMBERS!

Classified Ads are free to STARFLEET members. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, chapter names, and Region names count as one word each. Please include your SCC number and expiration date as proof of STARFLEET membership, and your telephone number for verification, when submitting an ad. There is a maximum of two ads of no more than 100 words per member per issue.

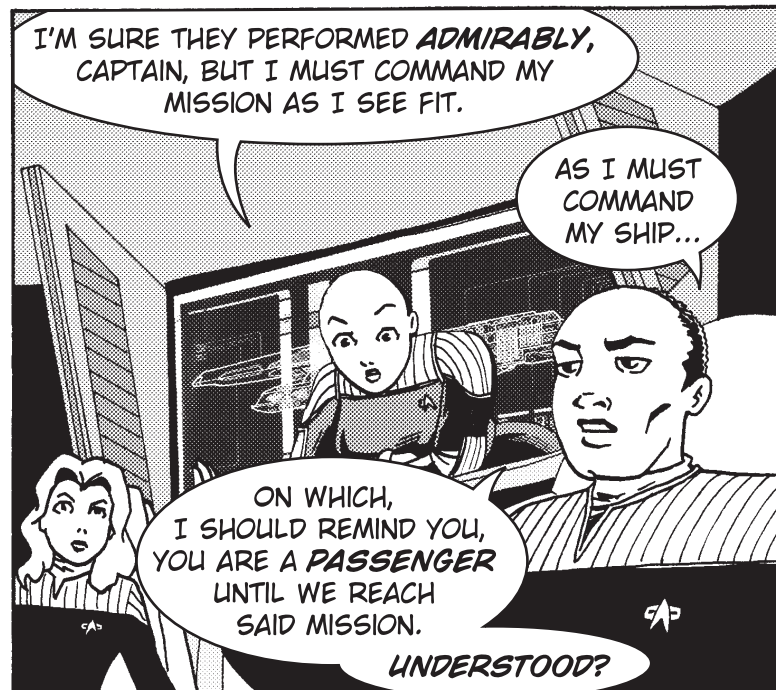
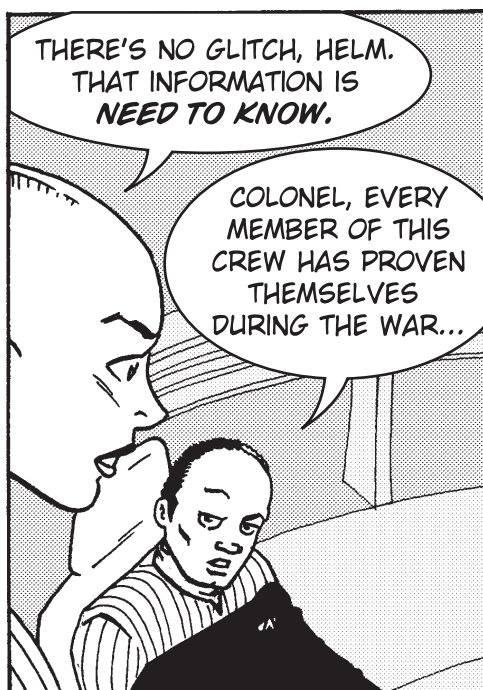
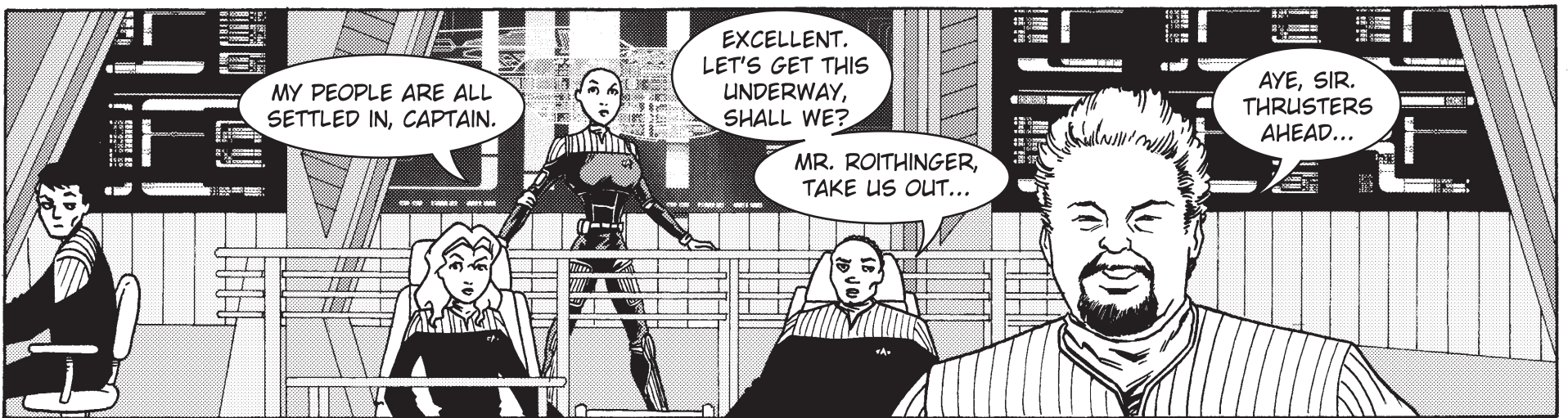
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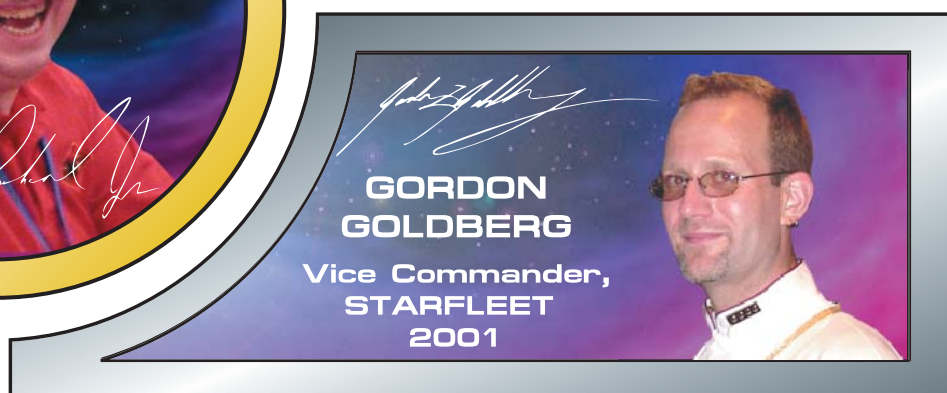
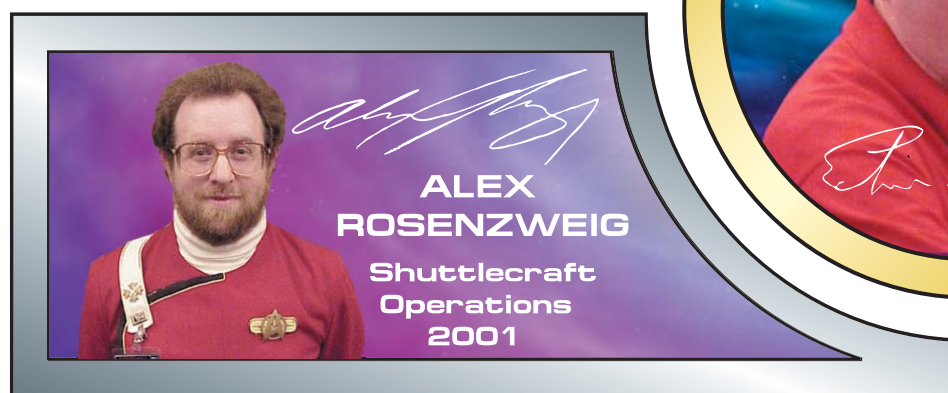
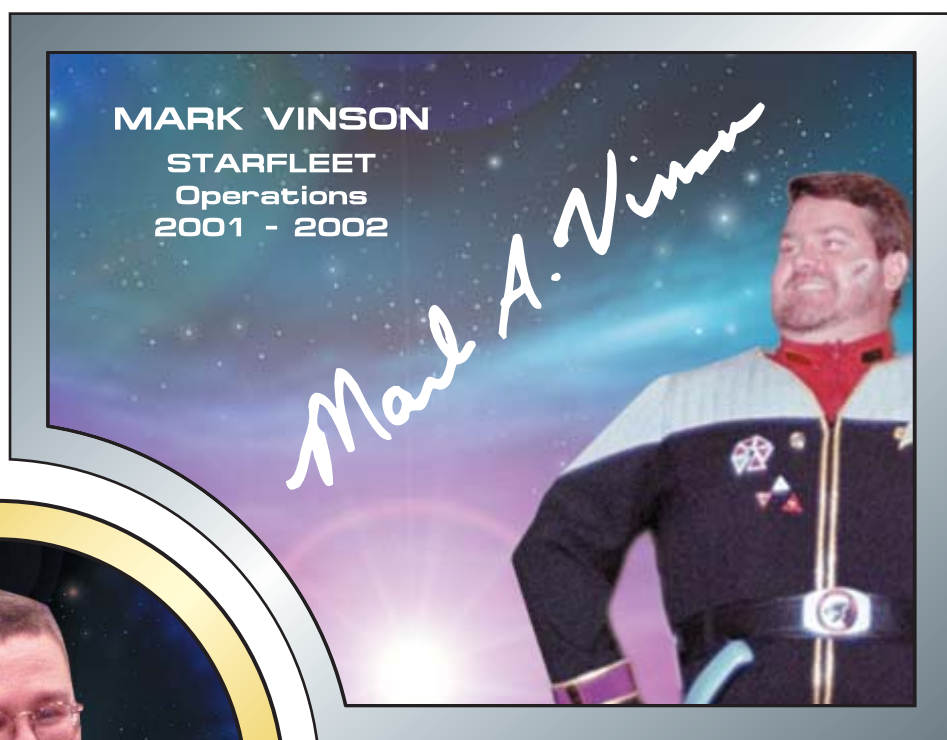
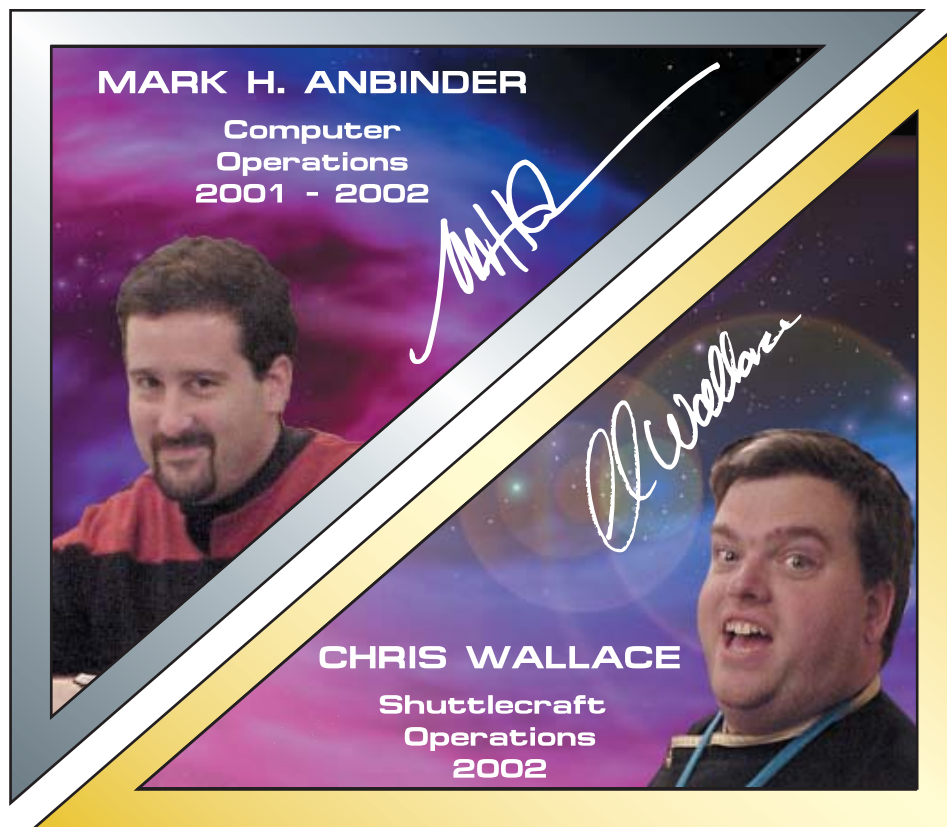
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THE MEMBERSHIP OF STARFLEET, TO THE BEST OF OUR COLLECTIVE ABILITIES.

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