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# STARFLEET MOURNS COLUMBIA

by Colleen Wagner, Region 17, USS Sol's Fury

Exploration is the culmination of mankind's desire to better ourselves and to gain knowledge. To "know the unknown". It is what drives us all. No matter what the cost.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition is one example of mankind losing life to gain that knowledge.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson launched the Lewis and Clark Expedition to send an exploratory party to open a passage to the Pacific Ocean. On May 14, 1804 Lewis, Clark, and fifty-five men left Camp Wood and began their journey.

Along the way they added to their numbers with some natives, a Frenchman, his wife, and young native woman with a two month old baby, whom we know as Sacagawea, the expedition's interpreter.

By the time they returned from the Pacific to St. Louis in September, 1806, there were only a small handful of the entire group. Many lives were lost along the way. Yet exploration of the Western Frontier continued, followed by the settlers. Many more lives were lost during the settling, and mankind persevered.

The same situation occurred with the Northwest Passage Expedition, which eventually gave rise to the settlement of Canada.

Once again, the first Pilgrim settlers of America had a similar fate adjusting to the new world. All of which suffered great loss to achieve great gain.

There are other frontiers to explore right here on Earth. How many of those above ground, below ground, water caves, volcanic activity, and even our own oceanic expeditions have had their share of loss of life during exploration? How much money is still spent, or manpower supplied even today?

Despite these losses, we continue. For these same reasons, we also reach out to space knowing the risk is still a major factor. If not more so.

If we halted all automobile use every time life was lost behind the wheel, how would this country function? In the same respect, if we halt the space program, how can it function? It is of course; best to do what we can to save lives. After all, going to space is no cruise down a simple road. Still, we must not allow our fear of another accident override our abilities.

We have heard the President say that the space program should continue. We have also heard the families of the lost agree. The people of this great nation undoubtedly agree. What about the seven astronauts? What would they have to say?

So, why the nitpicking and petty blame from the press? There is no fault; no one single fault. They knew the risks of space travel. However, this is the first time this has happened. We cannot allow ourselves to put blame on this lack of safety, or that lack of manpower, etc... At the time, what was being done was sufficient. There was no reason for it not to be. All shuttle re-entries until now were flawless.

Everyone agrees that the accident must be assessed promptly. At the same time we need to recondition the flight worthy shuttles and get them up there. As the investigation works through we need to keep the space program in motion. Perhaps, something like an orbital pre-flight would help. The good to come from this would be, that the Astronauts can be sure the shuttles are just as ready for re-entry, as the ground crew made sure they would before take-off.

The orbital pre-flight not only could help us now, but in the future as well. If we are too far from Earth with an external problem, we could go outside to fix it without mission interference. This idea could allow us to continue towards the Moon, Mars, or perhaps another solar system.

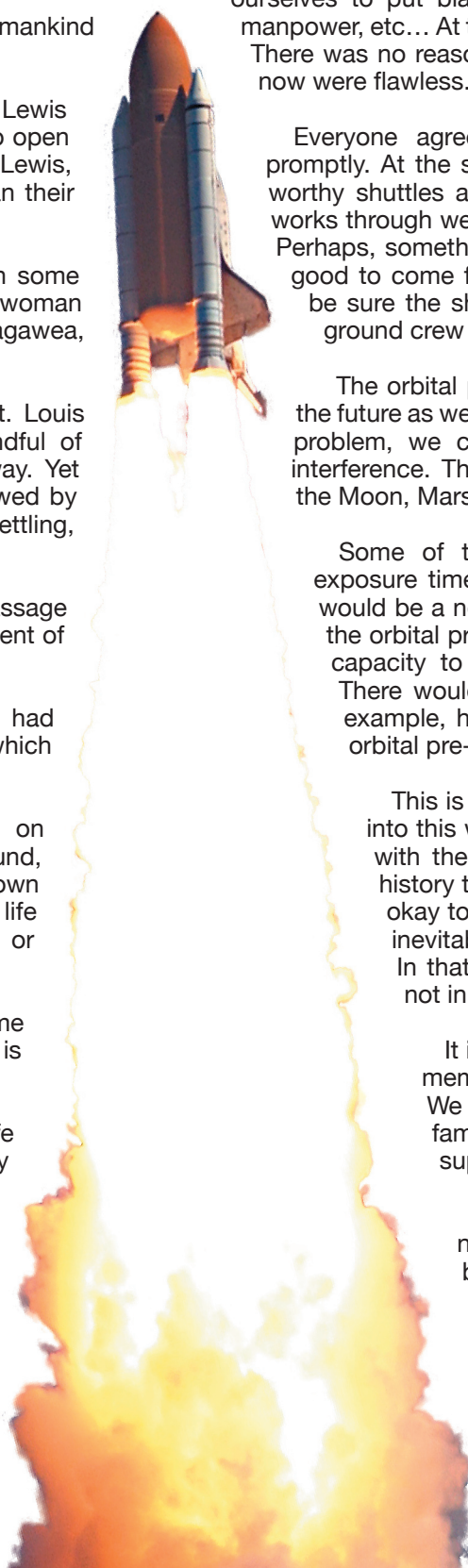
Some of the issues to overcome would be, more exposure time for the Astronauts to space debris. There would be a need to develop a tethering system to enable the orbital pre-flight crew freedom of movement, and the capacity to carry what's needed for possible repairs. There would be other issues to work out as well. For example, how will the astronauts train on Earth for an orbital pre-flight?

This is an important lesson for us. We do not come into this world knowing everything, and when dealing with the unknown, this is the only way throughout history that we learn enough to advance. No, it's not okay to give life to go forward, but, when life is lost, inevitably we gain tremendously as the end result. In that way, the sacrifices taken by those lost are not in vain.

It is right to see so much support for the family members, and their struggle to get through this. We need to also remember that NASA was their family as well. They deserve just as strong of support by all of us.

We live in a world that's ever increasing in not only the knowledge that takes us forward, but the technology to go with it as well (which, in itself presents a new kind of knowledge). There is still so much we don't know – and need to ... Are we alone in the universe?

From all of us at Starfleet, thoughts and prayers go out to NASA, and the families of the seven Astronauts lost on February 1, 2003.



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Region 7 at the Polar Bear Plunge - Check it out on page 15.

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Greetings and salutations from STARFLEET Headquarters!

Welcome to my first article as Commander, STARFLEET. It is truly an honor to serve the membership and I hope I can come close to doing as good a job as the man I'm replacing. Les started his administration with a "State of the Fleet" article and requested that successive administrations do the same. So, this is where we are at and where we are planning on taking the organization during our term.

But first, I'd like to introduce my staff:

*Chief of Staff -* Allyson Dyar  
*Quartermaster -* Carl Johnson  
*Inspector General -* Robb Jackson  
*Director of Personnel -* Ben Redding  
*Director of Promotions -* Deborah Malotte  
*Director of Awards -* Vacant  
*Director of Publicity and Public Relations -* Gerry Sylvester

As you can see, most of the staff from the previous administration is staying on. There are two exceptions. First is due to a new department. Gerry Sylvester will be stepping up as our Director of Publicity/Public Relations. She brings a tremendous amount of expertise and energy to the table and I anticipate some really cool things from her. The second exception is in the Awards Department. Mandi Livingston was overseeing this but has moved over to work in CompOps. This leaves an opening on my staff I need to fill - more on that later.

Les' administration was an administration of constant and consistent progress. He set out to accomplish some very specific goals and was quite successful. Due to this, I honestly feel that I've had the luxury of being on the receiving end of the smoothest administration transition ever.

At this point, the financial items that needed to be transferred have been. I have the Fleet checkbook and Tammy has the new signature cards. I

have received a copy of Fleet's latest bank statement from Randy Norris - as of the 10th of January; we had a balance of over \$19,000. This is the direct result of 2 solid years of proper financial attention. The creation of the Chief Financial Officer was the final piece of this most critical area in the well being of this organization. Thanks to Les and Tammy for their efforts and a special thanks to you, the members, for making the CFO position a reality.

All other departments are reporting similar successes in office transitions. Joost has the records from Mark Vinson; Scott started receiving material from Marlene Miller in December; Chris Wallace sent his records to Jerry; and Mark and Sandy had done most of their needed changes in December, as well. My sincerest thanks go to the outgoing members of the Executive Committee. This is how every transition should go!

Looking to the future, the team has a lot of plans and ideas for the next two years. All of these are centered on our five primary platform planks.

**Fiscal Responsibility** - While for the last 2 years, we've done a great job of being accountable for the state of the organization's finances; the addition of the CFO has solidified this. Part of the Executive Committee and now answerable to the membership, Fleet's financial future is the best it's ever been.

**Member Recognition** - In the past, about the only way to get recognized for work done in Fleet was to get promoted or get an annual award. The problem with that is that you can only go so far in rank so fast and there are only so many annual awards. This administration is currently working on designing a new awards program that can be used any time by anyone. In this way, we can recognize the hard work of our members, regardless of their rank and whenever it needs to happen. Thanks to Chris Wallace, we have an excellent starting point and it shouldn't take too long to get it up and running. And while we plan on it being up and running before then, the new program will be introduced officially at the International Conference in Greensboro this year. The call has already gone out for a new Awards Director. The person who takes this on should be self-motivated, able to work within deadlines, be able to make at least IC, have an Internet connection

(not mandatory but a definite plus) and a willingness to be in the public eye and on stage. Applications will be taken until 1 March 2003 and announced by March 15th. I look forward to seeing this move forward.

**Improving the Experiences of our International Members** - We've already made some excellent progress in this area. CQs are getting to our overseas members quicker, more of our International members are involved in more areas of the leadership, not the least being Joost Ueffing, our first International Executive Committee member. We've also seen positions created in other EC Departments to specifically address the unique needs of these members. Keep watching for more progress.

**Visibility of the Scholarship Program and Member Involvement** - I am working right now with Sue Hampton to get some information on the program, exactly how it works, who uses it, what's been given out in the past years - all to look at what we can do to make this program better. We have too little participation, too little publicity and too little communication in this area right now. Once all the details are worked out, Gerry Sylvester will be overseeing a huge publicity campaign to make sure every member of Fleet knows about this very tangible benefit of belonging to our organization.

**Revamping the Executive Committee, its Staff and Processes** - This is a process started six years ago with the first Smith admin, continued on in the second Smith admin, was carried on by the Rickard Admin and is an important part of our administration. Each office within the EC is an ever-changing and evolving department, always looking for ways to improve itself and its processes. While I'll let the other EC members tell you about theirs, I can tell you about a couple of changes in the Office of Commander, STARFLEET.

First is the reworking of the Personnel Department. This has been temporarily stalled due to Ben Redding's surgery (hope you're feeling better, Ben!) but will eventually result in a change in the basic structure of his duties. The Director of Personnel will become a "personnel resources expert", sort of like a Human

Resources Representative. Ben will be maintaining a complete dossier of anyone interested in taking on positions of more responsibility. He will also be assisting those submitting applications in creating a proper "FLEET Resume" and be an available assistant to those seeking applicants for any position.

The second is an addition of duties for the Director of Promotions. Working in conjunction with Sandy Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, Joost Ueffing, Chief of Operations and Joan Pierce, Helpdesk Diva, Deb is now in charge of any and all rank changes in the database from Fleet Captain on up. Joost will report any change requests from MSR's, Sandy will watch for them in the CompOps queue in the HelpDesk and Joan has set up a queue within the HelpDesk for Deb to work out of. If you see that your rank is incorrect, please send an email to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) or [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) and it'll get taken care of quickly. Kudos to all parties involved for pulling together to provide this for the members of Fleet - this is the kind of cooperation that can only benefit everyone!

That about does it for me... I'm personally very excited for the opportunity to serve the membership at this level. I hope to see a lot of folks over the next couple of years. Should anyone want to get in touch with me, here is my contact info:

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In closing, I'd like to thank the membership for having faith in our team. I'm looking forward to the next two years and plan on having a lot of fun!

See ya 'round Fleet!

# OFFICE OF THE VICE-COMMANDER

REAR ADMIRAL MARK ANBINDER  
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Good evening, and welcome to my first bimonthly column writing as your new Vice Commander, STARFLEET. Writing from my post near the "center seat" occupied by our dear leader, FAdm Mike Malotte, I'll do my best over the next two years to share news from around the Fleet, thoughts about what's going on in the Fleet programs that fall under the VCS's domain, and my own perspectives on the universe that is STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association.

## The VCS Travelogue

Those of you who've been reading my CompOps columns for the last two-plus years know that I often talk about my Fleet related travels. STARFLEET Travel Season has expanded over the years for me; it used to be just a couple of summertime jaunts, to Shore Leave and the International Conference, and that was usually about it. These days, I've had fun traveling a lot more broadly!

Just this month, I got to see Commodore Jerry Tien when I visited the San Francisco Bay Area for a non-Fleet event. (Sometimes travel occurs for other reasons than STARFLEET functions!) Jerry and I got together for lunch at Mel's Drive-In, a '60s-style diner near my hotel, just a few days after we each took office in our new EC positions.

Coming up on my tentative Fleet travel schedule are a few Regional events, Shore Leave, the International Conference, and of course the 2003 edition of Watkins Glen Weekend, hosted by USS Accord. (That's more for your travel schedule than mine, I guess; it's not much of a trip for me!)

For more information about Watkins Glen Weekend, drop me a note, or visit the Accord web site at

www.ussaccord.org. In general terms, for those of you who haven't heard me yammer about WGW a million times before, it's a weekend in Central New York featuring a hike at the Watkins Glen State Park gorge trails, and good food and relaxation in and around Ithaca.

The 14th annual WGW is 3-5 October 2003, and the blocks of hotel

I hear about it, and the earlier I hear about it, the better the chances I'll be able to join you.

## Travels thus far

The year began with Fleet-related travel, even before my January 4th trip to San Francisco for the Macworld Expo. I had the privilege of spending a few days in the Kansas City, Missouri



EC members Mark Anbinder and Jerry Tien get together for lunch in Region 4 during Mark's trip out west for the Macworld Expo.

rooms are already lined up! Check out the details and RSVP now.

One of my hopes is that, over the course of my two-year term as Vice Commander, STARFLEET, I'll make it to at least one event in each active region of the Fleet. I can't promise I'll get to your event, necessarily, but you can make it more likely if you do a good job of promoting your event throughout the organization! The more

area for a fantastic New Year's Eve gathering.

Those few days were a remarkable opportunity to spend time with friends, old and new, and to be reminded of what STARFLEET is all about. We're here to process membership applications and publish newsletters, to answer questions and award scholarships, to attend movies and do good things in our communities.

But what STARFLEET is all about, and I can't say this strongly enough, is friends from different locales and different lives getting together and having a good time.

Over the course of that week, I ate lots of good food, as none of you who know me will be surprised to hear. But I had the opportunity to enjoy these several meals with wonderful people who I'm glad are part of this organization with me. Whether it was three of us enjoying a quiet breakfast at the hotel, or 11 of us demolishing a steak dinner, or a couple dozen attacking Carl's brisket during the New Year's Eve party itself, the visit was a chance for me to learn more about the people whose names have been familiar for years, or friends I see once or twice a year, or entirely new faces.

Returning to the scene of the 2001 STARFLEET International Conference, the Kansas City Airport Marriott, brought back a lot of good memories from that occasion, partly because several of the same people were in attendance. I was delighted that not only did several of Fleet's most intrepid travelers (among whom I count Chris, Joan, Gerry, and Sandy) make the journey by plane, but also several folks had long drives from their homes in Region 12. (I'm not counting Greg and PJ Trotter, who put hundreds of miles on their van while ferrying us around!)

If you have a bit of time and funds to do some Fleet traveling of your own, I strongly encourage you to do just that. Whether it's driving an hour to another chapter's fundraising event or movie outing, hopping a bus for an anniversary dinner a few hundred miles away, or flying halfway across the country for another region's summit or conference, you'll find the effort is well worth the afternoon, the day, or the long weekend.

I'll look forward to seeing you there.

## NOT OF OFFICE, BUT OF BODY

by COMM J.C. Cohen

Greetings STARFLEET, as you all know, each of the Executive Committee members writes an article summarizing their activities for each CQ to keep you, the membership, informed. With this issue of the CQ, we introduce one more informative article, on behalf not of an office, but

of a body- the Admiralty Board. Each of the EC members makes decisions that affect STARFLEET, but so does the AB. The AB decides both long-term policies for STARFLEET and ratifies certain vital staffing positions. I will now pass on these discussions and decisions to you, the members,

as a member of the staff of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET - the VCS is, of course, the official archivist of the AB.

The year began with a new administration taking over the reigns of STARFLEET leadership. The AB congratulated the outgoing admin on 2 years of a job well done and greeted the new admin, and confirmed that all the contact information for the entire EC/AB was correct. Several

new members of the AB were also brought aboard the EC/AB mailing lists, including new RCs in R5, R12, R13, and R15; additionally, the Region 2 RC-elect was added as a courtesy.

Two orders of business are currently in front of the AB-

Issue one is the selection of a new Internal Auditor. Brad Pense  
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Greetings STARFLEET!

Do you ever get the feeling of euphoria that this can't be happening to you? Like somehow this shouldn't have happened but did? For a while after the SFI election I felt like that. I was amazed when I was first asked to be on Mike and Mark's team. I was elated when STARFLEET chose us. Then the euphoria set in for a while. Then the realization that, oh man, I'm actually the Chief of Operations for Starfleet!

And now? Now is the determination to do the job and make sure it's done right.

And so it begins...

I do want to thank everyone who voted for Mike and Mark and everyone who voted in this year's election / Vote of Confidence. This is your EC, and every voice heard matters!

Over the next two years I'll be speaking on various topics that relate to chapter operations, plus give any stats on various chapters that should be mentioned. I'll say from the outset that I'll try to be as accurate as possible, but I can make mistakes and probably will commit some goofs sometime in the future. So bear with me if I do this.

### Ops Programs

After talking to Barbara Paul, Armed Services Program Director, it was decided that the Armed Services Program has run its course and was retired in the beginning of January. I want to take the time to thank Barbara for all the work she did for the ASP and wish her luck as she moves on from Operations.

Correy Operations will be continuing as normal. Correy chapters please remember to forward your MSR to the Correy Ops Director Michelle Fanelli when making your MSRs.

I am now also taking applications for the position of Chapter Care Program Director. The CCP is a new program that will be created for the purpose of keeping up with the needs of \*all\* chapters in STARFLEET. The CCP Director will be responsible for designing, along with the rest of the Ops staff, the processes of the CCP and overseeing its operations. The

CCP will be very customer oriented, so a strong desire to help people along with an empathic personality and strong organizational skills will be necessary. If you think you are this person and want to make a difference, please send me a STARFLEET resume, real life resume, and at least three references to ops@sfi.org or my mailing address. A candidate will be chosen in May.

### The Database

As most COs and XOs know now, the new Membership Database is now online and available for your needs. COs and XOs can now do a number of things related to Operations, including:

- changing chapter information
- change of command requests
- MSR submission
- MSR archives

I encourage you all to log onto the database and explore its potential. Future articles will address specific issues about the Database as they come up.

### MSRs

As those of you that have been reporting online, the MSR Reporting page that used to be on SFI.org is no longer there. There is a reason for that.

As most of the COs know, the new MSR Reporting Tool is now operational. This reporting tool basically replaces the old MSR Reporting tool in functionality: where the old MSR Reporting page pre-filled information, so does the new MSR Reporting Tool. The new MSR Reporting Tool also has the ability to be modified and improved as the database evolves and grows. This makes the MSR Reporting tool a much greater resource for COs and XOs to use when submitting their MSRs. Not only all the chapter's redundant information pre-filled (chapter name, address, etc), all MSRs reported on the database are archived for future retrieval; so if you need a previously filed MSR for your records, it's there. The MSR is also exportable so that you can port it into your favorite word processor or copy it into an e-mail to send it to your section chiefs, VRCs, senior captain, or whoever else needs to see the MSR. The new tool also sends an e-mail notification to myself (through MSRReports@sfi.org), the RC, and the CO when a MSR is

submitted.

Now the old reporting page was linked to the old database that was being used by STARFLEET Membership Processing. With the new database online, that database was retired in November of 2002. And with SFI.org now on a new server, the old MSR Reporting page and the database were incompatible with it (the new server running on Linux as opposed to Microsoft Windows as it was explained to me). So any new MSR Reporting page would basically be a "fill-in-the-form" page, something you can also do by simply e-mailing me a filled out form.

So, in light of these events I am announcing the retirement of the old MSR reporting page for good. It served its purpose well, but it is now time for it to be put to the webpage pasture where it can frolic and play with the other retired webpages on the internet.

Any CO / XO wanting to file an MSR can now do so in one of the following ways:

1) Via the SFI Online Database. This is the preferred method of reporting. To file a report on the database:

a) Log into the database with your username and password. You can find the database at <http://database.sfi.org>. If you fail to log in or if you don't have a username or password please e-mail the Helpdesk at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). Be sure to include your full name, SCC number and e-mail address.

b) Once logged in, on the left-hand side there will be a number of options you can choose from. Under the Chapter heading select MSR Report.

c) Fill in and change the information as necessary. Don't forget to choose the month you're reporting for.

d) You will have two options at the bottom of the MSR Report: Store MSR and Submit To Departments. Storing the MSR will save it in the DB for future editing but won't actually submit it. Submit to Departments will file it in the database and send a notification to Operations, your RC, and yourself.

If a CO finds that they don't have this tool in their list of tools on the DB there are two ways to get around it:

- All COs should also have a tool called CO Permissions. With this

you can also assign permissions you have to other crewmembers. Simply assign yourself the MSR Report tool to yourself and that should fix the problem.

- Failing that, please e-mail me at [ops@sfi.org](mailto:ops@sfi.org) so this can be rectified.

2) Via e-mail. You can send it to [MSRReports@sfi.org](mailto:MSRReports@sfi.org), your RC, and anyone else in your region that requires it. You can get a copy of the MSR form at the SFI document center at <http://documents.sfi.org>.

3) Via the good old fashion postal service. You can mail a filled-out copy of the MSR form (again retrieved from your friendly neighborhood SFI document center) to STARFLEET Operations, your RC, and anyone else that requires it. The address for STARFLEET Operations is:

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With 2) and 3) Ops will enter the information from the MSR into the database.

\*Important Note\*: Anyone that has Mark Vinson in their e-mail distribution list for MSR Submission please remove him, as he is no longer Chief of Operations. His personal e-mail is [mavrc17@swbell.net](mailto:mavrc17@swbell.net).

### Vessel Registry

Issue One of the 2003 VR has been done and is being used in the latest membership packets being sent by CompOps. It is also downloadable in PDF, RTF, and text format from <http://documents.sfi.org>. As always, mistakes can be made. If you see one for your chapter, either send me an e-mail at [ops@sfi.org](mailto:ops@sfi.org) or mail me the corrected information to my home address. Updates will be done on a monthly basis for the membership packet (the 15th of each month), but anyone wishing an updated copy right away may request one. Although the promised turnaround time of two hours won't be achieved immediately, we'll endeavor to work to that as the year goes on.

One thing missing on the VR is the 15, 20, and 25 year stickers for those chapters that have been in commission that long. This is in the process of being rectified and should be back for the next issue (thanks to Dave Pipgras for taking the time to make new graphics for the VR).

The VR will also evolve in time as well with a new layout. Look for it into the middle of the year.

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# OPERATIONS (con't)

## Chapter Status

One thing I am going to be paying more attention to is chapters that are reporting later, failing to report, or are at a below strength membership for a number of months. I want to help all chapters to make sure they fulfill the minimum requirements of being a STARFLEET chapter. Therefore, if a chapter fails to report for four months out of the year, is late with reports for a 8 months out of the year, or fails to maintain a minimum of ten members for a \*consecutive\* period of four months, they will get an e-mail or call from me checking to see what's happening and if Ops can do anything to help. The situation will hopefully then be rectified at that time.

If a chapter then fails to report for a fifth time, is late with reports for two more months, or continues to be below strength for a fifth month it will be put on standby on 60 days. After that 60 days if the chapter's situation has not changed it will be decommissioned.

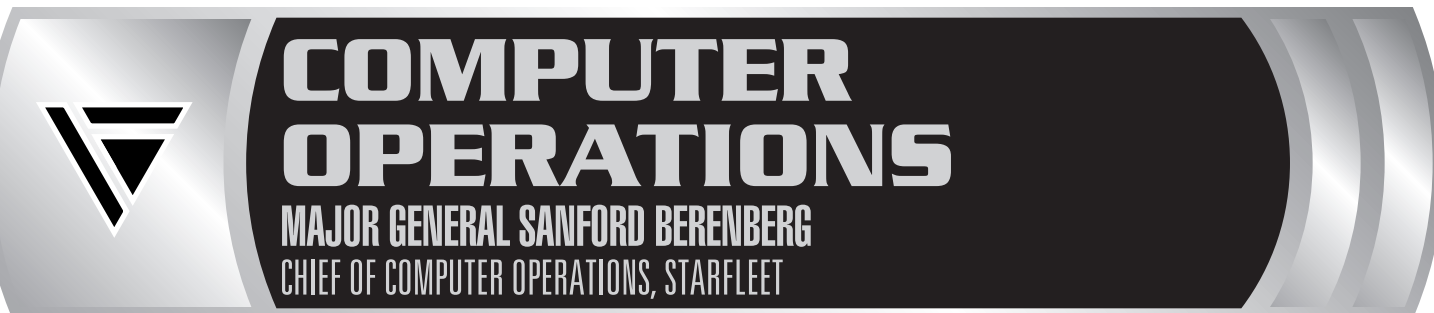
Those chapters that are below strength will also be contacted by Computer Operation's recruiting branch and offered help for rectifying that situation. More details from CompOps.

As a final word, I do recognize that every chapter situation is unique. These are guidelines I will be using for judging chapters. Any unusual or extraordinary situations or circumstance will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

That is about it for now. By the time this is published the R2 Summit will have either been completed or is just about to commence. I look forward to visiting Huntsville, AL, and experience that which is Region 2!

Thanks all! Keep the wind in your sails!

Joost Ueffing, Chief of Operations



Greetings from Computer Operations! Over the last two months, we have been very busy transitioning administrations and getting up to speed to continue servicing each and every one of our members. So far the transition has been smooth, with only a few minor hiccups. The transition of Membership Processing to Gerri Wampler is now complete. The new certificates were unfortunately held up for two weeks due to technical issues, but now membership kits are back on track.

Computer Operations has rolled out the new Recruitment and the Unassigned Member Director Offices. Mandi Livingston, Bob Vosseller and Bran Stimpson are all busy getting their new offices up to speed. In the near future, you will see the following from Mandi and her team:

A network of recruiters from all over the organization who will be looking to help chapters recruit and members form new chapters.

### A Revised Recruitment Manual

With the handiwork of Chris Wallace and Dixie Halber, Ron Fell's masterful work is being updated and will soon be available for all members.

A recruitment course based off the Recruitment Manual to help members brush up on their recruitment skills should be ready by April 2003.

### In other areas:

Dynee, the STARFLEET Membership Database: The Database roll out is complete. All members have access to this database. If you do not have your username or password, you can get them by sending an email to the SFI HelpDesk at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) or visit the website at <http://helpdesk.sfi.org>. When requesting your username and password, please provide your full name, SCC Number and email address so we can verify who you are.

### Incorrect:

Hi, I need access to the database.  
Mike  
[fortanwiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fortanwiz@hotmail.com)

With this email, we cannot determine who Mike is and cannot give him his access.

### Correct:

Hi,  
My name is Sanford Berenberg, my SCC# is 30240 and my email address is [co@ussedinburgh.org](mailto:co@ussedinburgh.org). Can you please send me my username and access?

Sanford Berenberg  
[co@ussedinburgh.org](mailto:co@ussedinburgh.org)

This email allows us to get your information and send it to the right person.

STARFLEET's new Membership Processing Printer: Recently STARFLEET purchased a laser printer to assist with the creation of membership kits. Some folks have asked why did we do this?

Over the course of STARFLEET's history, we have 'borrowed' services from our members or others. For example, a bulk of the membership materials made in the year 2000 were made at Don Willit's office, at Microsoft. When Don transferred the office to me, those services ended. I was able to set up arrangements at Newview, and made a bulk of the materials on my companies copiers. When the company ended the lease on those copiers, STARFLEET needed to find another solution to create the membership kits. Year after year, we were left scrambling for solutions.

To give you an idea of what STARFLEET consumes in materials, consider that to make just 200 kits, I had to buy three cases of paper, that's 15,000 sheets of paper (30 reams). In the course of a year, STARFLEET creates over 2500 kits. Kits only go to primary members, but contain all members' information.

Professionally printing the handbook in a print shop has an awfully high set up fee, requiring one plate per page. Our membership materials contain a 48 page membership handbook, 18 page vessel registry, four page academy application, and two sheets of member information. Since the Vessel Registry and Academy Applications change from month to month, we cannot mass-produce those beyond a certain point, or they contain too much incorrect information. So a hiring a

printer, is out, due to constant changes and the set up fees. We searched for low prices everywhere and they were all higher than any other option.

Paying for copy services, at a center such as Kinko's costs us a lot of money. One kit would cost \$3.60 to make, just for the black and white photocopies. We get price breaks at high volume, but again, making more than 200 at a time means we have incorrect information.

Buying a printer, and making our own materials, when we need them, as we need them, updating the masters as the changes occur was the best route to go. It offered us a low cost, after the original investment of the printer. A service plan, covers the printer for three years, and is a replacement plan, where a new printer is sent to replace ours if something happens.

The overall cost over a three year period was the least expensive way to go over using a printing service and also gives us the stability to not worry about where the kits will be made, like we have had through the year.

The printer is a Hewlett Packard 4100 DTN duplexing (prints on both sides of the paper) printer. It is considered industry standard and can handle over 100,000 prints a month. We paid for the printer and five high volume toner cartridges. We compared prices and found the lowest price online and purchased the printer from PCNation.

### Cost per year over three years:

Buying HP4100DTN	\$2,500.00
Kinkos	\$5,500.00
Paying Printer	\$6,000.00 and Up.

Our costs, while procuring free copying services was approximately \$1,250 a year. So our solution does increase this budget by \$1,250, but we feel it is worth the cost to know, without a doubt, that STARFLEET maintains self-sufficiency.

The printer is only used for Fleet materials for the Membership Kits. There are some thoughts to future

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# STARFLEET FINANCES

FLEET CAPTAIN TAMMY WILCOX  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

## Treasury Report

Hi everyone! Well, what can I say; once again, the treasury department has been busy. We've been working through with various transition tasks, bringing on new staff, and learning how to use the new database.

First, I'd like to introduce the newest member of our team; Dee Rickard will be our new Loss Prevention Specialist. As Loss Prevention Specialist Dee will be contacting members who have had returned checks and declined credit cards to resolve the issues with their payments and get their memberships back on track. Dee will also be the treasury point of contact for the HelpDesk by researching why memberships have been put on hold and helping to resolve any issues that led to the hold. Dee can be reached at [lossprevention@sfi.org](mailto:lossprevention@sfi.org). I hope that everyone will welcome Dee to the team!

All of the current Starfleet accounts have now completed the changeover and Mike Malotte, Mark Anbinder and I are the current signers of the accounts. In addition, the excess Academy money has been transferred into a new account, which will be our Scholarship Savings Account.

We are in the process of opening a new Academy checking account and it should be open by the time you read this CQ.

In addition, the fourth member of our team, the Budget Specialist, should be in place shortly. As the department grows over the next two years, I'm sure that we will be adding other positions, and streamlining the processes that we currently have in place.

I would like to take a moment here, to say a very special 'Thank you!' to Randy Norris. Randy is my Vice Chief Financial Officer, and he sits very quietly in the background, processing our bank statements, sending me returned check information, and verifying all of our account information. If it wasn't for Randy, the treasury would not run as smoothly as it does, he is definitely my 'right-hand man'.

I would also like to thank Brad

Pense, who has been the 'unofficial' auditor for the AB for the last 18 months. He's done so well checking up on the accounts that the AB has voted to make him our 'official' internal auditor.

As I reported last CQ, 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](mailto: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 STARFLEET academy, or be promoted until the issue has been resolved. In addition, if you are a chapter CO or XO, this places your chapter in jeopardy, as it is a requirement that these officers have ACTIVE memberships. Please make sure that when you send in money

that you make sure that you have that money in your account until it clears.

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

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

### VOUCHERS:

Please note that voucher purchases now take place through the Treasurer's office. Vouchers are available in one and five credit 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 [CFO@sfi.org](mailto:CFO@sfi.org). My mailing address is:

Tammy Willcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

"Number 1, set all replicators on *baby*.

Engage!"

For full details

check out

"New Life Forms"

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## PROMOTIONS!!!

by Col. Deborah A. Malotte  
STARFLEET  
Director of Promotions

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

Captain  
Steve Gordon  
Chris Cole  
Charles McLeod  
Linda M. Ricketts  
Jennefer Ernst

Colonel  
Joe Brouhard

Fleet Captain  
Alice C. Strange  
D. Justin Taylor  
Joe Hinson

Commodore  
Lea Morgan

Brigadier General  
Scott A. Sommer

Rear Admiral  
Matt Copple

Vice Admiral  
Michelle Fanelli

Lieutenant General  
Wade Hoover

Congrats to all the recipients!

# STARFLEET FINANCES

12/1/2002 Through 1/31/2003				
Check Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 12/1/2002				\$15,768.28
Month Ending 12/31/2002				
	12/2/02	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$610.00
	12/3/02	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$112.00
	12/3/02	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$2,109.00
	12/4/02	First Virginia Bank	Bank Charges : Service Charge	(\$24.95)
	12/5/02	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$52.00)
	12/5/02	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(\$5.00)
	12/9/02	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
1121	12/15/02	Postmaster	CQ Expense : CQ Postage	(\$1,000.00)
1122	12/15/02	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$1,060.55)
1123	12/15/02	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$223.89)
Debit	12/15/02	Gerri Wampler	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$939.43)
Debit	12/15/02	Mark Vinson	Ops Expense	(\$89.40)
	12/17/02	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$379.00
1124	12/18/02	Graphics 3, Inc.	Membership Processing	(\$1,080.57)
	12/23/02	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$435.00
	12/24/02	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$39.00
	12/24/02	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$971.00
	12/30/02	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)
Total Month Ending 12/31/2002				(\$314.78)
Month Ending 1/31/2003				
	1/2/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$110.39)
	1/3/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$36.90)
	1/3/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$21.59)
	1/6/03	First Virginia Bank	Bank Service Charges	(\$24.95)
	1/7/03	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
	1/7/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$650.00
	1/7/03	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$839.18
	1/24/03	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)
	1/31/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$353.00
	1/31/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$737.00
	1/31/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$647.00
Total Month Ending 1/31/2003				\$2,538.36
Ending Balance				\$17,991.86



Account Transactions				
<b>Starfleet Savings</b>				
12/1/2002 Through 1/31/2003				
<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Opening Balance as of 12/1/2002				\$3,417.57
Month Ending 12/31/2002				
	12/31/02	First Virginia Bank	Investment Income : Interest	\$4.06
Total Month Ending 12/31/2002				\$4.06
Ending Balance				\$3,421.63
<b>Starfleet Scholarship Fund</b>				
12/1/2002 Through 1/31/2003				
<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Opening Balance as of 12/1/2002				\$4,606.74
Month Ending 1/31/2003				
	1/31/03	Donations	Scholarship Donations	\$30.00
Total Month Ending 1/31/2003				\$30.00
Ending Balance				\$4,636.74
<b>Scholarship Savings Account</b>				
12/1/2002 Through 1/31/2003				
<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Opening Balance as of 12/1/2002				\$4,000.00
Ending Balance				\$4,000.00

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA, AND SALUTE THE ASTRONAUTS DEDICATION AND BRAVERY AS THEY PUSHED BACK THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION.



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## COMM AS YOU ARE...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

As I mentioned in my last column, I am the only EC member who didn't have a new job at the beginning of this administration. But that doesn't mean that things are the same!

First off is our new CQ Editor, Bob Bulkeley. Bob and his staff have worked very hard to maintain the Communiqué's high standard of quality, and more is to come!

Also, the Communications Department will be taking over some duties that had been a part of Computer Operations. The Network Operations part of CompOps, that part that deals with email aliases and similar things, has been moved to Communications in order to let Sandy and his team focus on membership services and the database.

As many of you have seen, webmaster Mike Wilkerson has been

busy with the new [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org) site. Drop by and take a look; there are a lot of new features.

As always, Joan keeps very busy with the HelpDesk. I want to take yet another opportunity to plug the HelpDesk as your one-stop shop for getting any STARFLEET questions answered. It's perfect if you are not sure whom to contact about an issue, or if you need proof of when you sent in a request, since the HelpDesk issues you an email receipt with an individual tracking number within seconds of receiving your request at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org).

Of the things I get asked about, the Communiqué tops the list, questions about how it's produced, how many we mail, and so on. You will find more information like this in the coming months. In each Communiqué, we'll be reporting to you how many CQs

we mailed for the previous issue, how many we printed, and what the postage cost us.

Also, I am planning on a special on how the Communiqué is produced, from the contributors to the editor to the printer to the mailer to your mailbox. It's really an impressive setup, and one that few people have seen in its entirety. I hope to bring you the whole story complete with pictures. Look for that later this year.

As always, if you have any questions, you can contact me at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org), and my snail mail address is listed on the staff pages.

## ADMIRALTY BOARD

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was suggested to the AB by the EC to fill this role. Brad was selected 2 years ago to be the AB's representative to the financial list for STARFLEET, and when the position of IA opened it was noted that Brad fulfills most of the aspects of this position and could add the others. Once this was noted, Brad was an obvious choice for this role. This issue is still pending final votes and certification of the results by the Inspector General; this matter will be wrapped up no later than early March (voting windows are 45 days).

Issue two is that the AB (in conjunction with the EC) has formed a sub-committee to revamp the Membership Handbook. The MHB goes through periodic review to make any changes necessitated by constitutional amendments and to fix any quirks or errors discovered when it is used as an operational manual for the organization. However, the AB, being a large body, needed to form a smaller committee to make the first run at addressing these changes. Any changes the committee suggests will need to be ratified by the EC/AB as a whole.

We also learned that the RC of Region 6 has asked for an election of a new RC, as he wishes to step down after many years of dedicated service.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact your Regional Coordinator, who is your AB representative. All contact information is in the back of each CQ.



## THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN  
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings everyone. I would like to thank Adm. Chris Wallace for his help in making a smooth transition. The Shuttle Operations Command is now operating at its new headquarters. To contact ShOC, please use the following addresses:

Jerry Tien  
45018 Cougar Circle  
Fremont, CA 94539

or "[shoc@sfi.org](mailto:shoc@sfi.org)" via e-mail.

The staff members at ShOC, EFCP, DTS, ASDB are very eager to help you with all ShOC related issues, so feel free to contact us any time. If you need ShOC manuals, they are available for download at our website. In addition, ShOC is working with CompOps to bring more forms online, further reducing vessel registration times.

I am glad to see several groups are already inquiring about starting

new shuttles. Even though it's hardly a "shocking" experience, getting a shuttle off the ground may seem like a daunting task. If you are preparing to register a new shuttle, be sure to send ShOC copies of the following items:

DTS approval letter  
CO OTS/OCC certificates  
XO OTS/OCC certificates

and of course a Vessel Registration Request form with the following signatures:

Supporting Ship Commanding Officer  
Regional Coordinator  
Secondary Regional Coordinator (if the mothership is in a different region than your shuttle)

This will help ShOC process your VRR as quickly as possible.

While we are on the subject of launching new shuttles, we have a

healthy start for the new year. The following shuttles were launched recently:

Shuttle Argyll (R5)  
Shuttle King George (R2)  
Shuttle Pleiades (R2)  
Shuttle Proxima (R12)  
Shuttle Titan (R12)

In addition, an EFCP chapter, USS Palavra has been recommissioned for active duty in Region 4. As you can see, there is coast to coast activity. I imagine the shuttle activities will increase as we get further into the year.

Finally, ShOC would like to salute the brave men and women who lost their lives in the Shuttle Columbia tragedy. Their dedication is what makes the space program possible.

## "INAUGURATION OF THE NEW COMMANDER STARFLEET."

For more, see "Inauguration" page 28!





Neal Armstrong once said "A small step for man...."

But the footsteps I follow in are deep, their impression made by long service, and hard work. As I begin to serve as Commandant I follow a hugely impressive job done by Marlene. So where do I and WE go from here? The Motto of the Academy is "Ex Astra, Scientia" – From the Stars, Knowledge. So our answer is clear we must continue to reach for the stars, to strive harder, go farther, and continue to reach out to all of the membership of Starfleet. For the Academy is here for the membership. All of the directors serve with one purpose in mind, to provide for our fellow members and enjoyable experience and maybe even some learning along the way.

So this is my first article as Commandant of Starfleet Academy during the Malotte Administration, and I want to thank some people: the membership who has given Team Malotte their trust, Mike Malotte for asking me to serve, the Academy Directors who are continuing in their role, and to my predecessors: Marlene Miller, Mandi Herrmann Livingston, Rob Lerman, Bjo Trimble, and the many others over the years that have brought the Academy experience to life.

I look forward to working with the membership, directors and deans of Starfleet and the Academy in growing the Academy even further and into the 21st Century. Star Trek has always been about the Positive Future that is in store for Humanity, and it is my belief that will come most quickly through education. Thus, SFA will serve two purposes, continuing its work in entertaining the membership with FUN Courses. Yes I said the FUN word, most of us are here as our hobby and look upon Starfleet as relaxation, so the Academy will continue to contribute to the FUN factor of Starfleet. Secondly the Academy will endeavor to educate the membership about Starfleet. OTS and OCC have been revamped to better inform the member and potential chapter leaders what they are in store for, and new courses in the Institute of Leadership Studies will follow-up on that process with courses on Recruiting, Chapter Finances, and how to best work with the various departments of Starfleet.

### **Red Squad**

I have been asked if we are going to continue the Red Squad program, and I will reply with an enthusiastic YES!!! We will not only continue it, but also add a few more recognitions. The top students from each College or School will be awarded a Red Squad Award. Each Academy Director is responsible for notifying the Commandant and Vice Commandant-Administration, of their Red Squad choices. In addition each of the Cadet Schools will award a Blue Squad Award for each of their top students. AND an overall Gold Squad Award will be given to those families whose registered members complete a school together, for example if Mom and Dad complete a Vulcan Academy of Science course and their child finishes a matching Cadet VAS course (or the adult VAS if they want) they will receive the Gold Squad Award.

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. Similar Blue Squad Leader/Assistant Leader and Gold Squad Leader/Assistant Leader awards will be presented.

The Award Period will cover from the end of the 2002 IC until May 31, 2003, and from then on, June 1 to May 31 of the next year. At the 2003 IC, we will distribute Squad Certificates at the Academy Panel, and then at the Starfleet Awards Ceremony, announce the Assistant Leaders, and present the Red, Blue and Gold Squad Leader Plaques to the top students of the Academy.

If you excel at your Academy endeavors, you may find yourself on the Red/Blue/Gold Squad Rolls!

### **The Marlene Miller Award**

This newly named award will be presented at the IC along with the Squad Leader Awards. It will be presented to the Outstanding School and its Director for the previous year. Nominations for outstanding School will need to be sent to each of the Institute Deans by June 1st, and then these Deans will select the best school in their Institute to forward to the Commandant for final awarding at the International Conference.

### **Meet the Deans**

I will also like to introduce you to our continuing and new Deans of the Five Institutes of the Starfleet Academy. Continuing on at the Institute of Leadership Studies is Peg Pellerin, at the Institute of Military Studies is Gregory Staylor and at the Institute of Technology is Sharon Ann Clark. New to the Dean positions are PJ Trotter at the Cadet Academy, and Wayne Killough Jr. in the Institute of Arts. Later we may divide that into the Institute of Social Sciences and the Institute of Fine Arts, but only time will tell.

The contact information for the Institute of Leadership Studies is:

Peg Pellerin  
RFD #3 Box 5460  
Winslow, ME 04901-9534  
ots@sfi.org or email4us3@gwi.net

The contact information for the Institute of Military Studies is:

Gregory Staylor  
3913 Monterey Ct  
Chesapeake, VA 23321-2054  
sfass@sfi.org or powhatan@wow-web.com

The contact information for the Institute of Technology is:

Sharon Ann Clark  
P. O. Box 603  
Kirkland, WA 98083-0603  
coch@sfi.org or sac@wolfenet.com

The contact information for the Institute of Arts is:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.  
1538 MC 2061  
Yellville, AR 72687  
sacom@sfi.org or  
killough@southshore.com

The contact information for the Cadet Academy is:

PJ Trotter  
2733 N 65th Terrace  
Kansas City, KS 66104  
madcow@ussnomad.org

### **Academy Mascot Poll**

It has been decided it is way past time that the students of the Starfleet Academy have a mascot, a poll was taken of the Directors and our top five nominees are presented to you in this issue of the CQ. The Candidates are:

Rockets, Centaurs, Eagles, Owls and Stars. I would like to hear from the membership on which of these they like best, so contact me by email at chunone@nwlinc.com, or by ground mail at 3024 139th Place, SE: Bothell, WA 98012, by March 25th. The Mascot chosen and some preliminary artwork will be presented in CQ 166.

## **Officer's Training School and Officer's Command College -- Are You Represented ?**

Hello Everyone!

As those of you who have Internet access know, Starfleet has a brand new Database, which was created by Dino Gravato and Sandy Berenberg. This Super Database can be accessed at: <http://database.sfi.org>.

Each Starfleet Member is represented in the Database whether or not you personally have Internet or E-Mail access. Since Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC) are requirements for several positions in Starfleet, it's important for your information to be included in the Database.

If you've completed OTS and/or OCC, you or your Commanding Officer (CO) can check to see if your OTS and OCC completion dates are listed in the Member Eligibility area.

Please visit the Database at your earliest convenience -- or ask your CO to check for you. If you've completed these courses, and they're not showing in your Member Eligibility look-up - please contact Peg Pellerin (OTS) email4us3@gwi.net or me, Marlene Miller (OCC) marlene@cboss.com .

E-mail or surface mail us a copy of your OTS or OCC certificate so we update the information in your records.

Surface mail to:

Peg Pellerin  
RFD # 3 Box 5460  
Winslow, ME 04901

Marlene Miller  
461 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

We hope to hear from you very soon!

Marlene Miller  
occ@sfi.org  
marlene@cboss.com

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## Bounced/Returned Checks

Recently, the Academy has had several checks returned either for insufficient funds or from accounts that have been closed. The new bank for the Academy (First Bank of Virginia) charges a fee of \$5.00 for each check that is returned unpaid. If you have a returned check that was written to the Starfleet Academy Fund, your course will become null and void. Your Starfleet membership will be placed on "hold" status until your check has been made "good" and you have paid the \$5.00 (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.

## News from Academy North

LTC Matt Baillie – Director, Canadian Campus

Greetings from the chilly offices of the STARFLEET Academy Canadian Campus! This particular article finds us deep in the throes of winter, with a nice storm passing through just for emphasis. I hope that this article finds the New Year treating you and yours well.

This being my first article, I suppose I should take the time to introduce myself. As you can guess from the byline, I'm Matt Baillie, Director of the Canadian Campus of the Academy. Obviously, I'm from Canada (living just outside of Toronto, Ontario). I joined STARFLEET back in July of 1998, with the then shuttle Banting. Served as her Communications Officer for a period before moving to TN and the SS Nikola Tesla in 2000. Came back to Canada a year later and again joined with the Banting. Stayed with her until a group of us decided to form a chapter a little closer to home and the Shuttle Hadfield was born in Sept 2001. I served as her XO until November of this year.

I'm very pleased to be working with the Academy and looking forward to greatly expanding the courses and offerings made by the Canadian campus to our members. To that end, I'd like to announce that we currently have an opening for the Director of the Ship's Counselor's College. Interested parties should send both a SFI resume as well as a real-world resume via email (Word Document or PDF format is preferred) to bailliem@sympatico.ca or via postal mail to: Matt Baillie, 10 Northwood Drive, Brampton, ON L6X 2L2

Applicants must have OTS & OCC, have previously graduated from the Ship's Counselor's College, must

reside in Canada and be a current member in good standing with SFI. As well, regular access to email is also a requirement. As well, any Canadian member of STARFLEET that is interested in hosting an academy course (or three) can express their interest by contacting me through one of the methods mentioned above. I'm truly excited about the opportunities to come, here in the Canadian campus and look forward to growing both our offerings and the membership participating in them.

Until next time,

Cmdr. Matt Baillie  
Director, Canadian Campus  
STARFLEET Academy

## 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 are 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.

## 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. I'll tell you right now, as a CO, RC and now as the Academy Commandant, this Database ROCKS!!! So 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! CompOps has also created an area for our Students to look up their records, called 'Member Eligibility'. 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 Database Statistics:

Over 5000 Graduates entered to date.

325 course listed.

47 schools.

## THE NEW AND IMPROVED VAS

By Gloria Hanson

The Vulcan Academy of Science was the first and only school I applied to when I first joined Starfleet back in 1990. I have always been a fan of Spock and Vulcans in general. So when Marlene first told me that she was giving it up to do OCC full time, I jumped at the chance to apply as director. Imagine my surprise and joy when Marlene chose me from among the applicants.

When I took over VAS in July, my first thought was to expand the school. Marlene sent me a stack of tests that had been submitted by others over the years and hadn't been used. I took that stack of papers (it was at least 1½ inches high) and turned it into 14 new courses and a ton of electives. I also added a course that I had submitted as part of my application and several electives submitted by Jill Tipton, one of my most prolific students.

In addition to adding new courses, I decided that I needed to reorganize VAS to make it more tempting to new students. With that in mind, I broke the courses into five "tracks". These tracks consist of two Bachelors, two Masters and two Doctoral courses each. Unlike the old VAS, with the new system you don't need to take very Bachelors test to move up to a Masters. The only requirement to moving up is to complete the Bachelors test in the track you choose. I also request that you finish each track before moving onto another one. The scoring remains the same, but I have also had new certificates made. Kurt Roithinger designed them and they are quite lovely.

VAS is also available now completely online. So for those with an Internet connection, you can take the courses and receive your diplomas in the comfort of your own home, or via the library if you can't connect from home.

I look forward to seeing new students, returning students and many more international students!

## Academy Website

By Lauren Milan

In January, Starfleet Academy proudly launched its new Web site at <http://academy.sfi.org>. It's more than just a new look; there are a lot

of new features, new information and a bold new approach to SFA's online presence.

The new site is a key component to Academy Commandant Scott Akers' plans for modernizing and streamlining SFA operations. We're emphasizing email and online testing, as well as presenting more news, announcements and resources to help support the Academy's existing services. Now students can browse course descriptions, request a course, buy vouchers, contact directors, and keep up to date with what's new in SFA courses, staff and programs – all in one location!

The new SFA site structure is the result of months of planning, drafting and gathering feedback from all corners of SFI, from crewmates to the EC level. After working on the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy Web site, I learned how the Web can promote courses effectively, and make them less costly and more convenient to take. I carried these lessons into the SFA web site construction, with the goal of showing SFI how exciting and diverse SFA can be, as well as making the student's experience as pleasant, convenient and friendly as possible

What will you find on the new site?

Email course request form: Want to apply for a course? Now it's easier than ever, and for email and online courses, free! Click on a course title to be taken to our application form. Fill it out, click "submit", and your request is automatically sent to the school director.

SFA News & Announcements: Check out what's new at the Academy, new staff members, openings in SFA faculty & staff, policy changes and course/school closings.

Student Services: One-stop shopping for questions regarding courses, graduate records and, yes, links to SFA merchandise shops & voucher purchases.

Expanded School Information: Course descriptions, required reading lists, and other important information to help you choose which courses are right for you.

Staff Listings: Complete lists of contact information for SFA Faculty and Staff, at a glance.

We're always receiving updates, additions and requests from both SFA staff and from the general SFI membership. SFA, of course, always changing and growing, and as new information, ideas and responsibilities come to SFA, we're implementing

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each into our Web site.

What’s Happening in the Coming Months:

Integration of SFA courses and records with the new SFI Database Currently, SFA staff has access to the database, and are using it to record course requests & completions, among other data. In months to come, the SFA web site will have the following:

Online Record Lookup: SFI members can check on their SFA records: courses completed, dates, certifications, doctorates, and honors earned, by entering their SCC number.

This record lookup will also prove very convenient for COs confirming completion of OTS, OCC and other courses for awarding participation points or rank promotions for their officers, and for ShOC confirmation of OTS & OCC certification for COs & XO’s of shuttles. Instead of digging up, copying and mailing certificates, just get it online!

Scholarship Central: The SFA Scholarship has recently moved from the Office of Commander, STARFLEET to the Academy, and will find a new home on our Web site. Check out descriptions for the various scholarships, view application guidelines, download and print forms, and contact the Scholarship Director.

Faster updates on School Information & News: The database will also allow SFA staff to update their own contact information, as well as add new courses, and “close” courses and/or schools temporarily.

Additional Resources: Would you like to know more? Each school director will have a list of recommended resources, including Web sites, bibliographies and email lists for SFA students curious to expand their knowledge beyond the scope of their SFA courses.

In the meantime, I’m also doing my darnedest to fine-tune the site to better serve our students. So if you have a suggestion or idea for making SFA better, please contact me at laurenmilan@yahoo.com or catch me on IRC (Milan, of course.) I hope you enjoy the new site and the many new course offerings our directors have to share with you. See you around the Web!

Academy Packets Processed

It gives me great pleasure to note that Starfleet Academy Directors have processed 76 Graduates in the 5weeks between November 25th, 2002 and

December 31st, 2002, and over 200 online courses requested 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!

*Scott A Akers*

GRADUATES DECEMBER 2002

– Carol Thompson Reporting

COTP

Glendon L. Diebold  
USS-Niagara SCC# 55471  
Passed with Honors.

SOBT (5)

Khaytsus Max 25258 A1 12/20/2002  
Goulet Elizabeth 46040 A2 12/4/2002  
Tipton Jill 54184 A1 12/31/2002  
Torres Robert 55188 B2 12/4/2002  
Diebold Glendon 55471 A2 12/6/2002  
Diebold Glendon 55471 A3 12/20/2002

Gorn Academy

Gary Ensey SCC 45102 (TOS) and (TNG)

SORS

Sean Myer SCC 45603 (Bachelors)

COC

Marchelle Lee SCC 45815

School of Law

Khaytsus Max 25258 A1 12/20/2002  
Goulet Elizabeth 46040 A2 12/4/2002  
Tipton Jill 54184 A1 12/31/2002  
Torres Robert 55188 B2 12/4/2002  
Diebold Glendon 55471 A2 12/6/2002  
Diebold Glendon 55471 A3 12/20/2002

OTS

Erica Stanley SCC 55535  
Richard Kendrick SCC 56257  
Ronald W. Small, Jr. SCC 60002  
Matias Alvarez SCC 60074  
Chris Morawski SCC 60127  
April Schroeder SCC 60078  
Terry Starker SCC 60128  
Jennifer Hendrix SCC 53747  
Ann Arnold SCC 56669  
Jeremy Carsten SCC 60142  
Dana Hawkins 60144  
Joel Houseworth SCC 56236  
Cliff Ames SCC 53718  
Raye Harper SCC 55576  
Tanya Morris SCC 60036

OCC – Canada (from Debbie Blazer)

Paul Williams  
Justin O’Dell

OCC (from Marlene)

Stewart, Nicholas SCC 49036  
Schlein, Jonas SCC 51341  
Williams, Shawn SCC 56306  
Morrison, Darrell SCC 56048  
McGhee, Jerry SCC 54693  
Ackley, Bernadette SCC 30650  
Leek, Dee Dee SCC 60108  
Meyer, Sean SCC 45603  
Blough, Paula SCC 56722  
Ansardi, Andrew SCC 60053  
Starker, Terry SCC 60128  
Hawkins, Dana SCC 50144  
Reavis, John SCC 56769  
Arnold, Ann Marie SCC 56669  
Fisher, Charles SCC 56270

Trekology

Cathy L Edgington SCC 51503  
DS-9 - Char pass 100%  
0212.31 Honors

DS-9 - Epis pass 92.5%  
0212.31

DS-9 - mchar pass 80%  
0212.31

DS-9 - trivia pass 95%  
0212.31

DS-9 - tech pass 100%  
0212.31 Honors  
(Earned a Masters for DS-9)

Dean Rogers SCC 47802  
TOS - Char pass 100%  
0212.30 Honors

TOS - MChar pass 100%  
0212.30 Honors

TOS - tech pass 95%  
0212.30

MOV - Char pass 100%  
0212.30 Honors

MOV - Epis pass 100%  
0212.30 Honors

MOV - mChar pass 100%  
0212.30 Honors

From the Australia’s branch:  
(None at this time)

Security School:

Erik Roberts \*  
Kris Williams (2) \* \*  
Wendy Roulier (4) \* \* \* \*  
Donna Carlene  
Ronald Smith \*  
Henry Vaughn \*  
Max Schoenfeld \*

(Number of Courses completed)  
\* Honors

Federation Studies

Dean Rogers, SCC#47082  
Voyages of the Enterprise 1,1  
100% Honors

Dean Rogers, SCC#47082  
Voyages of the Enterprise II, 1  
100% Honors

SOST

Jared Fielder SCC 56025  
Glendon Diebold SCC 55471

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

- These Marine Units earned diplomas in these specialties:

USS BORTAS Certified four MOS’s on 12/6/02

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- These Vessels certified departments this month:

USS ARC ROYAL Certified 10 Departments and earned the VRC on 12/25/02

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plans to opening this up to other Fleet projects, and they will be announced should they ever coalesce. The printer resides at the Director of Membership Processing Gerry Wampler’s home. She has signed a waiver accepting responsibility for the Printer and to relocate it should the MP office change hands.

We have looked at providing ways of allowing members to choose what materials they do not want to have in their kits. This poses more questions than answers and usually ends up creating more work for a department that arguably has the heaviest workload in fleet. So, while the option is not current viable, it is still on the table being investigated.

Well, that’s it for now.

Speak to you in the next CQ and in the mean time, feel free to drop me a line.



## STARFLEET ACADEMY APPLICATION

**STARFLEET ACADEMY • The Scholastic Division of  
STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.**

**Scott A. Akers, Commandant • 3024 139th Place • Bothell, WA 98012  
Email: [Academy@sfi.org](mailto:Academy@sfi.org) • World Wide Web: <http://www.academy.sfi.org/>**

Please fill out and send this application directly to the school you wish to attend. Do not use ranks on envelopes.  
All checks or money orders for US Schools must be made out to "STARFLEET ACADEMY" – DO NOT SEND CASH.

**STARFLEET VOUCHERS, RED SFA VOUCHERS and ONLINE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

### MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE/PROVINCE:	POSTAL CODE:
COUNTRY:	TELEPHONE:	SFI CHAPTER:
EMAIL:	RANK:	SCC NUMBER:

### AMERICAN CAMPUS INFORMATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)</b><br>Peg Pellerin • RFD#3, Box 5460 • Winslow, ME 04901<br>Fee: \$1.00 and LSASE + 2 (see legend below) ❶<br>Prerequisites: Membership in SFI<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:email4us3@gwi.net">email4us3@gwi.net</a>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS (SOLA)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF MUSIC (SOM)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF TREK HUMOR (SOTH)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (SOCA)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF TREK ROMANCE (SOTR)</b><br>Sherry Anne Newell, Director<br>5 NW 40th • Lawton, OK 73505<br>Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2 per Course<br>► Contact: N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEGE OF SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)</b><br>Carol Thompson, Director<br>P.O. Box 135 • Ester, AK 99725<br>Fee: \$1.00, + 2 per course<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:coss@sfi.org">coss@sfi.org</a>                                                                                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FLAG OFFICER'S SCHOOL (FOS)</b><br>Helen Pawlowski, Director<br>4837 Germania Rd. • St. Louis, MO 63116<br>Fee: \$5 for 1st, \$2 thereafter • Prerequisites: OCC<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:HelenPawlowski@sbcglobal.net">HelenPawlowski@sbcglobal.net</a>              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (SACOM)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES (COMS)</b><br>Wayne Lee Killough, Jr, Director<br>1538 MC 2061 • Yelville, AR 72687<br>Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2 ❶<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:coms@sfi.org">coms@sfi.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)</b><br>Carolyn & Gary Donner, Director<br>PO Box 158 • Hammersville, OH 45130<br>Fee: \$2, LSASE + 3 ❶<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:sors@sfi.org">sors@sfi.org</a>                                                                                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)</b><br>Anne F. Bellanger, Director<br>1255 N. Hartman Rd. • Avon Park, FL 33825<br>Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 3<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:cofs@sfi.org">cofs@sfi.org</a>                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)</b><br>Gloria Hanson, Director<br>Box 98 • Lanark, ON K0G 1K0 - Canada<br>Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2 ❶<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:vas@sfi.org">vas@sfi.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL OF LAW (LAW)</b><br>Glenn Overby, II, Director<br>1531 Lincoln • Tilton, IL 61833<br>Fee: \$2.00 (\$3.00 For B3 Exam), LSASE + 3 ❶<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:law@sfi.org">law@sfi.org</a>                                                                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY &amp; CULTURE (CAHC)</b><br>David Peifer, Director<br>6112 Nassau Road • Harrisburg, PA 17112<br>Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:cahc@sfi.org">cahc@sfi.org</a>                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHIP COUNSELORS COLLEGE (SCC)</b><br>Helen Pawlowski, Director<br>4837 Germania Rd. • St. Louis, MO 63116-2225<br>Fee: Seven Courses, \$3.00 per course<br>► Contact: <a href="mailto:HelenPawlowski@sbcglobal.net">HelenPawlowski@sbcglobal.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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❶ = Free E-mail courses available. Contact Director for more information. Free E-mail courses **do not** provide graduates with hardcopy certificates.

**All International fees are the same as U.S. fees.**

10 February 2003 • Check <http://www.sfi.org> for updated form.



# ICE ICE BABY: POLAR BEAR PLUNGE 2003

## Challenge Answered

### However The USS WASP Lost

by Lt. CMDR James J. Cecil  
Computer Operations Chief  
USS WASP NCC-1721  
compops@usswasp.org

One would have to ask a person who has participated in this year's Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge "why would you want to plunge into a pool of ice cold water for in the first place?"

For me it was a challenge from a Ferengi crewmember of the Klingon Imperial Vessel Merciless. I was considering the idea but really didn't have any motivation to take a plunge into icy waters until the Ferengi crewmember claimed that all STARFLEET officers and the members of the USS WASP were afraid to under take such a noble cause.

Seeing that my ship's honor and that of all STARFLEET officers in the fleet was at stake I accepted the IKV Merciless crewmember's challenge. So I headed over to the Kentucky Special Olympics web site downloaded the Polar Bear Plunge 2003 donation form and set out to get as many donations as I could.

In the short time that I had accepted the challenge I raised a total of \$100.00 for the Polar Bear Plunge event, which took place on Saturday, January 25th at the Texas Roundhouse in Lexington, Ky. Our challenger raised a total of \$160.00 beating the USS WASP by \$60.00. That day the Klingons won the challenge and I agreed to a rematch for next year

And what did I get for my efforts other than the privilege of jumping into a swimming pool filled with ice cold water in the dead of winter? The knowledge that the donations I raised go towards the funding of year round sports training and competition for Kentuckians with mental disabilities, a really cool t-shirt and a towel. Both of which have the Polar Bear Plunge logo on them.

## THE BIG DIPPER

by Gerry Sylvester

The morning was cold and clear. The Chesapeake Bay had an unnatural sheen to it. The sheen was a cover of ice. A Polar-Artic chill had taken over the better part of the Eastern United States the previous week.

The first Fleeter on site at Annapolis was Ed DeRuggiero/USS Highlander and Polar Plunge Chief of Staff. He arrived at 8 AM and proceeded to call the rest of us at the hotel.

Needless to say Ed was excited to be there.

Maryland State police for providing priority parking for the Batmobile.

The USS Challenger scouted out a bench and proceeded to pitch camp. Complete with an SFI flag to mark their area. The USS Triton set up their home base by the SFI tent. The USS Matrix acted as go-fers on site, and provided cookies for the staff.

The Imperial Klingon Empire was also on hand for the event. The Klingon encampment being set up next to the SFI tent.

Just when all was calm the sound of a helicopter was heard in the air. It was a Maryland State PD helicopter transporting the Governor and the Lt Governor.

The back had the SFI logo on it in silver with the phrase: \*\*Scotty---One to get wet!\*\* The tanks being the creative genius of Gerri Wampler/USS Highlander/SFI-MP-Dudette! Even the USMC Plungers wore SFI tanks.

On the Beach, the battle cry began...

BORK! BORK! BORK! BORK! BORK!

The first Plungers were the Governor and Lt Governor. Escorted by the cadets of the United States Naval Academy. SFI in turn followed suit. However the USMC thought that SFI was going too slow so they \*\*plowed the road\*\* to the ocean. It was brutally cold to say the least. 34.9\* water temp

Most of the Plungers were not able to feel their feet or legs upon leaving the Chesapeake Bay. Upon leaving the Bay all were thoroughly chilled to the bone. Then it was a matter of packing to leave for the hotel and a hot shower.

Later in the evening the Plungers enjoyed a dinner gathering at Buddy's Crabs and Ribs in downtown Annapolis. The Restaurant location being less than 25 yards from the site that Kunte Kinte first landed in North America. There is a bronze plaque to mark the site at the waterside.

After dinner, it was shopping and late night parties. The USS Challenger hosted the best of which.

At the Plunge SFI received an honorable mention for fundraising and Promotions directly from the Maryland State Police.

Thanks go out to the members of the USS Edinburgh. Loretta Shandybrook-Brunner and Randy Brunner for goodie bag freebies. As well as Sandy Berneberg for all he did to support this event.

To all the Plungers around the Fleet, THANK YOU. You have set a fleet wide precedent that cannot be extinguished.



Mary Francen of the USS Challenger all bundled up.

The Maryland State Police once again granted SFI a private vendor booth. Thanks go out to Major Greg Shipley and Colonel Joe Norris.

The first SFI/SFMC Plungers on site were myself, and Dean Rogers. I walked out on the beach to view the Sandy Point Lighthouse in the cold artic air. There were also several cargo ships in the view.

Upon our return to the SFI booth, Corporal Moroney greeted us. We presented him with copies of the CQ with his picture on the inside front cover. Re-CQ # 109. Of course, we got his autograph. From there it was a whirlwind. The fleeters were arriving. The Batmobile arrived on site. (Re-Gerri Wampler's RV.) Thanks to the

SFI was privileged to play host to the men and women of the United States Marine Corps of FT. George Meade, Company B. These are the same Marines that joined the USS Highlander in the Toys for Tots event in December in the Baltimore metro area.

At the SFI booth, all Plungers and supporters were given goodie bags filled with programs, freebies and buttons. In addition, all there either wore a Team Starfleet Plunger button or Supporter button.

The time was 1:30. Time to strip down to the bare essentials.

In the case of SFI the bare essentials included wearing a black tank top.

# SCOTTY, ONE TO GET WET!

## AN ICY PLUNGE

by Maj Gen Sanford Berenberg

Reporting from a toasty apartment after a few hot cocoas

It was cold. Bone chilling, mind numbingly cold. Wearing the Team STARFLEET tank top and a bathing suit, I walked to the gathering of Fleeters who plunged with us in the 32°F (0°C) water. Some of the team were shivering, some were standing firm against the sub-freezing temperature and yes, the wind. One thing that no beach can ever get free of is the wind.

But let's take a quick, cold flashback.

Around noon as we gathered and shivered, we heard the call that this year, the 7th Annual Plunge in Maryland, had surpassed all records for the second year in a row. Last year 1863 plungers raised \$401,000 for the Special Olympics. This year we were part of 2212 Plungers and helped raise \$440,000 for that great charity.

Looking around, I saw members from my chapter, USS Edinburgh, and members from the USS Avenger, USS Challenger, USS Flying Fox, USS Asimov, USS Triton, USS Matrix, Shuttle Archer, USS Reprisal and the host chapter USS Highlander.

Last year, the event coordinator, Major Greg Shipley of the Maryland Special Olympics said he wished he saw more uniforms. And this year, we gave him more uniforms. There were Fleeters, Marines and Klingons, oh my. I remember watching a Klingon telling a Midshipman that Annapolis may be tough, but Klingon Warrior Academy is tougher.

About 1:30 PM while I was feeling the cold in the air, before I removed my uniform and donned my plunge gear, I called my Vice Chief and left a message telling them that if I did not survive, they had Computer Operations. I then called my boss, Fleet Admiral Michael Malotte and advised them that in 30 minutes, if I did not survive the plunge it was a pleasure serving with him. Michael laughed and wished us all good luck and thanked us all for our effort and participation. I passed along his words.

Team STARFLEET, over thirty strong and all clad in their team shirts, showing the SFI Logo and the words

'Scotty, one to get wet' on the back, prepared for the challenge. But they were not alone. As I have found out, we in Fleet are never alone, for we have our friends and our family of STARFLEET. Standing alongside our plungers were nearly 30 supporters who stood there taking the beating of the cold, ready to keep our plungers warm and providing warm drinks and companionship. It made a huge difference.

Team STARFLEET had six additional members joining us. It seems that our Toys For Tots drive and helping the Marines of Company B Marine Support Company stationed at Fort Meade made such an impression that they requested to join our team for the plunge. One of the Marines, Shawn, was told that morning and joined us. They were lead by their Staff Sgt, Wilber.

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***"It was cold.  
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At 2:00 PM the call was made and the plunge started. This year, the plunge was not lead by the State Police or visiting dignitaries. This year, four days after being inaugurated as Governor of the State of Maryland, Bob Erlich led the charge, the first Governor to participate in the Plunge.

It was a proud moment. The USMC and SFMC side-by-side, charging toward the frigid waters of the Chesapeake. I caught it on my digital video. Although there was no sound, the sight of march toward the water and the charge by the Marines and the mayhem in shore can be easily imagined. The video and some images are on the USS Edinburgh website, [www.ussedinburgh.org](http://www.ussedinburgh.org).

I would like to thank everyone who helped out and everyone who made this event and our participation possible.

photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



*"NOOOOOOOOGIES!!!"*

photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



*"Anyone for a pillow fight?"*

photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



*Brig. Gen., oops, that's Maj. Gen. Sandy Berenberg strutting his stuff. Hart can be seen in the background.*





# 2002 FLEET CHALLENGE



by Capt Jessica Stratton  
CO USS Saint George

Greetings fellow 'Fleeters! As many of you may know the USS Saint George announced a 'Fleet-wide challenge to all groups for the 2002 holiday season to see which group would be able to collect the most toy for "Toys for Tots".

To make it a fair competition we all agreed to set up three categories based on the number of members in each group. "A Class" 10-29 members, "AA Class" 30-49 members, "AAA Class" 50+ members.

I am pleased to share with you the groups that contacted me to let

me know what their donations were. I have listed them as follows under 'category' based on the most toys donated to the least.

## "A Class Ship" 10-29 members:

USS Spiritwalker, donated 327 toys  
USS Asgard donated 218 toys  
USS Saint George, donated 186 toys

USS Athena, donated 106 toys  
USS Czar'ak, donated 87 toys  
USS Bexar, donated 72 toys

## "AA Class Ship" 30-49 members:

USS Avenger, donated 28 toys

## "AAA Class" 50+ members:

None participated

Other participating groups with unknown member numbers or, no toy amount given:

USS Darwin, donated 4 toys  
USS Antonio Maria Valsalva, donated 55 toys  
USS Columbus donated 67 toys  
USS Alioth, \$300  
BENNU STATION, \$400  
OIC 159th 2nd Bn 1st Bde, est \$150 worth of toys  
USS Avenger, collected 2 1/2 totes of toys

USS Marko Ramius, adopted two local families via local school.

Dark Silence Station's annual Reading Angel tree had 75 angels with 100% adopted again this year.

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2002 Toys for Tots 'Fleet Challenge. I am pleased beyond words to know that together we helped over 1,225 individual children, and generated over \$850 dollars in donations. I look forward to seeing what we'll be able to do for 2003!

# FEDDIES, ROMULANS, AND TOYS, OH MY!

by RADM Lisa Berkenbilt  
CO, USS Athena

It was a cold, rainy night when the crew of the USS Athena hauled its props, giveaway items, and other materials for its Toys for Tots drive/Star Trek:Nemesis promotional at Regal Cinemas Countryside in Sterling, VA. Back at home, various members worked on last minute materials including press packs, signs, business cards, etc. late into the night. At 10AM on Saturday, December 14, we were allowed to bring in the final items and begin setting up.

Lisa and Jay Berkenbilt were the first to arrive at the theater and hauled everything except for the console components into the promotional area and started going through boxes. We were joined by Tom Donnelly, Jennifer "Sam" Samuel, Jennifer Morris, Scott Hanak, and Blair Learn. Blair and Sam brought the rest of the tables and final console component. Cpl Marcus Dabney, our US Marine Toys for Tots representative for most of the day, showed up and helped Tom and Scott assemble the console. Working at top speed, we were ready to go by 11:30AM. As the Bonica family, Dennis Bailey, Karen Donnelly, and Suzie Buck showed up, several others stepped away to get into uniform and other costumes.

Our display consisted of a bridge console, table of raffle items, backdrop displaying past awards and the Toys for Tots banner, our multimedia PowerPoint recruiting

presentation, scrapbooks, and lots of giveaway items. Over time, various members had collected lots of movie buttons, mini-posters, collectible cards, bookmarks, magnets, stickers, books, etc. We donated all that Fairfax Hospital Children Center could take, and the rest were freebies that were suitable to handing out to children at a movie theater. The free stuff made a lot of children (and adults) happy, and broke down barriers with some of the more skeptical parents. One child walked away hugging the book we gave him. When his mother asked him "where did you get that book?," one of the members simply answered that we like to give away books to encourage children to read. That changed her whole perception of Star Trek fans.

In addition to the freebies, we handed out a lot of Athena information and flyers for area fan-run science fiction conventions (Shore Leave and Farpoint.) Even our Marine representative helped!

The purpose of the raffle was to encourage Toys for Tots donations. People who donated a toy or money for Toys for Tots received tickets to enter a raffle. We had fourteen items, ranging from a Picard collectible, to autographs, to a massage gift certificate donated by Integrations/Whitney Matlock, CMT (that was a very popular raffle item!).

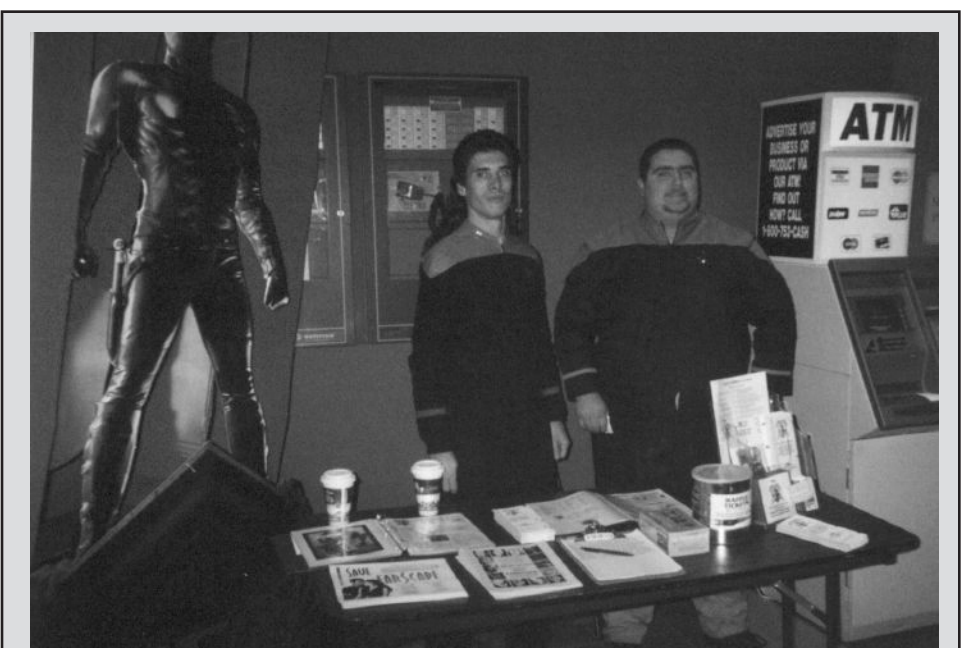
Around noontime, a photojournalist from The Loudoun Times arrived and spent about two hours chatting

with us and taking pictures. Another photojournalist, this one from The Washington Post, came by around 1PM and did the same, then watched the movie. The Loudoun Times got one cool picture that the Post did not: two Romulans preparing a Santa sack of gifts for the bridge crew of the Enterprise!

Later in the day, Jazz arrived, and we had a surprise visitor from one of our neighboring groups. Overall, we had a fine showing, even though some people could not make it due to the most recent flu bug and work schedules. Most of us had

an opportunity to see the movie, including our Marine representative. Most enjoyed the movie, some were depressed afterwards, and one member commented that it really did follow the TNG Movie Plot Generator on the Internet.

Around 8PM, Cpl Dabney's boss, Sgt Mike Beagle arrived. He presented us with a lovely certificate of appreciation for our efforts. Cpl Dabney left, taking all the toys he could fit in his little car. When we finished the evening at 10PM, we collected 106 toys and \$540 in cash donations for Toys for Tots. We also made a lot of new friends.



Some support for the Nemesis premiere from the USS Avalon. Go Romulans! I mean... WooHoo, Captain Pickard!

# SO WHERE'S THE RECRUITING ALREADY?

## IT'S HERE!!!



## IN REGION 3

by CMDR Robin Van Cleave  
USS Joan of Arc

With the premiere of Nemesis, the USS Joan of Arc had a recruiting table at Tinseltown Theater in Corpus Christi, TX. The crew of the Lady "J" was FANTASTIC! From FCAPT Kris Dobie showing up in full Andorian to ENS (acting) Derek Sauls standing guard over the Driscoll Vortex and being the point of first contact, I cannot begin to thank the crew enough for entertaining both cadets (Alex and Christopher) so that I could attend and be a part of this wonderful weekend.

The Tinseltown Theater and its management pulled out all the stops for us. We were greeted on Friday December 13th with the largest party room they had available with convenient access to the stadium theater that was showing Nemesis. The space was large enough to give us plenty of room to display ten years of memories, models, and various

science fiction collectibles and toys. They also lowered the volume on the pre-show advertising so that COMM Jim Van Cleave could go before the audience to tell them about our organization and invite them to see us after the show.

The local UPN network, KTOV, also came out in support of the Lady "J" and Starfleet International. From 6 PM till 9 PM, they had a live broadcast from the front of the theater and gave us many opportunities to speak in front of the camera. We have many budding actors, including young Cadet Sgt Alex Kearney-Van Cleave. He was brave enough to wave "Hi" to all of Corpus Christi while Jim was speaking.

On Saturday night, we were given the splendor of having a local high school marching band. The noise they made had everyone's attention as they performed several crashing numbers for about twenty minutes before calling it a night and taking in Star Trek: Nemesis. To help pick up the beat, Front-Row Joe, the theaters mascot, was present and marched along with the band.

While we were not successful in collecting the Yoplait lids, due to misdirected advertising by the local cable network, we did collect over 100 dollars to benefit Driscoll Children's Hospital. The hospital was gracious enough to loan us one of their coin vortexes. Many kids broke their parents by trying to answer the questions: "Which type of coin will go down faster?" and "Does the coin really move faster towards the bottom?"

Our main mission of getting new members was also a big success with some of the people signing up asking if they could pay for a membership now or later. I look forward to increasing the numbers of our youth in the chapter as well. Many of the parents

signed our sheet for a three-month trial membership once they heard we had activities specifically for children. While attendance was low, spirits are high after a wonderful weekend spent in fun and friendship: all in the name of Star Trek.



"The noise they made had everyone's attention..." A local marching band performs for the USS Joan of Arc

## IT'S HERE!!!



## IN REGION 17

### FOR BIGGER OR FOR WORSE

by CMDR Pip Chontos  
USS Arc Royal

In aspirations of growth and expansion, several ships in Region Seventeen have begun planning for recruitment drives to be carried out in 2003. Region Seventeen stretches across Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, and so far is nine chapters strong.

USS Arc Royal, based in Colorado Springs, CO, has begun efforts to not only build its own member strength but to also launch a shuttle thirty miles south in Pueblo, CO. In a collaborative effort, USS Anasazi, in Albuquerque, NM, also has plans for launching a shuttle out of Santa Fe, NM. Both ships plan to have all preparations complete to start the campaign by the end of March. If everything goes well for them, it is their goal to launch their shuttles simultaneously by July, 2003.

USS Stormbringer, the flagship of Region 17 based in Denver, CO, is also rumored to be considering beginning recruiting efforts in Boulder, CO. It is also the goal of the region to begin recruiting for STARFLEET development in Wyoming, but plans for that are on hold as they test more localized campaigns.

"In my opinion, there isn't any reason why STARFLEET shouldn't be fifty-thousand members strong," says FCAPT Robert Bulkeley, Commanding Officer of the Arc Royal. "If ten percent of all Trek fans are the die hard type, and we manage to only recruit ten percent of those die hards into FLEET, this shouldn't be an unobtainable goal."

Well, I guess if you put it that way... I hope all of STARFLEET, the greatest fan organization anywhere, will come together to make this year a year of growth. We are strong, but we can be stronger!



Even Front Row Joe came out to support the recruiting efforts of the USS Joan of Arc at the Nemesis premiere.





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by CAPT James Whatley

Hello everyone from the FDP Morale Office. I am proud to be able to say that, and I have to thank Dennis Rayburn and Matt Copple for their belief in the project and their support. I must also thank all the volunteers that have helped and continue to help in making this department grow and improve. Now on to the important business.

Over the Christmas holidays Jessica Stratton and Gerry Sylvester

have been working together to take Jess's idea of a Region Challenge to a Fleet Challenge, and I think they've had some good results. Jessica has submitted her results to the CQ, so I will not waste extra space repeating the results, but look for them this issue and in the Morale newsletter when it is released. Yes, I plan to try to have a newsletter out on the morale of the Regions and Fleet. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to this, please contact myself. any of the morale volunteers, or the staff.

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Well that is all I have for the time being. Now I have to get ready for the Region 2 Summit in March. It looks like the Morale department will have a big showing here, so I am getting hyped for it. I hope to see a lot of old friends and make some new ones during that weekend. If you can make it, you should come. Have a good Easter and keep smiling.

## BETTER WATCH OUT, BETTER NOT CRY... OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS IN TOWN

by Maj. Gen. Robert J. Jackson  
SFMC

Greetings and Felicitations

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

### FLEET BUSINESS

Relative calm has returned to the Realm – for the nonce - and work begins anew.

### REGION BUSINESS

The OIG was very busy at the end of the year with Regional business of electing or confirming Coordinators for new terms in office. Here's how the last two months of 2002 finished.

### REGION 02

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began officially on 23 November and concluded on 26 December 2002. Only one candidate was nominated, and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Fleet Captain Danny Potts was confirmed as Regional Coordinator – elect. He'll assume the duties officially at the Region 02 Summit in March of this year.

### REGION 12

The special Vote of Confidence for Regional Coordinator resumed after its suspension on 6 November 2002 and concluded on 14 November 2002. The results of the vote were 2 to 1 in "No Confidence" for the RC.

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 25 November 2002 and was scheduled to conclude on 27 December 2002. Two candidates

were nominated and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Rear Admiral Carl Johnson received the required percentage of nominations and was confirmed as Regional Coordinator.

### REGION 13

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 29 October 2002 concluded on 30 November 2002. Only one candidate was nominated, and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Commodore Michael Dugas was confirmed as Regional Coordinator.

### REGION 15

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 12 November 2002 concluded on 13 December 2002. Two candidates were nominated and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Commodore Gary Halverson received the required percentage nominations and was confirmed as Regional Coordinator.

### OTHER ISSUES

The OIG and SFI Webmaster are working jointly on an informational site through the SFI website to provide detailed information about the workings of the Office of Inspector General

### DUTIES OF THE OIG

Questions about the duties of the OIG (Office of Inspector General) are frequently received and I'd like to begin the second in a series of articles about said duties. But before I begin, I want to give a quick history of the Office of Inspector General.

- Then Commander, STARFLEET,

Fleet Admiral Steve Smith first created the Office of the Inspector General in the early to mid-1980's.

- In 1988, following the election of Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox, the IG's Office was closed down and not utilized – despite proposals and offers to set-up and organize the department. This was the case for the entire 4-years (2 terms) of FADM Maddox's administration.

- In 1992, Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman took over the reigns as Commander, STARFLEET. During his administration, instead of an Inspector General, FADM Lerman appointed a Judge Advocate General – FCPT Gary Decker.

- The mid-1990's saw the re-emergence of the Inspector General's Office, when then Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis appointed then-Commander Jack Hopkins to the position of Inspector General, STARFLEET.

- During the late 90's, the office continued to be utilized under the administration of Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, and underwent reorganization in 1997 when Rear Admiral Robert Westfall was appointed to replace Commodore Jack Hopkins.

- In 2000, the Office of Inspector General was again reorganized when FADM Smith appointed then-Captain Danny Potts to replace RADM Westfall.

- In 2001, newly elected Fleet Admiral Edwin L. Rickard appointed Brigadier General Robb Jackson, SFMC to replace Fleet Captain Danny Potts.

- In 2003, newly elected Fleet Admiral Michael W. Malotte asks Major General Robb Jackson, SFMC to remain as IG.

Although the Constitution paints a broad stroke in relation to the powers and authority of the Office of Inspector General, they are in reality not as all encompassing and rightly so. As per the OIG Manual, the duties of the office can be broken down into three distinct categories:

- The first is to act as the primary investigative arm of STARFLEET. In this capacity, members of STARFLEET charge the Office of Inspector General with investigating possible violations of the STARFLEET Constitution, or basic members' rights.

- The second duty is to conduct biennial votes of confidence or elections of the Region Coordinators in their respective regions.

- The third duty is to assist the STARFLEET Chief of Communications in conducting the biennial election, or vote of confidence, for the Commander, STARFLEET.

In this first of a series, I will address the investigation aspect of the OIG. As mentioned above, this involves the possible violations of the FLEET Constitution, or basic member rights as listed by the FLEET Member Handbook. Per the OIG Manual these duties have been further defined.

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

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

- The Office of Inspector General

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FORCECOM REPORT

STATUS OF THE SFMC  
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by Lt. Col. Mark West  
COFORCECOM

The Proper Application of FORCE!

Greetings to all of you, I am Mark West, the new Commanding Officer, Forces Command.

Since this is my first organization-wide office and newsletter article, let me tell you a bit about myself.

I first joined SFI in 1996, after going to a mini-con in Dallas, TX at which Jonathan Frakes and Robert Picardo appeared in late 1995. I met several people from different ships in this area, and decided to try one. That took me to my first meeting of the USS Comanche with a friend. After seeing them at this meeting, I had the thought: "I am not alone in the Universe!!" After discussing things with the CO at the time, Dan Hislop, I signed up in the Security Department. As soon as I got my OTS done, I was promoted to LT j.g., and took over the Security Department. Those were the defining moments of my career.

It was not until about two years after I joined that I heard about the SFMC, which turned out to be one of the best things to come into my life. I read the MFM, and immediately saw that there was a Supreme Being somewhere, as there was a Mecha Branch!! Being the partial Mech-head I am, I created my unit, the 333rd MSG (Mecha) and took over one of the larger cargo bays on my ship to house everything. I had to leave the Comanche about 18months later due to schedule changes. However, I kept my unit, as I was at that time a unit of one, and went on TDY with the Klingons of KAG. Fortunately, in early 2000, I was able to rejoin the Comanche, and brought the unit back too. I got serious with things after that, and petitioned to become a Battalion OIC, after hearing about an opening. The 3rd BDE OIC at that time was Alex Trevino, Jr, and he awarded me the slot after checking my stellar background. Soon after, I was promoted to BDE DOIC, and then OIC in April of last year after Alex decided to step down. I was happy, and enjoying life at that point. Then, in early December, I got a message that the Commandant wanted to talk to me. When that happens, you know things are about to get interesting...

Joost was stepping down

as COFORCECOM, and had recommended me as a replacement. After I got up from passing out, and taking a few days to think things over, I accepted the job. That is when I heard this rumbling behind me. Before I could look over my shoulder to see what it was, I was buried in the office. More to the point, I was buried in the paperwork for the office. I am a little disorganized at the moment, as I am still getting this office tuned to me, as it were. So to those of you out there that sent inquiries to me, if there is a delay in replies to questions or whatnot, I apologize in advance and I will get back to you. Soon, I hope.

Awards Issues:

As I have just taken the office, all policies that Joost had in effect for Awards are STILL IN EFFECT. If you are petitioning for the Legion Of Arms/ Cadet Legion Of Arms, my mailing address is:

Mark A West  
1701 Ft. Worth Hwy # 17  
Weatherford, TX 76086  
USA

Open Positions:

I am taking applications for the 2nd BDE OIC position, and I am taking applications for DCOForceCom, Heraldry Officer, Special Projects Officer, and a SGM for ForceCom. For those of you who are interested, you may email me at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org and I will get details to you.

State of the SFMC as of 31 December 2002:

The following is as it appears on the BDE Reports. If it is incorrect, contact me at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org to have it corrected.

Recruits (28):

Jeff Weber  
Ronald Small  
Rusty Burdette  
Imo Burdette  
Jamie Burdette  
Rhiannon Burdette  
Bryan Burdette  
Sunny Rose  
Lee Cailey  
Heejung Gilbert  
Ronnie Hodges  
Ben Fisk  
Drew Watkins  
Kailey Roberts  
Kyle Schugart  
Donald Williams  
Willie Maughan

Tammie Maughan  
Heather Maughan  
Shawn McVay  
Bill Frazier  
Nate Martin  
David Kania  
Bobby Robbins  
Mary McGowan  
Jenny Miller  
William Sherman  
Erik Cowand (incorrectly reported last period as discharged)

Discharges (18):

Michael Gill  
Kenneth F. Burke  
Brian Carrigan  
Kathleen Carrigan  
Ernest Foraker  
Donnell Hamilton  
Michelle Johnson  
David Lockwood  
Brandy Peek  
Destiny Peek  
Benjamin Quinn  
Dana Quinn  
Robin Quinn  
Mark C. Rouland  
Mary Peek Rouland  
Ruth Rouland  
Mark Tolley  
John Adcock

Current Membership Reported:

Last Period: 578 (Active and Reserve)  
This Period: 618 (Active and Reserve)  
Increase of 7.5%

Brigades Reporting: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17 (10)  
Brigades Listed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17 (10)

100 % BDEs Reported

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:  
Last Period Reported: 113  
Last Period Listed: 115  
Report Rate: 98%

This Period Reported: 90  
This Period Listed: 101  
Report Rate: 89%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 5  
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 5

ATTENTION!

The Following Marine Strike Groups did not file a report with their Battalion or BDE OICs (Note: this number will not match with the MSG stats above, due to some units not being reported at all.)

155th  
165th

202nd  
242nd  
252nd  
300th  
667th  
695th  
696th  
777th

Awards Received:  
(As reported to FORCECOM)

1st BDE:

Leaders Commendation:

Tracy Lilly  
Greg Franklin  
Julie Franklin  
Dennis Reylea

Marine Proficiency:

Tracy Lilly

Initial Entry:

Jeff Weber  
Jonathan Wilson

Community Service Citation:

Bill Herrmann

Meritorious Unit Citation  
(given to all of TRACOM):

Jill Rayburn

2nd BDE:

Legion of Arms:  
Shawn Williams

3rd BDE:

Professional Development Award:

Joyce Fink

Legion of Arms:  
Jared Fielder

4th BDE:

Meritorious Unit Citation:

To the entire 4th BDE

5th BDE:

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE  
AWARD:

Allyson Dyar

TRACOM COMMANDER'S AWARD:

Scott Akers - 512th MSG

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# THE MIGHTY 4TH BRIGADE: GREETINGS

by Bdr. Cyndi Temple  
4th Brigade OIC

First off, let me say that I am honored to have been appointed your new Officer in Charge. I've come a long way since first joining Starfleet so many years ago. I never thought I would hold such a position, but here I am and I am greatly honored.

Let me make a couple of announcements:

First off, let me announce the new Brigade Deputy Officer in Charge. Bdr. Bruce Summer. He has been a long time member of SFI and has done much within this fine group. Bruce is also the OIC for the 29th MSG and brings with him a lot of experience. I look forward to working closely with him to help make this a better brigade for all of you.

Let me also welcome Bdr. Truman Temple to the position of 2nd Battalion Officer in Charge. He's been in SFI much longer than I have and has held many positions. He is currently is the CO of the USS CENTURION and the OIC for the 1st Marine Strike Group.

As the new brigade officer in charge one of the things I would love to see happen is for the members of this fine brigade work more closely with those on the fleet side. I want to help bridge the gap between fleet and corps. Both of which have some of the finest people I could ever hope to know. Ed if you're reading this I would love to work closely with you to help with that bridge.

I must also apologize for the lateness of the TDD, but what with events in my personal life and the holidays, I was sadly not able to see to it that the issue was completed in

a timely matter. As you all know my family has suffered the loss of two members, my Uncle Robert Anderson and my mother Janice Dallas. I am still dealing with the loss at this time and ask all of you to have a little more patience with me. As you all have heard me say, our families must come first and foremost before anything Starfleet related. This is true for all of you, so please be assured that I truly understand when things run a little slow for you. Take care of your family first, the brigade will always be here for you, as will I.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank Col. Chris Esquibel for his dedication to this brigade and thank him for remaining on as my Special Advisor. And I congratulate him on his newest position within the Tracom Family. I know he will do Tracom proud as he has this brigade.

Always know that my door is always open for you. Feel free to call me, email me, instant message me. I am always here for you the members of the BEST Brigade in the SFMC.

I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season, and that the New Year brings great joy and gladness for all of you. Remember to cherish each moment you have with your family, you never know how much time you have left with them, trust me I have learned this lesson the hard way.

With that I dedicate my report to those who we all have loved and lost this year. And to our brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces. For them I placed a flag on my Christmas tree in their honor.

I remain in your service.  
Bdr. Cyndi Temple  
4th Brigade Officer In Charge

## DO YOU KNOW ESPARANTO? CHECK OUT THE SHUTTLE ESPERO IN THE TALAXIAN TRADESHOW - PAGE 33



Colonel Earl Beighley and Commander David Reustle gather toys during USS Anasazi's Second Annual Toys For Tots Campaign, while Lt. Colonel Mike Dethlefs looks on.

## OFFICE OF INFORMATION COMMAND

by Lt. Gen. Wade Hoover  
CO INFOCOM

As you know, this command was formed in December and this will be my first report. With this being a new command, and with needing to get up to speed on the various SFMC list serves, as well as the SFMC web site, I didn't feel that a report was needed last month.

I have been working with COForcecom to verify that all Brigade OIC E-mail alias's are correct. As far as I'm aware, all these are in working order. I will be testing them, along with all SFMC Alias's, over the next few days, to verify that all is well. Also, the Brigade Commanders E-mail list has been tested, with all Brigade OIC's, and all known E-mail addresses for Brigade DOIC's, on the list. If you're a brigade OIC, and your DOIC isn't on this list, please let me know, and I'll get them added.

Work continues on updating the SFMC Web site to reflect the MFM. My thanks to Lauren Milan for continuing to be of service to the SFMC in the capacity of Web mistress. We are also looking for 3 to 6 individuals to build a web design team for the SFMC. In essence, one person would be responsible for each area of the site, with a team leader and

myself overseeing work for the site. The requirements for the team are as follows:

- Qualifications:
- 1) Must have a working knowledge of HTML.
  - 2) Must be able to work under time constraints.
  - 3) Must be able to work in a team environment.
  - 4) Knowledge of JavaScript and/or cgi/php is a bonus.
  - 5) Must be a member in Good Standing of STARFLEET.

Send your resume, including examples of your work, to [webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org) and [infocom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:infocom@sfi-sfmc.org). Applications will be taken until January 31, with the members of the team being announced on or before February 5.

Finally, what new features/services would you like to see on the SFMC site? When the site has been updated to reflect the MFM, I would like to add new services to enhance the site. Please send suggestions to me PRIVATELY!!

That's all for now. If you have any questions about the SFMC electronic presence (list serve, IRC, web site) please feel free to contact me.

## MSG AWARDS (Cont.)

### MARINE HONOR GUARD:

Shawn McVay - 565th MSG  
Bill Frazer - 565th MSG  
Nate Martin - 565th MSG

### 12th BDE:

### Leader's Commendation:

Donald Allen Glenn

### Academic Excellence Award:

Scott C. Lanham  
Glenn Overby, II (x2)

### Medical Proficiency Ribbon:

Matthew G. Copple  
Rolando R. Gomez

### 17th BDE:

### Community Service:

Mike Dethlefs  
Earl Beighley  
John Roberts  
David Reustle  
Susan Cerame  
David Cerame  
Robert Bulkeley  
Chris Chontos



# GREETINGS FROM THE DANT

by Maj. Gen. Wade Olsen  
Commandant

In the past year the Corps has seen much improvement, and 2003 is looking very promising as well. Last year we saw a marked increase in reporting on all levels, in communications up and down the chain, and in overall membership. With the current efforts and cooperation this looks like it will be a banner year.

With the New Year came some new changes. Some policies changed that we feel will benefit the Corps and help serve it's members. First and foremost is the change in the decision making body of the Corps. The Commandant is no longer the sole individual responsible for making decisions. It is now the General Staff. Policy changes or changes to the Marine Force Manual will now be discussed and voted on by the General Staff members. The GS is comprised of the Commandant, Deputy Commandant, the Commanding Officers of Forces Command, Training and Doctrine Command, Information Command and the Sergeant Major of the Corps. As you can see this makes six people. In the case of a tie, a vote by the Vice Commander STARFLEET will be the tiebreaker. The results will be announced on the list and in this publication.

Except for the Commandant all major positions within the General Staff and all Brigade OIC positions will have an open application period. The positions will be filled through review, discussion, and vote of the General Staff. The Application period will be at least 30 days with extensions as necessary. The appointment will be made no less than seven days after the close of the application period to make sure we have received all comments on the applicants. All applicants' names will be announced on the list so the members will know who's running for the office. Any member who has a comment on one or more of the applicants should send them up the chain of command to the Brigade OIC. The Brigade OIC will then pass on to the General Staff, via the COForceCom, the general consensus of the Brigade. The General Staff will use this information when placing their votes. The General Staff is still discussing the voting process.

We have noticed that Marines are starting to take advantage of the new tools in the SFI Database. You can now list your membership status with the Marines and submit other

important information for entry. We are encouraging all Marines to visit the database and enter their information. This will be a vital tool as time goes on for checking the strength of the Corps, Brigades, etc., as the tools are added.

Information Command isn't working on any new projects at the moment, but they are making a continual effort to improve communications and the electronic mediums we use. The CO has set the rules for the list and chat channels and has chosen moderators to watch over these. They are working on scheduling regular meetings between the GS and the Brigade OICs, and the General Staff is working at being more visible on the #Corps channel.

Training and Doctrine Command has been very busy creating new courses and exams. Recently they opened four new schools with seven new courses. They have revised one course, are in the middle of revising one other, and have three new ones in development. Along with all this they are working on two major manuals, and also working to incorporate the outside materials for some courses into their respective study materials. They are diligently working to correct their database as well. If they contact you for information please cooperate in any way you can.

The latest report from Forces Command states the Corps strength at four hundred eighty one. That's not too bad. There were 36 individual awards claimed and one given to an entire Brigade. However these numbers are slightly inaccurate due to missing reports. It is imperative that reporting authorities report every time and include all the information needed by Forces Command for his reports. Let's see if we can make 100% reporting the Norm.

We are still without a Sergeant Major. I was hoping that redefining the job and appointing someone would not take this long. However, due to the nature of our organization we're finding it difficult to think of jobs that the NCOs can be responsible for that officers don't do. Since positions can be held by anyone regardless of rank or career track, it is impossible to restrict people from either track to or from specific jobs. It has been suggested that the NCOs simply be given a list of objectives they must complete for certain awards, etc. We're still diligently discussing this matter, if you have any suggestions don't hesitate to contact us.

We started the month of December with \$485.10. There were two deposits made during the month. The first was for \$98.95 for SFMC Merchandise, and the second was \$21.85 for same. There were no checks cashed on the account. The service charge on the account for the month totaled \$2.38. This leaves a grand total at month's end of \$603.52.

The Corps still owes the Commandant \$345.87. The Corps issued a check to the Red Cross in the amount of \$69.00 but it has not yet been cashed. It is also holding funds of which the benefactor is still undetermined in the amount of \$25.25. So presently the Corps has \$578.27 free for expenses and \$94.25 earmarked for various donations.

We started the month with \$34.58 Petty Cash. The Corps had \$4.50 expenditure in Postage during the month and one late entry from November for \$1.84 in postage. This leaves \$28.24 total on hand.

This makes the total amount of Corps funds \$562.76.

Now the Year-end Financial report:

We started the year of 2002 with \$615.64. There were 15 deposits made during the year.

There were 2 checks cashed during the year totaling \$1207.34.

5/02 \$231.50 (The HOCK)  
5/20 \$975.84 (J.P. Promotions)

There was \$23.78 paid out in regular Service Charges on the account.

We had charge back items during the year totaling \$57.00 which accrued \$6.00 in charge back fees.

The deposit on 2/15 contained \$69.00 from Cafepress designated for donation to the Red Cross and \$11.00 from Cafepress designated for donation to other charities not yet determined. The deposit on 6/13 contained \$28.50 from Cafepress, which was split 50/50 with half going to the SFMC and half being designated for donation to charities not yet determined.

We brought in a total of \$1282.00 and we paid out a total of \$1294.12 for a year end balance of \$603.52.

The charge back items have been resolved.

## SANTA'S GALACTIC HELPERS

by Bdr. Cyndi Temple  
USS CENTURION

Christmas 2002 was a first for the members of the USS CENTURION and the IKA Nightblood Armada, as we took part in the YMCA's Christmas Parade in downtown San Bernardino CA. For many of us, this was our first parade, and to say that we had a great time would be an understatement. The parade was held on Saturday December 7th, it was a brisk morning, but we were all nice and warm in our uniforms, both Starfleet and Klingon. Members of the 1st MSG were dressed in both with Bdr. Cyndi and Truman Temple in FULL Klingon, while other members of the 1st were proudly wearing their Marine Uniforms. We were honored to have three of our newest members join us, the Maughan Family. A few members of a local IFT ships, the USS NATHAN HALE and the USS ULSSYES, both located here in San Bernardino County also joined us.

You should have seen the looks on the faces of the people lined up for the parade when they saw a group of Klingons and Federation Officers proudly marching along, greeting the people, shaking hands, and offering smiles, and a waving to all the children lined up along E Street. The looks on everyone's face when they saw Roy walking down the street in full Klingon Chancellor gear, carrying his batleth, was a sight to behold. We even had a Klingon Elf, which the kids just loved to see. I wish you all could have seen a bunch of Klingons wearing Santa hats, it was great and we got everyone laughing.

The Armada was bringing up the rear just in front of the Jolly Ole Elf himself, Santa Claus. You should have seen the look on Santa's face when he learned that his helpers were from another galaxy. But he was great and greeted us all with a smile, as did Mrs. Claus.

Our group was there not only to represent our ships and armada, but to showcase the charities we support out here; those being the Inland Young Marines, Ronald McDonald House of Loma Linda and Santa Clause Inc of Greater San Bernardino. All of these focus on children and families in need, and we are proud to help them each year by raising funds for them through our various activities.

The Centurion and Nightblood hope everyone's holidays were happy, and wish joy to you and yours in this New Year.





# USS BANTING ANNIVERSARY



*The crew of the USS Malverne travelled to Canada to help the USS Banting celebrate its commissioning anniversary. (Bottom Right) We can see Niagara Falls at night.*

*Photos Courtesy of Kimberly Brooks and Graham Dolby*





# POLAR BEAR PLUNGE 2003



*Clockwise from below - Hart with Lord Edinburgh, Paula dressed for sub-zero temperatures before the dip, Rick Driver along with Martin Lessem. Alex Rosenzweig and Sandy Berenberg (above) await the plunge with the crowd.*



*Photos Courtesy of Bob Vosseller*





# THE SCIENCE OF TEMPORAL PHENOMENA

by Maj. Gen. Rbt. Jackson  
SFM  
Section Chief, DEFENSE  
Dept. of Temporal Investigations

Greetings and felicitations to all.

Last issue we looked at the primary Principles and Theories of Time.

This issue, we're going to look at the Temporal Phenomena. There are a number of phenomena associated with temporal dimensions of space-time.

## NEXUS POINTS

Individual points in the space-time continuum have a unique quantum charge to them. Part of this charge is based on the possible outcomes of the event and the number of different "directions" they can take the timeline in. Events with a particularly strong charge are referred to as "nexus points." These points appear to act as "anchors" or "reference points" for a timeline, events that hold a timeline in its place in the continuum. Nexus points are generally associated with famous moments in history, such as President Lincoln's assassination. This is not always the case, however.

Their significance to the timelines makes nexus points particularly vulnerable to interference and particularly likely to alter the timeline if they are tampered with in any

significant way (See "Crux"). Ironically, their very importance makes nexus points common destinations for time travelers. Their strong quantum charge seems to cause nexus points to "attract" objects in a state of temporal flux. Like eddies in a flowing river can draw in a boat, so do nexus points draw travelers in time. Accidental time travelers often find themselves at a nexus point when they appear, while intentional time travelers need to compensate for the presence of known nexus points in their calculations for moving through the timeline. Navigating "around" known nexus points is one of the more difficult aspects of time travel computations.

## TEMPORAL RIFTS

A temporal rift, also known as a displacement, distortion, or vortex, is a kind of "hole" in time, a conduit connecting two different points along a timeline. Temporal rifts can form from high-energy interactions in or near active warp fields, as well as through controlled emissions of chroniton particles. Some materials such as kemacite tend to build up high chroniton or dekyon charges when irradiated; making kemacite explosions inside warp fields particularly likely to open temporal rifts. It is theoretically possible to create a temporal rift using a graviton matrix coupled with an advanced warp field design to "stress" subspace in a

particular way. Temporal rifts, even artificial ones, are notoriously unstable and unpredictable.

A temporal distortion is technically any disruption or alteration in the structure of eight-dimensional space-time. Temporal distortions are generally detachable due to the chroniton and gravimetric disturbances they create, however brief. This includes the appearance of time travelers and the formation of temporal phenomena like rifts.

The prime difficulty in using a temporal rift for time travel lies in calculating the precise formation of a rift between two specific time periods. Advanced mathematical calculations are required in order to "target" a specific period of time.

## TEMPORAL CAUSALITY LOOPS

A temporal causality loop or "time loop" is a localized disruption in the space-time continuum in which a particular fragment of time is repeated over and over again. Minor variations are possible in successive iterations of a time loop, but a major disruption in the sequence of events is required to break the recursive nature of the loop, returning everything inside it to normal space-time.

This is difficult, since those trapped within a temporal causality loop have no awareness they are trapped. To their point of view, events are happening for the first time no matter how many times the loop repeats. Over a successive number of iterations, some individuals

may experience feelings of déjà vu

## TEMPORAL FLUX

In temporal flux, matter or energy shifts from one state of temporal energy flux to another, effectively phasing outside of normal space-time. Objects in a state of temporal flux shift along the X-axis of time, moving backward and forward along the same timeline. Objects in a state of quantum flux can also shift along the Y and Z temporal axes, shifting between parallel timelines. An object can be placed in a state of temporal flux through exposure to certain temporal phenomena like chroniton particles, as well as high-energy warp fields. A controlled temporal flux allows energy and matter to move through space-time to a specific destination point.

Temporal flux interferes with the normal operation of many technologies; transporters cannot lock on to objects in a state of flux, and normal shields cannot affect them (see chroniton torpedoes).

## TIME STREAMS

Timestreams are temporal inversion folds in the space-time matrix that weave throughout the galaxy and are home to intelligent lifeforms. Timestreams are difficult to detect using conventional technologies and intersection with a timestream can throw objects inside a warp field into a state of temporal or quantum flux, shifting them through time or parallel timelines.

## FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JIMMY CARTER

### CHANCE EMAIL LEADS TO HOUSE BUILDING EXPEDITION FOR FLYING FOX CO

by COMM Michael Klufas  
Chief of Staff, Region 7

If Kris T. Klufas, the commanding officer of the USS Flying Fox, was not an assistant manager at a suburban Philadelphia Gap store, she might have never found out about the Gap Corporation's involvement with Habitat For Humanity.

With her supervisor's blessing, she applied for the program, and was accepted to go with a team to El Salvador. "It was a great opportunity to take part in Habitat for Humanity, as well as visit another country and not have to pay for it," Kris explained.

#### Standing Out Among Hundreds

Each applicant to the program had to write an essay about their community service activities and their reasons for applying. Kris cited her experience with several charities

during her time in STARFLEET.

With colleagues from the entire Gap family of stores - Gap, Old Navy, Banana Republic and the outlets - competing for one of three trips, Kris did not know how good her chances were until she got the phone call telling her she was heading to El Salvador in October 2002.

"I was thrilled," she said.

While the trip worried her parents and some of her colleagues, Kris wasn't too concerned. "I was confident that we weren't going to be harmed," she stated.

#### Preparation and Travel

The Gap's charitable arm, the Gap Foundation, paid for the hotel, travel and meals; participants were responsible for paying their tourist visa and for bringing spending money.

The foundation also provided reams of preparatory material, including checklists of what to take, a briefing on El Salvador's culture and on Habitat for Humanity's efforts in Latin America.

Kris noted that the material included something quite disturbing: Habitat for Humanity would not pay ransom if you were kidnapped.

The trip began with a missed connection. "There was one point in Miami that almost made me cry. I was ready to give up and come home," Kris said. But then she met a colleague who had run into similar difficulties. "Knowing someone else was facing the same frustration made it a little easier."

#### Contrasts: the Hotel, the Factory and the Village

Upon arriving in the capital, San Salvador, Kris and her colleagues took a bus ride to the four-star Real Intercontinental hotel. She was surprised by the accommodations, anticipating that "we would be staying

at a more rural location, like a motel rather than a hotel."

On its first full day in El Salvador, the crew visited the Charles Products factory, where jeans and other denim items are made. The factory does about forty percent of its business with the Gap.

"Even though Gap doesn't own it, the factory is still held to high standards," Kris explained. "There is a quality inspector from the Gap who makes sure the conditions are good and that the employees are being treated well."

While the nearly 1,600 employees make about four dollars a day, they receive numerous benefits. There are two cafeterias, a market, and a clinic where free medical care is available. Charles Products pays half the cost of its workers' lunches. On Saturdays the employees may bring their children to the clinic for free care.

By contrast, the village where the group worked, Nahuizalco, about  
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# THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE



by COMM Richard Heim  
Fleet Division Chief of Science

In the last several issues of the Communique, we traced the development of modern science from The Newtonian Epoch (about 1660-1734 AD), Renaissance and Enlightenment, through the following 18th to 20th centuries. In this issue, we'll touch a little on attitudes toward science and scientific philosophies. The material in this section was originally published in the January and February 1999 issues of The Alaric Heim Page.

## CHANGING ATTITUDES AND EXPECTATIONS

First, a short philosophy review, courtesy of Hellemans and Bunch.

The ancient Greeks were the first to introduce a scientific method, although it was based on reasoning and observation, not the systematic experimentation that arose from The Renaissance. As I noted a few months ago, the 17th century revolution in science resulted in a profound change in philosophical thinking in the 18th century. What emerged was a "mechanical philosophy" -- the belief that not only physics, but also chemistry and biology, could be explained by sets of simple mechanical laws. What I didn't discuss were the extremist views that arose from this philosophy. The materialistic philosophers of France (for example, Denis Diderot, Julien Offray de la Mettrie, and Baron d'Holbach) took the idea that mechanics would offer an explanation for all phenomena to the extreme. They denied the existence of a spiritual god, and viewed nature entirely as a mechanical system. In this system, they included humanity itself, body (the physiological processes) and spirit (spiritual life, social processes, and even the course of history) (I can see traces of this philosophy in Asimov's psychohistory). Aside from this extreme view of mechanical philosophy, there were two approaches to 17th Century philosophy: empiricism (the idea that knowledge comes from experience) and rationalism (the view that knowledge comes from reasoning).

A romantic reaction to the materialism and rationalism of the extreme philosophers of the Enlightenment came to be called the School of Natur-philosophie (in Germany) and generally romanticism (in France and England). Instead of reason, the romanticists (for example,

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe) preferred sentiment. Their view of nature was holistic: they believed that all nature should be viewed as a single organism and imbued with spirit, and stressed the importance of emotion. (I'm sure Gene Roddenberry, Dorothy Fontana, and the other Star Trek creators were aware of this historical background as they created Spock and the Vulcan race!) The battle intensified in the 19th century, with the idea growing stronger that matter and force (matter and motion) were the ultimate explanations of reality. The Natur-philosophie eventually lost.

Science exerted a profound philosophical influence on the outlook of human beings as the 19th turned into the 20th century, somewhat similar to the philosophical swing that occurred during the Enlightenment. C.S. Peirce & William James promoted "pragmatism" (reality could be understood by experience alone). Science, especially math, became firmly based on logical reasoning. A "new realism" developed, that combined the strictly empiricist views of the pragmatists with Hegel's idea that knowledge can be attained only from a priori concepts by logic.

Hellemans and Bunch (in their 1988 book, *The Timetables of Science*) discussed how Mankind's view of the universe changed with the development of Science during the Enlightenment. They noted that, in the last couple centuries, Man's view of Science itself has changed.

Prior to The Newtonian Epoch, the Pope in Rome dictated the political and social climate of the Western World. Life was centered on religion and a belief system that had been constructed over centuries, and Science threatened this way of life. The Roman Church of the Middle Ages, by its condemnation of scholars like Thomas Aquinas and Galileo, both of whom supported acquiring knowledge through natural reason, represents an early (theological or imaginative) stage of knowledge, in which phenomena are explained by divine powers.

This philosophy, and another (a metaphysical or abstract stage) in which phenomena are explained by general philosophical ideas, were superseded in the 19th Century by the rise of "positivism," which is the use of scientific principles to explain the laws governing all phenomena.

From the Renaissance through the Enlightenment, scientific knowledge was the realm of scientists, philosophers and the well to do. In the 19th Century, scientific thought spread to the masses. For the first time, it was opposed by segments of the public, especially those who held certain religious beliefs (for example, those who opposed the geologic age of the Earth, or evolution). This reaction was different from the earlier institutional response of the Church. But nearly everyone else believed that Science was ultimately beneficial.

World War II changed that. Those of us who lived through the 1950s and 1960s remember how fear of The Bomb motivated a generation to political activism. A growing number of people began to wonder if Science really could solve the world's problems. Some even began to ask if Science would ultimately destroy mankind

instead, worrying about nuclear war, contamination from nuclear energy, the threat of plagues from genetic engineering, etc.

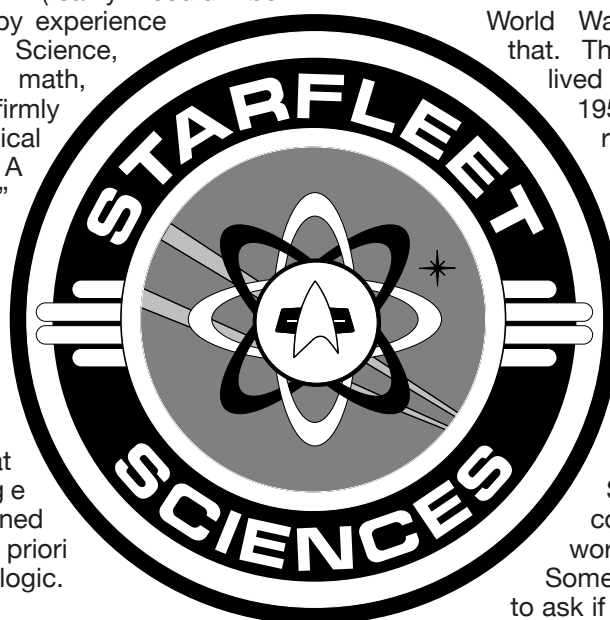
I think astronaut Bill Anders put these concerns into their proper perspective. On the PBS mini-series, *Science Odyssey: Bigger, Better, Faster*, he reflected on the Apollo Moon program as a great technological accomplishment. But, he said, "One of the biggest negative aspects has been the thought that if you can go to the Moon, you can -- fill in the blanks -- solve cancer, the trash problem, energy, you name it. Most of those problems are not technological problems, they're political problems. They're much more difficult because they require the body politic to agree and make difficult choices."

The bottom line, in my opinion, is that Science is beneficial. The knowledge accumulated through scientific investigation, for example, has brought us hospitals, medical advances, and the elimination or control of innumerable diseases. It has brought improvements to agriculture, transportation, and communication. Electricity, which was the great achievement of the 19th century, is the foundation of modern western civilization.

The crucial factor in whether Science proves beneficial or harmful is the human element: us, our attitudes, how we decide we want to use Science. Science CAN solve the world's problems, IF we decide to put aside our differences and our fears, and decide to work together to solve the problems that Science is well-suited to solving. It depends on where our priorities lie. We CAN rely on energy sources that are renewable and non-polluting. We CAN clean up our chemical industries, and so on. But only if we, as a society, really want to.

Attitude and priorities are very important. Tom and Ray Magliozzi illustrated this very well in a recent "Car Talk" newspaper column. A reader asked if multivalve engines have real advantages for average motorists. He said that gas mileage doesn't seem to have improved with all of the multivalve engines out there now. Tom and Ray replied that the extra valves (say four instead of two) in a cylinder improve the "breathing" of the engine, which means you get more power out of each stroke. In and of themselves, the extra valves don't improve gas mileage, but they do increase the amount of power you can get from the same engine. "So if you wanted to," they say, "you could then decrease the size and weight of a car's engine without giving up power, and THAT would increase your gas mileage. But alas, car manufacturers haven't done that. Instead, they've gone horsepower crazy. Instead of using all the increased efficiencies over the years to improve mileage, they've used them to increase power. This is so we can all drive faster into bridge abutments while we're talking on our cell phones, instead of conserving gas to decrease our dependence on foreign oil. But that's not the fault of the valves. It's the fault of car companies. We could easily have higher-mileage cars IF WE ALL INSISTED ON IT."

How Science affects us is up to us. Attitude. And priorities.





# INAUGURATION OF THE NEW COMMANDER



by COMM Joan E. Pierce, USS Maat

Dateline Kansas City MO. - The place, the Marriott hotel where IC 2001 was held. The attendees were from Regions 1, 5, 7 and 12. The event, the inauguration of Vice Commander, STARFLEET Mike Mallotte as Commander, STARFLEET.

Inauguration 2002 began on Sunday December 29th with the arrival of Vice Commander-elect Mark H. Anbinder (USS Accord) in Kansas City. Mark arrived in town and was hustled over to a secret meeting where our CS-elect was photographed singing, playing the guitar and making music with his band. (You will have to speak to Mark about the cost of DVDs of this momentous occasion.) The next day CommChief Greg Trotter, his wife PJ (USS Nomad) and their infamous "I want to break down and stay in Tennessee!" van, complete with the aforementioned Mark Anbinder, went to the airport once again to gather up more folks. Arriving that day were two from R7, incoming CompOps Chief Sandy Berenberg (USS Edinburgh) and Public Relations person Gerry Sylvester (USS Highlander), and one from R1, HelpDesk Director Joan E. Pierce (USS Maat) with her trusty bear, Burlington. Luggage was crammed into the vehicle, then people were added. (I had to be almost forcibly restrained from "acquiring" the nice Mazda van parked next to the Trotter vehicle.) We all agreed lunch was on the agenda, as well as a tour of Union Station and Crown Center. Ask Greg what's the best way to drive into downtown Kansas City; it won't be the route we took! The conversation was great; everyone was talking and we were all having fun.

Union Station is the former railroad terminal in Kansas City. It hosted the Titanic Exhibit during IC and many of us went through the exhibit and, alas, died, being steerage passengers. The Station houses several restaurants and shops, a movie theater and children's museum. The museum is where the kids went on their IC outing and had a blast.

After a quick perusal of the offerings in Union Station while Greg assured us there was more at Crown Center, we continued through the center through some rather impressive walkways that crossed over several busy streets. We had a great view of the Station and some of the buildings of downtown. The components of the walkways were fascinating: huge bolts and arcs of steel, and stretches of clear Plexiglas. You could almost imagine yourself on

a starship or a space station.

Crown Center is an interesting collection of shops and office space. As I recall the exterior didn't look like much, but the shops were quite neat, and



embossing machines worked, and make your own star bow. We all posed with the huge bear with mittens they were giving away for a group picture. As we were leaving, the lady who welcomed

that had more fine whiskey on the drink menu than he did at home. He offered a sip of interesting sherry-flavored whiskey. The steaks, no surprise, were excellent as was the prime rib. The portions were very generous (aka HUGE!) and only a couple of people sprung for dessert. After I saw the chocolate mousse I wish I'd asked for one. I went down and begged for a bite, yum! We had to hurry dessert, though, as we had reservations to tour the other part of downtown that was still decorated with lights from the Christmas holidays ... via horse carriage! Mike and Deb skipped the ride, but the rest of us huddled together in a horse "limo" (they called it that!) and we toured downtown on a brisk winter night. Slick, our noble steed, pulled us around admirably.

Greg drove all of us but Matt, who lives in the area, back to Carl and Pam's place where Sandy, Gerry and I were to spend the night, and then dropped Mark off at the hotel.

The next day most of us just hung around. Mark spent the day with Deb and Mike; Sandy, Gerry, Greg, PJ and I went out to lunch (yummy Mexican!) and then puttered until it was time to go to the hotel. PJ decided to make her famous pound cake and worked on that after we returned from lunch. Carl's famous brisket was already done and smelling delicious. Then it was time to meet Chris "Tigger" Wallace (USS Jaguar) at the airport. We crammed the van full of people and luggage, leaving enough room for Tig, and headed to the airport and nearby hotel. We got checked into to a marvelous set of adjoining rooms (note: always travel with Tigger!) We were on the concierge floor and had two large suites with tons of room. Tig set up camp in one and Sandy, Gerry and I set up camp in the other. Tables were moved, goodies spread out and people ferried up and down elevators. Things were pretty much set up, so some of us put on our bathing suits and headed to the hot tub and adjoining pool. It was very nice.

Up in the room folks online were getting impatient. For some odd reason we couldn't run Sandy's laptop in IRC, although it had access to the Internet, and the server crashed so the web feed we hoped to broadcast was a no-go. But Mark and Sandy both had their digital cameras going, and Mark was uploading photos all through the evening. Live IRC chatting was going on with Mike, Mark and Tig's laptops in Tig's room, and in person chatting, eating and all was done in the other

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Mike and Deb at the Commander's, STARFLEET Inaugural party.

the restaurants to choose from were wonderfully eclectic. We went to the d'Bronx Deli and got a variety of lunch items. Greg and PJ, who had already eaten, decided to get ice cream. PJ waited in the longest line ever. We all thought they were making the ice cream fresh and in the back room, straight from the cow! We wandered around the shops, pausing at various places. The fabric store caught most people's attention. Totally awesome fabrics! And I've seen a lot. We went through the Hall's Department store on our way to the Hallmark Visitor's Center (<http://www.hallmarkvisitorscenter.com/>). We had fun looking at the little original Christmas ornaments employees made for Hallmark founder J.C. Hall. You could look at how

us gave us all the videotape collection of the "Sarah Plain and Tall" Hallmark television series. PJ was delighted, "This is my favorite series!" she exclaimed. We were all very pleased, despite having to walk around for about another 1/2 hour carrying a 3 pack of videotapes.

We met Matt Copple, Region 12 RC Carl Johnson and his fiancée Pam Bell, and CS-Elect Mike and Deb Malotte at The Golden Ox for a fantastic steak dinner. The restaurant has been in that particular part of downtown Kansas City for years, and they originally would across the way to buy their beef as the stockyards used to be across the street! Mark was heard to remark that this was one of the few restaurants



# OIG (cont.)

will deal only with violations of membership rights.

- The Office will never deal with personal conflicts that occurred \*outside\* of SFI events.

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

The proper Chain of Command to begin an investigation is easy. Any member who believes that their rights have been violated should seek redress of the issue first with the Commanding Officer -unless that person is part of the issue. Should that be the case, the member should contact their respective Regional Coordinator. If the issue can't be resolved at the Regional Level, the Regional Coordinator would then contact the Commander, STARFLEET, providing the necessary details as to the cause for the investigation.

Such notification can be in any form, though a formal written request should follow within 48 hours. The Commander, STARFLEET will review the issue and -if determined to be within the authority of the OIG -will direct the IG to begin an investigation into the matter.

Approval shall not be unduly withheld. The requesting officer

may appeal a denial decision to the Admiralty Board. A 2/3 vote of the Admiralty Board is required to override the denial and move the requested investigation to the Office of Inspector General.

Once an investigation is authorized, the IG assigns it a case number and turns it over to an investigating officer – an AIG – if not conducting the investigation himself.

Once an investigation is initiated, the investigating officer must use a variety of means to uncover the required facts and evidence needed to bring closure to the case. Based on the geographic structure of STARFLEET, much of the 'leg work' in an investigation is actually done via phone, e-mail, and USPS.

During the course and planning of an investigation, the investigating officer must remember that at no time do they have the authority to violate any person's rights – as guaranteed under the laws of their city, state, province, and country.

Even if the investigating officer is actually a 'real-life' investigator (i.e., detective), they do not have the same authority in their capacity as a member of the STARFLEET Office of Inspector General. The investigation is, to oversimplify things, an uncovering of the facts. It is not the place of the OIG office, nor its staff, to pass judgment. That is left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

During the course of the investigation, the investigating officer

needs to record any and all evidence/facts that are uncovered. This includes, but is not limited to, phone calls, e-mails, documents, and computer files. All of these items, along with the investigator's final report must be sent to the IG upon the completion of the investigation. The IG will go over the materials and, if need be, clarify any questions he may have before submitting the final report to the EC.

Once the EC has decided on their course of action, if any, they will report such to the defendant/s in the case – with a copy being sent to the IG.

Information pertaining to an on-going investigation will not be released to anyone outside of the OIG until such time as the case is considered 'closed.' Updates on the status/progression of the investigation may be provided to the person requesting the information – upon written request.

After a case has been closed, persons involved in the investigation (defendant, plaintiff, etc.) may request copies of the case file. This is done at their own expense – which is dependent on the materials requested – and said request must be submitted in writing to the OIG.

The final judgment in an investigation may be appealed under the process outlined in Article 5 of the STARFLEET Constitution.

Next issue, I'll discuss the duties of the OIG in relation to Regional Coordinator Elections and Votes of Confidence.

## OIG PERSONNEL AND JOB OPENINGS

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Parties interested in the open positions should send a Fleet/Real Life resume to my attention.

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## BANTING COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY

by COMM Kimberly Brooks  
USS Malverne

The crew of the USS Malverne was invited to help celebrate the 4th anniversary of the USS Banting's commissioning. Tony had always promised to take me to Canada to meet CO Bernie Guignard, his wife, Sue and the rest of the crew. They had shuttled off the Malverne, so this seemed like the perfect opportunity.

The plan was for me to fly to Philly, and then we'd drive up to Guelph, Ontario the next morning. My flight was uneventful, and after chatting with Tony's parents for a bit, we went to bed early. I was dreading getting up at 3:30 am, but we had a 9 hour drive ahead of us.

When we arrived at our hotel, we found a welcome basket from the Banting crew, consisting of pins with a USA and Canadian flag on them, Canadian maple syrup, and other goodies. I had never seen a Snickers bar with the ingredients listed in French!

The banquet was held at the Guelph Country Club, the same site as the commissioning four years previously. It was nice to finally meet so many people that I only knew from online, and to see those I had met before. Besides the Banting crew, there were people from the USS White Star and Shuttle Hadfield. The food was wonderful, but the waiter looked at me like I was crazy when I ordered iced tea to drink. I don't know which startled him more, that or my accent.

After dinner it was time to give out awards. Bernie gave a speech, and then presented various members of the crew with certificates. There were a lot of those, and it was nice to see such an active, supportive crew. Tony and I were presented with official USS Banting caps, as well as two for me to bring home for my children, Matt and Morgan. We celebrated late, toasting and dancing, and I learned the hard way to say no next time to Bernie and his Romulan Ale. <G>

The next day we met for breakfast and then congregated at Bernie and Sue's place. For the first time in my life I was stuck on an elevator, and though it was only for

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# PAY RAISE ALTERS COUPON PROGRAM



## Overseas Coupon Program Takes New Name, Keeps Old Mission

by Eddie Allen

Now known as the Overseas Coupon Program, OCP's basic purpose has not changed: clip coupons and send them to military bases. But some procedures are different. This primer will detail some of the changes and provide activity guidelines.

### Loss of Tax-Exempt Status Means New Name

In May 2002, Overseas Coupon Project head Becky Thane informed participating groups that the Overseas Coupon Project would cease to exist as a tax-exempt entity after June 30. The military pay raises that took affect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2003 (July 1, 2002) lifted service members above the federal poverty level. The 501(c)(3) non-profit charity status can be maintained only if the charity group is assisting those below the Federal poverty level.

While the charity status ended, the program did not. The name changed for legal reasons, with the word "project" becoming "program." But the program will continue because rising above the federal poverty level does not place a family in a position of affluence. Many American citizens are above the poverty level, yet do not know how they will obtain their next meal. For that reason, we are continuing our efforts to direct coupons to our overseas military bases.

You should know that the program could revert to its old name if military income should fall below the federal

poverty level in the future.

### Loss of Tax-Exempt Status Means Procedural Changes

The loss of the tax-exempt status has also meant the loss of many cash donations that funded OCP through the years. As a result, the program's administrators made some difficult decisions about some of its functions.

- **Base Adoption:** The new process is to have everyone adopt a base. The minimum donation amounts associated with adoption have been dropped. If you or your organization had an adopted base before July 1, 2002, then nothing changes. If you did not have an adopted base, contact Eddie Allen (information below) to have one assigned. OCP no longer forwards coupons for continuing donors because the funding for that part of the program is no longer available.

- **OCP needs to know who you are:** When you ask to adopt a base, OCP administrators will need to know who you are, your group name or who you represent, your postal address and (if available) your e-mail address. While they do not normally transact business by phone, you may give also provide your phone number if you choose.

- **Coupon Process:** After you receive information about your adopted base, you may begin the coupon collection process. Cut out the coupons, sort them into separate bundles of food and non-food, then cash total the two types of bundles. (OCP wants to know the total value of coupons you collected, not the total number of coupons collected.) Place the two types of coupons into separate

envelopes or other containers, then place both envelopes in a larger envelope and mail to the base. Do not use paper clips, rubber bands or similar items since these can cause problems during the shipping process. The best method for large bundles is to use the priority mail pouch and lots of mailing tape. You may wish to shop around for the cheapest possible mailing costs (as opposed to using the US Postal Service).

- **Postage:** Because military bases are considered to be territories of the United States, postage costs should be the same as they would be if you sent the coupons directly to OCP. However, you will still need to fill out the customs form (2976-A), which is required for all mail going overseas.

- **Shipment Information:** Please send an e-mail, or a letter via USPS, to Eddie Allen (contact information below) with your donation amounts. You may do so after each shipment or on a regular basis (e.g., monthly or quarterly). This information will be used for various reasons, including for awards programs and to address potential changes in the program's tax status.

- **Awards:** While this portion of OCP was previously funded by donations, it is currently funded through Eddie Allen's personal budget. In order not to strain resources, the mid-year award period will be eliminated. Current plans call for an annual awards program to close on December 31 of each year, with actual awards announced the following March; but this, too, is subject to Eddie's personal budget. The award names would not change, but the amounts

that trigger them would. Categories would include Stellar (50,000 and each additional 50,000), Nova (400,000 and each additional 100,000), Supernova (1,000,000 and each additional 200,000), Quasar (2,000,000) and Foundation Chapter (3,000,000).

### OCP Structure and Staff

Please remember that OCP is a charity run by volunteers, whose lives are filled with many activities besides OCP. Please be patient as you await replies to questions, concerns or issues.

### OCP's staff includes:

- CEO: Becky Thane
- President and Director: Edward W. Allen III
- Webmaster: Robin R. Smith

The position of Promotion and Awards Director is currently open. If you are interested in it, please contact Eddie Allen (information below).

### Contacting OCP

Your comments and input are always welcome. Please use the following contact information:

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Please note that it may take Eddie a few days to check his e-mail. If you need a more immediately response, you may call him.

OCP's website is found at [www.OCPnet.org](http://www.OCPnet.org), with a mirror site at <http://www.computingdreams.com/ocp/>. If you need information about the program prior to the July 2002 changes, point your browser to <http://members.aol.com/BeckyThane/OCP.html>.

# NEW LIFE FORMS



by COMM David Klingman  
Xenoarchaeologist  
USS Jaguar NCC-74750

In her song 'Truth of the Heart' Melissa Etheridge writes:

There is no magic, there are no secrets. We all begin this race at the start.

With this in mind, I would like to share with you some of the new faces that have come along to members of STARFLEET since 2000. Many thanks to all the people who sent me these photos.

Kathryn Ilene "Katie" Brown  
born March 13, 2000

Alethia Hoff  
born November 29, 2000

Katrina Leigh Mohnney  
born December 31, 2000

Fianna Michelle Kidder  
born March 26, 2001

Lander Blaine Miskolczi  
born August 29, 2002

Nikita Michelle Miller  
born January 12, 2003

Mark David Badger  
born June 11, 2001

Xu Rui Rou, born August 24 2001  
adopted "Amy Kathleen Emerson"

Zachary Rickard  
born to Les and Dee Rickard  
June 16 2001

Kevin Nathan Mehrten  
born January 19, 2002

Brianna L'Abbe  
born 2002  
Collin Jacob Klingman  
born July 14, 2002

Christopher Michael van Cleave  
born July 30, 2002

Kira Joan Baum  
born August 8, 2002

Veronica Margaret Gravato  
born August 26, 2002

Jamie Renee Malotte  
born August 28, 2002

Kyla Marie Wolf  
born August 28, 2002

Kevin Thomas Smith  
born October 29, 2002

Marinna Elieen Lampson  
born November 9, 2002

Madyline Nicole Jackson  
born September 11, 2001

Emily Grace Jackson  
born March 19 2002

Caden Ryan Jackson  
born May 25 2002

Christian Xavier Jackson  
born September 10, 2002

Expecting this year!

Burton and Brandy Hallman,  
expecting the birth of their daughter,  
Crystal Amber Hallman  
March 10, 2003

Mike and Gloria Wilkerson,  
expecting their daughter  
June 15, 2003!

Unfortunately, due to lack of space, the photos submitted were not able to be put into this issue. Congratulations to all! However, to see them, you can log onto <http://www.sfi.org/newlifeforms/>



# STRONGEST LINK APPEARS ON "WEAKEST LINK"



by Lt. Gene Adams  
USS Lone Star  
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The appearance of CAPT Robert Graham, XO and founding member of the USS Spiritwolf in Houston, Texas, on the television quiz show Weakest Link in the fall of 2002 is believed to represent the only occasion in which a member of STARFLEET has been a contestant on the program. His appearance on the show was no slam-dunk, however. The manner in which this occurred is a testament to Robert's perseverance and determination. Robert had been a regular viewer of the network program since its debut. Over a period of repeated viewings, he had observed that the participants in the show seemed to be average citizens from all walks of life, and it seemed that he knew most of the answers to the questions that were asked of them. As he sat in his abode and shouted out correct answers to questions posed to the show participants, he also realized that his TV set was probably never going to respond, but would continue to simply stare back at him. The conviction dawned on Robert, "If those people can do that, so can I!" Now, many of us have had a similar experience and have fantasized about attempting to become a contestant, but for most of us the thought remains just a thought and we never take action on it. Robert, however, is nothing if not an action oriented person, and when he saw a notice in mid-year 2001 that auditions would be held right there in Houston for the purpose of choosing participants for the network's one-hour version of The Weakest Link, he resolved to give it a try.

When he reported for the audition, he filled out an application and was given a 20-question general knowledge test that he terms "very challenging." He was informed that he could expect to receive results in a time frame vary-

ing from six weeks to six months. But, like the relative who promises to pay the \$100 he owes you, the validity of this statement was as smoke upon the wind and he never did receive notice of the audition results. But you have to know that when CAPT Graham has his mind fixed on something, he is dogged in the pursuit of his goal. So it came to pass that near the end of that year, and after the network version of the show had been phased out, recruiters for the 30-minute, syndicated version of the show came to town and announced auditions. Determinedly, our Robert marched down to the audition (well... he actually drove) to try again. The procedure followed for this audition was very similar to that of Robert's first audition, and once again he was told to expect results in six weeks to six months. But, like that elusive relative and the missing \$100, the promised results never appeared.

At this point most of us would simply give up and surmise that it wasn't supposed to happen, but I have already told you that Robert is bulldog tenacious. Therefore in June 2002, when he saw a notice that the show's recruiters were to be back in Houston, trolling for contestants, his smiling face once again appeared before them. This time, in addition to the application and the "challenging" test, each applicant was required to appear before a recruiter and give a brief, off-the-cuff spontaneous presentation about themselves (no doubt to get an idea of how much glibness and poise they might exhibit on-camera). This allowed his winning personality to carry the day, and he was one of those selected to play a simulated version of the show immediately after the auditions had been completed. He so favorably impressed the recruiters with his performance on the simulated show that he was notified three weeks later (in July) that he, together with other potential contestants, was

to be flown to Los Angeles and installed at the Universal City Hilton to be interviewed by the show's producers. During his personal interview with the producers in Los Angeles, Robert informed them of his STARFLEET membership and the fact that he had hosted a "Weakest Link" competition at Region Three's 2002 Summit and was very familiar with the way the show worked. Robert believes that this may have been a deciding factor in tipping the scales in his favor, because he was then selected as a show contestant and preceded to the taping of the program.

CAPT Graham made a very favorable appearance on the show and seemed relaxed, knowledgeable and articulate. During the show, he survived the first round, but was forced out in the second round as the result of a tie with another contestant. The format of the show is such that if there is a tie, the leading contestant at the time decides who will get the boot, and she selected Robert. His crewmates are convinced that he was booted because the leading candidate sensed that he might be her strongest competition, but Robert shrugs it off and has no hard feelings to this day. His attitude is that, while it would have been nice to win a few bucks (the winner took home \$8,000), being selected and going through the experience of appearing on the show was reward enough for the time and effort expended. At the conclusion of the show he was required to sign a non-disclosure agreement stating that he would not reveal the proceedings or outcome prior to the national airing in the fall. He adhered rigorously to the agreement and kept his lips zipped despite wheedling from friends and crewmates.

Robert reports that his having been on the show hasn't changed or affected his life in any way. He still gets the same degree of respect (or lack of)

from his crew that he did before his selection, and a cup of coffee at Starbucks still costs the same. He does report that occasionally a stranger that he encounters during the course of his "real life" job will recognize him and ask if he is the guy who they saw on Weakest Link.

Robert's commanding officer, FCAPT John Dubose, wants the world to know that, regardless of appearing on Weakest Link or not, Robert Graham is the USS Spiritwolf's strongest link, and in John's opinion, is the best XO in Region Three. FCAPT Dubose forcefully states that he simply couldn't do his job properly without the aid of his strong XO.

CAPT Graham has been a member of STARFLEET for eight years and a devoted Trek fan since 1974 when he saw his very first episode and was hooked. That first episode, by the way, was the hugely popular "The Trouble With Tribbles" on the Original Series. It is still Robert's favorite episode from any of the series, and he has had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with the author of that episode, David Gerrold. Robert requests that anyone who would like a videotape copy of his appearance on Weakest Link contact him at his e-mail address: rgraham@webtv.net and he will give them details for mailing him a blank videotape.

When asked if he would like to repeat his experience by appearing on another game or quiz show, Robert enthusiastically responds that he would indeed, and is keeping his eyes peeled for another opportunity. Quiz show hosts and producers, note that you have been given warning. The USS Spiritwolf's strongest link has you in his crosshairs.



**Klingons prepare  
for the blQ'egh  
DIS (loosely  
translated as  
Annual Bath) in  
the icy waters of  
Ha'peQ ngeng'a'  
(Chesapeake Bay).**

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (cont.)

an hour west of San Salvador, is impoverished and was severely damaged by recent earthquakes. "For example, the village church was still standing, however, services were held outdoors because the inside wasn't safe," Kris explained.

### House-Work

The Gap Foundation group was divided into five smaller crews. Kris's crew helped the Sánchez family, who had been living with another family in a house occupied by eleven people.

Houses built by Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador are ready in about a week. They are made from reinforced cinder blocks and have metal roofs. Each of the homes is about 42 meters (about 130 feet) in diameter, with two bedrooms and a living/dining room area. Because of the high heat and humidity, kitchen and bathroom facilities are usually outside.

As required by Habitat rules, members of the Sánchez family worked alongside Kris's group. "Building the houses was backbreaking work," she stated. "In addition, our house was above the rest of the houses, so you had to go up and down stairs to get the cinder blocks."

The crews toiled through one afternoon, a full second day, and the morning of a third day before parting ways following a thank-you ceremony organized by the families.

"It was a very emotional occasion," Kris said. "You could see how your effort made a difference in

their lives. You didn't think you were doing anything special until you saw their reaction to having complete strangers from a different country helping them."

### A Learning Experience

Before leaving for home, the Gap Foundation crew visited an open-air market in San Salvador. Payment was in American dollars, bargaining was done in Spanish and with a calculator to indicate prices back and forth.

Perhaps the most fascinating aspect of El Salvador, Kris said, was that the local police carried automatic weapons and "looked like a SWAT team." In addition, many farm workers carried machetes. "There are no safeguards against carrying weapons like we have in the United States," Kris explained. Still, she did not feel unsafe or threatened.

It was an educational experience in more ways than one. Kris flew back with many of her colleagues and, free of travel hassles and delays, spent time learning about the Gap's corporate operation.

"Meeting all the different people was exciting," she said. "I may never see them again, but I had a good time bonding with them."

Would she do it all over again?

"Definitely. I had a great time. There were so many good things about the whole experience, but the most important was improving the lives of the people of El Salvador."

**"Dreams are simply the reality of the future"**

**~Dr. Bernard Harris, Astronaut**

## ANNIVERSARY (cont.)

a few minutes it seemed like forever. Tony saved the day by prying open the doors.

Next we went sightseeing at the Castle Kilbride Museum, located in Braden. It was a beautiful place to see, and very interesting. Their website is <http://www.township.wil.mot.on.ca/kilbride.htm>. Tony wanted to head home after dinner, so after a fabulous Chinese dinner, lots of jokes about fortune cookies, we said our goodbyes.

Tony and I stopped at Niagara Falls, since I had never been there. It was amazing, though the next time I'm there I want it to be warmer and daytime. Everything was decorated for the holidays, and the lights were spectacular! The only blight on the trip was having to assist Tony in changing a tire, after midnight, on I-90. Trying to hold a flashlight still in 5 degrees below zero weather was difficult.

All in all, we had a wonderful time and I was honored to have been on hand to celebrate with the Banting crew!



## NASA ASTRONAUT ORIGINAL TREKKER

by LT. Gene Adams, USS Lone Star

Dr. Bernard Harris, NASA astronaut, appeared in Lubbock, Texas on October 11, 2002 as the featured speaker at the Core Knowledge Regional Conference on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. This was a conference directed primarily toward educators. The chief medical officer of the USS Lone Star, LT Doug Hogan, is a fourth grade teacher in the Lubbock Independent School District and was an attendee at the conference. The senior staff of the Lone Star unanimously voted to award an honorary lifetime ship's membership to Dr. Harris and commissioned LT Hogan to make the presentation of the framed certificate.

The topic of Dr. Harris's speech was the necessity of keeping dreams alive for students and of instilling in them the belief that even if one comes from humble beginnings, all things are possible. He used his own background as an example, and detailed how he had spent his childhood in poverty on a Navajo reservation. Later, attending high school in San Antonio, he lived in a ghetto in the poorest section of town. He summed up his philosophy in the motto, "Dreams are simply the reality of the future."

Doug had informed the conference coordinator that he wanted to make the presentation of the honorary membership to Dr. Harris, and the coordinator stated that he would steer Dr. Harris to him as he left the stage and showed our emissary where to stand. Ah, but devilry was afoot, and when Dr. Harris had finished his talk and the applause had died down, the coordinator called for LT Hogan to take the stage in front of approximately 600 attendees and make the presentation there. Needless to say, this was not in Doug's plan, as he had no prepared remarks, and he found himself feeling like the coyote in a road runner cartoon. But our Dougie is a resourceful chap and he handled his mission with aplomb. In making the presentation, he stated that, "Star Trek fans across the country want to thank you for all that you have done for space flight in the past, what you are doing now, and what you will do in the future." He also informed Dr. Harris that he had presented him as a positive role model for his students.

After receiving the honorary ship's membership, Dr. Harris revealed that he had been a trekker and had been inspired to become an astronaut by watching the original series. He

disclosed that his hero had been Dr. Leonard McCoy, and that it was McCoy's role on the show that had inspired him to also become a doctor. He realized that there was no curriculum that would allow him to major in astronautics, so he decided to combine his desire to become an astronaut with his desire to help people through medicine. He divulged that, as a child, he would stare up at the sky and wonder what the points of light he was looking at really were. Which ones were stars, galaxies and planets? He vowed to himself that he would one day find out and would travel in space.

Dr. Harris's resume includes a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Houston, a Doctorate of Medicine degree from Texas Tech University, residency at the Mayo Clinic and an M.S. degree in Biomedical Science from the University of Texas. He has a pilot's license, was a flight surgeon for NASA and trained at the Aerospace School of Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base. His space specializations were muscle and bone research and use of flight medical devices. Since leaving NASA in 1996, after 438 hours in space, he has initiated the "Dare to Dream" program, which is designed to keep kids out of jail. He began the program to focus kids on the future and keep them out of trouble; realizing that without a dream, they have no future.

In the concluding portions of his remarks, Dr. Harris talked about the future of space flight and stated his belief that the technology of space will drive the economy of the world. He expressed some disappointment with the tentativeness of our space program in failing to venture from near-earth locations, and said that the next step should be to colonize the moon. The moon would be an ideal environment to condition ourselves for future space travel. He also believes that humans *must* go to Mars and that experiments involving terraforming should be started.

Following the presentation of the honorary membership certificate to Dr. Harris and his concluding remarks, he shook hands with LT Hogan and departed. LT Hogan managed to make his way back to his seat without slipping in all of the (what we shall politely call) "adrenalin" he found he was producing. Since the meeting, he has stated that he doesn't think he will ever wash his hand again. Word of caution: never let LT Hogan handle your sandwich!



FROM THE DOG POUND

by Col. Joe Brouhard  
Director SFIGaming.net

Welp... I'll be damned. They say 2003 is supposed to be a good year, and by god it has been so far! A few weeks ago, SFIGaming put out a notice that there was going to be a ladder set up on SFIGaming.net for Elite Forces. Within two weeks, SEVEN people responded, which is quite good. The exact e-mail is quoted below:

Subject: [SFI] All SFI online game players  
Date: Mon, 20 Jan 2003 16:42:39 -0800 (PST)  
From: Shawn Williams  
<sarge101us@yahoo.com>

Members of the Fleet

I would like to tell you all about some fun gaming going on in SFI. First the members of the Shuttle Vanguard, which is an online ship with the mission of playing online games, would like to tell you all about our upcoming Star Trek Elite Force battle. This event will be held Saturday, Jan 25th at 13:00 Hours. If you wish to be in the game please e-mail me for the contact info.

Also I would like to tell you about a new SFI gaming page. With the help from the director of SFI gaming there will be a page with a list of SFI members who like online games. If you wish to be added to this please e-mail me with your name, the ship you are on, an e-mail address and what games you have.

I hope we can all get together and play

Set Phasers to Frag

SGM Shawn Williams  
OIC 611th MSG  
SGM1st BN 2nd BDE  
NCOIC 2nd BDE COMOPS  
Director, Infantry TRACOM

And so it began...

January 25th 2003 was the day that the 2003 SFIGaming Ladder season began. Five people, two and a half hours of online gaming time and by god, was it a hell of a match! The game parameters are listed below:

Please note that newbie31 was a late addition and was invited by Mark Walker. He was not a member of the ladder at the start of the game, but we hope he'll join us. He is one tough SOB to kill!

So, as a result of this game, the following ladder ranking is official as of 25th Jan 2003:

Joe "Wolfpack" Brouhard - 310 Points  
Edward C. Tunnis III "ED\_209" - 260 Points  
Mark Walker "Mark" - 60 Points  
Roger Stearns "Daekton\_Crichton" - 40 points

The 2003 ladder season runs through December 31st 2003, and a final winner will be awarded a SFIGaming Ladder Award at IC2004 in Alabama. We will be announcing more games on STARFLEET-L, which will be cross-posted to the announcements list. I hope that all you gamers are still interested in some very heavy competition, cause we got a lot of it to offer!

Here's a description of the ladder ranking system:

1) Each player is awarded 20

points for every game that the player plays. For example, Player 1 plays four games, but doesn't rank even 3rd place, but they still receive 80 points for being in four games.  
2) 50 points are awarded to the player that finishes in 3rd place in the game ranking.  
3) 75 points are awarded to the player that finishes in 2nd place in the game ranking.  
4) 100 points are awarded to the player that finishes in 1st place in the game ranking.

The points are then added up when the entire gaming series is over. The more games, the more points you can rack up. In order for these points to go on the Ladder ranking system, SFIGaming MUST know about the game, and screenshots must be provided of each game (rank, standings, etc.).

All ladder ranks are listed at <http://www.sfigaming.net/ladder.htm>

We also have a list available for all gamers -- SFI, SMI, UFPI alike - to join or find out more information about the games send an e-mail to [StarTrekGamingSchedule-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:StarTrekGamingSchedule-subscribe@yahoo.com)

If anyone has more questions, feel free to contact me at [director@sfigaming.net](mailto:director@sfigaming.net)

Until next time, fleet!!

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25th Jan 2003

Game Data	
Type	Free-For-All
Map	Isolation
Server IP	207.192.225.150
Number of Players	5

Here are the game stats for the January 25th game!!!

RESULTS

<u>NickName</u>	<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Game 2</u>	<u>Game 3</u>
Wolfpack98	1st Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
ED_209	3rd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place
Daekton_Crichton	4th Place	4th Place	-
Mark	5th Place	5th Place	4th Place
newbie31 (new addition)	2nd Place	1st Place	1st Place

# LEONARD NIMOY SPEAKS AT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



by Rabbi Foster Kawaler  
USS Aurora Vulcanus

October 29th ended a month-long celebration of Judaism and Jewish presence in Shreveport, Louisiana as the last event of the Shreveport/Bossier Jewish History Month came to a close. The centerpiece of the month-long celebration was the centennial of Congregation Agudath Achim, of which I have been privileged to be the rabbi for the last eight years. As part of all of this, The Meadows Museum, on the campus of Centenary College, hosted an exhibit of ceremonial art from the Goldring-Waldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, and 12 prints from Leonard Nimoy's Shekhina Project. Of course, wherever those photographs go, Mr. Nimoy himself is sure to follow, and he didn't disappoint. But let's go back to the beginning of the story.

About four years ago, I awoke in the middle of the night with a dream that he, without the pointed ears, was sitting on our Bimah as a scholar-in-residence. To make a long story short, I called around just to see if he would be interested in coming to Shreveport, out in the middle of "yenem velt" (planet Nowhere), to talk to our Congregation. We are kind of remote, and someone like him coming to visit and talk to us would give a tremendous boost to morale, and make an impression upon our kids. Now, I've always been a Star Trek fan and, from the beginning, the character of Spock attracted me. Imagine my joy when I discovered that the actor that played my favorite character was not only Jewish, but proudly and actively so. Indeed, Mr. Nimoy said in his presentation that evening that Spock was amongst aliens with different customs, different language, different diets, different religion, and, being Jewish, he was able to understand the character through that. It was a shot in the dark, and you can imagine my emotions when he actually accepted our invitation! He came and spoke of his career and how his Judaism had effected it. His presentation was interesting and inspirational, from quoting from an old Yiddish folk tune to quoting from Star Trek. He spoke touchingly about finding family in Russia that had survived the Holocaust, and was able to bring greetings from them and pictures to his father, who died shortly thereafter. After his talk, he spent some time with the children from our Hebrew school. Since that visit, we have had a corresponding relationship, and, in fact, he has been an active supporter of our youth programs. He is a true gentleman, and a genuine

"mensch." This year, I stuck my neck out and asked him, "Could you come for our Centennial Weekend and the Shreveport/Bossier Jewish History Month." And he consented to come!

Saturday morning, at our Centennial Reunion Sabbath service, in the back of my synagogue sat Zina Schiff, the violin virtuoso who would perform the Bloch Violin Concerto at the symphony that very evening, and Mr. Leonard Nimoy! The congregation was very respectful of them, and as they would be for any Jew who came there to pray, left them to their privacy. I am so grateful that they honored us with their presence that morning.

Our Centennial Weekend was capped by a gala concert by the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Nimoy graciously consented to be the "MC" for the concert, and, using his incomparable narrative voice, he performed the narrative portion of Schoenberg's "The Survivor from Warsaw." The concert was an unqualified success. As the music lovers amongst us know, Schoenberg is the originator of the 12-tonescale, basically atonal music. The composer himself wrote the script for "Survivor" himself, based upon accounts he had heard from real survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto. It describes a Nazi "selection," the procuring of victims to be shipped out of the ghetto to Auschwitz or, worse, the death camp at Treblinka. The narrator, himself, resists the selection, and is hurt in the process. There is a tension in the atonal music that reinforces the narrative, and the stress level builds and builds. At the end, the narrator talks how they all walked out singing the Sh'ma Yisrael, the central declaration of Jewish faith, and a 100-voice male chorus begins to belt it out, in baritone, when suddenly, as everything builds to a frightening crescendo, there is a big final chord, everything goes dead silent! The audience just didn't know what to do, and everyone sat slack jawed! And that is the intended effect! The conductor turned to the audience and bowed, and some nervous applause began. Then Mr. Nimoy was presented, and there was some more nervous applause. Then, finally, as the crowd

realized it was really over, there was a standing ovation. It was an amazingly powerful piece! I've heard the piece done by more famous orchestra's and with other distinguished narrators, but this performance had to be the best. (Maybe I'm prejudiced?) It was performed so well, that it prompted Mr. Nimoy to leave his prepared script to congratulate and praise Dennis Simons, the conductor, and the orchestra as a whole. We knew we had a hit on our hands. The rest of the concert went beautifully. Zina Schiff (a long time fan of Mr. Nimoy's, by the way) played like an angel. It's three

are praying and you get that "warm, fuzzy" feeling of being surrounded by goodness and love, like being safe and warm in your mother's arms. Mr. Nimoy says that some of the objections in the Jewish community have to do with implications in the work of the elevation of the Woman in Jewish ritual milieu, most definitely feminist in ideation, and this is also responsible for raising some hackles. The work itself is exquisite, spiritual, and reverent. As Letti Cottin Pogrebin wrote on the back cover "... each picture is a prayer." He used black-and-white exclusively, as it provided the extremes of contrast that the subject needed. There is a rich play of textures and varieties of light that are difficult to explain unless you can see the pictures. There are several that evoked beautiful emotions in me.

Mr. Nimoy spoke of the Shekhina in Kabbala, and spoke of his childhood days in an Orthodox synagogue where the Kohanim would perform their special blessing ritual, and one shouldn't look because, should the Shekhina actually appear, one could be fried on the spot! It was from that ceremony that the Vulcan salute was taken, and that some of his pictures show. Indeed, to truly appreciate some of the pictures, one must know something of Jewish theology. For instance, there is one

photo of the Shekhina, tallit (Prayer Shawl) over her head, spreading the sides out in a wing-like posture – tachat ha-kanfei ha-Shekhina – spreading the wings of the Shekhina in the attitude of protection. The book also contains some of his poetry. His presentation opened the audience's eyes to the beauty of G-d's spirit and the wonderful imagery connected with the Shekhina.

When his presentation was over, he took questions, one of which was rather amusing. One lady asked what his wife thought about his hob-knobbing with all of these naked young models. He flipped the projector back on, pointed to the picture on the screen and said "That's my wife!" So much for that

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photo courtesy of Rabbi Foster Kawaler



Leonard Nimoy during his recent visit to Shreveport, Louisiana.

weeks since that concert and people are still talking about it here!

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Nimoy gave a talk and slide show on his Shekhina Project at Centenary College. As you probably know, there has been quite a flap over it, most especially in the Orthodox Jewish community. Not only are women shown wearing religious gear that is generally limited to men, but naked women at that! While it came up in our own community that he could be very well breaking the third Commandment by trying to picture G-d, that was quickly dealt with in that the photos are an attempt to capture a mood, or to convey an idea, and not trying to depict G-d. The Shekhina is the female manifestation of a genderless G-d. You know you have been touched by it when you



# STATE OF TRACOM, JANUARY 2003

by Col. John Roberts

Since taking over as COTRACOM in October 2002, I have been focusing on getting the staff in place and moving TraCom forward to better serve the members of the SFMC. Here is a report on the progress made since then and where are planning to go from this point onward.

We have opened one new Advanced Studies School (the School of Strategy and Tactics), with 3 courses. We have also released the Combat Leadership course, LD-27 for general enrollment, three new Support Branch Schools (SU-22, SU-23 and SU-24), and one new Infantry Course (IN-15). We have revised the Marine Basic Training Course (PD-10), and are in the process of revising the Marine Essential Skills Task List (PD-12) and writing a Manual to cover this course. We have 2 new Armor Branch School in development.

The Staff of TraCom, in cooperation with other interested marines, is currently developing the following new Schools for inclusion in the SFMCA as well:

**Xeno-Studies:** This will be a group of courses that address the various cultures, weapons and tactics of races who may be allied with the Federation, but are more probably a threat to its security. Currently we have Marines working to finalize and beta test the following areas: Klingon, Romulan and Borg, with interest from others in developing courses on the Cardassians and the Ferengii. If anyone else is interested in helping to develop new courses for other races/species or empires, please contact me and we can discuss the requirements.

It has also been suggested that we (the SFMCA and TRACOM staff) should have something on tap for those Marines who desire to play in a Pre-TNG era timeline. If there is anyone who might be willing to help us develop such a set of course and the accompanying manual, please contact COTRACOM at jcroberts2@hotmail.com.

**Junior Reserve Officers Training Courses (JROTC):** This will be a group of courses tailored to the youth and handicapped members of the SFMC so that they may enjoy the courses we offer as well as the adult members. The criteria will include a Youth version of our PD-10, a basic course to familiarize the youth with the various branches of the SFMC and a course for each Branch currently open for the SFMC. It is hoped that this will help to encourage families to take

courses and become more interested in what the SFMCA and the SFMC as a whole has to offer. The youth of the SFMC are its future and we should be nourishing them as much as we can to keep their interest strong.

## Branch Manuals:

As you know, many of our newer courses developed for the SFMCA use materials and references from outside the existing Branch Manuals. We are currently in the first phases of revising all Branch Manuals to incorporate the outside source materials and to give all of the information a more Trek feel, in order to increase the enjoyment of our courses for the average Marine. This is a long-term project and it is not expected to be fully completed before the end of 2004.

We are writing a new MOS Manual which will list every MOS in the SFMC and the basic requirements (course-wise) that a Marine must have completed in order to call themselves "qualified" in that MOS.

In addition to the above, TRACOM is also going to pull all Arms and Equipment from all current SFMCA Manuals into one manual. It is to be called the SFMC Arms and Equipment Guide, and when completely finished will include an accompanying pamphlet that will tell the Marines who want to role-play and SFMC engagement what each piece of equipment equates in the more popular game systems currently published. By having all of this information in a single manual, it will also make future revisions to equipment easier as we only have to revise one manual instead of 8-10.

There are two major "problems" or issues currently facing TRACOM. The first is Marines requesting the replacement of lost Ecerts. It is our policy (and always has been) to not replace these lost certs, as we would not have time. Our Datawarfare Office currently processes more than 100 certs of various types every month. Adding the replacement of previously issued certificates would overwhelm the staff. It is, ultimately, every Marines responsibility to keep track of the courses he/she has passed and be

able to provide documentation when necessary.

The second, and more troubling, issue is that of incomplete information in the SFMCA database showing what courses individual Marines have completed. It appears that prior maintenance on this vital resource was not properly kept up and there are large holes in the database at this time. The staff of the TRACOM Datawarfare Office is currently contacting each Marine we have listed in the database, and asking them to verify their information. If any information is missing, the Marine must present proof of course completion (Ecet or original email from the instructor), to have that course added into the database. If the Student cannot provide proof the course was completed in either of the accepted means, then the student will have to retake the course. We wish there was another way to handle this matter, but there is not other way we can do it.

If you cannot locate any proof of course completion for SFMCA courses, I have to ask the following question, "Do you know where your OTS and/or OCC certificates are located?" If so, then why can you not locate or maintain the same quality of records for the SFMCA course you pass? I would love to be able to say that our database and other information is 100% correct, but we are human and humans are not perfect. Please help us to get things up to date and ready for the future. Your help, in any way you can provide it, is greatly appreciated on this issue.

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It is hoped that we can get the TRACOM database of students up to date and correct as much as humanly possible by April, as that is the rough estimate we have been given for the incorporation of our SFMCA course information into the new SFI on line database.

## TRACOM Staff Openings:

Currently, there are two staff positions open at TraCom: Leadership

School Director and Support Branch Director. It is hoped that these posts can be filled as soon as possible as the original application deadlines have passed. I plan to reiterate the opening in my State of TRACOM report next week to the Corps at large.

The requirements for each Directorship are:

PD-10 (PD-20 and OTS are encouraged, but not required)  
Pass all courses offered by that area of the SFMCA (the -30 course may be waived but must be completed within 60 days of appointment).

Please let me know if you have any questions of need any further information on any item covered in this report.

In Service to the Corps,  
Col. John Roberts, CO TRACOM

## NIMOY SPEAKS (cont.)

question! Indeed, the last picture in the book is of his wife, Susan, in a very, wispy, ethereal photo which suggests an image in clouds. He dedicates the book to her, as she was instrumental and helpful in its production.

He then signed books out in the lobby and went backstage to spend some time with the kids from our youth group. He became Grandpa then, answering the kids' questions, asking some of his own, even dispensing a little bit of advice on photography. Many of them were present the first time that he came to our synagogue, and had grown substantially since then. He posed for pictures with them, spoke to each of them, and then, I then took a very tired Leonard Nimoy back to his hotel. Monday morning, we headed to the airport, and Mr. Nimoy was headed to Austin for his next venue. He said that he enjoyed his visit, and, hopefully, it will be less than four years before he comes back again.

All in all, all of the events were well attended, the quality of everything was first rate, and it kept all of us on the organizational side jumping! The concert was recorded and will be transmitted over regional National Public Radio on November 8th here in Shreveport. Thanks to Leonard, the Centennial Weekend had to be the most emotional, and the most rewarding of all for me and our community.



# IMPORTANT STARFLEET EVENTS IN THE Y2K2

by COMM Jeffery Higdon  
Office of Fleet Historian

2002, Two-Thousand and Two, Twenty-Oh-Two, Two-Zero-Zero-Two, Y2K2...

What ever you call the year, it was definitely a pivotal year for the nation and the world. The aftermath of the 9-11 terrorist attack still reverberates, even into 2003, as the nation reels from an economic recession. With the War on Terrorism beginning in earnest, the mid-term Congressional elections shifting the balance of power for the United States government, and the sniper attacks in the Washington D.C. area still fresh on our minds, it is no wonder that 2002 maybe counted the most dubious year of the infant millennium, second only to 2001.

STARFLEET members also had times to remember in 2002 that were pivotal for the association as a whole.

At the end of 2002 the Office of the Fleet Historian announced that they wanted to know what the members of the association were the top five (or ten) most important events that happened to the fleet. We also wanted to know why you thought they were important events. Some of the responses to it were very interesting.

Adam Bernay, of Camp Wendell Fertig, included in his top 5 the establishment of the first ground based units with STARFLEET (an extension of the Space Stations), as well as the creation of the first chapter based on the ENTERPRISE-era (NX-Class) Starship, the USS Astra, as important moments within the association.

Bernay, a member of the SFMC, also included changes within the Corps as an important event. This included the major alignment of the General Staff, as well as the resignation, for various reasons, of personnel from varied positions within the SFMC.

Jill Rayburn, Space Station Nikola Tesla, also sent her top five. Among them was her opinion that she thought it was great on the way we pull together and galvanize around people in times of need, such as helping Helen Pawlowski through her surgery and the way many people laid aside personal differences to help people in trouble at IC. Although it seemed like two different events, the thoughtfulness that this showed proved STARFLEET could pull together for the positive was the central point.

The fact that the health concerns concerning Helen Pawlowski, was a

major concern to most of the members of the fleet. Pawlowski, longtime member of the STARFLEET Academy faculty, had served as Dean of the Academy, Vice Commandant and Director of several schools, including the Flag Officer's College, the Ship's Counselor College and the School of Unusual Knowledge, was given a well-deserved promotion to the rank of Admiral at IC2002. At first, the fact she had undergone the procedure needed in the past deterred her from having the surgery again. However the encouragement that was given by her personal and her STARFLEET families spurred her to have the surgery and, as of the last report from her, she was again tooling around St. Louis, seeing old friends and members of her chapter, Troubadour Station.

hierarchy also were major events. The resignation of Vice Commander Gordon Goldberg at the beginning of 2002 was met with surprise and sadness by some of the members of the association. At the end of the year, both Allyson Dyar, and Chief of Shuttle Operations, Chris 'Tigger' Wallace, had also announce their intentions to 'retire' or lay low from major fleet positions for a while.

With all the good events that happened there was still a share of troubling events that happened within the fleet. The loss of long-time Canadian member Donna Jean Noddin stunned the membership, as well as the death of Chattahoochee Station member Keith Rodgers.

Numerous regional elections and votes of confidence (VOC) also happened. The most troubling of these was the unscheduled one within Region 12. The vote of confidence,

Executive Committee level standing. Both amendments passed.

Now for a drum roll please, here are the top five events within STARFLEET as compiled and received by this office from the members that chose to take part:

## 5) The election of Michael Malotte as the 12th Commander, STARFLEET.

The election of Michael Malotte was an important event because for only the second time since the 1999 STARFLEET Constitution was implemented, there was only one candidate for the office of Commander, STARFLEET. Although a second candidate, Martin Lessem of the USS Asimov, had initially accepted his nomination for the position, he dropped out of the race at the candidate's forum at IC2002. So, in accordance to the Constitution, a Vote of Confidence was staged on whether the membership had confidence (or not have confidence) in Malotte's abilities to become Commander, STARFLEET. He passed this overwhelming.

## 4) The health scares concerning Fleet Admiral Les Rickard and his family

The health concerns that plagued the Rickard Family (the health of Les and son) were met and overcome, and were considered a major event by those who took part in the poll. About a month prior to IC2002 both the Rickard Family and his STARFLEET Family met with a major scare. Les was admitted to a local hospital complaining of chest pains. Although the Fleet Admiral was cleared by his physicians of any health problems as a precaution the duties of Commander, STARFLEET were temporarily assumed by the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Michael Malotte.

## 3) The inclusion of the first International member to be selected to sit on the Executive Committee, Chief of Operations Joost Ueffing.

This was indeed a good thing (note event number 2 below) as Joost (pronounce YOOST) had long been involved with Trekdom (a word for the organized fandom of Star Trek). First was his involvement in a provincial Star Trek Fan Club in Canada, the USS Frontier. Then, he was Vice-Chair, and later Chair of the International Fandom Council (in which I served as his Vice-Chair). He would later join STARFLEET as a member of the USS Matrix and help with the creation of Region 14's first chapter, the USS Magellan. Before his elevation as the new Chief of Operations, Ueffing served as the Commander

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Former Commander, STARFLEET Les Rickard speaks at IC 2002 about a month after reporting to the hospital for chest pains.

The new STARFLEET Academy Commandant (and Fleet Historian) Scott Akers had in his top 5 list the retirement of old Academy Commandant Marlene Miller as an important event in the association history because of her 20 years of continued service to STARFLEET and the Academy.

Allyson Dyar, a longtime Communications Department guru noted in her top 4 (she couldn't come up with a 5<sup>th</sup>) that during the year 2002 that not one Communiqué was sent out late. Commandant Akers also included in his list that it should be noted that *not one issue the Communiqué missed publication during the last six years.*

The retirement of several good officers within the STARFLEET

only the second unscheduled one in recent memory, had its share of innuendo and concerns before it was all done. At one point, the Inspector General, because of a challenge by a member of the region, that the process was not completely followed, suspended the VOC. However, after a month the VOC was allowed to continue and it's results allowed to stand.

Another important event that was pointed out was the passing of two amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution. One would change the length of office for a sitting Commander, STARFLEET, as well as limit the amount of time one could serve in that office. The second created the position of Chief Financial Officer. This would take the important position of Treasurer and give it



# USS SOVEREIGN TOURS THE US



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It was a great honor to be asked by Regal Cinemas to help promote what is probably the last TNG movie, *Nemesis*, and that's just what we did! Last October we were contacted by CAPT Jerry Martin (XO of the USS *Chesapeake*, STARFLEET Region 1) and asked to participate in a multi state tour, put on by the Regal Cinemas promotions department, when the tour was to come to our area. Some time ago Regal caught wind that my XO, CMDR Sonny Wright, had built the *Sovereign's* bridge set. The wind then caught us and soon we were off on an eight day tour that was to go through two cities in Virginia, then on to Philadelphia, and ending in Buffalo, New York, at the premiere of *Nemesis*. A large part of the tour attraction was no less than three characters that have appeared on *Star Trek*: Aron Eisenberg (Nog, DS9), Carolyn Seymour (Romulan Commander Toreth, TNG), and Vaughn Armstrong (ADM Forrest of *Enterprise*). Each of them had very different personalities but all were the nicest of people.

We set out on a snowy day in Philly bound for Richmond, Virginia, in a 17' truck, driven by my XO, CMDR Sonny Wright, that housed Deck One and the other club sets. I also assigned my Chief of Security, CMDR Dean U'Delsone to accompany us. Following us was the CoO Brian Hacker and Rhonda Ferre. We arrived in Richmond at 11:00 p.m. where we met the Regal promoters and a few members of the *Chesapeake*. Following a briefing of events for the next day, we were escorted to our hotel where we bedded down around midnight only to arise again at 3:50 a.m. to begin our first day of The Great *Star Trek Nemesis* Tour. We had Deck One set up by 7 a.m. as the Ukrop Merchants Association (the organization funding the Christmas parade) entered the Sheraton Hotel, stopped, and viewed it on there way to the dinning hall for breakfast. We, along with the stars, joined them. During the Ukrop's meeting, Carolyn Seymour gave out prizes to winners that happened to be in the winning seats. While eating and chatting we saw a preview of the *Nemesis* movie. This was also the time we got to know CAPT Jim Rennie (CO, USS *Hera*, R7) and his science officer, CMDR Larry Kozeck. They were the miracle workers that were responsible for contracting the aiding stars on the tour. Since we were seated at various tables with the merchants, we were able to answer many questions about STARFLEET

and our individual ships. The meeting lasted about two hours and then the *Sovereign* and *Chesapeake* packed up and headed off. Lunch was a delicious blend of Southern Hospitality, where we got to bond with members of the *Chesapeake*. We were then taken to the Channel Six news station where we watched the news program in progress from inside the studio (Shhh!). Aron Eisenberg and Carolyn Seymour did a live interview where they filled the public in on the events of the tour weekend.

Later that evening, the *Sovereign* found herself among some historic planes at the Virginia Aviation Museum. Just outside the building was a real SR-71 Blackbird spy plane. Our Ops officer had a picture taken standing next to it. (Of course this was after we persuaded them to turn the security off for a few moments so he could get near it.) Inside the museum were retired planes of all types including an actual plane owned by Matt Jeffries, for whom the Jeffries tube was named. People came to meet and greet with the stars and us. They asked many questions, and had quite a bit of interest in the *Sovereign's* Bridge. Like any good captain, I was very proud of my ship and my crewmembers. For the second time that day, we packed up the bridge and retired to our rooms.

DAY TWO. This time it was a little kinder to us waiting until 5:30 a.m. IT'S PARADE DAY!! But the morning had been a little hectic. The driver of the float had misjudged the size of the load he was pulling and crashed it into another vehicle. Sonny tried to salvage the situation but Brian convinced him that it would not be wise to go ahead with the plan of setting up the full bridge on a float that had just been turned into firewood, literally. So we decided only the Con and Ops stations would be set up along with the center seat. Carolyn and Aaron sat there. I sat in my Captain's chair flanked by Captain Rene Bailey (CO, *Chesapeake*) and Dean U'Delsone. Captain Bailey's crew, along with members of the Klingon ship *Bat'leth*, walked beside the float. The whole spectacle was a hit!! Spectators along the parade route were very excited to see us and we had an absolutely great time. This parade was shown live, but it was also shown again on Christmas Day.

Later on Vaughn Armstrong had arrived with his ukulele in hand and was always ready at any occasion to brake off into some impromptu song. Aron Eisenberg proved to be the absolute jokester and was very good

at getting laughs from people he'd just met. As for Carolyn Seymour, she was the picture of British sophistication and a very warm person.

We then went to the Theater at 3:30 p.m. were set the bridge up again. This time we were in the lobby of the Regal Cinema. The SFI area clubs also set up and recruited while we all kept each other entertained. Unfortunately, someone made the mistake of giving Aron a microphone. The question of the day was asked of moviegoers concerning hairstyles. "Which do you think is worse, the comb over or the Mulic?" No one was spared this question. I believe the comb over eventually won. We broke the bridge down at 9:00 p.m. and headed off to Pizza Hut, picked up a few pies, and set course for our hotel rooms to satisfy our hunger and to get some much needed rest.

DAY THREE marked the departure of Brian & Rhonda, leaving only three *Sovereign* crewmembers to take on the next part of the tour. We boarded the truck headed toward Norfolk to set up at the Regal Theater atop a four-story mall. There we got help from members of the *Bat'leth* and the *Starships* *Maelstrom*, *Powhatan*, *Maat* who were already there and had very nice displays of their own. Vaughn, Aron, and Carolyn had arrived and the crowds got anxious waiting in line. The day soon got started and once again we had a great time. At 7:00PM we started to break down the set, again. Lee Milstead, the producer of the tour, took the *Sovereign* crew to dinner and we had some good conversations discussing the last three days. By the time we drove the two hours back to Richmond, all we could do was crash. Can you say, "Where's the bed?"

Did I say we were only looking at DAY FOUR? It was a travel day, sort of. Monday we headed home to Philly. On the way we noticed that the truck was leaking fluid but we kept on traveling home. The first stop we dropped our Security Chief at his quarters for the night off. That night's event was to be a simple one with only a small stint at the Regal Cinemas in Warrington, Pennsylvania. We arrived there and set up with minutes to spare just before the local radio station was to go live. While this was going on the XO was to go to the King of Prussia Theater, set up the full display, and be back by nine. That's when the unexpected happened.

While we had sustained some slight Reman damage to the Bridge earlier, we didn't anticipate the truck breaking

down. Instead, it was leaking oil, coolant, and anything else that could drip out and refused to even start! Due the extremely cold weather, we were forced to shift plans. Rich Dome (the coordinator for the Philly area) put us up for the night at the same hotel as Vaughn, Aron, and Carolyn. The next morning The Borg (Sonny) had to reload the bridge and ready room onto another truck. Luckily Dean was still around to help with this unexpected turn of events. During this time I was in a limousine with the celebrities (talking about rank and privileges!) to be interviewed by Channel 3 and a radio station.

Getting to King of Prussia Theater very late we again set up the Bridge, Ready Room, and Borg Alcove. Some of the regional folks came early to help out. The party started at 5:00 p.m. as Region 7 ship crews came dressed in uniform and/or as aliens. The news media did not come as planned but that was O.K. There was cake and photo-ops aplenty. We were also joined by moviegoers who were thrilled to see everything and quite surprised by all the fun and free *Nemesis* posters!

The last leg of the tour: an early start heading to Buffalo, New York. Wednesday morning the Borg and I arose and began preparations for the trip to Buffalo. As we took the new shuttle through the mountains, the snow fell, and fell, accompanied by slush. We saw cars overturned and saw some crashing into walls and getting stuck down embankments. Big rigs flew past us. More snow fell, accompanied by darkness. Still, we carefully pushed onward occasionally getting phone calls from Philly and Buffalo. Everyone was worried about where we were and how we were doing. So were we.

11:30 p.m. We have arrived!! The manager met us at the theater and some workers who helped us unload and set up for the next morning. It's now 1:00 a.m. and we are stepping to the hotel where the celebrities were just arriving (they got snowed in and it took them 15 hours just to fly there from Baltimore.) The biggest surprise upon getting to the room was.... the fireplace? No...the bottle of champagne? Well actually the Jacuzzi. Ah yes! Now that's what I call the star treatment! Early the next morning we were watching some of the local morning shows and they mentioned that they were going to have interviews with some *Trek* fans. We had no idea that they were talking about us!! Arriving at the Transient



## TOUR (cont.)

crews, bright lights, and microphones awaiting us. All filming that day was done on the Sovereign's Bridge. We stood on Deck One and did live interviews. Then the celebrities gave their interviews. We broke for lunch then went back for more TV interviews that afternoon. At 8:00 p.m. we broke down once again and headed back to the hotel, but not before stopping to be the guest at a new club that opened up down the street, "Evolution". We shared some relaxing conversation and dinner with Vaughn, Aron, Carolyn, and the tour crew. Of course anyone watching could catch me and Vaughn dancing. They were doing that at any venue that played music.

The next morning I went to see Niagara Falls with Aron, Vaughn, Carolyn, Larry, and Jim. Sonny went to set up at the Elmwood Regal Cinema in the city. Once again we worked to promote Nemesis and STARFLEET. While in Buffalo we met the USS Niagara, USS Ari, and a couple of non Fleet-affiliated ships. There was no lack of great photo-ops. Everyone was so gracious and many thought we were the Trek actual stars. It was a good feeling to be representing not only ourselves, but also Region 7 in such a positive manner.

That night we packed up to do an all-nighter driving back to Philly to set up again for the Saturday/Sunday destination for Sovereign's Nemesis event. That Sunday we called it quits early and headed home. Having fulfilled all requests and making all the engagements I was quite satisfied with the performance of the ship. It was a long road to get to the end of Sovereign's tour (11 days through 3 states) but it was all worth it. We are still recovering, and the bridge is in dry dock, but we wouldn't change a thing. We've gone through all of the days in this report hoping to share with you what seems like a good description of the events and still we really didn't scratch the surface of all that happened. Though at times the work was bone wrenching and we were sleep deprived we still had one of the best times of our clubs history. It was the Super Bowl of times that ships dream of. Regal Cinemas home office and Paramount will now see the footage, photos, and articles of all the work that was done by these three East Coast theater groups. After all, this was a contest that they were in. The Sovereign bridge set is still being looked at and judged and should the East Coast theaters win, we will have the distinction of knowing that the tour was built around the our club and we won not only the battle of eleven long days, but we helped the East Coast theaters win the almighty national contest.

## SF EVENTS (CONT.)

of the SFMC FORCECOM. Ueffing is currently residing in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia.

### 2) The discussion addressing the concerns of the international and European members of the association.

This discussion came up as the nomination process started on the main STARFLEET Listserv. Several members of Region 9, that has sadly went silent with the decommissioning of the USS Saga and the USS Belgica, voiced their displeasure and frustration at the leadership on several issues that especially concerned international membership, including the late reception of Communiqués (sometimes over a month or two late) and the up and down membership fees. The discussions caused both candidates (at the time there were two who announced their intentions to run) to state that they were just as concerned about the situation, and to propose some remedies to combat these problems for our international members. Luckily for Region 9, the Shuttle Europe is forming to help STARFLEET in addressing the problems that led to the decommissioning of these two chapters.

### 1) The WebCasting of events during IC2002.

This was deemed the top historical event of 2002 because it was either number one or two on most of the lists that were received. And the fact was it was groundbreaking! Although a listserv-casting event was scheduled for the General Session of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference, it did not go as planned. However, not only did the WebCast of the General Session take place, most of the events that happened during the Saturday IC Sessions were WebCast with very few hitches. Also recordings of the WebCasts were made available for those who did not catch the events live could view them at a later date. Rebecca Self of the USS Spiritwalker had the following comment on this when she sent her top 5 in: "I thought it was neat to see the IC on the web cam. The only thing is next time do not let Pete Mohny anywhere near the electric cords. He kept tripping on them and then it took time to set back up."

## SFI DATABASE TOOLS

by Maj. Gen. Sanford Berenberg  
Chief of Computer Operations  
STARFLEET

As everyone knows by now, the new STARFLEET Database has been released. Below you'll find a description of the tools available for your use in this database. CO's, XO's, and other personnel who fill out MSR's take note, this is where you'll fill it out from now on.

### Chapter Tools

**MSR Report:** This tool allows a CO, XO, or authorized chapter member, to fill out the chapter's Monthly Status Report.

To use this tool, you first need to choose the month you are reporting in by choosing the appropriate month from the drop down menu at the top of the screen.

Next fill in any of the fields below. You will notice that you cannot enter Academy Information. This is because completed courses will be appear in the MSR when the Academy Directors enter the information, so you will always know what members have finished courses each month.

Also, any promotions entered during the last month will also appear in the promotions section of the MSR. Any Rank Changes are viewed as promotions and appear in the MSR. You can add more promotions directly into this field, but we recommend that you use the rank assignment tool.

You can either store your MSR and continue adding information during the month and then submit your MSR, or just fill it out and submit it. You can only have one stored MSR per month.

When you submit your MSR, email notifications go to your CO, RC, Ops or ShOC, to Correy, EFCP and Armed Forces Directors depending on your Chapter's status. The MSR is then moved to another part of the Database where it can be viewed by authorized regional and fleet staff. If you need to be sure that your MSR was submitted, you can look under MSR Archives to ensure it is there.

**Chapter Roster:** This tool shows you all the members assigned to your chapter. It is broken into two parts, active members and inactive members, whose memberships have expired.

You can export this roster. Scroll down below the Roster and choose all the information you want. If you want it all, check all the boxes. This will give

you all active members. If you want the list of inactive members as well, then choose 'No, I want inactives' and you will get all members, active and expired. When submitted, a pop up window will appear with your Roster. This new window will contain all the information you requested.

To put the roster into a spreadsheet, save this pop up roster as an HTML File, and then open it in your spreadsheet program.

**Rank Assignment:** This tool allows you to assign ranks to your members within your Chapter. You can assign any Fleet Rank up to and including Commander. Be careful, if one or more of your members have a fleet Rank, Captain and up, you cannot restore these ranks, but you can change them to one of the ranks Commander or below. Marine Ranks are handled in the M Rank Assignment Tool. You cannot change the Date of Rank. Should a member have a correct Rank, but incorrect Date of Rank, please send an email to helpdesk@sfi.org, with the member's SCC, Rank, and correct Date of Rank.

**M Rank Assignment:** This is identical to the Rank Assignment tool, but deals with Marine Ranks up to Lt. Colonel.

**Chapter Information:** This tool allows you to correct and update any of your chapter information in the Membership Database. This information is what other members will find when reviewing the Vessel Registry. The Chief of Operations or their staff must first approve all changes you submit. This process can take a few days until the request can be reviewed. Once approved your changes will appear everywhere in the database.

**MSR Archive:** This tool lists all of your MSR's that have been submitted through the database. It does not matter if you submitted the MSR yourself, another crewmember submitted entered it into the database, or if you mailed in your MSR. Operations Staff can enter it into the database for you.

You can click on any of the MSR's and a pop up window will appear with the MSR. This is in a printable format, or the page can be sent to others to view like all other web pages.

In the MSR Archive, you will also see your stored MSR's. You can edit them here. The database will hold any number of your Chapter MSR's, one for each month. MSR's cannot be deleted from the database through this



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DECEMBER 2002 - JANUARY 2003

**2003.01.31:** Commodore Joan E. Pierce, STARFLEET Helpdesk Director, (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org), reminds everyone that all helpdesk requests must include your name and SCC number. Also, any mail sent to helpdesk@sfi.org, which does not generate an automatic reply, should be forwarded to helpdeskadmin@sfi.org. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.31:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Titan. For more information please reference the entire message.

**2003.01.31:** General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlk.com), announced the latest chapter in SFI History is now available at <http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/>. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.31:** Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), provided an explanation for the four Bear Hug awards available from the Morale office. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.30:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Argyll. For more information please reference the entire message.

**2003.01.30:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced the newest edition of the Stained Glass log at <http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-chaplains/diary/index.php>. He also announced a new policy regarding content usage. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.29:** FADM Les Rickard, IC2003 Information/Communication Liaison, (rickardjr@triad.rr.com) announced non-driving travel information for IC2003. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.29:** Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, (compops@sfi.org), announced that a recent addition to the Database inadvertently removed another tool. Sandy provides instructions for correcting this. Please reference the entire message for more details.

**2003.01.28:** FADM Les Rickard, ericka rdjr@triad.rr.com), announced that IC2003 will be held at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Greensboro North Carolina July 31st to

August 3rd 2003. Please read the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.24:** BGN Joost Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced that the old MSR reporting form has been discontinued. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.24:** CMDR Isaque Fernandes announced the opening of the SFA - European Campus website at <http://sfa-europe.megasom.org/>. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.23:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the return of the USS Palavra. For more information please reference the entire message.

**2003.01.23:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Pleiades. For more information please reference the entire message.

**2003.01.23:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle King George. For more information please reference the entire message.

**2003.01.22:** Gerry/Robyn, (gerryrob yn@comcast.net), announced news and updates on the current 2003 plunge. For more information review their site at <http://www.fleetcavalry.org/polarbear.htm> for the entire message.

**2003.01.19:** Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that there is now a new Database tool for change of command requests. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.19:** Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced the first issue of the 2003 Vessel Registry is now available for download. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.19:** Lieutenant Colonel Mark West, COFORCECOM, (sfmc333rdmsg@lycos.com), announced that he is looking for a FORCECOM staff. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.15:** Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced the immediate closure of the STARFLEET Academy Alumni Association.

**2003.01.15:** Commodore Dave Blaser, (DaveB@region13.org), announced the

first updates of Region 13's Subspace Channels Online newsletter site at <http://www.region13.org/newsletter/>. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.13:** RADM Pete Mohney, R2 RC, (PDMohney@aol.com), announced that the Region 2 Summit and 2nd Brigade Marine Muster will be held March 7-9 in Huntsville, AL. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.13:** Fleet Captain Martin A. Lessem, 2003 Region 7 Conference Chair, (MufasaTL@aol.com), announced that the Region 7, 2003 conference will be held September 19-21, 2003 at the Renaissance Airport Hotel in Philadelphia. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.13:** Richard L. Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@region2.org), announced that he needs a volunteer for a web award co-judge. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.13:** Mike Wilkerson, USS Atlas CO, (cptmike@epcusa.com), announced the USS Atlas Scholarship. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.10:** Meg Roach, CMO - USS Appomattox, (shorty\_va@hotmail.com), announced that the USS Appomattox is having a Fundraising Baby Pool. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.10:** LGN Mandi Livingston, Vice Chief of Computer Operations - Administration, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) announced that the Computer Operations department is looking for members for their Starfleet Recruitment Network. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.08:** Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced the opening of the new and improved STARFLEET Academy Web Site at <http://academy.sfi.org>. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.08:** Reminder: Commodore Jeff Higdon, Deputy STARFLEET Historian, (higdon@xta.com), requests input on the most important fleet events of 2002. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.07:** Commodore Dave Blaser, (DaveB@region13.org), announced Region 13's Summit 2003 in Brampton Ontario

Canada. Please visit their website at <http://summit.region13.org/> or reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.07:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced some changes in the Chaplains/Counselors department including the resignation of Suzie Buck, Vice Chief of Counselors. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.06:** Mary Kane, R1 Summit Promotion Liaison, (waikato@earthlink.net), provided an update on the R1 2003 Summit. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.05:** Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster SFI, (cptmike@epcusa.com), announced that the SFI.org domain will be changing hosts in the next week, and that he anticipates short outages as that happens. Thanks also went to Larry Barnes, the newest addition to the SFI.org Web effort, for his assistance in changing out new Departmental and Regional information. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.05:** Rear Admiral Ron Fell, Programming Coordinator IC2003, (RAdmFell@aol.com), gave a brief personal update and then announced that the new website, [ic2003.sfi.org](http://ic2003.sfi.org), is now operational. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.05:** RADM Matthew Copple, FDP Director, (fdp@sfi.org), announced the elevation of the Morale Department to a full Fleet Division Program.

**2003.01.05:** Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), requests that everyone that made any kind of donations to a Christmas charity please send those numbers to Jessica Stratton (jessica\_stratton@yahoo.com). Please be sure to provide your region, ship, and ship size.

**2003.01.05:** Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), provided some history on SFI aliases and again requested that any changes or additions be directed to him as soon as possible. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations (CompOps@sfi.org) reintroduced himself and provided a brief overview of the department's goals for the next two years. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** Commodore Carl Lewis (

co@ussdominator.org ) announced that the Region One 2003 Fall Conference Website is up and operational. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** Richard Kinne (n2ikr@arrl.net) announced the formation of a new chapter in the fleet with an interest in languages, in particular Esperanto. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced the opening of the #SFA channel. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** Allyson M. W. Dyar, Fleetchat Network Channel Administrator, (nitehawk@ussjaguar.org), announced that it is time to update the Channels web page of Fleetchat. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.03:** Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announced that many SFI aliases are bouncing. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.02:** LTG Wade Hoover, Co-Infocom, (infocom@osprey.net), announced that he is accepting applications for members of the SFMC Web Team. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.02:** Joost Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced the reopening of Starfleet Operations and provided all new contact information for submission of MSR's. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.02:** BGN Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced the return of his online column. The New Year's Eve edition is available at <http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-chaplains/diary/index.php>.

**2003.01.02:** Nancy O'Shields, SFA Cadet Security School Director, (IMN2TREK@AOL.COM), announced that for a limited time, all Cadet Security School courses will be available for the cost of 5 stamps. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.01:** Major General Robert J. Jackson, Inspector General, (ig@sfi.org), announced that he is taking applications for the Assistant Inspector General, Region 2 and Assistant Inspector General, SFMC. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.01:** Mike Wilkerson,

SFI, Webmaster SFI, (cptmike@epcusa.com), announced that thanks to the stylings of Mark H. Anbinder, we've got a great set of pictures depicting the New Year Festivities and Installation to view at <http://www.sfi.org> He also announced the launch of the first phase of the new SFI.org beginning January 15th. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.01:** Colonel Gary Hollifield, Director of Public and Fan Media Relations - SFSO, (CrazyColonel\_5thBN@msn.com), announced the Directors Council appointment of 1stLT Dan Spence as the Quadrant Commander of Alpha Quadrant, STARFLEET Special Operations. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2003.01.01:** Colonel Gary Hollifield, Director of Public and Fan Media Relations - SFSO, (CrazyColonel\_5thBN@msn.com), announced the Directors Council appointment of BGN Larry Neigut as the Quadrant Commander of Delta Quadrant, STARFLEET Special Operations. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.29:** Commodore Jeff Higdon, Deputy STARFLEET Historian, (higdon@xta.com), requests input on the most important fleet events of 2002. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.29:** Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of U.S.S. Gallifrey, NCC-81631.

**2002.12.29:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced the opening of the School of Science Fiction. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.29:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced the opening of the School of Borg Technology. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.29:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced the opening of the School of Australiana. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.28:** FADM Les Rickard, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), announced that FCPT Danny Potts has been appointed Regional Coordinator for Region 2. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.27:** FADM Les Rickard, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), announced that RADM Carl Johnson has been appointed Regional Coordinator for Region 12. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.26:** Commodore Bill Herrmann, Director - SFA College of Religious History & Studies, (OpEagle@Bellsouth.Net), announced a refit of the College of Religious History and Studies. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.24:** Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of U.S.S. John Marshall, NCC-75011.

**2002.12.23:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced that the email address for OTS - US has changed to email4us3@gwi.net. Due to the holidays, the ots@sfi.org alias may not reflect this change immediately. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.22:** Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of Camp Wendell Fertig, SFR-401.

**2002.12.22:** Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of U.S.S. William Wallace, NCC-2555.

**2002.12.15:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced that the 5,000th Starfleet Academy Officer's Command College Packet was sent out to a member of the USS Tycho!

**2002.12.14:** Colonel Gary Hollifield, Director of Public and Fan Media Relations - SFSO, (CrazyColonel\_5thBN@msn.com) announced that the Directors Council of STARFLEET Special Operations has reconfirmed Major General Rex A. Moffett in his position as the Beta Quadrant Commander of STARFLEET Special Operations.

**2002.12.13:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced that the Vulcan Academy of Science has been revamped and now contains a total of 30 degrees with 70 electives. Please reference the entire message for more information.

**2002.12.12:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced that the Flag Officer's School - US should be reopening 'after the first of the year' and that FOS - Canada is awaiting an electronic copy of the Manual before opening.

**2002.12.11:** RADM Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt (paradis@ql.org) announced her resignation from her Region 1 RDC and Deputy FDC Recruiting positions effective January 1, 2003.

**2002.12.09:** Marlene Miller, Academy Commandant, (academy@sfi.org)

announced that the Cafe Press Store has a large inventory and all profits go to the Starfleet Scholarship Fund or can be earmarked for our charities. Please reference the entire message for a list of available items.

**2002.12.08:** BGN Dennis Rayburn, Deputy Director for Strategic Operations - STARFLEET Special Operations, (stoncold@wk.net) requests that all teams and operatives check in. Please reference the entire message for required check in information.

**2002.12.08:** Captain Dallas Vinson (dallaswv@bellsouth.net) announced that a new XO discussion group has been created at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfi-xo/> since the previous group's owner is MIA. For complete details please reference the entire message.

**2002.12.06:** Commodore Joan E. Pierce, STARFLEET Helpdesk Director, (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org) requests that all emails to the helpdesk be HTML free.

**2002.12.06:** Brigadier Cyndi Temple, 4th Brigade OIC, (queenofegypt64@yahoo.com), announced that Brigadier Truman Temple (hstrymj@yahoo.com) has been placed in command of the 4th Brigade's Second Battalion and that Brigadier Bruce Sommer (besommer@netgate.net) has been designated Deputy Officer In Charge for the 4th Brigade. Thanks went to Marine

Captain Jason Braaten for his service as the DOIC and interim OIC.

**2002.12.06:** Captain Jessica Stratton (jessica\_stratton@yahoo.com), announced that the Fifth Annual Region Six Summit will be hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn in Eagan, MN on June 20, 21 and 22nd. Detailed information is available in the original announcement or at the summit's website (<http://www.geocities.com/r6summit/>).

**2002.12.05:** Vice Admiral Mark A. Vinson, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the Commissioning of U.S.S. RUTLEDGE, NCC-74215.

**2002.12.04:** Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatie2@bellsouth.net), announced the Morale office Toys-for-tots Fleet Challenge. For complete details please reference the entire message.

**2002.12.04:** Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatie2@bellsouth.net), announced Michelle Lampson is being reassigned as an At Large Volunteer and Jessica Stratton will be taking over as R6 Volunteer.

**2002.12.03:** Captain S. Adam Day, Director of SFSO, (shermday@pts.net), announced a change of command for the STARFLEET Special Operations

Department, within the FDP under the purview of the Vice-Commander, SFI. All members of the STARFLEET Special Operations are hereby requested to contact the Director to establish the status of each of the units within the Fleet. For complete details please reference the entire message.

**2002.12.03:** Colonel Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations Elect, (web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca), followed Mike's example by giving us a look at the upcoming Operations staff, as well as some initial plans for the coming year. Joost also announced the creation of a new position on his staff, which needs filling. For complete details please reference the entire message.

**2002.12.02:** Tom Restivo (TomR@Fred.Net), announced the sixth annual Unofficial Online Little Guy STARFLEET - YEAR IN REVIEW Top Five List. For complete details on how to submit your nominations please reference the entire message.

**2002.12.01:** Mike Mallote, Vice Commander and CS-Elect, (vcs@sfi.org), sent out a holiday greeting to all, as well as a look at the upcoming Executive Committee and Commander's staff. Mike also announced an opening for Director of Awards on his staff. For complete details please reference the entire message.

## MSR SUMMARIES

Region 1  
USS Aeon  
NCC - 75022  
Memphis, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck dinners. A small away team attended the opening of Nemesis.

USS Alaric  
NCC - 503  
Asheville, NC  
Recycling efforts continue. The ship donated 48 pounds of food to a local food bank.

USS Appomattox  
NCC - 75001  
Appomattox, VA  
Ship held at recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis. Ship sponsored a Christmas potluck dinner.

USS Aries  
NCC - 71806  
Johnson City, TN  
Crewmembers continue to work on a Fan film. Plans underway to help at the Region 1 Summit.

USS Asgard  
NCC - 72402  
Lancaster, OH  
Ship sponsored a very successful Toys for Tots campaign. Ship held a New Year's Eve party. Away teams attended holiday

parties of other area chapters.  
  
USS Athena  
NCC - 51896  
Reston, VA  
Ship sponsored a recruitment drive and a Toys for Tots drive at the Nemesis premier.

Bennu Station  
SFR - 119  
Gatlinburg, TN  
Crewmembers participated in a Christmas parade.

USS Bonaventure  
NCC - 102-A  
Greensboro, NC  
The weather hampered efforts to have a Christmas party, however, the crew did manage to ring in the New Year together.

USS Carolina  
NCC - 74222  
Greenville, SC  
Ship sponsored a promotional event at the premier of Nemesis. The following day the crew celebrated the holidays with a party.

USS Charleston  
NCC - 71813  
Charleston, SC  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. The ship sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner and party.

USS Chesapeake  
NCC - 1887  
Richmond, VA  
Crewmembers participated in a local Christmas parade. Away teams enjoyed movie nights and a Nemesis promotion.

USS Columbus  
NCC - 72401  
Columbus, OH  
Crewmembers participated in a recruitment event held at the opening of Nemesis. The ship sponsored a Christmas party at a local restaurant.

USS Dominator  
NCC - 18076  
N. Charleston, SC  
Crewmembers celebrated the launch of a new shuttle, and are preparing to launch yet another. The crew also celebrated Christmas and New Years together online. Planning for the fall summit continues.

USS Heimdal  
NCC - 1793  
Madison Heights, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a country night at their regular meeting complete with line dance instruction. Crewmembers participated in the local Christmas parade. An away team participated in a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis.



USS Hornet  
NCC - 1714-D  
Charlotte, NC  
Crewmembers celebrated New Year's with a party that was attended by people from all over the region. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Jamestown  
NCC - 1843-D  
Hampton, VA  
An away team participated in a local Christmas parade. Volunteer efforts at the local Air and Space Center continue. An away team participated in a recruiting event at the Nemesis premier. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Jurassic  
NCC - 3500  
Hamersville, OH  
Efforts for the Afghan project continue with eight new afghans being shipped to various resource centers. Collection efforts for Stampede continue.

USS Kitty Hawk  
NCC - 1659  
Raleigh, NC  
The ship celebrated its 13th anniversary but the weather cancelled most other planned activities.

USS Lagrange  
NCC - 3916-B  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Holiday party. Away teams participated in a Nemesis promotion.

USS Lewis B Puller  
SFR - 123  
Summerville, SC  
The crew is taking it easy after having survived the holidays.

USS Maat  
NCC - 1794-A  
Virginia Beach, VA  
An away team participated in a recruitment event at the Nemesis premier. Another away team presented the local SPCA with a check from fundraising events.

USS Maelstrom  
NCC - 74218  
Hertford, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team participated in a recruitment event with another chapter.

USS Nebula  
NX - 61800  
North Royalton, OH  
Crew welcomed new members and a new CO.

USS Normandy  
NCC - 36000  
Correspondence  
CO is planning a much-deserved vacation after a tour as the Commander STARFLEET.

USS Ohio  
NCC - 75007

Barberton, OH  
An away team and members from a local Klingon chapter answered telephones at a PBS telethon. Another away team participated in a recruitment event at Nemesis.

USS Powhatan  
NCC - 1967-A  
Chesapeake, VA  
An away team cleaned the ships adopted highway. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event at the premier of Nemesis.

USS Questar  
NCC - 75435  
Louisville, KY  
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Christmas party. Crew plans to move to a new meeting location. Work on ship's fiction continues. Ship sponsored a successful Toys for Tots campaign.

USS Richmond  
NCC - 2003  
Covington, Va.  
Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers collected items for a local animal shelter.

USS Ronald E McNair  
NCC - 61809  
Columbia, SC  
Collection efforts for OCP and for the Ronald McDonald house continue. An away team participated in a promotional event at the Nemesis premier.

USS Star League  
NCC - 2101  
N. Augusta, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a winter party. An away team participated in a recruitment event for Nemesis.

USS Starward Fury  
NCC - 2122  
Fayetteville, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed an activity day to welcome home a crewmember.

USS Tempest  
NCC - 21556  
Lima, OH  
An away team attended the anniversary party for another area chapter.

USS Tycho  
NCC - 59325  
Toledo, OH  
The ship sponsored a booth at the Nemesis premier that was a huge success. An away team traveled to Las Vegas to visit the Star Trek Experience.

USS Wasp  
NCC - 1721  
Bristol, VA  
An away team attended another chapter's Christmas party. Another away team attended a showing of Nemesis.

USS West Virginia  
NCC - 2008  
Charlestown, WV  
The ship sponsored a Christmas party that

the crew enjoyed.

USS Yeager  
NCC - 61893  
Bluefield, WV  
Ship sponsored a Christmas party. Crewmembers collected food and toys for a local mission.

USS Yorktown  
NCC - 1704-A  
York, SC  
Ship sponsored a successful recruiting drive at the premier of Nemesis.

Region 2  
  
USS Blackstar  
NCC - 75003  
Miami, FL  
Recruitment efforts continue. An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a promotional event at the Nemesis premier.

USS Continuum  
NCC - 71821  
Pensacola, FL  
Crewmembers participated in the regular monthly meeting.

USS Dark Silence Station  
NCC - SS - 007  
Florence, AL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team traveled to another chapter's party as well. Another away team enjoyed an outing to see Nemesis. Crew raised money for the local Salvation Army.

USS Draco  
NCC - 78501  
Cullman, AL  
Ship sponsored a very successful promotional event at the Nemesis premier. So much so that the theatre owner has booked the crew for two more movies.

USS Dräkenfire  
NCC - 71822  
Odenville, AL  
Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving with a dinner and party. Away teams enjoyed several movie outings.

USS Gasparilla  
NCC - 74400  
Tampa, FL  
An away team traveled to Orlando for a convention. Crew took December off to spend the holidays with family.

USS Guardian  
NCC - 26244  
Cape Canaveral, FL  
An away team traveled to Orlando for Vulkan. The ship sponsored a promotional event for the premier of Nemesis.

USS Haise  
NCC - 74664  
Jackson, MS  
An away team volunteered with the Salvation Army. Ship sponsored a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis.

USS Hephaestus  
NCC - 2004  
Birmingham, AL  
The ship sponsored its annual Christmas party. A good time was had by all. The ship also sponsored a recruitment drive and charity event at the premier of Nemesis.

USS Khai Tam  
NCC - 81000  
Tallahassee, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away teamed cleaned the ship's adopted fitness trail. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing to view Nemesis.

USS Liberty  
NCC - 75012  
Panama City, FL  
Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots drive and volunteered with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project.

Shuttle Myrddin  
NCC - 74400/01  
Clearwater, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a viewing of Nemesis.

USS Odyssey  
NCC - 454-A  
Hattiesburg, FL  
The ship sponsored a promotional event for the premier of Nemesis.

USS Okatoma  
NCC - 74695  
Collins, MS  
Crewmembers volunteered with the Salvation Army. An away team attended the premier of Nemesis with another area chapter.  
  
USS Paegan  
NCC - 1755  
Orlando, FL  
Crew taking it easy during the holiday period.

USS Parallax  
NCC - 74657  
Middleburg, FL  
Crewmembers are hard at work on the VRCP.

USS Rogue Phoenix  
NCC - 75005  
Savannah, GA  
An away team volunteered at a local craft fair. Ship sponsored a float in the local Veteran's Day Parade. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and dinner outings.

USS Spiritwalker  
NCC - 31097  
Decatur, AL  
Donations to a local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with dinner. An away team traveled to Nashville to see the Rockettes.

USS Triumph  
NCC - 26228  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Recycling efforts and collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended a

local comic convention.

USS Vindicator  
NCC - 74212  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
Crewmembers participated in "Operation Turkey", delivering Thanksgiving meals to the elderly.

USS Yamato  
NCC - 71087  
Pinson, AL  
Crewmembers participated in a recruitment event at the Nemesis premier. An away team attended the Christmas party of another area chapter.

Region 3  
  
USS Ark Angel  
NCC - 74622  
Georgetown, TX  
Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots drive. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team attended the Nemesis premier.

USS Aurora Vulcanus  
NCC - 1888  
Houston, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. Most crew is taking it easy for the holidays.

USS Bethel  
NCC - 74663  
Grapevine, TX  
Ship sponsoring several promotional events for the Nemesis premier.

USS Bexar  
NCC - 71718  
San Antonio, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. Ship collected toys for Toys for Tots and for a local shelter. An away team participated in a local Christmas parade.

USS Comanche  
NCC - 71809  
Fort Worth, TX  
The ship celebrated Christmas with a party. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event at the Nemesis premier.

USS Devastator  
NCC - 10533  
Paris, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

Shuttle Firebird  
NCC - 74662/1  
Houston, TX  
Ship sponsored a food drive for Thanksgiving. Crewmembers participated in a successful recruiting event at the premier of Nemesis.

SS Freedom Station III  
NCC - SS001  
Euless, TX  
Chapter busy gearing up for the Region 3 Annual Retreat.

USS Intangible  
NCC - 65421

Bryan, TX Ship sponsored a toy drive.	NCC - 74917/01 Queen City, TX Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights and a Christmas and New Years Even party.	party. Crew preparing for an upcoming convention.	outgoing R5 RC. It was well attended by people from all over the region.	USS Adamant NCC - 3029 Valley Forge, PA A small away team enjoyed a museum trip and holiday party. Away teams recruited at the Nemesis premier and at a local convention. Crewmembers rang in the New Year with a party.
USS Joan of Arc NCC - 73289 Corpus Christi, TX Ship sponsored a clothing drive for Christmas. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event for the premier of Nemesis. Crewmembers also enjoyed the ship Christmas party at a local restaurant.	USS Victory NCC - 74208 San Antonio, TX Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign. Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights.	USS Peacekeeper NCC - 72300 Visalia, CA Ship donated money to a local food bank. Ship also sponsored a Toys for Toys drive. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party.	USS Kensington NCC - 75016 Meridian, ID Away teams enjoyed movie nights and a Christmas party.	
Shuttle John Marshall NCC - 74750/01 Perryton, TX Crewmembers hard at work on a website update and the upcoming fanzine.	Region 4 USS Angeles NCC - 71840 Los Angeles, CA An away team attended a local convention and had a wonderful time. The ship sponsored a very successful recruitment drive for Nemesis.	USS Pegasus NX - 9755 Las Vegas, NV Collection efforts for the Ronal McDonald house are underway.	USS Starchaser NCC - 71801 Renton, WA Preparations underway for an upcoming convention.	USS Albany NCC - 587 Scotia, NY Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Away teams enjoyed several museum visits. Collection efforts for OCP continue.
Shuttle Laredo NCC - 71718/03 Laredo, TX Away teams enjoyed a trip to see Nemesis and a Christmas party.	USS Angelfire NCC- 75025 Phoenix, AZ Crew have been busily preparing for the wedding of two of their own. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event at Nemesis.	USS Tikopai NCC - 1800 San Jose, CA Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a mission to view Nemesis. Crewmembers collected toys for a local children's shelter	Region 6 Shuttle Cimarron NCC - 81002/01 Waukesha, WI The shuttle celebrated the holidays with a party. Collection efforts for various charities continue.	USS Alpha Centauri NCC - 71812 Washington, DC Crewmembers recruited at the opening of Nemesis. Plans for the ships 10th anniversary party underway.
USS Lone Star NCC - 73628 Lubbock, TX Crewmembers prepared and served dinner at a local Ronal McDonald house. Crewmembers also created Christmas gift boxes for area children. An away team traveled to the anniversary party of another area chapter. The ship sponsored a recruitment and Toys for Tots drive at the premier of Nemesis.	Shuttle Battleborn NCC - 23401/1 Carson City, NV An away team attended the 10th anniversary of a local chapter. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party. Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign.	Region 5 Shuttle Achilles NCC - 93701/1 Portland, OR Crewmembers participated in a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis.	USS Czar'ak NCC - 1798-A Minneapolis, MN The ship sponsored a recruitment drive at the premier of Nemesis. An away team attended a local Christmas party sponsored by all the area sci-fi clubs. An away team answered telephones for a PBS pledge drive.	Shuttle Archer NCC - 2205/02 Mantua, NJ An away team participated in a walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research.
USS Palo Duro NCC - 61914 Amarillo, TX Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights, one being the premier of Nemesis.	USS Centurion NCC - 74801 Moreno Valley, CA Crewmembers participated in a local Christmas parade. An away team attended the premier of Nemesis.	USS Bright Star NCC - 71875 Redmond, WA An away team traveled to the R7 Holiday party and the inauguration of the CS in Kansas City.	USS Fox River NCC - 81002 Appleton, WI The ship sponsored a food drive at the premier of Nemesis.	USS Ascension NCC - 2520 Lehigh Valley, PA Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party with another area chapter. An away team recruited at the opening of Nemesis.
USS Panther City NCC - 74917 Fort Worth, TX Crewmembers attended Nemesis.	Shuttle Battleborn NCC - 23401/1 Carson City, NV An away team attended the 10th anniversary of a local chapter. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party. Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign.	USS CM Russell NCC - 75285 Great Falls, MT The ship sponsored a Christmas party for a local women's shelter and provided gifts and a cash donation. Crewmembers participated in a local Christmas parade.	USS Imperium NCC - 2125 Fargo, ND Ship sponsored a promotional event at the premier of Nemesis. An away team answered phones at a PBS pledge drive. Another away team attended a laser tag and Imax event.	USS Avenger NCC - 1860 North Brunswick, NJ Marine group on board the ship spearheaded a Toys for Tots campaign.
USS Rhyanna NCC - 1892 Austin, TX Crewmembers collected food for a local food pantry. An away team attended the Nemesis premier. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Christmas party.	USS Dragon's Club NCC - 81003 Shafter, CA Crewmembers gathered for a Christmas party and gift exchange.	USS Crusader NCC - 74711 Spokane, WA The ship sponsored a local family for Christmas. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event for the premier of Nemesis. The ship celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with parties.	USS Saint George NCC-63541 The ship participated in a Toys for Tots campaign.	USS Challenger NCC - 1767-D Dover Township, NJ Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. The Marine group sponsored a paintball event. An away team attended the Region 7 Holiday party.
USS Spirit Wolf NCC - 74300 Houston, TX The ship sponsored a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.	USS Highroller NCC - 23104 Reno, NV Crewmembers participated at a local hometown Christmas parade. Away teams attended both the Star Trek Nemesis premier and the 10th anniversary party.	USS Destiny NCC - 97301 Salem, OR Ship sponsored a recruitment drive and a Toys for Tots Campaign at the premier of Nemesis. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party.	USS Thunderchild NCC - 3122 Rapid City, SD An away team participated in a recruitment event at the Nemesis premier. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming and a gift exchange.	USS Flying Fox NCC - 3116 Philadelphia, PA An away team attended the MiSHAP party. Another away team attended a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis.
USS Tejas NCC - 9756 Vernon, TX Collection efforts for OCP, the Humane Society and other organizations continue. Crewmembers enjoyed the ship anniversary party as well as a Christmas party.	USS K'Ehkeyr Station NCC - SS0009 Las Vegas, NV The ship sponsored a chili cook off. Crew also sponsored a food drive.	Shuttle Greywolf NCC - 75016/01 Boise, ID Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team traveled to the retirement party of the R5 RC.	Region 7 USS Accord NCC - 1842 Ithaca, NY Crewmembers attended "Star Trek: Nemesis" and "The Two Towers" premieres, as well as a "meal and a mission" featuring Emmett Otter's Jugband Christmas at the Rongovian Embassy to the USA. Plans already underway for the next 2003 WGW.	USS Hera NCC - 70655 Northfield, NJ An away team attended a promotional event at the Nemesis premier. Crewmembers participate in regular role playing events.
USS Texas NCC - 74207 Killeen, TX Recruitment efforts continue.	USS Northern Lights NCC - 27001 San Jose, CA Crewmembers enjoyed game nights. Crew gathered to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.	USS Jaguar NCC - 74750 Mill Creek, WA Ship sponsored a retirement party for the		USS Highlander NCC - 10530 Frederick, MD Plans underway for the annual Polar Bear plunge. Crewmembers participated in a recruitment event at the Nemesis premier.
Shuttle Trouncer	USS Onizuka NCC - 71815 Chico, CA Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas			USS Lone Wolf NCC - 72214 Ocean City, MD The crew attended the wedding of the ship's XO.



USS Malverne  
NCC - 2205  
Upper Darby, PA  
Crewmembers collected canned goods for a food bank.  
An away team traveled to R13 for an anniversary party.

USS Matrix  
NCC - 72296  
Correspondence  
An away team participated in a recruitment event at the opening of Nemesis. SETI@home efforts continue. A new role playing game was started.

USS Northstar  
NCC - 10462  
New York, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed Star Trek nights. An away team participated in a recruitment event for Nemesis. Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving with a party and a viewing of Enterprise.

USS Sovereign  
NCC - 75000  
Philadelphia, PA  
An away team attended the commissioning party of an area chapter.

USS Thagard  
NCC - 652  
Philadelphia, PA  
Crewmembers celebrated the holidays with a very successful party. The crew also enjoyed a New Years party at the Hermitage Mansion.

USS Thor  
NCC - 2549-A  
Parkton, MD  
An away team participated in a Nemesis premiere promotion.

USS Triton  
NCC - 71819  
Glen Burnie, MD  
An away team attended the Region 7 Holiday party in Annapolis. Crewmembers participated in a promotional event for the opening of Nemesis and donated to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star  
NCC 1160  
Anchorage, AK  
Crewmembers volunteered at a local theatre as ushers during the opening weekend of Nemesis. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

Region 12

USS BortaS  
NCC - 74211  
Urbana, IL  
An away team volunteered at a local convention.

USS Delta Clipper  
NCC - 72302  
Atchison, KS  
Crew celebrated Thanksgiving together

with a dinner.

USS Discovery  
NCC - 1308  
St. Louis, MO  
An away team attended the R12 Holiday party. Crewmembers enjoyed the premier of Nemesis. The ship sponsored a Christmas and New Years Eve party.

USS Flying Fortress  
NCC - 31904  
Tulsa, OK  
Recycling efforts continue. An away team attended the premier of Nemesis.

USS Hexum  
NCC - 2199  
Belleville, IL  
Crewmembers contributed to a local food bank. An away team attended the R12 Holiday party. Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Horizon  
NCC - 1000-B  
Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights including an outing to see Nemesis.

USS Jeannette Maddox  
NCC - 14514  
Wichita, KS  
Away teams wrapped books at a local bookstore. Crewmembers enjoyed movie outings. Collection efforts for the local humane society continue. Crewmembers celebrated the premier of Nemesis with a party.

USS Marko Ramius  
NCC - 23103  
Fayetteville, AR  
Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary party continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas and New Year's Party. Food and clothing correction efforts continue.

USS Morning Star  
NCC - 4126  
Lawton, OK  
Collection efforts for OCP, Ronald McDonald House and the Salvation Army continue.

USS Nomad  
NCC - 78500  
Leavenworth, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed the premier of Nemesis. An away team attended a Thanksgiving celebration with another area chapter.

USS Phoenix  
NCC - 2155  
Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf outing. An away team attended the opening of Nemesis.

Shuttle Proxima  
NCC - 73707/1  
St. Joseph, KS  
Shuttle newly launched and gearing up for work.

Shuttle Ronin  
NCC - 63542  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Crewmembers hard at work on the upcoming R12 Summit. Plans underway for commissioning.

USS Royal Sovereign  
NCC - 72201  
Shawnee, KS  
An away team attended the R12 Holiday party.

USS Thunderbird  
NCC - 71845  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Crewmembers assisted a family who had been robbed with getting clothes

USS Tiospaye  
NCC - 4102  
Urbana, IL  
Crewmembers collected and delivered gifts to the pediatric units of several local hospitals. The ship also donated to a Toys for Tots campaign.

USS Umiak  
NCC - 3142  
St. Louis, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

Region 13

USS Banting  
NCC 17220  
Guelph, ON  
The ship celebrated its anniversary with a party. Away teams enjoyed movie nights and a museum trip.

USS Hadfield  
NCC - 75020  
Georgetown, ON Canada  
An away team traveled to the anniversary party of another regional chapter. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Whitestar  
NCC - 71012  
Port Huron, MI  
The ship celebrated its anniversary with a party.

Region 15

USS Anubis  
NCC - 586  
Boston, MA  
An away attended a local convention and manned a recruitment table. Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving together.

USS Ares  
NCC - 26291  
Boston, MA  
An away team attended the opening of Nemesis. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas at the regular meeting. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Avalon  
NCC - 74914  
Standish, ME  
Crewmembers enjoyed regular gaming nights. An away team wrapped gifts at

a local bookstore. The ship sponsored a recruitment event at the premier of Nemesis.

USS Darwin  
NCC - 1116  
Brockton, MA  
An away team traveled to a local convention.

Space Station Ian Flemming  
SFR - 1501  
Newburyport. MA  
An away team attended a play starring Kate Mulgrew.

Shuttle Nelson  
NCC - 1716/05  
Northhampton, MA  
Shuttle spent its first mission at a local convention. Crew hard at work toward launch.

USS O'Bannon  
NCC - 5372  
Sanford, ME  
An away team traveled to a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a spaghetti and Star Trek night.

Region 17

USS Alioth  
NCC - 72383  
Orem/Provo, UT  
Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party and later delivered presents to needy children. An away team raised money for the March of Dimes.

USS Arc Royal  
NCC - 63546  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming at the regular meetings.

USS Pioneer  
NCC - 5280-D  
Westminster, CO  
Crewmembers participated in a promotional event at the opening of Nemesis. Crewmembers enjoyed movie and Enterprise viewing nights. An away team went caroling.

USS Sol's Fury  
NCC - 74915  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Crew hard at work on future plans.

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## INAUGURATION (cont.)

room. Rick Giles and Franz Bruyere from the USS Delta Clipper in R12 arrived, along with Jocelyn Giles of the Shuttle Titan, and soon we were chowing down on the brisket and chips and munchies. We all kicked back, talked and hung out, greeting new folks as they came in: Tamara Copple of the USS Adjudicator, Matt Copple and Joe Brouhard of the Shuttle Proxima.

Right before midnight Eastern Time, the USS Hellfire and Brimstone with Wade Hoover, Jennifer Coplitts and Brian Davis arrived bringing with them the libation to toast in the new CS. Since STARFLEET is incorporated in North Carolina, Eastern Time is when the mantle is considered handed to the next CS. The TV was turned on and the ageless Dick Clark counted down the minutes ... seconds ... and then we all yelled (in Central Time) "Happy New Year!" and toasted one another. One of the funny comments that was overheard came from the new CS, "Wait! I want to be next to my wife! Where's Deb?"

Because we were in Central time after all, we celebrated the New Year at midnight Central. At quarter til midnight, there was a knock on the door, and room service appeared. A very nice young lady with a slightly bewildered look on her face entered the room bearing a platter. Surrounded by vegetable garnish was a pink flamingo, caped and masked. With a similarly bewildered look, Mike accepted a scroll which said "Congratulations to CS Mike Malotte. Section 31 has now presented you with \*THE BIRD\*" Still disbelieving, Mike picked up the platter and turned it this way and that, examining the strange presentation. We all laughed. And we enjoyed the veggies!

One of the first orders of business was to launch the Shuttle Titan. RCR12 Carl Johnson and Titan CO Jocelyn Giles celebrated the launch of the Titan with cheers and whoops. The Shuttle Proxima was also

launched, with CO Matt and XO Joe in attendance. Carl then promoted Joe Brouhard to Captain. Mike promoted Matt Copple to Rear Admiral, apologizing for the wrong rank on the certificate. Wade Hoover was also promoted, to Lieutenant General. Mike also presented Carl with a painting of the Battle of Nirendra III that he had won in a raffle at the R12 summit in 1997. Carl had really wanted the picture and bought several tickets, while Mike bought one, and won it.

Afterwards Mike said "Carl loved the picture and since it showed an Ambassador class ship (his first command), I presented it to him to honor his first command and celebrate his newest." Carl was suitably stunned; it is a beautifully framed print. Carl also turned over command of the Nomad to PJ Trotter, replacing her as XO.

We also saw Pam and Carl open their first wedding gift, brought by Pam's sister. It was a lovely crystal vase.

We counted down one more time to yelling Happy New Year, Mountain Time. Mike and Deb brought out a lovely huge bottle of Martini Asti Spumante (sp?) to toast in the New Year. It was very delicious; Gerry had us all sign the label of the bottle in commemoration of the evening.

After about midnight Mountain Time, people started to wind down and head out. Soon it was just the Hellfire and Brimstone group, Sandy, Gerry and myself still talking. At 3 AM local time, I declared I was going to bed, since I had an early flight out and the H&B decided they'd head for home as well. With such an early flight out the only folks I saw before leaving were Sandy and Chris; all three of us had the wonderful breakfast buffet at the hotel. I'm sure other fun stuff was done with the remaining NYers still in town, but I was off to the airport and my flight home.

*Congratulations go out to Mike Malotte, the new Commander STARFLEET!!!*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHOTOS

photo courtesy of Kris T. Klufas



*Kris T. Klufas (second from lower right, crouching) and her colleagues who made life better for the people of Nahuizalco, El Salvador.*

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*A Habitat for Humanity home under construction. When finished, the houses are about 130 feet in diameter. This three-room house is made of cinder block and will have a metal roof.*

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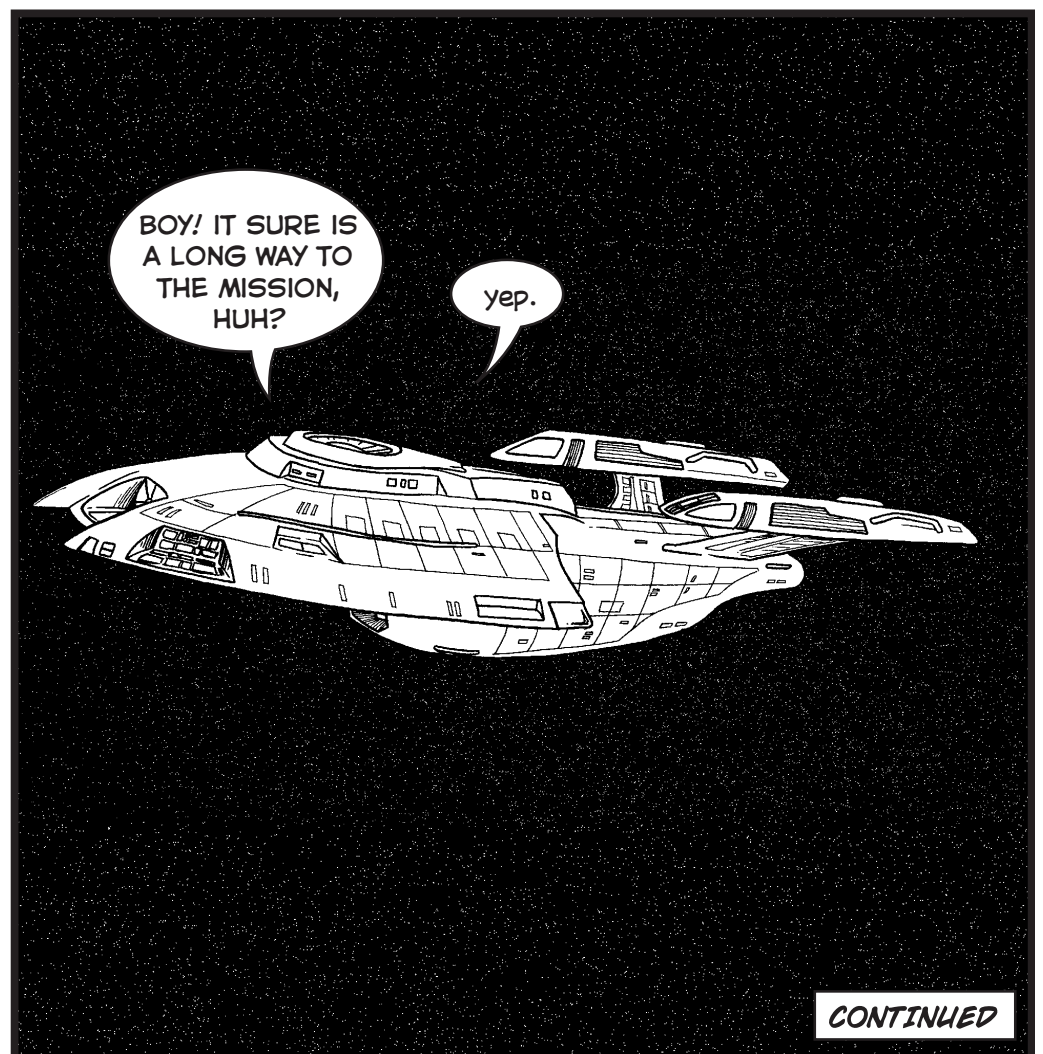
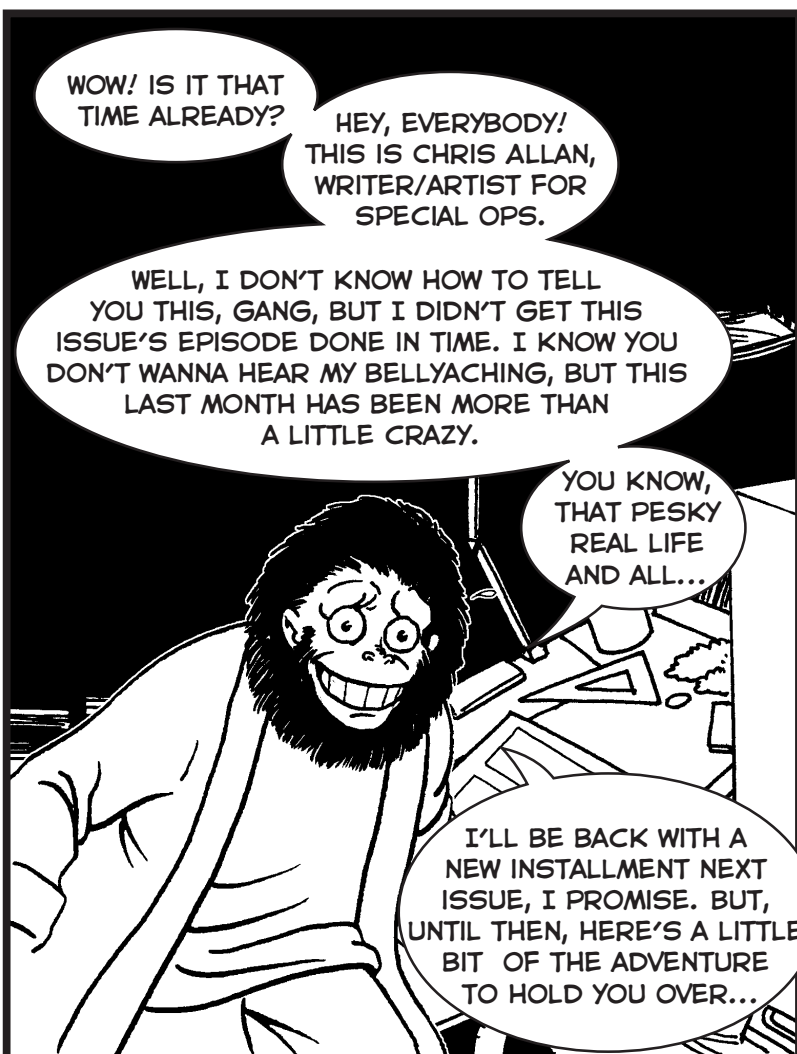
*The Gap Foundation group visited the Charles Products' factory, where Gap jeans and other denim products are manufactured. You can see a pile of finished jeans in the foreground.*



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EPISODE SIX:  
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*Clockwise from above - Mike Malotte and Mark Anbinder, Mike Malotte and his Hatchetman... err bird, A guy in a really loud shirt, Sandy Berenberg on his laptop with someone looking over his shoulder.*

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