

# EULOGY FOR A FRIEND

## A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO ALAN RAVITCH

"A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth." Ecclesiastes 7:1

Alan Ravitch has departed this life on a journey to that great Undiscovered Country from which no man or woman returns. No longer is he suffering in pain and facing sickness and affliction. I am thankful for that. Many of us who knew him kept vigil for him and his family and friends in our prayers and devotions since we first learned of his illness. In recent months we had hoped he would be able to recover and resume his activities, but reversals came and destiny stepped into the situation. It was a long journey for Alan, and even now it is all just beginning for him. Joy and wonder and awe have replaced illness and sorrow and pain. Elation and insight and astonishment have replaced suffering and affliction and misery. He has joined the Great Bird of the Galaxy and all those who have gone on before in exploring the Undiscovered Country.

Truly, Alan Ravitch is boldly going where none of us have gone before.

Alan Ravitch was a good man. A man of integrity and character and wisdom. He had a good name and reputation for seeking out the best in others while seeking simultaneously to contribute to the betterment of all. Alan Ravitch was the epitome of Leadership. His influence in the science fiction community, and particularly in Star Trek fan organizations is the stuff of legend. He helped establish The Federation. He fought to preserve STARFLEET during its darkest hours. He taught me that it is more honorable to speak out than to be silent. He showed me by his example that some things are worth standing up for even if you do so all alone. He taught me the importance of accountability and that members of STARFLEET have rights that deserve to be preserved and protected, not for the good of the one member, but for the good of all the members. He showed me by his example that forgiveness in this life is possible and by this he showed me that friendship transcends differences and mistakes even be they grievous ones.

Indeed Alan Ravitch showed all of STARFLEET what it was like to be a Narn named G'Kar.

He was affiliated with STARFLEET-The International Star Trek Fan Association for most of his young adult life. His influence in the shaping and structuring of this association will be felt for years to come as it has been felt in years past. He served on the STARFLEET Admiralty Board. He was a chapter Commanding Officer. He loved his Regional members and fought for their interests. He was a webmaster par excellence. He was second to none in his love for the Star Trek universe. He loved this association and proved that love on many occasions. He served this association quietly and without fanfare and acclaim. He did so

in a consultary position, and as a friend to a host of members of STARFLEET giving advice, counsel and insight in how to approach a situation and most of all how to resolve matters at hand without discord and chaos.



As I stated, Alan Ravitch was a leadership role model. His life was all about leadership. His death leaves an irreplaceable void because he will never become Fleet Admiral and President of the Association he helped guide and influence. I had hoped to convince him to run for Commander, STARFLEET had he recovered from his illness. He would have ranked one of the best president's this association ever saw had that opportunity come to reality, I am certain. Alas, Eternity's gain is our loss. But we can all rejoice in having known him, having had the privilege of his friendship and the benefit of his contributions to this association. They will be felt for decades to come.

I will be contacting his family and requesting permission to establish a scholarship memorial onboard USS Rutledge in his memory. If granted permission by his Mother, it will be entitled: THE ALAN RAVITCH LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL FUND.

It will be designated to assist those who win upon election the position of President/Commander, STARFLEET. It is something Alan once stated to me that he wished STARFLEET had to help Fleet Admirals/ Presidents attend the Regional Summits. He thought it was unfair to ask the leader of the association to spend his own funds to attend the Regional Summits. He told me how to set it all up. If his Mother agrees, I will carry out his wishes. Thus, even with him gone from us, he will still be helping the association. That's just like Alan.

Go in Peace Admiral Ravitch. Thanks for the Memories. Enjoy the journey Alan! Till we meet again. Farewell-- Friend G'Kar!

by Commodore Bill Herrmann, Chief Engineer  
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## REMEMBERING A MAN OF COURAGE

by Rev. Dennis Rayburn  
Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET

It seems so strange yet so right that this be written on Easter, a day of celebration of rebirth and renewal, yet, so sad to have to acknowledge the passing of one who I respected as much as Alan Ravitch.

During the dark days in the 90's, Alan did not sit by, did not keep silent and just hope for a better day. He did not just seek to protect his region and simply try to weather out the storm and darkness that was those two years. Alan, being the man of courage he was, dared to speak out, dared to stand up for all, and dared to do the right thing.

His was a heart that carried a deep concern and love for STARFLEET. Alan was one of the ones who led the charge to defend STARFLEET, and was willing to lay it on the line to do so, and paid the price for his courage. Sadly, like so many who dare to speak out in life for truth, justice, and the rights of others, he was viciously removed from office in a vain attempt to silence him. Thankfully, men of courage like him could not be silenced. He kept on, fighting the fight, and as the dark days passed, encouraging others. My grandfather taught me that such courage was the mark of a true man. That is what I think of when I think of Alan: A True MAN.

At the last few Shore Leaves, I've had the privilege and honor of getting to meet Alan in person and talk with him. I came to find out that the outspoken person who I read in the SF lists was just as plain spoken in person, but I also got to know a bit of Alan, the man. I came away with a much wiser opinion of him, and considered myself blessed to have the chance to meet him. From that first SL I attended, I always looked forward to getting to chat with him for a few minutes between the frantic rush of the events.

At this year's Shore Leave and the future ones, and especially in STARFLEET, there is now a great void in our ranks.

I know all of us in STARFLEET send our love, our thoughts, and most importantly, our prayers to his mother, family, loved ones, and friends at this sad occasion. We grieve at his loss, but remember that a grand reunion awaits one day in the future on the other side in the true Final Frontier.

Vaya Con Dios, Alan.....see you in the Morning!



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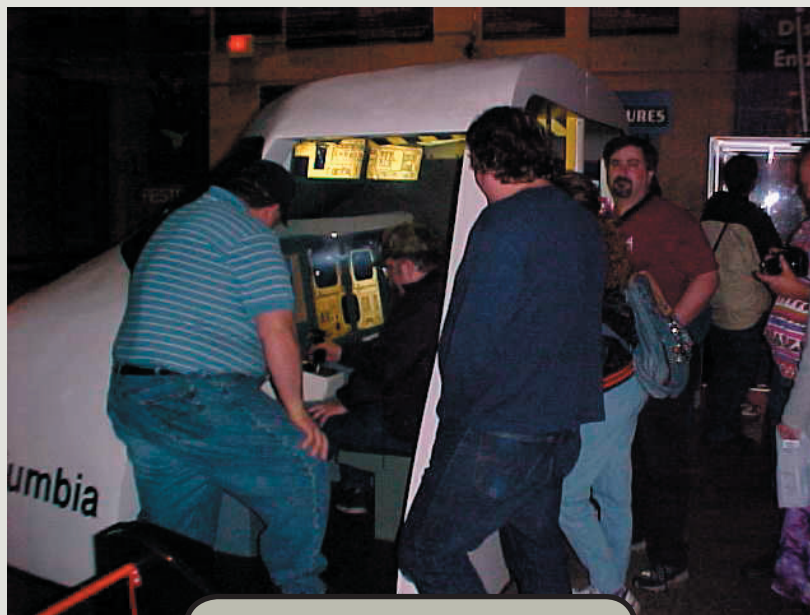




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# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALLOTTE  
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET and welcome to the latest issue of the Communiqué.

It's been kind of crazy for me these last couple of months. As most of you know, my wife Deb has been through a pretty rough time. What started out as a possibility of Multiple Sclerosis or Guillain-Barre Syndrome turned into two cervical fusions – one through the front of the neck and one through the back of the neck. Those two operations, fortunately, took care of all the issues there. She's doing a lot better in that area. Since the operations, a couple of complications seemed to have cropped up. One is a bulging disk in her lower lumbar region and the other is some possible permanent paralysis in her right hand. She's undergoing therapy (cortisone shots and some more testing) for both and, hopefully, it'll all work out ok.

I like take a moment and express my deepest appreciation to all of you for your thoughts and prayers during this time – it certainly brings home the fact that STARFLEET is one big family that looks out for its own. We've both gotten so many e-mails from people we've never met wishing us the best. Even as some of the promotion requests and rank changes got delayed during all the time in the hospital and the first part of her recovery, we continued to get notes from folks telling us not to worry about those little details and wishing her a speedy recovery. This is the primary reason I stay in STARFLEET and I thank each of you for renewing my faith in STARFLEET's greatest asset – the members.

Speaking of the members, I had the

awesome opportunity to meet a lot of new folks when I ventured down to Region 2 for their annual Summit. First, I want to thank Danny and Denby Potts. They not only hauled me from Birmingham to Huntsville (since I wasn't smart enough at the time of making the reservations to tell the difference between the two <G>), but they also made sure that everything I wanted or needed was provided. I now know why they call Denby "Mom" – I even got in trouble for staying up past my bedtime Saturday night :)

Next, thanks to Pete Mohny, Jimmy Whatley and the entire Summit staff. I was made to feel at home from the moment I arrived, and that kept up until I left. The Friday night dinner rocked, Saturday morning breakfast totally hit the spot, Saturday lunch was excellent (thanks, USS Haise!) and the banquet dinner had some of the best fried chicken I've had in a long time. I was also kept fairly busy throughout the weekend, and really got to maximize my interaction with the members of the Region. Getting to know more of the R2 members was a number one priority of mine, and I felt like I accomplished that with a lot of folks there. Putting faces to names like the Hellers, Dolans, Plantholds, Burhans, Trulsons, Selfs and Muenchs (just to name a few) sure helps ya get to know the Region better. Thanks also to Neil and Lynnette Yawn and Halley Youngblood for getting me back to Birmingham to catch my flight home and lunch Sunday.

As always, it's great to see old friends at an event like this and this weekend was no different. Thanks to Joan Pierce, Susan Fugate, Gerry Sylvester, DJ Allen,

Linda and Wade Olson, Joost Ueffing, Sandy Berenberg, Chris Wallace, Jill and Dennis Rayburn and Dustin Williams (and anyone else I forgot) for keeping me busy, laughing, and in "good spirits" for the entire weekend.

Finally, a huge thanks to the members of Region 2 for their warm welcome and their outstanding hospitality. They treated me as if I were one of their own. You know, I've always heard that R2 is a great place to party and they weren't kidding! Overall, it was a great weekend and I can't wait to head there next year for Summit and IC 2004.

On to busines. In the last issue, I went over the promises my team made to you for the coming administration. In each subsequent issue, I'd like to bring you up to date on where we are at in a few of these areas.

Fiscal Responsibility – With the addition of the Chief Financial Officer to the Executive Committee, so many of our plans for increased fiscal responsibility have already been realized. Tammy continues the process of fleshing out the duties and responsibilities of this department and adding to her staff. You'll see more from her later on in this issue.

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. To address this, we are working on designing a new awards program that

can be used any time by anyone. The first major step to this has been completed with the appointment of Liz Woolf as our new Awards Director. Liz and I will be working together to design the new program and you'll be hearing lots more about this in the very near future. Welcome aboard, Liz!

Improving the Experiences of our International Members – As mentioned in the last issue, we've already made some excellent progress in this area through more efficient CQ delivery to our overseas members and getting more of our International members involved in more areas of leadership. The latest milestone is the unveiling of a Spanish version of the Announcements web page. This is just the first of many areas where we'll be offering multi-language options to accommodate more of our members.

That about does it for me this issue. In the next few months, you'll be seeing me in a number of areas. I'll be in Pigeon Forge at the end of April for the Region 1 Summit, in Oklahoma City in May for the Region 12 Summit, in Ontario, Canada for the Region 13 Summit and in Greensboro for IC2003. I hope to see a lot of you during these travels.

Till next time...

## FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

by Rev. Dennis Rayburn  
Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET

Each of us have had those incredible moments in our lives, an event so massive and monumental that we remember where we are and what we were doing when it occurred. In my life, there have been so many: President Kennedy's assassination, the Apollo 1 fire, the murders of Dr. Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, the Challenger disaster, and September 11th, just to name a few. Each time, I would think that nothing that bad, quite that terrible would ever happen again. Each time, I have sadly been proven wrong.

February 1st was a typical Saturday morning for me. I had just settled down to the computer to do my e-mail when I received an instant message from Matt Copple, telling me that the Columbia had gone down. In total shock, I reached for

the remote and punched up MSNBC and, like so many around the world, watched with horror as they covered the loss of the shuttle and all hands aboard.

I watched, as did many around the world, as the President of the United States spoke to the nation that afternoon, with words of comfort to everyone. I watched as the memorial services were held for the crew. Many of us in STARFLEET joined in an online memorial service the next week. It was a time to mourn and to remember.

Now the time for mourning has passed. We must move on. How would those seven brave souls have wanted us to remember them? The common theme I heard from so many on television is that we should remember that these individuals died doing what they loved, fulfilling their

dreams. They were explorers, and like such explorers in the past as Magellan and Ponce de Leon, they made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit of those dreams. In the world of exploration, there is one hard fast rule; brave men and women die in the pursuit of knowledge.

They would want their dream to be carried on, which this nation has declared that it will. However, a pause to find out what went wrong and to work to prevent such a disaster from happening again, if at all possible, must happen. However, this will not be the end of the space program as some unwisely seek to make it, screaming their agendas, supposedly in the name of the betterment of humanity.

Man is the most unique of creatures, with a ceaseless, unquenchable desire for knowledge, which must be fulfilled. His quest for knowledge, for answers to the unknown will continue to drive him to explore, to search for truth. Yes, let us pause and allow for investigations of what went wrong to occur. Then, let the quest

continue.

Yet, as the adventure continues and the quest proceeds, we will remember our fallen heroes. We will keep their memories in our minds and our hearts, passing down their stories so that they will not wind up just names on a large wall in Florida, or on headstones around the world.

Yes, that moment on February 1st will join those other moments I mentioned at the first, but with a thought that gives this writer comfort. As I watched that horrible video, realizing what was happening in the flames, I remember two sections from the Holy Bible. The first was the one that President Bush quoted that afternoon so well and I will not add to his remarks. The second one I remember came from the Old Testament, dealing with the passing of Elijah.

Elijah was an old man and prophet, whose time for his life on this earth to end had come. One morning he spoke to his

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# OFF-CENTER VIEWPOINT

VICE ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER  
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Since my last opportunity to write, a lot has happened. The last **Communiqué** issue became a tribute to the crew of the space shuttle *Columbia*, which broke up upon re-entry from orbit on February 1st. The CQ crew did a fantastic job making last-minute changes to the newsletter just before it went to press, and for it being their very first time assembling the newsletter, the result was an exceptional issue that we, and they, should be proud of.

## Travelogue

As I said in this space two months ago, I often write in my CQ column about my travels, past and present. One bit of travel I hadn't yet scheduled two months ago was my trip in early March to Buffalo for USS *Niagara*'s commissioning dinner.

Happily, *Niagara* was commissioned in mid-February, and was able to schedule a gathering for a Sunday night in early March. The dinner, at the Kahunaville restaurant in Buffalo's Walden Galleria mall, was a wonderful island-themed gathering at which Captain Glen Diebold and his crew arranged better "pomp and circumstance" than I've seen at nearly any other Fleet event.

The atmosphere was helped immensely by the crew's beautiful set of uniforms, most of them made in the weeks leading up to the commissioning dinner. Many were in striking dress uniforms.

Since Buffalo is quite near the border between the United States and Canada (near Niagara Falls, for those more into natural geography than political boundaries), there were some attendees from Ontario, in Region 13, as well as attendees from Region 7. It was an opportunity to see some folks I hadn't seen in a while, as well as meet many new people.

Speaking of an opportunity to meet people, as I write this I'm about a week away from my departure for Region 20. It's my first visit to the United Kingdom since I

was a kid, and I'm hoping for a chance to meet up with a couple of Fleet folks along the way. The trip is primarily a pleasure visit to Scotland, with a goal of relaxing, touring the countryside, exploring some castles, and of course, visiting some fine distilleries!

*Imperium*, has just been elected Regional Coordinator of Region 6, garnering several nominations (the only ones cast) from R6 chapters for the post.

Good luck to David Klingman, recently commissioned as a Captain in the US Air Force Reserves, going on active duty

an endurance test for those who attended when a snowstorm closed highways in the area and in nearby states. (When the governor sets a \$1,000 fine for driving on the highways, an extra night or two in the hotel doesn't sound so expensive.) The Hunt Valley Marriott began running out of interesting food, and USS *Accord* members Marlo del Toro and David Wiernicki, who were on hand, say they saw a pouty Ambassador Soval (celebrity guest Gary Graham) ordering a hot dog.

Monday morning, Maryland roads had opened, but New Jersey and Pennsylvania highways were still closed, so Marlo and David wound up staying until Tuesday morning, turning Farpoint into a five-day convention.

## Touring Region One

Also coming up is the annual Region 1 Summit, just over a month away as I write these words, scheduled for the last weekend of April.

I remember my first R1 Summit, in Gatlinburg in April 2000, as though it were just yesterday. I've still got some of the little duck-shaped green soaps from the River Terrace, not to mention fond memories from my first of several trips

to Tennessee. A delay getting out of the Knoxville airport meant I was stranded in Pittsburgh overnight on the way home, but I can hardly blame that on the fine folks of the First Fleet!

If it's not too late by the time you read this, and you're going to the R1 Summit, I encourage you to follow in my sightseeing footsteps from a visit to the area last September. Several of us went to Cades Cove, an early 1800s settlement whose residents were all told to leave when the Federal government created the National Park System early in the 20th Century. If you have the opportunity to visit Cades Cove while in town, I encourage you to do so. The glimpse into the area's rural settler history is worth the time. ★

as an Air Force dentist later this spring, following a month of command officer training. Dave's wife Kelly and their son, Collin (approaching nine months old), are undoubtedly proud of the dentist dad!

Not long after you read this will be a Joint Marine Muster, bringing together the STARFLEET Marines of the Corps's 2nd Brigade, and the 7th Division of SMI, Starfleet Marines International. There's no charge for the event, just hotel room costs at the Econo Lodge in Gadsden/Attalla, Alabama, the weekend of May 2-4. Contact 2BDE SGM Shawn Williams at <sarge101us@yahoo.com> for more info.

If you attended this year's Farpoint, you deserve a medal! This winter's convention, at the same Maryland hotel that hosts Shore Leave each summer, turned into

photo courtesy Mark Anbinder



VADM Mark H. Anbinder poses for a photo with Captain Diebold of the USS *Niagara*

## News around the Fleet

If you've been wondering why the Overseas Coupon Project has been so quiet lately, Eddie Allen III has let us know that his computer was hacked, but he expects to be back online and back in the swing of things soon. Stay tuned for more information about the OCP, one of STARFLEET's charity programs.

Commander Troy Pharis, International Charity Coordinator, is working on updating the information about the OCP, Ronald McDonald House, and other STARFLEET charity programs. Keep an eye out for details from Troy in these pages, and on the STARFLEET web site at [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org).

Congratulations to Vice Admiral Michael Urvand! Mike, serving aboard USS





# OPS CENTER

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET!

Well, three months in office and I'm having a blast. Many thanks go out to everyone that has given me advice, help, or has just come and shaken my hand to say hello. You've all made my life a little easier. Especially in this past month, when I had to deal with some tough personal situations, STARFLEET stepped up to the plate. I had several people offer to call to talk, and many offered words of encouragement. To those people, you know who are, thank you.

I must admit I had a really great time at R2. From the moment the First Contact team greeted me at the door of the hotel Friday to when we took off that Monday morning, the hospitality I felt reminded me of home; that's always a good thing. I'm glad to have met many new people at R2 and to put more faces to names. If funds and time permit, expect me there at Gulfport, MS, next year.

I also look forward to making it to future summits as well. Like before, as time and funds permit, I want to try and make the summits at R1, R15, and R13. So, I'm making it a standing 'order' (so to speak): if I'm at an event and you want to meet me, pull me aside, introduce yourself, and shake my hand. I want to meet as many people as possible during my tenure. So make yourself known if you see me, because I want to see you.

## MSRs and Reporting

My hats off to everyone who is using the new MSR report feature in the database. I want you all to know it's making my job a lot easier. I am doing my best to make sure everyone's report gets into the database, even if you e-mail it to me personally, through [MSRReports@sfi.org](mailto:MSRReports@sfi.org), or by normal mail. So if you log into the DB and see your MSR being submitted by me or Chrissy Killian that's me and my vice-chief using a tool called Mail-in MSR.

When submitting, please remember to choose the correct date. If you are submitting for April, pick 04-01-2003 as your date for submission date.

Reporting is happening at between 80% and 90%. Next issue I will have more specific stats for the fleet and each region.

Remember that if you do mail in your MSR to your RC, mail me a copy as well. I don't think it's fair for me to bug the RCs

to photocopy and mail me a copy when I see that I didn't get your MSR for the month. It also means I may not be able to get your MSR into the database in time as we don't have the ability to enter archived MSRs yet.

Just to review Ops policy on reporting: reports are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the next month for the month you're reporting. April MSRs are due May 5<sup>th</sup> for instance. Late MSRs are considered between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of that month (April MSRs are late between

## Correy Operations

Michelle Fanelli and Joe Hoolihan are doing a fantastic job with Correy Ops. Remember that they are great resources for correy chapters or those chapters looking to become correy chapters, so use them if you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. Michelle can be reached at [mrbasil@flash.net](mailto:mrbasil@flash.net) and Joe at [joehooli@erols.com](mailto:joehooli@erols.com).

Ops is also in the process of reviewing

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Brigadier General Joost Ueffing poses in front of an SR-71 Blackbird.

May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> for instance). Four FTRs (failure to report) or eight late reports in one year will result in a contact from me. Another FTR or two more late reports will be cause to put the chapter on 60-day standby.

## Low Strength Chapters

Those chapters that are below ten members will be receiving a communication from a representative of CompOps that has been charged with helping under strength chapters get back up to strength. Use this person to the fullest extent so we can keep all our chapters in the STARFLEET family.

## Vessel Registry

We're continuing to publish the VR every month. Again, if you see a problem with your entry let us know at [chapterinfochange@sfi.org](mailto:chapterinfochange@sfi.org) (this is specifically setup for changes in information) or by normal mail.

the Correy guidelines. Anyone who has ideas on what could be improved can contact me.

## Change of Command

A note on the online Change of Command: passwords are very important. The password substitutes for the signature on an online Change of Command. Therefore, I am more often than not, going to reject that Change of Command and ask you to resubmit, if you password fails on any part of it. Now, if there is a problem (and there has been in the past) we will deal with on a case-by-case basis. But be forewarned about this issue in future.

That's about all for now. See ya next time. ★

*Joost Ueffing*

## ADMIRALTY BOARD NEWS

By COMM JC Cohen

Greetings, STARFLEET. Since January 25th, 2003, the AB has worked on the following issues:

1. The AB wrapped up their vote on the new Internal Auditor for STARFLEET. Brad Pense has been given the office of Internal Auditor through December 31st, 2004. This AB resolution passed unanimously.

2. The election process for RCs was discussed. It was noted that there are flaws in the system and that it can be confusing to the chapters. While most of the AB did note that the system could be improved, the discussion was tabled while the EC completes their review of the new manual for the office of the Inspector General. That manual dictates the election process and it is being adjusted to fix the flaws in the current system.

3. The idea of merging the two European Regions, 9 and 20, was presented to the AB. Many pros and cons were discussed regarding this proposal.

The proper procedure for how this would happen was also reviewed. This matter is on hold while the members of the European chapters (and those members unassigned in the regions) affected are polled on whether to move forward.

The AB also welcomed two new members and an observer this month. The RCs of Regions 2 and 6 changed over, to Danny Potts and Mike Urvand, respectively. Additionally, Isaque Fernandez was added as an observer from Europe while the AB works on this merger proposal.

As always, if you have any thoughts about AB action, you should contact your RC. The addresses of each RC can be found in the back of this CQ.

## CONVENTION

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# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

MAJOR GENERAL SANFORD BERENBERG  
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings from STARFLEET Computer Operations,

We have been very busy over the last two months continuing the establishment of new programs and strengthening existing programs. The staff has been growing to meet the needs of these new programs and the database continues to improve. The Computer Operations website, <http://compops.sfi.org>, designed and maintained by Michael Dugas, is growing to provide Computer Operations offerings.

## Unassigned Member Program ([sfi-unassigned@sfi.org](mailto:sfi-unassigned@sfi.org))

Under the leadership of Bran Stimpson of the USS O'Bannon and his staff, Kandyleigh Provencher (USS O'Bannon) and Pete Moheny (USS Hephæstus), we have rolled out the Unassigned Member Program, where chapters and unassigned members are united to help out existing chapters and help form new chapters. Bran works with each Regional Coordinator to support each Region's own similar program.

Part of this program is getting feedback from each chapter to help find homes for unassigned members. This includes getting a blurb about each chapter, what do you do, what do you like, etc. This can then be presented to the unassigned members and they can get a better idea of the chapters available based on interest instead of

strictly geography or correspondence. Bran is also setting up the infrastructure to support those members who choose to remain unassigned from any chapter. This infrastructure will include passing along Regional and international news and information to the members in an organized manner.

## Under-Strength Chapter Program ([understrength@sfi.org](mailto:understrength@sfi.org))

We have also rolled out the Under-Strength Chapter Program where each month, a chapter that is under strength is contacted to see if they need help. Steven Bowers of the ISS Lexington has taken the roll of Director of Under-Strength Chapter Support. This roll is strictly a support roll, allowing Computer Operations to help chapters who run into membership problems. Steven will direct chapters needing help to other sections of Computer Operations, like Recruitment, Unassigned Member Support and Membership Processing to assist the chapter getting back to minimum strength and beyond. Computer Operations does not decommission chapters.

## Recruitment Program ([recruitmentnetwork@sfi.org](mailto:recruitmentnetwork@sfi.org))

The Recruitment Department under Bob Vosseller Jr. and overseen by Mandi Livingston is now ramping up as we add members to the Recruiters Network,

finalize the Recruitment Manual Revision, and finish the Recruitment Course. This course is for the STARFLEET Academy, which will help members learn to recruit more effectively.

These three programs (Unassigned Member Program, Under-Strength Chapter Program and Recruitment Program) tie into one another. The Under-Strength Chapter Program finds the needs for membership, and then routes them to the Recruitment and Unassigned Member Program. When a chapter needs to recruit, the Recruitment Network is called upon to find the nearest recruiter to help chapter or members out. Recruitment is also available for Shuttles and forming chapters as well. For these programs, please see all contact information in the CQ and on the websites.

## Database Update

The SFI Membership Database continues to evolve. Over the last two months Dino Gravato and team found and fixed many bugs. Several new tools were added and Robin Smith joined the database team. This addition gives the team twice the ability to build and fix the database. Robin has already helped clean up many areas of the database, created the new look, and helped establish a testing area and bug-tracking program.

Another addition to the database team

are the Database Testers, Martin Lessem and Mark H. Anbinder who will be working with each new release and any reported database bugs. This new addition will help speed up database growth and clean up by having a total of five people working on the database using many different browsers and operating systems.

Upcoming releases to the database include SFMC Tools for member and MSG management and election and polling tools for International, Regional and Chapter activities.

The Database FAQ has been completed and added to the STARFLEET and Computer Operations Sites. The Computer Operations and HelpDesk Staffs, using your questions as a basis, developed this FAQ.

## Membership Processing

Gerri Wampler and the MP Corps continues to be the shining star of Computer Operations working at a feverish pace with new materials for 2003. What more can I say, but Stellar and the thank you!

In closing, let me thank my Chief of Staff, Susan Fugate for keeping me sane, and all the folks who have been helping Computer Operations on all different levels.

## DATABASE TOOLS FOR MEMBERS

By Maj. General Sanford Berenberg  
Chief of Computer Operations

Last CQ we featured tools for CO's and XO's. This issue we cover tools available for every STARFLEET member.

**HOME:** By clicking on this tool, you will be brought to the home page of the database. On the home page you see all members currently logged into the database. Clicking on a name here activates the database's Instant Message Tool.

**LOG OUT:** Clicking on this tool logs you out of the database. You will need to log back into the database to gain re-entry.

**ONLINE RENEWAL:** This tool allows you to renew your membership online. When you click on this tool you will be prompted to click on "LAUNCH SECURE RENEWAL FORM". A new, secure, page pops up. This page shows your current address

and e-mail address, and the total number of members in your family (Ranging from 1-6 Members).

If your address or e-mail is incorrect, click on "CHANGE THIS" and submit your corrected information in the Change Account Information Tool. If everything is correct, then continue below.

If you are not adding members or removing members from your membership, be sure you have "KEEPING THE SAME MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE" checked. Then check off any scholarships you wish to donate to and put in any comments. Then click SUBMIT. On the next page, choose your payment method. (Paypal, Visa/Mastercard, Discover, Amex). Fill in the appropriate information and then click submit. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

If you want to add a member to your membership, change the membership package listed to reflect the number of members. Then click on the radio button that says "ADDING A FAMILY MEMBER". You can check off any scholarship boxes you wish to donate to, and put in any comments. Then click submit. On the next page add your new member(s)

either by entering their name or their SCC number. Then fill out the payment methods and Submit.

If you are going to remove a member from your membership, change the membership package list to reflect the number of members. Then click on the radial button that says "REMOVING A FAMILY MEMBER". Fill out the scholarship information, and put in any comments, and click Submit. The database lists your Family members on your membership. Click to remove the member you wish to take off your package. The fill in the payment information and submit.

**CHANGE PASSWORD:** This tool allows you to change your password and username. To change your password, enter your current password exactly, and then enter your new password. Only use alphanumeric characters and submit. To change your username, choose a new username and hit submit. This needs to be verified as unique by Computer Operations, and will be either approved or denied. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

**CHANGE ACCOUNT INFO:** Clicking here allows to change your membership

information like name, address, Date of Birth and e-mail. These changes need to be approved by Computer Operations, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail on your changes.

**MEMBER LOOKUP:** This tool allows you to look up friends to see if they are STARFLEET members. Search by SCC number or name. A list of all possible members will appear, chose the one you wish and their basic information will appear (SCC #, Name, Rank, Chapter, Join Date, Expiration Date).

**MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:** Clicking here shows you all of your completed Academy Courses entered in the Database as well as your full account information (as Member Look Up with DOB, Date of Rank). Currently the Academy staff is entering previously completed course information. Over time your list of completed courses will entered into the database and be accessible to you.

**AFFILIATIONS:** This tool allows you to show your affiliations in STARFLEET subgroups, such as the SFMC.





Hi everyone! Well, we've been hopping in the finance department the last two months. Our current balance with five accounts is just over \$32,000.00 and I've begun working on this year's Form 990.

Once again, our staff is increasing! I'd like to welcome the newest member of our team, Denby Potts. Denby will be the new Senior Vice Chief Financial Officer. Denby will be in training, learning all aspects of the finance department so that in case anything happens to me, the finance department can continue to run smoothly. Denby will be working in the database, on the helpdesk, be on all of the financial lists and assisting in all areas. Denby can be reached at VCFO-Senior@sfi.org. For snail mail information, please see the staff roster.

Our Loss Prevention Specialist, Dee Rickard, has been hard at work, and we have already recovered several

membership fees due to her hard work. Thanks to Dee!

The Academy funds have completed the transfer process, with \$4,000.00 of excess Academy funds going into a Scholarship Savings account and the remainder of the Academy money being put into a checking 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-credit certificates and five-credits certificates. We are in the process of getting a secure online site for vouchers to be purchased with credit cards. Once this has been completed, we'll announce it, but please remember that we will only accept credit cards for voucher purchases over 5 credits. Vouchers can still be purchased via mail by sending me a check or money order made payable to STARFLEET to the address below. Voucher cost is equivalent to the number of credits you want to purchase. (One credit = \$1.00, Five credits = \$5.00)

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

Tammy Willcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Account Transactions				
Starfleet General Account				
2/1/2003 Through 3/31/2003				
Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 2/1/2003				\$17,986.86
Month Ending 2/28/2003				
1125	2/2/03	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$1,123.19)
1126	2/2/03	Graphics 3, Inc.	Membership Processing	(\$107.11)
1127	2/2/03	Chris Wallace	SHoC Expenses : postage & certificates	(\$33.33)
1128	2/2/03	Gerri Wampler	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$194.35)
1129	2/2/03	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense	(\$204.99)
1130	2/2/03	Postmaster	CQ Expense : CQ Postage	(\$1,000.00)
1131	2/2/03	Gerry Sylvester	Membership Processing Expenses : Membership Processing Expenses	(\$45.72)
1132	2/2/03	International Mail Service, Inc.	CQ Expense : Mailing International CQs	(\$400.93)
Debit	2/2/03	Wesmo	COMM Expense : Helpdesk Hosting	(\$130.80)
Debit	2/3/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$23.24)
Debit	2/4/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$22.00
Debit	2/4/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$3.61)
Debit	2/4/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$6.58)
	2/5/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$22.00
	2/5/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,094.00
Debit	2/5/03	First Virginia Bank	Bank Service Charges	(\$24.95)
Debit	2/5/03	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$15.00)
Debit	2/5/03	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(\$5.00)
	2/7/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$375.00
Debit	2/10/03	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
	2/20/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$67.00

	2/20/03	Paypal.com*****	Membership Processing	\$245.53
	2/20/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,026.00
Debit	2/26/03	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)
	2/28/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$15.00
	2/28/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$825.00
Month Ending 3/31/2003				
Debit	3/3/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$102.67)
Debit	3/4/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$19.56)
Debit	3/4/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$31.93)
	3/5/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$933.00
Debit	3/7/03	First Virginia Bank	Bank Service Charges	(\$24.95)
Debit	3/7/03	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
	3/18/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$37.00
	3/18/03	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$356.00
1133	3/18/03	EPC, Inc.	Web Hosting	(\$168.40)
1134	3/18/03	Nationwide Print Solutions, Inc.	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$291.00)
1135	3/18/03	Gerri Wampler	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$672.52)
1136	3/18/03	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$1,186.37)
1137	3/18/03	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense	(\$321.90)
1138	3/18/03	International Mail Service, Inc.	CQ Expense : Mailing International CQs	(\$184.48)
	3/19/03	Megatoners	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$379.75)
	3/20/03	Mark Anbinder	COMM Expense	(\$417.90)
	3/21/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$609.00
	3/21/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$610.00
	3/21/03	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$895.00
	3/25/03	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)
	3/27/03	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(\$15.00)
	3/27/03	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$30.00)
	3/27/03	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(\$5.00)
	3/28/03	Shuttle/Chapter Application Fees	Application Fees	\$36.00
Ending Balance as of 3/1/2003				\$16,996.18
*****NOTE:				
On 2/2/03 the following two pay- ments were made directly out of the PayPal account balance.				
Debit	2/2/03	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$60.34)
Debit	2/2/03	Joost Ueffing	Ops Expenses	(\$65.47)
If these payments had not been paid directly out of the PayPal account balance - the deposit on 2/ 20/2003 would have been \$371.34 instead				
of the \$245.53 that was transferred into the general account.				
Starfleet Savings Account				
2/1/2003 Through 3/31/2003				
Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 2/1/2003				\$3,421.63
Month Ending 3/31/2003				
	3/13/03	Paypal.com	IC2003	\$269.16
	3/31/03	First Virginia Bank	Investment Income : Interest	\$2.82



Ending Balance as of 3/31/2003				\$3,693.61
Starfleet Academy Checking				
2/1/2003 Through 3/31/2003				
Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 2/1/2003				\$2,839.07
		No Transactions		
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2003				\$2,839.07
Starfleet Scholarship Fund				
2/1/2003 Through 3/31/2003				
Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 2/1/2003				\$4,636.74
		No Transactions		
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2003				\$4,636.74
Scholarship Savings Account				
2/1/2003 Through 3/31/2003				
Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
Opening Balance as of 2/1/2003				\$4,000.00
	3/31/03	First Virginia Bank	Investment Income : Interest	\$1.90
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2003				\$4,001.90

## DANCE THE HAFLA AWAY

by Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller  
USS Challenger

So what is a “Hafla” anyway? Is it served at a Greek restaurant? Is it a dance? Is it a place? Several Region 7 members discovered the answer when they visited the Alliah Dance Troop.

Translated, Hafla means a Middle Eastern dance party, and that is exactly what several of us experienced on March 22. A variety of Middle Eastern belly dancing included dancers balancing swords on their heads, tribal dancing, Egyptian dancing, Turkish dancing and much more. And it also featured a USS Challenger member: Counselor Emily Vosseller, who is a member of the Alliah

Dance Troop and danced a solo.

Several fellow Challenger members witnessed Emily’s moves, including Security Chief Pat Comune, Executive Officer Mary Francen, Chief Medical Officer David Singleton and Assistant Security Chief Ken Dohn. Also in the audience was her husband and commanding officer (me), who wore his “I support my local Bellydancer” t-shirt. Other members of the cheering section were USS Avenger members Alex Rosenzweig, Todd Brugmans, Ricky Bruckman and Catherine Miller, as well as USS Sovereign Chief Engineer Traci Giorgianni.

Mary got into the spirit of the event and even wore a belly-dancing costume. While most of the dancers were women, the Hafla also featured Omar, the male

belly dancer.

While food was part of the event, the menu didn’t satisfy our need to explore Middle Eastern food. So after the Hafla, we traveled an Indian restaurant (Gagan Palace in Lindenwold), where Todd gave us pointers about some of the menu items. We shared some humorous stories, caught up on some regional news and gossip, and discussed *Enterprise* and *Farscape*.

Everyone enjoyed the day, especially watching and participating in the dancing. It was ironic that just three days earlier, the war in Iraq had begun, and here we were enjoying Middle Eastern culture. But even more importantly, this event reminded us that our war is not with a culture, but with a corrupt government and its leader. ★

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# COMM AS YOU ARE...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings again from the luxurious STARFLEET Communications HQ!

I get a lot of questions about Communiqués, and how we handle bad addresses. Here is a basic rundown of how that happens:

First off, when we send the label data to the mailing house, they run it against a program to look for undeliverable addresses. The US Postal Service is

very picky on what it considers a correct address, and so the program tries to correct what it can. We get a report of any addresses it can't correct. We mark the addresses as "bad" in the database and make every effort to contact the member to get the problem resolved.

Also, I get mailings from the USPS when someone has moved and hasn't told us. I key those changes in to the database. Keep in mind that the USPS isn't always

100% on that process, so we don't ALWAYS get that notice.

And then, there are e-mails that come in to us via the STARFLEET HelpDesk reporting a lost CQ. In fact, we have a new face in Communications to help us with these. Sandy Dolan from Region 2 is our new CQ Re-mailing person. She'll make sure that everything gets done!

I bet a lot of you are familiar with the

STARFLEET Announcements list. If not, and if you have e-mail, you should check it out. It's a place to get just the announcements of what's going on in STARFLEET, without chatter and discussion. It's a great way to keep your pulse on the fleet.

Well, we are announcing a new announcements list -- a Spanish language announcements list. The content will be identical to the regular English-language list, just translated. A big tip of the hat to Martin Lessem and his entire International Translation Corps for taking the lead on this initiative. Special thanks to Matias Alvarez and Jessica (help! I can't remember her last name! from Mexico, hangs out in IRC!) for helping get this off the ground.

I'd like to hear from you if you have any questions about the Communications Department! Drop me a note at comm@sfi.org, and I'll do my best to answer them here!

## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Greetings and Felicitations,

### FLEET BUSINESS

Relative calm continues to be the news of the day in the Realm, but that doesn't mean the OIG hasn't been steadfast in its duties. Work continues steadily.

### REGION BUSINESS

With new Regional Coordinators starting their terms, things on the election front have been slow. However, there was some business.

### REGION 06

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began officially on 28 February and concluded on 28 March 2003. Only one candidate was nominated, and per the rules and regs of the Election Process, Vice Admiral Michael Urvand was confirmed as Regional Coordinator.

### OTHER ISSUES

Work continues on the joint venture between the OIG and SFI Webmaster to create an informational site through the SFI website. This site will provide detailed information about the workings of the Office of Inspector General.

### DUTIES OF THE OIG

Last issue I discussed the duties of the OIG in a member's rights violation. This issue, I'll discuss the duties of the OIG in relation to Regional Coordinator Elections.

To understand the duties of the OIG as they relate to the Election of Regional Coordinators, we have to first look at the SFI Constitution.

### STARFLEET Constitution - Article 4, Section 3, Paragraph 1:

All Regional Coordinators must be residents of the geographic area they represent and at least 21 years of age. The COs of the Chapters and Shuttles of the Region elect via popular election or confirm via votes of confidence their Regional Coordinators to a two-year term, in accordance with the current guidelines as set forth in the Membership Handbook.

The primary duty of the Regional Coordinator is to represent the membership of his/her Region to STARFLEET in general and the Admiralty Board specifically. The Regional Coordinator is charged with administering and implementing the organizational policies as set forth by the Admiralty Board. Regional Coordinators hold regional funds in trust for the benefit of their regions, and are charged with the responsibility of handling, or appointing someone to handle, the administration and disbursement of his/her region's funds, the maintenance of adequate regional financial records, and the full, regular, and periodic public disclosure thereof.

The part that pertains to the duties of the OIG is stated in the second sentence.

*"The COs of the Chapters and Shuttles of the Region elect via popular election or confirm via votes of confidence their Regional Coordinators to a two-year term, in accordance with the current guidelines as set forth in the Membership Handbook."*

As stated, the Constitution directs to the Member Handbook. The section that pertains to Regional Coordinators can be found in Section 3-03

### THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR

The Regional Coordinators (RCs) are the representatives of STARFLEET to the members of the region they represent, and are responsible for representing the membership of their region to STARFLEET. RCs are responsible for all Fleet policies in the region they represent, and for all regional finances. RCs are, effectively, the chairpersons of the region that they represent. Though they may not hold the highest rank, they hold ultimate authority and all members of the Region are answerable to them for STARFLEET business. RCs have the authority to launch and disband shuttles within their own region. RCs are required to make a

monthly regional operations report to the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET and to the Commander, STARFLEET, detailing all operational chapters and chapters-in-training and their activities. RCs who fail to report, or who file two late reports within a twelve-month period, may be relieved of duty. RCs are responsible for developing their own programs and activities within their region



(as

consistent with Fleet policy), and for the appointment of at least one Vice-Regional Coordinator (VRC) to serve as the RC's assistant within their region. RCs may serve as a chapter CO, but are not required to do so. The chapter the RC is a member of, if they so choose and whether as CO or not, is considered the flagship of that region.

Regional Coordinators are appointed by the Commanding Officers of the Chapters of the Region, through a democratic balloting process of suitable candidates, using balloting guidelines set forth by the EC. RCs serve at the pleasure of

their Region and the RC must undergo a biennial election or "vote of confidence" from his electorate, in order to assure that the needs of their region and members are being met.

The second paragraph states how an RC is elected and how. Which brings us to the OIG Operations Manual.

### SECTION 04:03 - NOMINATIONS

Every two years, an election for the Regional Coordinator shall be held at a time to be determined and announced by the Inspector General, STARFLEET. In addition, if a sitting Regional Coordinator retires or resigns from office, the Inspector General, STARFLEET will begin the process of selecting a new RC. The IG shall make a general announcement to the Commanding Officers of the Region seeking nominations. In Regions with only one chapter, the announcement shall be made to the Regional membership at large. This announcement shall include the process in which nominations should be submitted, and the timeframe for doing so.

### SECTION 04:04 - NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations shall be accepted for a period of thirty days from the first announcement by the IG that nominations are being sought. Once the nomination window opens, those seeking to become RC shall provide to the IG letters from at least 10% of the Commanding Officers of the chapters in good standing of the Region who shall affirm their nomination of the candidate.

Each letter shall include:

- The name of the nominating CO's chapter
- The nominating CO's name and SCC number

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# THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN  
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Time sure flies when you are having fun. I can't believe it's been three months since I took over the Shuttle Operations Command. I am very excited with the department as it offers an incredible opportunity to work with folks from all over the Fleet.

I am fortunate to have some great online resources to aid my daily work in ShOC. Thanks to the constant improvements in CompOps, the online database is better than ever. The advantage is two-fold. First, it's a great help in shuttle launches in terms of vessel registration and membership look up. Second, the database should be

a valuable tool for all ship/shuttle CO's to manage their chapters. I would strongly urge all shuttle CO's to try it.

For those thinking of launching shuttles, another valuable resource is the Advanced Ship Design Bureau. ASDB is here to help any group interested in creating their own ship types. For example, Shuttle Gallant is working with DTS/ASDB on the new Gallant Class Strike Carrier. I am definitely looking forward to the new ship type.

I am always looking for ways to improve departmental efficiency. To this end, the Existing Fan Club Program is undergoing

some streamlining. It's part of my effort to reduce redundancy in ShOC and allow us to focus our resources in the most needed areas.

As part of our core business, we added quite a few shuttles since last issue of Communiqué. The following shuttles were launched recently:

Shuttle Altrusia (R1)  
Shuttle Banshee (R1)  
Shuttle Commonwealth (R1)  
Shuttle Dark Phoenix (R2)  
Shuttle Gallant (R4)  
Shuttle Hapsburg (R3)

Shuttle Indianapolis (R1)  
Shuttle New Hope (R2)  
Shuttle TikkunV'Or (R7)  
Shuttle Vanguard (R3)

The contact info of these shuttles can be found on ShOC website at [www.pcisys.net/~biff/](http://www.pcisys.net/~biff/).

I also want to congratulate the following ships on their recent commissioning:

USS Archer (R7)  
USS Liberator (R1)  
USS Niagara (R7)  
USS Titanium (R7)

If you wish to launch shuttles or commission at IC 2003, be sure to contact me as soon as possible so we can make the preparations.

I hope ShOC is serving you well so far. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to write me at [shoc@sfi.org](mailto:shoc@sfi.org). See you in North Carolina!

- The contact address of the nominating CO
- The name of the candidate for RC they are nominating
- The nominating CO's signature and date

For Regions with only one chapter, members seeking to become RC shall provide to the IG letters from at least 5% of the members in good standing in the Region who shall affirm their nomination of the candidate.

Each letter shall include:

- The nominating members's name and SCC number
- The contact address of the nominating member
- The name of the candidate for RC they are nominating
- The nominating member's signature and date

In addition, any candidate for RC shall include in a letter to the IG the following:

- Their name and contact address
- Their birth date
- A statement affirming that they are over 21 years of age and meet all eligibility requirements to serve as Regional Coordinator
- A statement affirming that they will run for RC if nominated
- Their signature and date

All letters of nomination and of candidacy are due to the Inspector General no later than the last day of the nomination period as outlined in the original announcement.

The Inspector General shall verify the information presented in each letter of nomination and candidacy to determine the veracity of the information presented. They shall confirm that each letter has the presence of signature and date, and shall verify with Membership Processing and Operations that the member and chapter are both in good standing.

As noted above, each candidate for RC must have nominations from at least 10% (rounded-up) of the total number of chapters in a Region in order to be placed on the ballot.

## SECTION 04:05 -ELECTION

If any candidate receives nominations from 50%+1 or more of the Region 's total chapters, that candidate shall be automatically declared the Regional Coordinator-elect. If only one candidate is nominated, that candidate shall be automatically declared the Regional Coordinator-elect. If more than one candidate is nominated, and no candidate receives nominations from 50%+1 or more of the Region 's total chapters, then an election shall be held.

## SECTION 04:06 -ELECTION PROCESS

The Inspector General shall within seven days of the end of the nomination process, announce the candidates for Regional Coordinator and distributes ballots with said names to all of the Commanding Officers within the Region. Each ballot shall include the names of the candidates, with a checkbox for the CO to select the candidate they wish to vote for. Each ballot shall also have space for the CO to sign and print their name, as well as date the ballot. It shall also include a return address for the ballot.

The voting period shall be thirty days. At the end of the thirty days, the Inspector General shall tally all the votes received. The candidate with the plurality of votes cast shall be submitted to the Commander, STARFLEET, for appointment as the next RC. The Inspector General shall make available to all of the candidates a report showing the percentage of the votes cast in their favor. The actual vote of each chapter or shuttle shall remain private to the IG.

## OIG PERSONNEL

Welcome to our new staffers, Joseph Perry – Region 02, Chris Chontos – Region 17, Jay McPherson – SFMC and Glenn Overby – the new Deputy Assistant Inspector General and SME on FLEET Governing Documents. More on that later...

Here is a current list of personnel.

Lee Shamblin  
– Deputy Inspector General  
Paul Wheeler II  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 01  
Joseph Perry  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 02  
Jess Neumann  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 03  
Ramon Macias  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 04  
Andrew Rogers  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 05  
Ben Johnson  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 06  
Don Burke  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 07  
OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 09  
OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 10  
OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 11  
Ray Brown  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 12  
Rich Smith  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 13  
OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 14  
Rich DeMidio  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 15  
Chris Chontos  
– Assistant Inspector General, Region 17  
Jay McPherson  
– Assistant Inspector General, SFMC  
Glenn Overby II  
– Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Governing Documents

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

Your most humble & obedient servant.  
In Service to the Fleet

Robert J. Jackson,  
Maj. Gen., SEMC  
Inspector General, STARFLEET  
[Ig@sfi.org](mailto:Ig@sfi.org)

## GAME REVIEW

By Commander James J. Cecil  
Shuttle Commonwealth

Anyone who wants to kick some Borg butt can in Simon & Schuster's Interactive CD-ROM game **Star Trek Borg**. In this game you play Cadet Qaylan Furlong whose father was killed at Wolf 359. Ten years later, the Borg are again attacking the Federation, and Starfleet has ordered you off the USS Cheyenne, thus never allowing you to avenge the death of your father.

While your packing your belongings in the junior quarters, Q pays you a visit and offers you a chance to see your father, save his life, and that of the Federation. What academy cadet wouldn't jump at such an opportunity! I did!

**Star Trek Borg** came as part of the **Star Trek Federation Gift Pack** I had brought recently. The gift pack also contains CD's of the **Star Trek Encyclopedia**, **Deep Space Nine Companion**, and **Next Generation Companion**. It took me until this Sunday afternoon to complete the game, which of course was a lot of trial and error on my part. The story line itself was one reason why it kept me glued to my PC all night Saturday until I so tired I had to quit and resume game play the next day. Like any PC gamer I made notes of everything I had done. This was because the game contains a save feature or at least that I'm aware of at the time of this writing.

Despite any type of save feature the graphics are awesome and the highlight of the game came when I got to hit Q! So with this in mind I have to give **Star Trek Borg** interactive CD-ROM game thumbs up! ★



# COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT AKERS  
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Welcome back Fleeters, and another happy day in the Academy's little bit of the Communiqué. The word for today is Motivation. What motivates you? What motivates you as a Student, a Director, a Dean, or most importantly as a Fleet member? What fires you up to start your day? Is it something Physical – exercise, walking the dog, shaving that shadow off, or just kissing your significant other on the nose? Is it something mental? Reading the morning paper, doing a bible study, or watching the news? Maybe even doing an Academy course? Why are you doing the STARFLEET thing? In March, Commodore Dave Klingman wrote a great piece on why we are in STARFLEET, and the discussion that followed was fascinating. Finally, What is YOUR positive Impact? Why do you do what you do in your outside life, in your fleet life, in your family life. Remember that a hundred years from now, it will matter not, how large your bank account was, how big of a house you lived in, or how fancy of a car you drove. The only thing that will matter is the affect you had on the lives of others. So let that affect be a positive one.

## Spotlight on the Deans

I would like to move our Academy spotlight onto one of our new Deans. Wayne Killough has got to be one of the hardest chargers in the Academy. Not only is he the Dean of the Institute of Arts, but he also is the director of BOTH the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine and the STARFLEET College of Mythological Studies. In the past three months Wayne has entered over a 1000 graduates into the Database, not only his own schools, but students of other schools in his Institute. Wayne has gone above and beyond the call of duty helping the directors in his Institute as well as students through the Academy. Job well done, no wonder he was the 2001 STARFLEET Member of the Year.

## Academy Mascot Poll

After two months of balloting the overwhelming winning Mascot is the "Centaur". Therefore the new official mascot for the STARFLEET Academy will be the STARFLEET Centaurs, and we start our first contest of the year. We are soliciting artwork in any format of a Centaur, winning selection will then redrawn in Adobe Illustrator and become the online and offline mascot for the Academy, and we will use it for Academy Sportswear and other items. GO CENTAURS GO!!!!

As a side bar, the Centaur has a long connection with education. In Greek mythology, they were creatures, half man and half horse. Followers of Dionysus, they were uncouth and savage, but some, such

as Chiron, became friends and teachers of men. Chiron, the son of Kronos, was a renowned sage, physician, and prophet. Among his pupils were Hercules, Achilles, Jason, and Asclepius. When Hercules accidentally wounded Chiron, the pain was so great that Chiron surrendered his immortality to Prometheus and died. Zeus then set him among the stars as the constellation Sagittarius.

## Missing Course Records

I wanted to reiterate about course records in the Database. Some directors are NOT able to update this themselves, please give the Deans some time to help their directors out in getting this updated. If you have a question about the Academy portion of the Database you may contact me directly at [chunone@nwlinc.com](mailto:chunone@nwlinc.com).

## 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 the Academy Away Team

by Brigadier General Jill Rayburn

The Academy Away Program is again in full swing. We recently had a very successful outing at the Region 2 Summit, and are getting ready for other events, including the Summits for Regions 1, 12, 13, and 15 and the International Conference for sure. We are also working on having teams at the Summits for Regions 3, 6, and 7. If you are having an event that is not listed here, contact the program director, Jill Rayburn, at [jazdan@wk.net](mailto:jazdan@wk.net) and we will certainly try to have a team at your event.

It is important to note that this year, when possible, we are asking that people who would like to purchase courses fill out an application when you check-in with event registration. This way, exams can be printed on Friday night for distribution on Saturday. We're still tweaking the system a bit, but overall it is working well for us. This is not to say that courses cannot be requested on Saturday, but just that every little bit helps, and it should make your visit

to the table Saturday go faster.

We are very pleased to announce that starting with the Region 2 Summit, at any event where there is a qualified team, Officer's Training School will be available for onsite testing and immediate grading, with certificates presented that weekend. This is wonderful for everyone, especially those needing OTS for promotions or shuttle launching. Additionally, we have added more courses to the list of those available from our Away Teams, including all of the courses from the Vulcan Academy of Science, and the courses from the new School of Borg Technology. Soon we hope to add the School of Law and Australiana, and hopefully others.

We do want to thank the Academy directors who make up the teams, and the summit staff people that we work with when working out all of the details. Without all of their hard work, the program would not be possible.

## International Directors Still 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.

## Academy Website Update

by Lauren Milan

This is a repeat of that part of the CQ Article written by Lauren, the information is still quite timely and important enough to print again.

In January, STARFLEET Academy proudly launched its new website 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 e-mail 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?

E-mail course request form: Want to apply for a course? Now it's easier than ever, and for e-mail 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 each into our Web site.

## Academy Packets Processed

It gives me great pleasure to note that STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed **81** Graduates in the 11 weeks between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003, and over 800 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! ★





# GRADUATES

January and February 2003

Carol Thompson

## Institute of Leadership Officers Training School

Dustin Heywood  
Justin O'Donnell  
Michael Timko II  
Mark Schneider  
Anthony Hill  
Robert Olivares  
Brent Arnold  
Henry Jennings  
Shirley Rodriguez  
David Deese  
Dustin Roudenbush  
Shannon Mobley  
Vicky McBrayer  
Diana Van Dyke  
Raymond Blough  
Jenny Quillen  
Gerald C. Silman, Sr.  
James Lee Smith  
Clayton Hobbs  
Carlo N. Samson  
Christine S. Hallowell  
Reynaldo Cordero  
Michael Renner  
Damian Dohnert  
Tiffany Flowers  
Amanda Lynn Hill  
Shawn McVay  
Shawn McMichael  
Christopher A. Smith  
Amber Hargues  
Christina Pavka  
Duffer Bennefield  
Caroline Anne Ensey  
Chris Johanson  
Sue Johanson  
Christopher S. Knoblauch  
Ashley Smith  
Domma Whitlark  
James Kubajak  
Ethan Clark  
Marshall Peterson  
Sherry Sullivan  
Dorothy Tuttle  
Rebecca Zobac  
David Boston  
Alice Carey  
Mark Collins  
Bryan Detamore  
James Haddock  
Felix Sanchez  
George Van dewater  
Danyeale Cangelosi  
Lee Ann Pinson  
Chris Tinker  
Larry Atchison  
Pat Jordan  
Ron Colwell  
Corey Whatley  
Ellen Waud  
Debbie Winters  
Lori Hines-Gillies  
Doug Roach  
Jim Bellon  
Matthew West  
Thomas D. Arnold  
Karen Bellon  
Evan Darnell  
James Lemos

## Officers Command College

Isaque Fernandes \*

Rhonda K. Day \*  
Brian Blank \*  
Shannon Mobley \*  
Brent Arnold  
Dustin Heywood  
Rodney Davis \*  
Matthew Haley \*  
Shirley Kolb \*  
Dustin Roudenbush  
J. Eric Davis \*  
Donna Mominnee \*  
Dave Lowe \*  
John Montgomery \*  
Henry Terry \*  
Steven McBrayer, Sr. \*  
Mark Schneider  
Reed Livingston  
Justin O'Donnell  
Doug Hogan \*  
Michael Timko  
Charles Fisher \*  
Michael Renner #  
Jane Van Bibber  
Mark Collins  
Robert Olivares \*  
Alice Carey #  
Dorothy Tuttle #  
Rebecca Zobac  
Dayne Clark  
Carrie Marsh #  
Robert Olson  
Jessica Flores  
Heather Stern  
David Pesec #  
Patricia Jordan  
Vernon Mueller \*  
Ed Seaman  
Felix Sanchez

## Flag Officers School

## STARFLEET CONFIGURATION

David Benfell  
Matt Baillie  
Michael Timko

## STARFLEET LEADERSHIP

Michael Timko  
David Benfell  
Shawn Gregory

## STARFLEET COMMAND

David Benfell  
Carolyn Donner  
Shawn Gregory

## Institute of Arts Alien History and Culture

Ann Arnold (7)  
Anthony Spotts  
Wayne Snyder  
Janice Grahm (10)  
Tanya Morris

## College of Communications

Wayne Killough Jr.

## Culinary School (BURPS)

Robin Smith Apprentice I

## College of Federation Studies

Douglas Mayo – PhD \*\*\*  
Douglas Mayo - \*\*\*\*\*  
Jeffrey Higdon – PhD \*  
Justin O'Donnell – PhD \*  
Nicholas Roche – PhD \*

Keira Russell-Strong – PhD \*  
Wayne Snyder \*  
Tanya Morris –PhD \*  
Gary Enzey - \*\*\*\*\*  
Truman Temple - \*\*\*\*\*  
Max Schoenfeld - \*\*\*\*\*  
Michael Timko - \*\*\*\*\*  
Alice Carey - \*\*\*\*\*  
Matthew West - \*

## School of Australiana

Nancy O'Shields  
Carolyn Donner  
Elizabeth Worth  
Mavis Yates

## College of History

Scott Akers

## School of Literature

Jennifer Kelley #

## School of Music

Cathy Edgington (2)

## School of Law

Brandy Hallman  
Les Rickard  
Thomas Schulte  
Lee Vitasek (4)  
Max Khaytsus (2)  
Jill Tipton (2)  
Elizabeth Goulet  
Dean Rogers

## College of Mythological Studies

Dean Rogers \*  
Charles Parks \*  
Marie Anne Arnold \*  
Truman Temple \* (1)  
James Whatley \*  
Glenn D. Martin \* (1)  
Alice Carey \*\*

## School of Science Fiction

Hewitt Richard W.  
Killough Wayne Lee Jr. \*  
Lilly Tracy  
Whatley James  
Truman Temple  
Dean Rogers

## Institute Of Technology

## College of Medicine

Sean A. Meyers #####\*  
Carolyn M.A. Zimdahl ##\*  
Robin R. Smith #  
Andrew W. Gosset #\*  
Cathy Lynn Edgington #\*  
Paula J. Kesler #\*  
Jill Tipton (2)  
Lee Ann Pinson #  
Fred A. Barnes #  
Paula Blough \*  
Jennifer J. Scott \*  
Kristin S. Williams

## School of Borg Technology

Gary Ensen Jr (2)  
Gary Stewart Jr.  
David James  
Frank Rahestraw  
Guy Blandford

Matt Baillie  
Jill Rayburn  
Joost Ueffing  
Cathy Edgington (2)  
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.  
James Haddock  
Corey Grant

## The Gorn Academy

Eddie Milbrandt Jr. (4)  
George Parker (3)  
Dean Rogers  
Dorothy Silman (2)  
Jerry Silman (2)  
Truman Temple (3)

## Officers Radio School

Sean Meyer 45603 (2)

## College of Temporal Physics

Jill Tipton \*  
Thomas Schulte \*  
Carlo Samson \*  
Mark Schneider \*  
Shawn Gregory \*  
Corey Grant \*  
Russell Ruhland \*  
Max Schoenfeld \*  
Glendon L. Diebold \*\*\*\*  
Ann Marie Arnold \*\*

## School of Treknology

Mickey Leary (2)  
Gary M. Ensey Jr. \*  
Jill Tipton (2)  
Glenn D. Martin \*\*\*  
Wayne Snyder \*\*\*\*\* (4)  
Robin Smith \*\*\*\*\*  
Truman Temple (4)  
Nancy J. O'Shields \* (5)  
Jim Bellon  
Kerry Forbes  
Anthony R. Fleming \*  
Dean Rogers \* (3)  
Linda Owens \* (1)

## Vulcan Academy of Science

Todd Brugmans  
#####  
Cathy Edgington \* (1)  
Sean Meyer ####  
Russell Ruhland #  
Debbie Artrip #  
Kurt Roithinger #####  
John Hancock (4)  
Judy Waidlich ####  
Shawn Gregory # \* (3)  
Melissa Cawein # \* (1)  
Glenn Martin #  
Dorothy Tuttle \*  
Janice Graham #  
Jim Bellon #  
John Reavis \* (1)  
Jill Tipton \* (1)  
Tracey Starker # \*  
Eddie Milbrandt #  
Robin Smith #

## Institute of Military Studies

## Security School

Michael Timko  
Glenn Martin (2)  
Diebold Glendon  
Gary Stewart, Jr  
Greg McDermott  
Alan Dawson  
Gary Ensey

Glenn Overby II  
Anthony Spotts  
Shawn Levesque  
Mark Schneider  
Shawn McVay  
Isaque Fernandes  
Eric Larkin  
Raymond Blough  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Felix Sanchez  
James Nelson  
Jason Rhew  
Matthew West  
Sam Black  
Shawn Gregory  
Jeff Gillies

## Klingon Warrior Academy

Constance Pawlik  
Alex Trevino, Jr. \*  
Fredrik Pettersson. \*  
Todd Brugman \*  
Charles Flowers \*\*\*

## College of Starship Operations

Gary M. Ensey  
Gary T. Steward, Jr.  
David James  
Frank Rahestraw  
Matt Baillie  
Guy Blandford

## School of Strategy and Tactics

Glendon Diebold (2)  
Douglas Mayo

## College of Survival Studies

Jill Tipton

## Vessel Readiness Certification

USS Northern Lights (1)

## Marine Unit Readiness Program

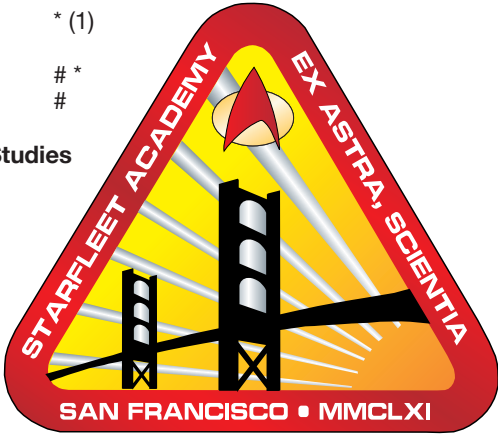
Shuttle Pleides (1)

## School of Science Fiction (Cadets)

Paul Williams (2)

## Vulcan Academy of Science (Cadet)

Raven Avery #





# MORALE OFFICE REPORT

by CAPT James Whatley  
STARFLEET Morale Officer

Greeting Fellow Fleeter and Marines from the Morale Office aboard the USS Draco assigned to the 2nd Fleet. I am glad to announce the morale of Region 2 is high, having hit a total of 600+ members during the annual summit. I am also proud to say the first away team of the First Contact Office was a success. This Office and its away teams are sponsored by the Chaplin/ Counselors and Morale Departments, to greet new members and help them at FLEET events, and to help in making first contacts with prospective members that show an interest during said events.

I had the pleasure of being the chair for this year's R2 Summit, and as such, I was able to include some influences of the Morale program in planning some activities for attendees. On top of the more general activities and panels, this year I have started to use the morale volunteers that have come to me and asked, "Can I help?" Because I will not be able to attend each and every summit this year, I would like to have a volunteer to represent me at your summit, to present any Morale Department certificates that have been turned in to me. At this point I would like to thank Sandy Dolan the R2 Morale Officer, and Dennis Rayburn, for heading the Region 2 Fun Awards.

If you are a ship's morale officer, or interested in the morale office, contact me and I would be happy to talk to you about joining the e-mail list. Let me know what you are doing with your ship or region to improve morale.

Here are some pictures of our Huntsville Space and Rocket Trip that were taken before and after the Summit. Watch out! You never know where a morale officer will pop up. ★

photos courtesy of Dennis Rayburn



A tribute to the astronauts of the Shuttle Columbia STS-107 (top)

Do you have the right stuff to land the shuttle? (center)

Joost, you can not take the Blackbird home with you... (bottom left)

Some people make better passengers. (bottom right)

All photos on this page are courtesy of Dennis Rayburn.





# STARFEST 2003 AFTER ACTION REPORT

by Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons  
Region 17 Coordinator

## Admiral's Log, Stardate OU812...

It began on a Friday, as most cons do. Members of the Region 17 chapters: Pioneer, Omega Glory, Arc Royal, Anasazi, Orion, Mir and Stormbringer represented Region 17 at Denver's largest science fiction convention. We had guests from the USS Delta Clipper (R12) and Utah's infamous 7th Fleet that converged on Denver to help have fun and party the nights away.

We had an impromptu awards ceremony on Friday night at the Village Inn restaurant near the hotel. About 100 of us invaded the place and proceeded to make the wait-staff nervous (look mommy, trekkies). As the midnight hour approached, Admiral Johnathan Simmons took command and proceeded to run up and down the restaurant handing out awards and promotions in recognition of folks who have done so much during the year 2002. 40 Awards, 7 plaques, 3 flag promotions, 2 sips of tea and 1 bite of salad later we decided that it was time to party. The Region honored the anniversary of Commodore Rick Giles and his lovely wife Jocelyn, who passed on a trip to Vegas to come play with us in Denver. The region presented them with a gift basket containing champagne, chocolates, candles, bath salts... well... you get the picture. I will be posting a complete list of R17 Awards Winners soon... but for now, here are the top category winners:

2002 R17 Chapter of the Year: USS Mir  
2002 R17 Member of the Year: Bob Bulkeley, USS Arc Royal  
2002 R17 Officer of the Year: Jennifer Scott, USS Omega Glory  
2002 R17 NCO of the Year: David Cerame, USS Anasazi  
2002 R17 Mascot of the Year: Stormy Marmot, USS Omega Glory  
2002 R17 Good Neighbor of the Year: Colorado Springs Fire Dept Station 17  
2002 Party of the Year: USS Orion (sans Sol's Fury) Commissioning Party

All are to be congratulated!

Anyway...

Upon a forced retreat to the Hotel, we found that the Jedi and the Klingons had procured the presidential suite for our

evening enjoyment. The Pan-Galactic Gargleblasters and the Deadly Blue Tarantula Tequila flowed much the same way rivers don't as members from Region 17, House Veska, The Jedi Grey Council and the 501st Stormtrooper Legion all had a great time as we toasted to tall tales of things I don't remember. I tripped over a fallen Jedi and hit the floor with a soft thud. "Admiral on deck!" said a Veskan. "Someone pick up the Admiral." Replied a Fleeter. The party ended early as a barbarian proved that he could singularly out-shout the entire room. So, we moved down to the Mezzanine to continue our libations.

Saturday saw most of our chapters recruiting potential members and working to help support various charities, most notably the DDFL (Denver Dumb Friends League) animal shelter. Panels and Workshops and Costumes, oh MY!

My VRC, Brigadier John Roberts had major car problems and two members of Region 17 assigned to the Anasazi, Captain David Reustle and Major Dan "Disaster" Spence blew off this day, and all it offered, to drive 60 miles to try to fix his car so that he could assist me with promoting the region at the convention.

Then it came time to defend our title as last year's returning champions in the Sci-Fi Feud (a parody game show based on the Family Feud). Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, John Roberts, Earl Beighley, Bill Zimmerman and Monika Reinholz made up the Region 17 Team whose job would prove to be more difficult than first thought. Round 1 was against the Stormtroopers of the 501st and they proved to be worthy of defeat as our regional stars took control of the event. Next came those misfits of the Klingon Empire, House Veska. With the most obscure answers like a Bajoran named Skippy and a Ferengi named Bob, Veska took the early lead. Then it all came down to the final round of answers. We thought a Star Wars animal called a tribble was wrong until the "DING" of the scoreboard reminded us of our impending peril as their lead stretched farther. However, we are Starfleet... you know, the good guys, and the good guys always win. Hence our amazing come from behind finish to vanquish the Veskans and lay claim to our second Sci-Fi Feud

Championship Title. As I looked into the crowd, I noticed Captain Erik Johnson of the USS Wind Spirit wore a smile of satisfaction as he helped cheer us on to victory. Veskans are good sports. They bought me a beer and told me of the fate I would meet at their hands next year. We had won the day... and had great fun!

I-Sci-Fi.com's Rex Rouviere, aka "Cap'n T-Rex" interviewed many folks during the day. I-Sci-Fi is the fastest growing show on the internet, and listeners can call in live every Thursday from 7-9pm Mountain Standard Time. For those of you who do not yet know about this show, I urge you to check it out. The website is <http://www.i-sci-fi.com>

7th Fleet's Admiral Dennis Hollinger and Captain Carl Stark of the USS Ticonderoga were everywhere I looked... it's like there were 8 of them! That's it! Clones! A-HA!

The club room was a flurry of activity as the Omega Glory, Pioneer and Orion passed out flyers and information to many new friends and future members. The National Space Society, House Veska, The Rocky Mountain Fan Force and The 501st Stormtrooper Legion also had tables, and the room was very busy with laughter throughout the day.

Later that evening, Region 17 hosted Utah's 7th Fleet to a birthday party for Captain Elsa Baker; XO of the USS Mir. Good cake, good drink and great friends made for yet another legendary R17 party. From there we invaded the Federation Ball to dance the night away. We met Walter Koenig walking out of the ballroom and surprised him with a challenge coin. I had so much fun! The Ball was... well, a ball! Thanks Pioneer and Omega Glory!

When there was no longer a room that could contain us, we made our way back to the Mezzanine and were met by many members of the Pioneer. Debby and David Horst, Audi Jack and Alan Shaklee just to name a few. The Jell-O shots (Thanks to Rose of the USS Agincourt for making those tasty things) and the bloodwine flowed... and what bloodwine it was! Some of the best I have ever had.

Sunday saw me nursing blisters on my feet so I stayed home. Folks said their

goodby's and prepared for the voyage home. I made it a point to invite the R12 folks over before they left for home and cooked breakfast for them. They had great things to say about the con and Region 17!

There are a number of people that really went out of their way to make this a special event for all of us. I would personally like to thank: Max Khaytsus, Jennifer Scott, Alan Shaklee, Audi Jack, David Chadwick and Stormy the Marmot from the USS Omega Glory... a BIG thanks to Debby and David Horst and the crew of the USS Pioneer... John Roberts, Earl Beighley, Dan Spence (who blew off all day Saturday to help try to fix the VRC's car) from the USS Anasazi, All the gang from Utah's 7th Fleet, Rick and Jocelyn Giles from R12, The USS Ticonderoga... The nice couple from the USS Kelly whose names I can't seem to remember... Don Day, Bill Zimmerman, Monika Reinholz and Colleen Wagner from the USS Orion. Carrie Marsh and Pat Stewart from the USS Arc Royal... Elsa and William Baker from the USS Mir... Erik Johnson and Biff Bassett from the USS Windspirit... The USS Agincourt... The Jedi Grey Council... Lionel Smith, Starr, Bruce, Destiny, Jos, Jason and the rest of the great folks from House Veska... Those White Knights of the 501st Stormtrooper Legion... Those really loud Barbarian dudes... The Marriott Staff who lets us party all night long in the Mezzanine... Susan and the wonderful folks at Starland... Damon Schoonover, Jonathan Smith and Dennis Gray from the USS Stormbringer... and last but not least... Frances Alvarado of the Stormbringer (who spent over a month working on my Battlestar Galactica costume that a lot of folks commented on).

It was a new hotel and a new location for Starfest. All things considered, the event was better than last year, and with Bruce Campbell and Sarah Michelle Gellar headlining next year, you can bet I'll be there! After witnessing the professionalism of our chapters and their members in action again, I have so much pride for our region right now that I have to go have a little lie down.

Go Rocky Mountain Fleet!

-Gumby



*It was also announced at Starfest this year that the USS Sol's Fury of Region Seventeen is now the USS Orion. Congratulations goes out to you and all of Region Seventeen, and good luck on future endeavors!*



# SNOWPOINT - STATE OF EMERGENCY

by CAPT Ricky Bruckman  
USS Avenger

The snow started to come down on Saturday night. Most of the people were not paying any attention, or in my case, were too buzzed to care. As the morning came and went, we continued going to the panels and gaming, and the snow kept coming down. By early afternoon, the merchants started gathering their gear to go home. The snow must have been at four inches by this time. As it got closer to the evening it was obvious that none of us were going anywhere. I went to the ATM and it was already tapped. The expedition for Survivor had begun.

We got the news that no one was allowed on the roads, as a State of Emergency was declared for the State of Maryland. They were issuing a \$1,000 fine to anyone caught on the roads. So here we are, stuck in our own brick igloo. The con organizers came up with back-up plans and ideas to get everyone's minds off being stranded. They brought in some movies and showed them

in the big convention room. We weren't the only ones stranded; the celebrity guests were there too. The funniest thing I will remember is watching Armin Shimmerman lying in the snow creating snow angels.

As night fell, a group of us decided to gather by the fireplace in the lobby. The snow kept coming down as we sat there and looked out the windows. We chatted all night long and cuddled by the fireplace. We even had a sing-a-long.

This brought birth to the never-ending song, which became the theme for Farpoint. I am not too proud to admit that Mike Balewitz and myself created that tune. But it was quite funny to hear others singing it as the con progressed. It goes like this: (Using the melody of the old lamb chop Sing-a-long.)

This is the con that doesn't end...  
And it goes on and on my friend...

It started on a Friday,  
Not knowing what it was...  
Now we're still here on Monday,  
And it's all just because...  
This is the con that doesn't end...  
Armin Shimmerman is now my friend...

(I think you got the gist of it.)

By the time we finally got out of there, I must have heard at least 30 people singing that stupid song, and they even made tee-shirts!

I looked out the window Monday morning and couldn't even see the cars. I turned on the TV for the news. The ban on the roadways was still in effect, and there were at least 24 inches on the ground at this point. Todd called me to let me know that we'd be staying another night due to the storm.

By the afternoon, the snow finally

stopped. Everyone was out there trying to get their cars out of the mountains of snow that were covering them, but the hotel had only two shovels to go around.

It made me proud to be a part of STARFLEET, the way we all chipped in to help each other. One can say it was a true picture of Gene Rodenberry's dream for our future as a race.

The day had finally come. The roads weren't completely clear yet but we were able to pack our stuff and start the grand journey back to New Jersey. As we drove away, I must say, I was sad to see it all end. For my first real fan based con, I must say it was memorable. My time there has brought so much to my life. I made new friends and had an awesome time with the old ones. And to top it off, it made me glad to be a part of STARFLEET. ★

## INTRODUCTION TO STARFLEET SPECOPS

by BGN Dennis Rayburn  
Acting Director, SFSO

Many of you have probably heard us mentioned at events, or briefly in the CQ, or on the Internet and are wondering, what is STARFLEET Special Operations, or SFSO for short.

We are a group of members of STARFLEET, who are interested in the dark side of military, the world of Special Operations, the world of covert ops, black ops, or whatever you want to call it. A prime example of Special Operations and what they do is the recent takeover of the oil terminals outside of Umm Qsar in Iraq during the current war by Navy Seals. We believe that even in the Star Trek universe, the special operative will still be needed and in existence, thus this group has been formed.

We are a joint service. We welcome members of STARFLEET who are Naval and those who are Marine. The only requirement to join is a desire to have fun and maybe learn a few things along the way. The rank you have when you enter is the rank you will go by while you are a part of SFSO. We respect the sovereignty of STARFLEET chapters and want to work with them, and to accommodate to their needs wherever possible. Teams are established on ships and stations in STARFLEET only with the permission of the CO, who has the authority to name the Team leader on his or her ship. If there is

only one person on a ship that is interested in being in SFSO, then they are designated as an operative till such time as another joins them in SFSO on that ship. At that point, they will reach team status.



Along with having fun with the world of special operations, we are also home to a very special group of STARFLEET and SFMC members. These individuals are very special operatives in STARFLEET who come to us with vast experience in their particular field and come to us battle hardened. These special operatives are the practical jokers of STARFLEET. Those operatives have a very special home in SFSO. The best of the best of them have over the last year achieved an impressive record of their actions. However, these operatives work very carefully to strictly have fun and strive to make sure they do not offend.

If you are interested in learning more about SFSO, please feel free to visit our website at <http://sfs0.shermpublications.com> or e-mail me at [stoncold@wk.net](mailto:stoncold@wk.net) or send me a note at Dennis Rayburn, 121 South McDonald St, Puryear, TN 38251. Either myself or one of our staff will get with you and assist you in getting signed up.

Of course, you never know about SFSO. We might be looking over your shoulder right now! ★

## FDP WANTS YOU!

By RADM Matthew Copple  
Director, Fleet Division Program

Interested in the Fleet Division Program? Maybe you can help. The following two positions are open and accepting applications.

The STARFLEET Fleet Division Program has an opening for a Program Manager. The PM will oversee the development and administration of the FDP Youth Program, working with youth leaders across the Fleet to improve the Fleet experience for members under the age of 16.

The Youth Program is charged with providing information and resources to assist chapters in developing their own youth programs.

Requirements include the following:

- At least 25 years of age
- Current member in good standing of STARFLEET, with a minimum of three years experience as a STARFLEET member
- Passed OTS and OCC
- Be able to show evidence of good character, with no criminal convictions involving violence, sex crimes or children.
- Experience on the chapter level with youth programs. Youth leaders who have developed active and successful youth programs on the chapter or Regional level will receive preference for interviews.
- Experience with youth programs outside of STARFLEET is recommended.

To apply for this position, send a letter, via e-mail or regular mail, detailing how you fulfill the requirements above. You should also take some time to outline

how you will fulfill the FDP Youth mission outlined above, and what staff you think you will need to fulfill it. You also need to provide the following information:

Name, Rank, SCC Number  
Complete Mailing Address  
E-mail address  
Phone number and best time to call

Applications without this information will not be considered. Please do not send me dozens of pages showing every Fleet position you've ever held. I only care about your experience and ideas concerning youth programs.

Letters of recommendation are welcome; however, they will only be considered if they speak directly to the candidate's experience and qualifications concerning youth programs and activities.

Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2003.

Candidates will be interviewed by telephone at their expense. Reliable Internet and phone service is required as a qualification of the position.

I want someone who truly cares about youth and wants to make a positive contribution for a bunch of bright and deserving kids. I want someone who is highly motivated, largely self-directed, professional and caring.

If you're the person, I want to hear from you.

STARFLEET Fleet Division Program has an opening for Commanding Officer, STARFLEET Special Operations. The COSFO reports to the Director, Fleet Division Program and is responsible for overseeing the SFSO program.

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# REGION TWO SUMMIT 2003

by Katrina Leigh Mohney, USS Hephaestus

Usually my daddy writes these reports, but I figured since I've been to three Region 2 summits now (which is more than most of the people in Region 2), I was qualified to write a report on one. I'm dictating to daddy, and he's typing, so if there are any mistakes, it's because he typed it wrong.

Daddy started packing really early. I napped two times and had three long sleeps before he was all done. He said that he had to pack up all of the stuff for the charity auction, where they sell stuff to pay for things the region does, and to give some money to some doctors to help make sick kids better. There's a disease called 'Juvenile Diabetes', and Region Two decided to give some money to help treat and maybe even cure it some day. I think that's pretty cool, because sick kids are very sad. Anyway, daddy had so much stuff, that his van was full of boxes and stuff, so mommy had to drive her SUV too. My big brother Nick rode up with daddy - they left earlier than we did - and I rode up with my mommy and her friend, Seri. We got to the hotel after a long drive, which I mostly slept through because it was boring (mommy was playing a CD of some guy named "the Holodoc" reading a book, and it wasn't nearly as interesting as Veggie Tales), and went to our room. It was pretty neat, and there were lots of people around who knew my name. I didn't know any of their names, but I only know the names of about four people anyway, so I don't think anyone was surprised.

After we rested for a little while, we all went to a big room with a lot of tables, where mommy and daddy were unpacking all of the stuff that daddy brought for the auction. There were lots and lots of tables with all kinds of stuff on them, but they were too high for me to see the top of, except when someone picked me up, so I didn't get a good look at any of it. It must have been good stuff, though, because people were trying to buy it right away! They bought a bunch of the stuff - daddy says it was books and movies and posters and autographed pictures and toys and action figures (they looked like dolls though) and lots more stuff like that.

Daddy left to go eat dinner with the Fleet Admiral and a bunch of other people, but mommy said that was okay because he brought back steak. Mommy gave me some steak, and it was really good, and she tried to give me some salad, but it looked like a bunch of leaves so I wouldn't touch it. I kept telling her 'Yuk' and 'No!', and she finally got the message. Then, after dinner, daddy and a bunch of his friends played cards; a game called The Great Dalmuti. He said there were about 30 people playing, but I can only count to eight, so I have to take his word for it. Afterwards, we stayed up really late, especially when we found out that the door lock for the room with the auction stuff was broken, and daddy had to tie the door closed from the inside. He said it

was to keep the Ferengi out, but someone else said it was to keep the other Ferengi out besides daddy. There was a friend of mommy and daddy's there, who made the shirts for the summit. His name was Weatherly, and he had a bunch of really neat toys too, but mommy wouldn't let me play with them.

We stayed up really late Friday night, so we slept real late Saturday morning. Except for daddy, he had to get up really early, to go to opening ceremonies and panels. He let us sleep until about noon, which is my favorite time to get up (just ask mommy!). Then we went down the hall to the hospitality suite, and made some lunch. They had lots of good stuff - cookies, cake, and all kinds of candy. It would have been a perfect lunch, except mommy made me eat some 'good stuff' too. Then daddy pretty much ruined my day by telling me that one of his friends killed

Bambi! I couldn't believe it. First, somebody shoots Bambi's mom, then they kill him too. He tried to tell me that this guy, named Sandy, didn't do it on purpose, but he looks like a pretty shifty character to me.

On Saturday afternoon, everybody came into the store to have an auction. Daddy was the auctioneer, which meant he was supposed to yell at people and make them buy stuff, and mommy was the cashier, but she did a lot of yelling too. It was pretty funny! It reminded me of Shrek, when Princess Fiona makes the bluebird explode, and everybody got real quiet - after mommy yelled, everybody got really quiet. A bunch of people played a game called 'Beat the Geeks', and Danny Potts played it a long time, so I guess he's a geek. Daddy didn't play. Afterwards, daddy and his friends played some more Great Dalmuti, but I fell asleep on the floor, even though they were really noisy. There were only twelve people now, daddy said (again, far too many for anyone to really

count, so I took his word for it). After they were done, daddy was pretty happy, but Danny was kind of grouchy. Denby Potts came over and told Daddy to go out to his van, and when he came back, he was laughing. He said that some people from Section 31 had decorated it with ribbons and that it was very pretty, that it was kind of a 'going away' present. He wouldn't let me have any of the ribbons for my room, though.

It was finally time for the dinner banquet, and a good thing too, because I was hungry enough to eat a whole cheeseburger. No such luck though, I had to eat noodles and chicken, which was okay, but certainly no cheeseburgers in sight. The really amazing thing was that I saw Beast there (you know, from Beauty and the Beast.) Daddy said he was a Klingon, and he was trying to scare me, but I thought he looked just like Beast (except he was too short and skinny) and he didn't scare me at all. Everyone was dressed up really pretty, and afterwards, daddy gave a toy deer to Sandy, who thought it was really funny. (This just goes to show that he obviously didn't feel really bad about the

whole deer-slaughtering thing, and probably drove completely off the road just to crush the poor beast under his wheels.) Then we went to the awards ceremony, and daddy gave out a lot of certificates to people. Here's the list of people who won awards, I had daddy type it up, because my memory isn't that good. During the ceremony, people kept clapping and yelling, so I waited until everyone was really quiet and yelled "Yay!" as loud as I could. Mommy turned all red. This one lady named Sunnie Planthold gave chocolate to everyone; I'll have to remember to be nice to her next year, so maybe she'll give me some more.

Cross of Valor, Brigade Marine of the Year, Shawn Williams  
Sword of Valor, Brigade Leader of the Year, William Duane  
Shield of Valor, Brigade Volunteer of the Year, James Lewis  
Star of Valor, Brigade NCO of the Year, Shawn Williams  
Legion of Valor, Brigade Unit of the Year,

611th Marine Strike Group  
Helping Hands Award - Pat Malone, USS Relentless  
Interactive Achievement Award - Chapter - USS Hephaestus - Member - Rich Trulson, USS Wernher Von Braun  
Scholastic Achievement Award - Cindy Dolan, USS Continuum  
Starfleet Academy Achievement Award - James Muench, USS Gasparilla  
Recruiters Award - Individual - Shawn Williams, USS Draco - Chapter - USS Draco

Newsletter Competition Award

Cover 'Gateway' USS Guardian  
Graphics 'The Comlink' USS Haise  
Presentation 'Krew News' USS Gasparilla  
Informative 'Krew News' USS Gasparilla  
Best Electronic 'The Comlink' USS Haise  
Best Printed 'The Comlink' USS Haise  
Newsletter Of The Year 'Krew News' USS Gasparilla

CO Of The Year - Michelle Muench, USS Gasparilla  
Officer Of The Year - James Muench, USS Gasparilla  
Enlisted Member Of The Year - Dave Lowe, USS Gasparilla  
Junior Member Of The Year - Shawnacy Dolan, USS Continuum  
OCP Award - USS Davinci - \$13,502.38  
Member Of The Year - Curtis E. Strange, USS Drakenfire

Richard Daystrum Cyberspace Awards  
Most Informative: USS Gasparilla  
Superior Achievement And Performance: USS Parallax  
Best Personal Site: Max Schoenfeld, Shuttle Myrddin  
Best Chapter Site: USS Gasparilla  
Barbara Paul Superior Performance Award - Jeff Kirkland, Pete Mohney

Regional Commendation  
Shaughn O'Connor, USS Rogue Phoenix  
Jimmy Whatley, 2003 Summit Committee Chairman  
Shuttle Of The Year - Shuttle Myrddin  
Brenda Bullock Mothership Award - USS Hephaestus  
Ship Of The Year - USS Gasparilla  
Honorary Membership Award - Richard L. Trulson, USS Werhner Von Braun

These are all the people who got promotions. Daddy says that you have to work really hard, and behave really well, to get a promotion.

Dennis Evans - Captain  
Jamie Hoffman - Captain  
Curtis Strange - Captain  
Jay Gallops - Fleet Captain  
Bill Hart - Fleet Captain  
Nick Roche - Fleet Captain  
Tonya Spanks - Fleet Captain  
Jo Planthold - Commodore  
Danny Potts - Commodore  
Jennifer Rosbury - Commodore  
Donna Tucker - Commodore  
Rosa Jackson - Rear Admiral  
Dawn Smith-Webber - Rear Admiral  
Rich Trulson - Rear Admiral

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# THE BUGLE BLARES FOR REGION 15

by Kandyleigh Provencher  
USS O'Bannon NCC 5372  
Region 15

I would like to toot my horn, and not just any horn, but a bugle, blaring reveille as a wake up call to STARFLEET about Region 15. This often overlooked region has 12 ships/shuttles that are crewed by some of the best people I have ever met. One of these ships is the USS O'Bannon NCC 5372. This ship and her crew were awarded SHIP OF THE YEAR 2001 and 2002 for Region 15.

In 2002, this ship had twenty-nine plus activities for the year, including walk-a-thons, yard sales, blood drives, the New England Deaf Camp, toiletry items collected for safe houses, food drives, and the gathering of coats. Outside of scheduled activities the crew gets together for potluck meals, movie nights, and just to hang out and be together.

In December, the crew collected (just within the crew, mind you) 436 pounds of non-perishable food for the food pantry in Sanford, Maine. The food kitchen serves a hot meal to anyone every Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Pictured: Back row (left to right) Doug Austin, Brian Caton, Mark Craft, Guy Champagne, Shawn Levesque. Second row (left to right) Shirley McCann, Kyle Caton – Kneeling Bob McCann

Also in December, the crew delivered 122 coats to Hannaford (a grocery store chain) in Wells, Maine. A few years back, Pratt-Abbotts (a local cleaners) in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Channel 6 News out of Portland, Maine, started a campaign to collect used coats for the children and young adults of Maine. The campaign became known as "COATS FOR KIDS". In 2001, the O'Bannon crew collected 61 coats. In 2002, THE CREW COLLECTED 122 COATS! Out Standing! Mark Craft was interviewed on live television in regards to the O'Bannon and the collection of coats.



Pictured: Back row (left to right) Susan Kimball (Channel 6 News), Kandyleigh Provencher, Bran Stimpson, Brian Caton, Rob Caldwell and Lee Goldsmith (both from Channel 6 News), and Shawn Levesque. Front row (left to right) Bob McCann, Kyle Caton, and Mark Craft.

I am proud to be one of the O'Bannon's crew and I wanted STARFLEET to know just how dedicated to the community this ship is. Not only are we continuing with Gene's dream, we are having the time of our lives doing so. ★

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After the awards stuff was over, daddy went out shopping to get some whipped cream and paper plates. He said that every chapter that gained members last year got to throw a whipped cream pie at him as a reward. Some of the chapters didn't show up, so he sold their pies to raise more money for Juvenile Diabetes, and made about \$100, which he said is a lot. That counting thing again, I'll have to trust him on that. He said it was worth it, even though a couple of the people who threw pies at him were kind of mean. While he was doing that, mommy and I went to the dance. I danced by myself, and with some other people some times. It was a lot of fun. I saw Danny fall down, he did it really good, just like when I trip, and then he walked around holding his back for a while. Then daddy came to the dance, after taking a shower to get all the whipped cream off. Mommy says it makes your clothes smell worse than a diaper if you don't wash it right away, but I find that

awfully hard to believe. Daddy danced with me a couple of times. I got to dance on a table, which was a little scary because it was incredibly high off the ground. I stayed up late again. I saw a guy who had a shirt that had a Blue's Clue on it, but daddy said that guy didn't have a clue, and everybody laughed, I don't know why.

On Sunday, daddy got up early to go to some more panels – he said they had about 25 panels (do I have to bring up the counting thing again?) over the weekend. They played Dalmuti one last time, and there were only six people there – I can confirm that, because I can count to six, if mommy helps – and daddy came in second, which I thought was pretty cool. After lots of work, I got mommy to get up and take me to closing ceremonies, where I got an award for my costume from the contest the night before. Denby got a cool hat, but then they took it away. I told her not to sweat it, that happens to me all

# ASTRONAUT EULOGY

By Col. Patrick McAndrew  
USS Rubicon

Today we honor seventeen of our bravest astronauts

### Apollo 1, lost January 27, 1967

Lt. Col. Virgil "Gus" Ivan Grissom, United States Air Force  
Lt. Col. Edward Higgins White II, United States Air Force  
Lt. Col. Roger Bruce Chaffee, United States Navy

### Space Shuttle Challenger, lost January 28, 1986

Commander Francis Scobee  
Pilot Michael Smith  
Mission Specialist Ellison Onizuka  
Mission Specialist Judith Resnik  
Mission Specialist Ronald McNair  
Payload Specialist Gregory Jarvis  
Payload Specialist Christa McAuliffe

### Space Shuttle Columbia, lost February 1, 2003

Shuttle Commander, Col. Douglas Husband, United States Air Force  
Pilot, Cmdr. William C. McCool, United States Navy  
Payload Specialist, Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, United States Air Force  
Mission Specialist, Dr. Kalpana Chawla  
Mission Specialist, Capt. David M. Brown, United States Navy  
Mission Specialist, Cmdr. Dr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark, United States Navy  
Payload Specialist, Col. Ilan Ramon, Israel Air Force

"What can be said?"

What can be said about a person that you've never met? Perhaps you don't know them personally, but you sometimes may have something in common, possibly even a common interest. When one thinks about giving a memorial eulogy, it is often customary for the person giving that eulogy to probably know a little something

about the person being eulogized. Today we remember and honor the crews of three vessels that have become legendary to this country. Memorializing these individuals makes one feel like we have known them for years since they have a common interest, space exploration.

President George W. Bush's statement on February 1, 2003 to remember the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia was very pertinent to what we as science fiction fans believe in space exploration, not just in the present, but also into the future. He states that "our journey into space will go on." I believe that this vision of the future is also what we, as fans of a futuristic universe, should carry on. Many of us have dreamed of what it would be like to go into outer space. Imagine it, going beyond the confines of this planet to a place you have only seen in the night sky as a bright star. Colonel Ilan Ramon, aboard the Columbia, mentioned just the day before he was to return to Earth that looking at the planet earth from space you would never know that there was grief, sorrow and war there, as it looks so peaceful.

We that gather here today will remember these events for many years to come. Many of you can remember all three events, many only two, some only just one. But as many other events that have impacted our country's past, such as the American Revolution, WWI & II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War, and 9/11, this is but one of those tragedies that will always be etched into our memories.

Allow me to quote an old familiar phrase. "Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise, it's continuing mission to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life forms and new

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*SS: If you could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, what would you give highest priority to?*

*MM: Building living quarters on the Moon or Mars.*

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## REGION 5 SUMMIT

by LCDR David Lee Kania  
R5 Chief of Staff

RadCon 3C gave 1,320 convention-goers a lot to enjoy, fantasy role-playing games, an art show and auction, seminars on writing sci-fi, musicians, readings, and lectures on topics such as explaining crop circles, how to assemble affordable fantasy armor and a workshop on making mead. For the all-nighter crowd, a scavenger hunt and slave auction were available.

In the middle of it all was the Region 5 Mini Summit with four R5 Chapters and close to 40 paid STARFLEET members at the con. Social activities at Quark's Bar were the highlight of the evenings with Dr. Doxx, Dan Stowens, and others of the USS Rubicon serving Romulan Ale and Klingon Blood Wine that were out of this world. Quark's Bar is the major fundraiser for the USS Rubicon. Not to mention that more than a few SF Marines guard a table during the night while providing continuous QA on all beverages.

Saturday - R5 Opening Ceremonies were standing room only! We had con goers not in STARFLEET waiting in the hallway. Next year we have got to get a much bigger room. During the ceremonies, Region 5 commendations and awards were given out. Nat Saenz, R5RC, presented Lea Morgan with a promotion to Commodore. Congratulations Lea! Opening Ceremonies ended with a memorial for the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

In the afternoon, Regional staff got together for a staff meeting and long-term planning session. Linda Ricketts of the USS Crusader was appointed the new Idaho/Montana Sector Chief.

Sunday we had our R5 group breakfast at the hotel. STARFLEET members took over the back dining room with all the STARFLEET and family members in attendance. After a few words from Nat, the R5 Mini-Summit was officially closed.

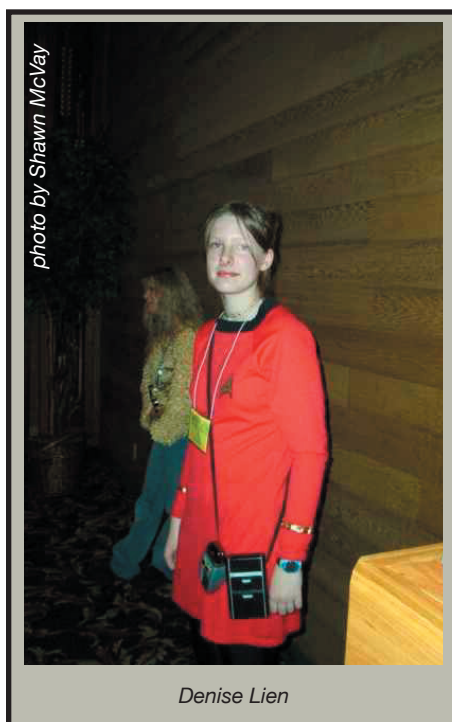
We are already working on next year's R5 Summit. It is not going to be mini. This will be the 2004 Region 5 Summit. We are looking at programming tracks, R5 award ceremonies, STARFLEET activities, Quark's Bar and much more, like maybe a massive invasion of Klingons. Maybe a singing contest between SF Marines and Klingons in Quarks Bar. Mark your calendars for next February 13-15th, President's Day weekend at the Pasco Red Lion in Washington. For more information e-mail me at davidlee@sfi.org.



Jan Barnett-Robbins CO USS Rubicon



Dr. Doxx making a motel smoothie?



Denise Lien

# LOOKING ONWARD TO GETTING BACK

Dr. Garrett Reisman:

## A Rookie Astronaut Expresses Optimism In NASA's Future

by FCAPT Hartriono B. Saswardoyo

At the 29th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference, held the weekend of March 22-23 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ, keynote speaker and rookie astronaut Dr. Garrett Reisman said that the month since the Columbia accident had been "very difficult," but also commented that the astronaut corps were "all looking forward to getting back to flight."

Reisman was born in Morristown and raised in Parsippany, both in New Jersey. He said it was great to be back home. "My father grew up in Newark and attended the Newark College of Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology's precursor," he explained.

Reisman was one of 31 astronaut-trainees selected in 1998. His class included six international candidates, who represented Canada, France, Germany and Italy. He is a mission specialist candidate. Mission specialists participate in research and spacewalks, operate the robotic arm used for lifting and moving payloads, and serve as flight engineers that assist the commander and the pilot during ascent and re-entry. They normally have a scientific, engineering, medical or military background, including a bachelor's degree in either science or engineering.

Out of an average of 4000 applicants, between 100 and 120 are selected for a week of interviews at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"One of the best things about the astronaut training was making all the friends I did," said Reisman, whose class included people with diverse backgrounds such as Kenneth Ham, who was the lead test pilot for the F/A-18 aircraft, and Leland Melvin, who not only worked for NASA but had been a wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions.

Another classmate was Barbara Morgan, the alternate for teacher Christa McAuliffe, who perished in the 1986 Challenger explosion. She was to have flown on the next Columbia flight, which had been scheduled for November 2003. Reisman said he had not spoken to Morgan directly, but heard that she hadn't changed her mind about going into space after the Challenger disaster.

"If anything's changed, there's a little bit more fear," he noted. "Practicing re-entry now has a different feel in the simulator.

But no one has left the astronaut group. We all have a renewed sense of mission."

With Morgan the first of his class to be assigned a flight, Reisman expected the remainder to be assigned within the next few years. The long wait stems from the size of the 1996 training class, which included Mission Specialist David Brown, who died aboard Columbia. The class consisted of 40 astronauts and was the largest to that point. Every time the shuttle flies, NASA takes one or two astronauts that hadn't flown before, and they are taken in order of their selection for training.

Reisman was close to Ilan Ramon, the Israeli payload specialist who also died aboard Columbia. Ramon was selected as a payload specialist in 1997 and reported for training in 1998, about the same time as Reisman. Ramon was in a lot of training and classroom sessions but was not a part of Reisman's class.

"He's a really remarkable guy, and a talented fighter pilot," Reisman commented. "He longed for an end to the conflict in his homeland. When I went there for his funeral, I saw the impact he had as Israel's first astronaut in unifying the people, overcoming a lot of the divisions between the Israelis and the Palestinians. He was a confident optimist and had no doubt that the future could be a better place for his children and his wife." Reisman further noted that during one wake-up call to the shuttle, mission control played John Lennon's "Imagine," a favorite song of Ramon's.

How does he explain his profession to children who may be scared?

"It's not like an airplane ride. There's several orders of magnitude difference," he stated. "The positive result of the Columbia investigation is that we will fly a vehicle that is much safer than the one they flew in. Challenger caused a vehicle to be built that was a lot safer on ascent. Now we'll have one that's a lot safer on re-entry."

Reisman added that, after the Columbia accident, "we were all concerned what the reaction would be. It was heartening to see all the support from the public. The space program benefits so many. You can't point to one aspect, whether it's the spinoffs, the scientific results, the exploring, or getting children interested in engineering, as I did watching the Apollo flights. It's the sum total of all the benefits."



By Commodore Richard Heim  
Fleet Division Chief, Sciences

STARFLEET Academy's Vulcan Academy of Sciences is a very special school where you can earn up to 15 fictional degrees in two fields — Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences — with more than three dozen electives. You learn a lot about real science as you do the course work, and have a great deal of fun while you're at it!

In the history of STARFLEET, one name stands out above all others when we think of VAS: Marlene Miller. Admiral Miller was director of VAS when I joined STARFLEET and held that position for about as long as I've been with Fleet — more than 13 years. During her tenure as VAS director, about 1,000 students passed through the school, with many taking multiple VAS courses.

By profession, Marlene is a teacher. She also owns and operates a sporting goods store (Miller Rod & Gun, Inc) with her brother in Youngstown, Ohio. They are currently celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> year in business.

**STARFLEET SCIENCES: Admiral Miller, how long have you been a member of STARFLEET? What drew you to the club in the beginning?**

MARLENE MILLER: I've been a member of STARFLEET for almost 26 years. My love of the original Star Trek series drew me to Fleet. Once I found out there was a club that was run by people who shared my love of the series, it was easy to talk myself into joining.

**SS: Tell us the basic stuff: ship, region, positions held, etc.**

MM: I've been with the USS Renegade (from Region 1) since 1988. Before that, I was assigned to the USS Lagrange (1982-1988) and the USS Merrimac (prior to 1982). I've held quite a few chapter, regional and national level positions including executive officer for both the Shuttle Stargazer and the USS Renegade, STARFLEET Academy Alumni Association director, director of the Vulcan Academy of Science, dean of the Institute of Technology, vice commandant of the STARFLEET Academy, Academy commandant, Cadet Academy Reconstruction Team, STARFLEET chief of staff, Election Reform Board, STARFLEET treasurer.

**SS: What drew you to the Vulcan Academy of Science, and how did you come to be VAS Director?**

MM: From about the mid-1980s, I became interested in serving as a director in STARFLEET Academy and submitted my application to Chris Lotito, who was Academy Commandant at that time. Chris appointed me as temporary director of the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine (SACOM) when the director, Melanie Grooms, needed to step down. Since

I have an interest in medical science, I enjoyed working with SACOM, but my true love was, and still is, science.

The Vulcan Academy of Science was being run by Steve Allred, who was doing an excellent job, so I didn't think the position would be available any time soon.

A year or so later, in March of 1986, Chris asked if I'd like to create and direct a STARFLEET Academy Alumni Association (SF-AAA). I accepted and was its director until 1991. In the meantime, Steve Allred abruptly resigned from the Academy and the Vulcan Academy of Science. Since I was already the director of the SF-AAA, I wasn't eligible for the VAS directorship, so it was given to Fran Costello. By January of 1989 with Rob Lerman as Academy Commandant, Fran basically "disappeared" (the way it was explained to me). VAS was in a state of turmoil: student packets weren't being processed and none of the VAS documents, records, tests, answer keys or other material was surrendered to STARFLEET Academy. Rob asked if I'd be interested in taking over and rebuilding VAS, and of course I jumped at the chance.

**SS: It sounds like rebuilding VAS was a herculean task.**

MM: Indeed! I started by eliciting the help of former students (particularly Ted Tribby) who had copies of their VAS courses. Taking the courses that I got from them, and adding new courses that I created, the VAS was reopened with me as the director.

Then, on November 20, 1998, at the request of Mike Smith (Commander, STARFLEET), I relinquished my position as Fleet treasurer and moved to vice-commandant, STARFLEET Academy. When Academy Commandant Mandi Herrmann (now Livingston) resigned on March 31, 1999, I became acting Academy commandant the next day — April Fool's Day! On May 7 of that year, Fleet Admiral Smith approved me to be the Academy commandant.

As Academy commandant, I expanded its schools from about 19 schools to more than 30, expanded the International Campuses to include Australian, Canadian and European campuses, revamped the Cadet School — which consisted of one director and one course — to the Cadet Academy — which consists of eight directors and schools and about 20 courses — established the Academy Away Team with Jill Rayburn as Away Team coordinator, rebuilt several schools that had ceased to exist during previous years, and took over the Officer's Command College (OCC) when Jim Cushing stepped down in January of 2002.

**SS: The workload must have been tremendous.**

## PROFILE: MARLENE MILLER

### VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES DIRECTOR

MM: It was. The commandant and OCC duties took a lot of my time and energy. Since becoming Commandant I created only 2 new VAS courses. Therefore, I decided it would be fair to the students to retire as VAS director and appoint someone who I knew would bring fresh ideas to VAS. On July 4, 2002, I handed the keys over to Gloria Hanson, who exhibited such energy that I knew she was the best choice for the job.

Gloria became the recipient of all my VAS-courses-in-waiting and has utilized them (and her own ideas) to create new VAS courses. I guess this is one of those shameless plugs for STARFLEET members to check out the new VAS!

**SS: What did you find most rewarding about being VAS Director?**

MM: Meeting such a fantastic group of VAS students. Many suggested and wrote courses and/or electives for the school. From previous interviews of IDIC and VAS students throughout the years, it's great seeing their interest in science still going strong. It was always exciting to learn that taking a VAS course sparked an interest in science for a Fleet member who wasn't previously interested.

**SS: Speaking of VAS courses, how many have you taken? About how long did it take you to finish the VAS courses?**

MM: I took all VAS courses offered prior to 1989 (when I became VAS director). I don't remember how many courses there were, but I believe there were about 10 or 12. The VAS director during that time was Steve Allred. I usually finished one course per month. At that time, everything was done via surface mail, and only one VAS course at a time was permitted.

**SS: Do any VAS students stand out in your memory?**

MM: Several do, but I hesitate to name them for fear of forgetting someone. Most that stand out in my memory are those who not only finished the courses, but took the time to write me a personal note or letter telling me how much they enjoyed them. One pleasurable memory is some people who never thought they liked science said they really learned something and enjoyed the experience. Quite a few came back for more, and several completed all the courses.

**SS: Please tell us about your real-life background or involvement in science and how long you have been interested in science.**

MM: Probably the only actual real-life educational background are the science courses I took from grade school through college.

But I think I'd have to say I've been

interested in science for as long as I can remember. My father bought me one of my first microscopes when I was about 10 and encouraged me to pay attention to our natural surroundings. The interest was broadened by my fourth grade teacher, Mr. Furin, who not only taught science, he lived it and made it interesting for his students. We'd do science experiments and have field trips to nearby wooded lots where we would pick up fallen leaves and identify the types of trees they came from, as well as look for praying-mantis cocoons, plant seeds and a whole lot more. His teaching method of learning by doing had a tremendous impact on me.

**SS: Do you have any science-related hobbies?**

MM: There are several, but the one in which I most often participate would be archaeology. One of my favorite pastimes is walking through plowed cornfields looking for American Indian artifacts. I've participated in local digs that were sponsored by my college, Youngstown State University.

My second favorite is collecting interesting rocks and stones such as anything with a fossil, flint, granite and just about anything which catches my eye.

**SS: Are there any other scientific fields that interest you?**

MM: Well, besides archaeology and lapidary, there's medicine, botany, chemistry, biology, anatomy, astronomy — gosh, I guess I could say there's something in just about every field which interests me at least a little bit.

**SS: Please tell us your favorite scientists past and present.**

MM: There are so many who have contributed to what we now take for granted, such as Madam Curie and Einstein — and of course the new kids on the block who have taken computer science and space exploration to new levels.

**SS: What is your favorite scientific discovery — the one you think was the most important to humanity?**

MM: This is another tough one. I don't think there are any scientific discoveries that aren't important to humanity. Every discovery, in its own way, has contributed to life as we now know it. Medical discoveries have brought cures for diseases that once wiped out entire nations and discoveries to make our lives more pleasant, such as television and cars. The discovery of how to purify our drinking water allows us to bottle it and carry it with us wherever we go. Everything, when you really look at it, has a base in science.

**SS: So you think science is pretty important to the world today?**



MM: Extremely important. Without science and scientific discoveries, the world would become stagnant.

**SS: You mentioned earlier that your father and your fourth grade teacher helped spark your interest in science.**

MM: Yes, they were very influential. A little later, my college professor, Mrs. Dehnbostle, kept my interest in chemistry and biology going.

**SS: How much did science fiction movies and shows like 2001: A Space Odyssey and Star Trek affect your interest in science?**

MM: I enjoy paying attention to the scientific areas of movies and shows without going overboard. Even in *The Day The Earth Stood Still* (still one of my favorite science fiction movies), I wondered how the spaceship flew or how the robot moved and "talked," but never actually tried to figure out the specifics.

**SS: If you could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, what would you give highest priority to?**

MM: Building living quarters on the Moon or Mars.

**SS: Last question: What science-related stuff would you like to see STARFLEET do?**

MM: I think it would be great if we could have a science fair at the international conference or at some of the regional summits to let our members show what they have developed. Anything goes, including models based on Star Trek, murals and demonstrations explaining how the transporter works.

**SS: David Klingman and I gave a presentation something like that at the IC in Charlotte, NC a few years back. We talked about how Star Trek's science fiction is becoming real science.**

**Marlene, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to talk to us!**

MM: The pleasure was mine!

On behalf of STARFLEET Sciences, I would like to thank Marlene for corresponding with us.

If you would like to learn more about VAS, or take some courses, check out the VAS web page at <http://www.wow-web.com/sfi-sfa/schoolinfo/vas.asp>, or send a SASE to the new main Academy Campus director, Lt. Gloria Hanson, at:

Box 98  
Lanark, Ontario K0G 1K0  
Canada

You may also e-mail Gloria at [VAS@sfi.org](mailto:VAS@sfi.org).

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## I.S.S. PEGASUS HELP STUDENTS CELEBRATE NEVADA READING WEEK

by CAPT Kathy Casteel  
USS Pegasus

On March 3, 2003 three members of the command staff of the I.S.S. Pegasus, NCC-9755, read to Robert Lunt Elementary School students during Nevada Reading Week. The theme for the event was *Reading Lights the Way*. In the spirit of Star Trek, the students were given bookmarks with space graphics and the additional theme – *Reading Lights the Way – To the Stars*. Fleet Captain Brian Schreur, CO, Captain Brent Casteel, XO, and Captain Kathy Casteel, Chief of Communications read different science fiction selections, including excerpts from the *Star Fleet Academy* series. After reading to five different classes, the Pegasus was pleased to donate the books to the school library.

The students at Lunt Elementary really seemed to enjoy the science fiction stories, however they did have trouble separating a Star Trek Fan Club from the series. Many were convinced that our uniformed staff was part of the show and even asked our CO for autographs. It took several hours to deflate his swollen head and get him out the library door.



Brian Schreur reads to students during Nevada Reading Week

photo courtesy of Brian Schreur

## USS ANGELFIRE THROWS DOWN GAUNTLET: A CHALLENGE

By LT Gene Adams  
USS Lone Star

CDR Jonathan Foertsch, XO of Region Four's USS Angelfire, has issued a challenge to all of STARFLEET International to surpass the dollar amount that his ship collects in 2003 for the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP). Now, he isn't just daring any other ship in the Fleet to beat his ship. No, he is daring all of STARFLEET combined to beat his ship's total. And folks, he doesn't think you can do it.

CDR Foertsch was reviewing last year's totals for the OCP listed in the *Communiqué*, and he was shocked to find that his ship's total of more than \$600,000 was greater than all of the rest of STARFLEET combined. This year the Angelfire is shooting for \$1,000,000.00 in coupons, and they already have accumulated more than \$200,000. CDR Foertsch has said in effect to all of the rest of STARFLEET, "beat us if you can, but I don't think you can."

I've got to tell you that I was shocked to see the Angelfire's total for last year. I thought that our ship was really doing an outstanding job on the OCP, but their total puts us in the shade. The way I see

it, the Angelfire must have recruited a bunch of elves to hustle around Phoenix (their base) and scrounge in dumpsters, trashcans, airport lounges, etc. to locate discarded newspapers with their coupon supplements. These elves, whose normal occupation would be cobbling shoes at night, instead spend their nights snipping and clipping coupons. Look for shortages at your local footwear store.

Will we accept this challenge as a group? I would hate to think that all of STARFLEET together couldn't outdo just one ship of the Fleet. CDR Foertsch states that he and his shipmates are still working on what they will do as penalty if they lose, but I would like to see Fleet accept this challenge and submit your ideas to the *Communiqué* as to what would be an appropriate penalty should they lose. Perhaps some form of public humiliation at the following IC or Region 4 Summit? Let's hear your ideas. To be fair though, if all of STARFLEET combined can't surpass the Angelfire, their crew deserves some form of reward and recognition. Maybe a unit citation? Some suggestions on what you think would be an appropriate award for such an achievement

would be appreciated.

For those who may be new to STARFLEET and are not aware of the Overseas Coupon Program, it is a very simple means of helping out our service men and women at very little cost. One simply clips and collects manufacturers coupons from newspapers and magazines and sends them to a designated base or post overseas. The coupons are sorted into two categories: Food and Non-Food. These coupons are then used by our service personnel at Post Exchanges and Commissaries as a means of lessening the burden on them and making their dollars go a little further. Manufacturers will accept coupons at up to six months past their expiration date when used in this manner. The web site for the OCP can be visited at [www.OCPnet.org](http://www.OCPnet.org). If you would like to be assigned a military base or post to support with your coupons, please contact Eddie Allen at [eddieallen3@mchsi.com](mailto:eddieallen3@mchsi.com) or Becky Thane at [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com). What do you say troops? Let's get together and accept this challenge. ★



# THE ESPERO: NEW CHAPTER BRIDGES TWO WORLD COMMUNITIES

by Flotkapitano Rikardo "Dokjo" Kinne  
(AKA BDR Richard Kinne), Commanding Officer, Shuttle Espero, STARFLEET R7

In the mid 60s a visionary for peace, understanding, and hope used the medium of television to bring to the small screen the TV program Star Trek. Through this program Gene Roddenberry sneaked past the censors of the networks and the culture of the day to show us that, working together, we could create a future for ourselves. We would survive. We would prosper. The original program featured such pioneering events as the first interracial kiss on TV, an African-American woman in a position of authority, and Russian crewmembers working side-by-side with us at the height of the Cold War. Roddenberry's vision was so compelling that it spawned not only multiple movies and TV shows, but the 4000 member international organization we all belong to.

But let me introduce you to another visionary for peace, understanding, and hope who used a slightly different medium to get his message across. Ludwig Zamenhof grew up in Warsaw in the mid 1800s. Warsaw back then was part of the Russian Empire. Zamenhof was Jewish. As such, he spoke Polish at home, Russian in the streets and at school, and Hebrew at temple. As a child he saw all around him belligerent people who could not understand or communicate with each other. He thought how much more possible peace could be between people if they had a simple way of understanding one another. He began working on such a project.

In 1887, 80 years before Roddenberry thought of it, a real life, working "universal translator" was developed. Zamenhof published his new language under the name "Dr. Esperanto." Within a few years the language had taken on the name Esperanto itself. Esperanto is not meant to "take over" any language but to serve as everyone's secondary language - a bridge of understanding throughout the world. It is currently estimated that about 2,000,000

people the world over speak Esperanto ranking it as a "minority" language along with Icelandic and Estonian, but with a far greater worldwide diffusion.

Esperanto has a good many links to both Star Trek and Science Fiction. A couple years before William Shatner finally made a name for himself as captain of the *Enterprise*, he starred in a landmark horror film called *Incubus*. *Incubus* was the first feature film to be shot entirely in Esperanto. The acting is in Esperanto, the direction was in Esperanto, etc. The film is currently available on DVD, with English subtitles and an audio commentary by Shatner.

Esperanto also plays parts in other films, mainly science fiction in nature. In *Gattica*, for example, the company-wide announcements in the film are spoken in Esperanto. In Charlie Chaplin's classic film *The Great Dictator*, all the posters and signs in the "Jewish" area of town are written in Esperanto.

Esperanto has played, and continues to play, an interesting role in literary science fiction and fantasy. Tolkien worked with the language, writing an enthusiastic article about it in *La Brita Esperantisto* in 1932. He also wrote a short piece on a phonetic alphabet for scouts completely in Esperanto.

Heinlein, while he didn't speak the language, knew of it, and its potential worldwide advantages. This was brought home to me on the 1st of February this year on the occasion of the loss of the Shuttle Columbia. VADM Mark H. Anbinder, on that occasion, quoted part of a poem Heinlein has written a short story around: "The Green Hills of Earth".

We pray for one last landing  
On the world that gave us birth.  
Let us rest our eyes on the fleecy skies

And the cool green hills of Earth.

Heinlein is asked in what language is the poem sung. He answers that it can be sung in any human language; it is a song for mankind. French, German, English -- or "in Esperanto beneath Terra's rainbow banner."

Today, the English science fiction setting where you're most likely to encounter Esperanto is in the works of Harry Harrison, author of the famed *Stainless Steel Rat* series. Harrison is both a past president of the World Science Fiction Association and the Esperanto-Asocio de Irlando (Irish Esperanto Association). Many of the place names in the *Stainless Steel Rat* series are actual Esperanto words. Indeed Harrison's "A Stainless Steel Rat is Born" has been translated into Esperanto as *Naskiĝo de la Rustimuna Ĉetralrato*.

"All this is well and good, Doc, but what does it have to do with STARFLEET?" you say. Glad you asked!

One of the things we heard a good bit about in the last campaign for Fleet Admiral was the internationalism of STARFLEET, or, perhaps, the lack of it. It was realized that if we are ever to do more than pay lip-service to the "International" part in our organization's title, we'd need to be able to reach out to countries and languages not our own. Our current Administration, certainly, is making strides in that department.

Two longtime STARFLEET members have started another experiment with both an eye toward increasing STARFLEET's internationalism, providing a chapter with a very different theme, and tying together two different communities that seem to share a basic idealism. The Internet Correspondence Chapter *Ĉealupo* (Shuttle) Espero is currently being built in the USS Accord's shuttlebay.

Are you unassigned and looking for a chapter? Are you ready to join a chapter with an intellectual challenge behind it? Looking to get in on the ground floor of something new? Are you interested in languages in general and interested in interacting with a very international community? The Espero is recruiting its crew and looking for its initial five STARFLEET members to launch out of Accord's shuttlebay. We have several officer positions that need to be filled as time goes on. Currently, our Chief Engineer, Captain "Uncle Mikey" Shappe has raised a full featured website at <[www.uss-espero.org](http://www.uss-espero.org)>. We have a permanent channel, #Espero, set up on [karma.fleetchat.org](http://karma.fleetchat.org), and an e-mail list at <<http://mailman.itasca.net/listinfo/uss-espero>>.

What do we do onboard the Espero? Currently we're working at practicing and learning the language. One of our members is actually translating *The Green Hills of Earth* into Esperanto. Another dreams of translating *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*. A third is working on the original *Star Trek* series story, *Balance of Terror*. And like any club we cuss and discuss all manner of subjects, some not having the least to do with either Esperanto or any other language! Currently the club is free to join, and we welcome auxiliary members as well.

Do you need to speak Esperanto in order to join us? Absolutely not! Indeed, part of the aim of the chapter is to produce an environment where you can start to learn this interesting language. Our conversations and postings, currently, when they are in Esperanto are also translated into English. No one in the club is an expert by any means and you'll find a supportive environment.

Join us as we create the most unusual, exciting, and far-reaching chapter in all of STARFLEET!

## STAINED GLASS HOUSE

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student, Elisha that he was to journey to a certain place alone. Elisha, sensing the end was at hand, quickly packed up and joined his teacher on his journey. Down the road, Elijah told Elisha that he was to go to another place alone, yet Elisha stayed with his teacher.

Suddenly, there was heard a roar from the heavens, and Elisha saw a chariot of fire descending, picking up Elijah and returning to the heavens where it came from. Elisha cried out, "My God, My God! The Chariot of Israel and the horseman thereof!"

that Saturday, I remembered that story, and also remembered that one of the crew was an Israeli, the first from his nation to fly in space. As the Columbia sped downward to her doom, I can just see that fiery chariot riding again, and making another pickup. I can also, in my mind's eye, see it ascend to the heavens again, once again carrying a son of Israel, but this time not alone. As he had rode with his friends on their nation's ship, he gave them a ride home in his vehicle. So, I too raise my voice and cry, my God, my God! The chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!

Think about it.

As I watched that scene over and over



Chris Wallace and Porthos enjoy the Region 2 Summit.





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# FROM THE DANT

by Major General Wade Olsen  
Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps

I recently attended the Region 2 Summit in Huntsville, Alabama, where I had a terrific time. I had the chance to see some long time friends and meet some new ones. I'd like to thank the staff of Region 2 and the Summit Committee for their hospitality; they really put on a good summit. Afterwards a group of us visited the Space and Rocket Center where we got to try our hand at landing a Space Shuttle and we got to feel what it was like inside the very cramped Apollo Space Capsule (I envy sardines). Mike Wilson and I successfully landed our shuttles, but a certain Chaplain, who will remain nameless, wasn't so lucky or skilled. We had a wonderful time.

The General Staff are currently still discussing several issues, the NCO's role in the SFMC being one. We're trying to decide this issue so we can write a job description for the Sergeant Major of the Corps. Other issues brought up by the Marines have spawned new discussions as well. We are also discussing the specifics of Foreign Awards on the SFMC Uniform. To the most part we've all agreed that they should be allowed we just need to decide on how many and where to display them. Unfortunately some of these discussions are the reason for the delay in the release of a new MFM revision.

ForceCom is busy processing its normal reports, etc, and is also working on updating the "Wall of Honor" representing our friends and family who have served, fought and/or died in the service of our country. Regretfully I did not get to display it at the Region Two Summit but I hope that it will be at the Region One Summit coming up the end of April. Please send any additions to the Wall to COForceCom to be included at the next display. Anyone who has served in Armed Forces who have personally touched your life can be submitted for display, i.e. friend or family member. Please note if they are living, deceased, POW, MIA, KIA and any medals for bravery, heroism and courage.

InfoCom is busy doing a shakedown of the Website and getting it up to par with the changes recently made. One of those things is to get a new Merchandise Order form made due to adjustments for shipping costs and higher costs for merchandise. If you see anything on the site that isn't working properly or has incorrect information please contact InfoCom so they can fix it. Wade Hoover had also advertised for positions on the SFMC Webteam and was planning on filling six slots there to work on the Website and other communications areas. If you are interested in applying, please contact him to see if there is still a slot open.

TraCom has been very busy as of late with their Manual revisions, school openings and additional course work. As Mr. Roberts as stated we have, at the time of this writing, 73 courses offered to the Marines and more to come. Their goal is 100 by the end of the year. We also recently saw the 600th Marine complete PD-10. With the different colleges, branch schools and courses there is quite a bit available to please the Marines in their individual fields, but if you have any ideas please send them to John Roberts so they can be considered for future course work. Also mentioned is the fact that at some of the Summit there will be TraCom Staff members present who can administer tests on location. The course work may vary between summits but take advantage of what you can.

This years Commandant's Campaign is the same as last year except that we are redefining its description. It has always been the Toys for Tots campaign though some can't participate for one reason or another. There are other organizations out there that do the same work such as the Salvation Army's Empty Stocking Fund. So from now on it will be Toys for Tots or any recognized charitable organization's event designed to give toys to needed children. We've talked about the Polar Bear Plunge but very seldom do we mention the organization that benefits from it. Special Olympics are the benefactor of the PBP and the root of the reason for the Commandant's Campaign ribbon being issued in that area. So it will be an official Polar Bear Plunge or any recognized charitable organization's event designed to benefit Special Olympics. If I can work out the specifics of keeping track of everyone who participates I will consider adding participation in the Operation Eagle campaigns sponsored by Bill Herrmann. Besides the two aforementioned charities, supporting our troops is dearest to my heart.

As mentioned earlier there were recent changes to the Merchandise because of shipping charges and higher costs to the Marine Corps for merchandise. The Patches are now \$6.00 (shipping included) and on ribbons the shipping charge is now \$1.50 per order. Hats are still \$10, pins are still \$21 per set of three and shirts are still \$15 all with shipping included. There has been a delay in the recent ribbon order as it was never received by the vendor. A new order is being sent out and I hope that the new ribbons will

be in by Region One Summit. In this order will be the new 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service ribbon.

We started the month of February with \$1042.65. There were two deposits made during the month. The first one was on 2/20/03 for Merchandise in the amount of \$78.00. The second one was on 2/26/03 for Merchandise in the amount of \$21.00. There was one check cashed on the account in the amount of \$153.28 to Stadri for a patch order. The Service Charge on the account for the month totaled \$1.43. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$986.94.

The Corps still owes the Commandant \$345.87. I recently tried to cash the check, which was issued a year ago, and the bank would not honor it because of how old it was. The Corps was out of checks so an order was made and a new check will be issued when they are received. The Corps has funds earmarked for Donation totaling \$38.75. The General Staff passed a vote to donate these funds to the Astronaut fund and this will be done soon.

We started the month with \$32.82 in petty cash. We had two expenditures for postage totaling \$1.20. The first on 20 February for \$0.60, the second on 26 February for \$0.60. We had an expenditure from January, which had not been posted, for shipping supplies in the amount of \$5.55. This leaves a total in petty cash of \$26.07.

This makes the total amount of Corps funds \$1013.01. ★

## COINFOCOM

by Lieutenant General Wade Hoover

Whoa! It's CQ time again? Didn't I just submit an article? So, what's new with the Office of Information Command?

First off, I would like to welcome Joe Brouhard, Allen Johnson, and Kyle Wolf to the SFMC web team. Along with Lauren Milan and myself, these gentlemen will be responsible for insuring that the SFMC website is up-to-date and running at 100%. For a while, there may be some delays, due to the fact that we are starting to restructure the site, as well as change some scripts from a third party hosted script to one that resides on the Corps Server. This means no more ads when requesting courses from Tracom. If you find any problems with the site, please feel free to E-mail either myself ([infocom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:infocom@sfi-sfmc.org)) or you can e-mail the entire Web Team at [webteam-l@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webteam-l@sfi-sfmc.org).

I am also still accepting applications for the web team. I'm looking for up to three more people, to supplement the talents already on the team. You do not have to know how to hard code HTML, nor do you need to know any fancy cgi (although it would be a bonus). If you have a desire to help, and a willingness to work, then I want to hear from you. Please send your Fleet resume, as well as your HTML experience to [infocom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:infocom@sfi-sfmc.org) if you are interested.

Ok, I've said quite a bit about the Web Team, but haven't really said anything. What is their purpose? In a nutshell, in order to spread out the workload on maintaining a site the size of the Corps Site, a team of three to six web designers is needed. This will allow for us to make timely updates, and not burn any one person out. This also gives the potential for a varied set to skills to enhance the site.

Qualifications for joining the Web Team are fairly loose. You must be a member of STARFLEET, have reliable access to the Internet and e-mail, have an understanding of HTML (other skills such as .cgi are a bonus). You must be able to perform updates in a timely manner, and keep in contact with the rest of the team via the team listserve. It's just that simple.

I would like to apologize to the members of Fleet that have tried to request the new Xeno-Studies courses that Tracom now offers. There have been some problems with the e-mail script that kept us from being able to offer the courses. As of the writing of this, the problems have been solved, and the courses are available for request.

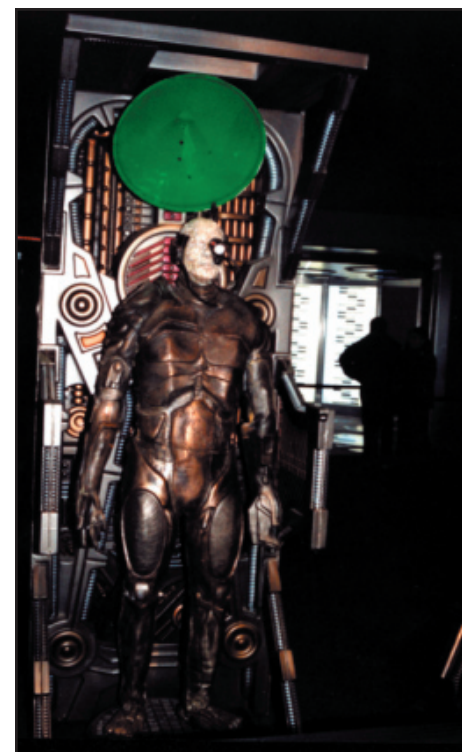
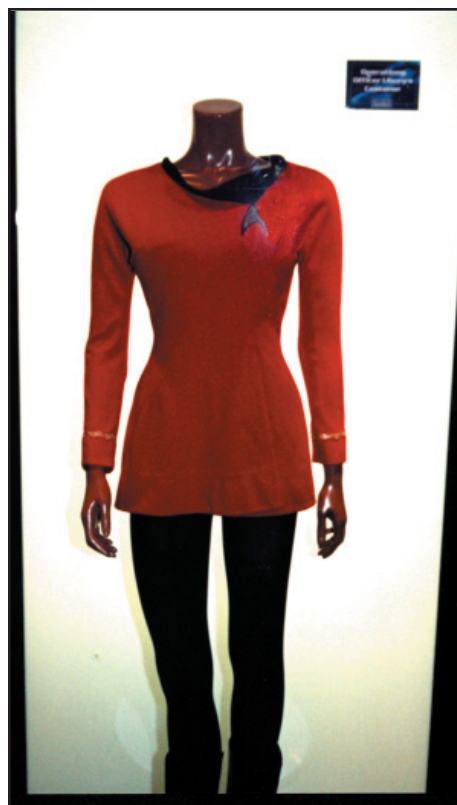
Keep on the look out for changes to the site. We are talking about adding features to it, to make your experience on the site more enjoyable. If you have any ideas for features you would like to see, we would love to hear them. Please send them to the above addresses.

Well, I think I've taken up enough space for now. Talk to ya in 60. ★



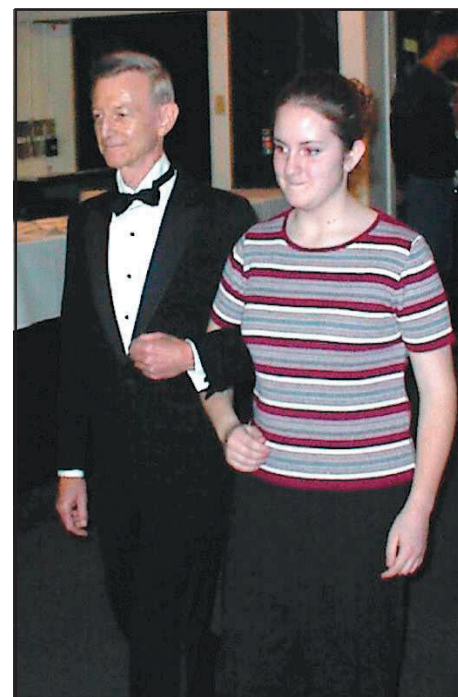
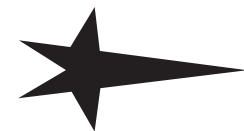


# THE STEPHENIE ROBINSON ADVENTURE





# MARCH MADNESS WITH USS LONESTAR



Chief Engineer Lt. Cmdr. Gene Adams is escorted in by Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jacqueline Hogan (top right)

(Top Left) Crewmembers have lots of conversations before dinner is served.

(Above) Front Table: FCapt. Margi O'Neill-Nichols, Crewman Mark Nichols, Crewman Recruit Kristi Long, and Crewman Recruit Dan Long. Side (Head) Table: JAG Officer Comm Sam Black, R3 Operations Officer Vadm Pat Spillers, CO FCapt. Lisa Pruitt, R3 VRC-North Capt. Robyn Winans, and XO Lt. Darrell Carey. Back Table: One of the caterers pours Chief of Operations Lt. John Montgomery more tea.

The USS Lone Star (Mid-right) is temporarily immortalized in cake-form as an Italian cream cake created by FCapt. Margi O'Neill-Nichols.

At the head table in the background (on bottom right) sit JAG Officer Comm Sam Black, R3 Operations Officer VADM Pat Spillers, CO FCapt. Lisa Pruitt, R3 VRC-North Capt. Robyn Winans, and XO Lt. Darrell Carey. In the foreground, left to right at the table sit Chief of Communications Lt. Joseph White, USS Bexar Chief Medical Officer Lt. Constance Pawlik, Chief Medical Officer Lt. Cmdr. Doug Hogan,





# FORCECOM

by Mark West  
SFMC Forces Command

Greetings to all of you, it's me again, Mark West. Well, here I am, and here we go!

I would like to welcome to the post of BDE OIC Rebecca Self. She was given the task of running the 2nd BDE. Congratulations, and welcome aboard!

I have also (finally) gotten a staff together. They are:

DCOFORCECOM: Alex Trevino, Jr.  
Heraldry Officer: Jen Colpitts.  
Special Projects Officer: Paul Williams.

I am currently working on getting things squared away with them, and breaking down who does what. But, congratulations to all of them!

I have included the units from BDEs that do not have a current OIC in the BDE count at this time. Last time, I included them in the unit count, but not the BDE count. That was a mistake on my part and has been corrected. My apologies to those I left out.

That seems to be all the new stuff, so onward to the rest.

Open Positions: I am still looking for someone to become the 15th BDE OIC. Duties include, but are not limited to: ensuring that the units in the 15th BDE report in on time, representing the 15th BDE to FORCECOM and the rest of the SFMC, coordinating BDE activities, and other duties as assigned.

You may contact me at [coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org) for details.

State of the SFMC as of 28 February 2003:

The following is as it appears on the BDE Reports. If it is incorrect, contact me at [coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org) to have it corrected. ★

## RECRUITS (25):

Keith A. Styblo  
Jeffrey Davis  
Dustin Roudenbush  
Ron Colwell  
David Gordon  
Channie Cooper  
Greg Sherburne  
James Whitcker  
Steven McMillon  
Terry Callahan  
Kristy Kirkland  
Matthew Conley  
Robert Kitson  
Shirley Kynett  
Patrick McAndrew  
Bobby Robbins  
David Kania  
Bill Frazer  
Shawn McVay  
Nate Martin  
Michael Mocer  
Alan Dawson  
Raye K. Harper  
April G. Schroder  
Jerry Beaulieu

## DISCHARGES (22):

Jason K. Ryan  
Rik Rösken  
Rhonda K. Day  
Robert Alpizar  
Brian Carrigan  
Kathleen Carrigan  
Suzy Dilfer-Mooney  
Ernest Foraker  
Darrell Goff  
Donnell Hamilton  
Ace Mooney  
Robert Anthony Mooney  
Brandy Peek  
Destiny Peek  
Benjamin Quinn  
Dana Quinn  
Robin Quinn  
Mark C. Rouland  
Mary Peek Rouland  
Ruth Rouland  
Kevin Shane  
Mark Tolley

17, 19: (14)  
Brigades Listed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,  
7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19: (14)

100 % BDEs Reported

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:  
Last Period Reported: 90  
Last Period Listed: 101  
Report Rate: 89%

This Period Reported: 110  
This Period Listed: 115  
Report Rate: 96%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 4  
Marine Strike Groups  
Deactivated: 3

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.)

252nd  
300th  
505th  
695th  
777th  
849th

Awards Received:  
(As reported to FORCECOM)

**1st BDE:**  
*Community Service Citation*  
Bill Herrmann

**MARINE PROFICIENCY:**  
Dustin Roudenbush

**INITIAL ENTRY:**  
Dustin Roudenbush

**STARFLEET CROSS:**  
Linda Olson  
Jill Rayburn  
Dennis Rayburn

**2nd BDE:**  
*LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION*  
Amanda Hill  
Anthony Hill  
Dale Younger  
Eric Hendrix  
Jennifer Hendrix  
James Whatley  
Corey Whatley  
Joe Griffin  
Dallas Vinson  
Neil Yawn  
Nancy O'Shields  
JJ Courtney

*Legion of Honor*  
Ferry Watkins

**5th BDE:**  
*STARFLEET CROSS*  
Allyson M. W. Dyar  
Kurt F Roithinger  
Norman E. DeRoux

*LEADER'S COMMENDATION*  
Patrick McAndrew  
David Kania  
Bobby Robbins  
Nate Martin  
Bill Frazer  
Shawn McVay

*COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION*  
Russ Garrison  
Patrick McAndrew  
Joel Housworth  
Rick Ervans  
Bobby Robbins  
Shawn McVay  
Nate Martin  
David Kania  
Michael Mocer

*INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING*  
Russell Garrison

**7th BDE:**  
*COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION*  
Edgar Torres  
Maria Torres  
Damian Dohnert  
Donald Jones  
Carissa Williams  
Carol Hubbard  
George Padro  
Rey Cordero  
Dean Rogers  
Gerry Sylvester  
Terri Sylvester  
Martin A. Lessem  
Lauren Milan  
Larry Niegut  
Mike Baelowitz  
Sanford Berenberg  
Pat Commune  
Bob Vosseller  
Tony Rowley  
Kimi Brooks  
Matt Brooks  
Matthew McKenna  
Alex Rosenzweig

*LEADERS COMMENDATION AWARD*  
Donald Jones

**12th BDE:**  
*STARFLEET CROSS*  
Jennifer Colpitts  
Wade Hoover  
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.  
David Miller  
Gregory S. Trotter

*CROSS OF VALOR*  
William "Willy" David

*SWORD OF VALOR*  
Troy S. Cash

*STAR OF VALOR*  
Glenn Overby, II

*SHIELD OF VALOR*  
Donald Allen Glenn

*LEGION OF VALOR*  
218th Marine Strike Group

*COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION*  
Donald Allen Glenn

**17th BDE:**  
*STARFLEET CROSS*  
John Roberts  
James Monroe

Michelle Warford

## TRACOM

By Col. John Roberts  
SFMC Training and Doctrine Command

Greetings Marines!

I would like to start this Report off with hearty congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant J. Justin O'Donnell of Fonthill, Ontario, Canada. Justin is the 600th Marine in our Database to have completed PD-10. How long until we hit 1,000? Keep up the good work and thank you all for your interest in the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy.

As you may have noticed, we recently opened two new schools (XR and XK) as the first of our Xeno-Studies series of courses. The ten courses in these schools bring our total number of courses offered by the SFMCA to 73. I have established a goal of 100 courses by the end of the year and it looks like we may be able to make it.

We are currently trying to finalize our new JROTC courses for youth members and are working on still more courses for the full Branches. If you have any ideas for courses you would like to see developed, or would like to assist in the development of courses for use by TRACOM, please let us know.

There currently are three openings on the TRACOM staff: MeCHA Branch Director, Infantry Branch Director and Support Branch Director. These positions require reliable, regular access to e-mail, completion of PD-10 (PD-20 and OTS are recommended but not required), and completion of all courses in the applicable Branch (the -30 course may be waived for initial appointment, but must be completed within 60 days of appointment to the post). If you are interested in any of these posts and would like more information, please contact me and I'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Additionally, we have reached Summit Season and you may noticed TRACOM Staff Members offering courses for you and other Marines to take at Summit. This is the revival of our proctoring program. The courses offered at each Summit vary because TRACOM Staffers are only authorized to hand out and score the courses they have passed. In order to take courses through the proctoring program at Summit, you will need to bring proof (Ecerts or confirming e-mails) for each of the pre-requisites in order to take the course. See you at Summit!

The Manual Revision project is progressing, albeit slowly, due to the nature of the beast we are trying to tame. If you have ideas or comments that you think would make the manuals better and easier to use, please let myself, Jon Slavin, or the appropriate Branch Director know so that they can be considered before any ideas are finalized and work on the actual revisions begins.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas, please feel free to contact myself or any member of the TRACOM staff, and we will be glad to help in any way we can. We are here to make your time as a STARFLEET Marine more fun and enjoyable. We can't do that without input from you, so let us hear from you. ★



## MARINE NCOs

by Brig. Linda Olsen  
Chief of Staff STARFLEET Marines

As stated in the MFM:

"The NCO Corps serves two very important functions in the SFMC. The first is to organize, coordinate and promote community service. It doesn't matter what form of community service, and it doesn't matter how large or small the effort. The Marine NCO is there to plan, advise, participate and encourage community service in his or her chapter. Leader, laborer and cheerleader, the Marine NCO is expected to set the standard for others to follow in community service."

Those members of the SFMC who are not sporting officer rank are very important members of the Corps. We need you to step forward and take up the reigns of the Community service programs. These programs can vary from unit to unit. Some suggestions could be:

The STARFLEET Stampede  
The Overseas Coupon Program  
The Campbell's Soup Label Collections  
Food Drives for Local Food Banks, or  
Animal Shelters  
Toys for Tots\*  
Special Olympics\*

\*2003 Commandant's Campaign Ribbon Programs.

Or any other community service projects that you might find important. Our unit has on occasions participated in Walk-a-thons for various reasons such as March of Dimes, etc. we have also done trash pickup at local parks or along the highway; cleaned Rivers and Hiking trails. The important thing is to get in there and participate, encourage the other members of your chapter to help, you don't have to be a Marine to help the community, but we do want the marines to lead the way. We also want to hear what you are doing, so send in a report to your First Sergeant, Sergeant Major, to me, as Chief of Staff, or to CO Forces Command directly. Let us know what the NCOs are up to. Be proud of your position in the Corps.

It also states in the MFM:

"The second function of the Marine NCO is to recruit, encourage and guide new members in the SFMC and their local chapters. This is particularly important where younger members are concerned. When a new member joins the chapter, the Marine NCO is there to make them feel welcome. When they have questions, the Marine NCO is ready to help them find the answers they need. From helping the new member get a uniform together to explaining the differences between the SFMC and its naval counterparts, the NCO is a leader and a friend."

Here again is a very important function in the working of your chapter and unit. Show yourself to be a True Marine, by helping whenever and wherever you can. The best way to recruit is to make them want to be like you. Always remember that you are setting an example for others to follow, make it one you can be proud of.

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# CHARITY FLIGHT 2003

## Round the world on MS Flight Simulator 2002

Cmdr. Matt Baillie,  
USS Hadfield, Region 13

As many of you know (or may not – but now do) I'm big into Flight Simulation. I've been flying Microsoft Flight Simulator 2002 since early last summer and have flown for a couple of Virtual Airlines (VA) during that time.

I've had the opportunity to fly several different types of aircraft, from the DeHavilland Dash 8 to the Boeing 737, to the Airbus A320, and have recently acquired my type rating for the Boeing 767 as well as several other large aircraft (Airbus A330, Boeing 747-400).

Some of these aircraft are rather sparse in realism, while others are duplicated right down to the last detail and have manuals to match (upwards of 200-300 pages in some cases).

Part of this hobby led me to an interesting charity event last November being held at the Courtyard Marriott near Pearson International Airport in Toronto.

I remember finding out about World Flight Canada 2002 on one of the various sites that I was surfing in relation to this hobby. Thought it would be kind of interesting to head on over and take a look-see and find out what it was all about.

World Flight Canada was based upon World Flight UK (<http://www.world-flight.org>), which started in London back in 1999. World Flight Australia (<http://www.worldflight.ozflight.com.au/>) was started in 2001, with World Flight Canada (if you'll pardon the pun) getting off the ground last year. Northern Ireland has added a team as well for this year (<http://www.wfni.co.uk>).

All support various charities, with donations going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Australia), various children's charities (UK), The Toronto Hospital for Sick Children's Herbie Fund (Canada) and Autism Initiatives (Northern Ireland).

I met up with the crew of World Flight Canada at the Courtyard and introduced myself around the room. Their hospitality was amazing! They managed to put up with me watching and asking questions for a few hours and even invited me to sit down and dine with them in between a flight.

No, it wasn't hotel restaurant food they were dining on...

It was actual airline food, provided by one of their sponsors, Cara Foods,

which caters the food for Air Canada. I had a great chicken dish and talked about how we all got into the hobby, and then we watched a video of a cargo flight originating in the US and landing in the Andes Mountains.

In total, the crew of World Flight Canada 2002 managed to raise \$1,800 in support of the Herbie Fund at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children (<http://www.sickkids.on.ca/aboutHSC/section.asp?s=International+Patients&slD=237&ss=Herbie+Fund&ssID=238>).

This year, they're at it again. Instead of being a bystander, however, this year I will be participating as a pilot. I'm quite excited to be participating in such a fun combination of community service and hobby. We have set quite a lofty goal this year and are looking to raise \$25,000 in support of the Herbie Fund.

If you're looking to find out more about Charity Flight Canada or would like to make a donation head on over to the website @ <http://www.charityflight.com>.



photo courtesy Matt Baillie

Fine airline cuisine.

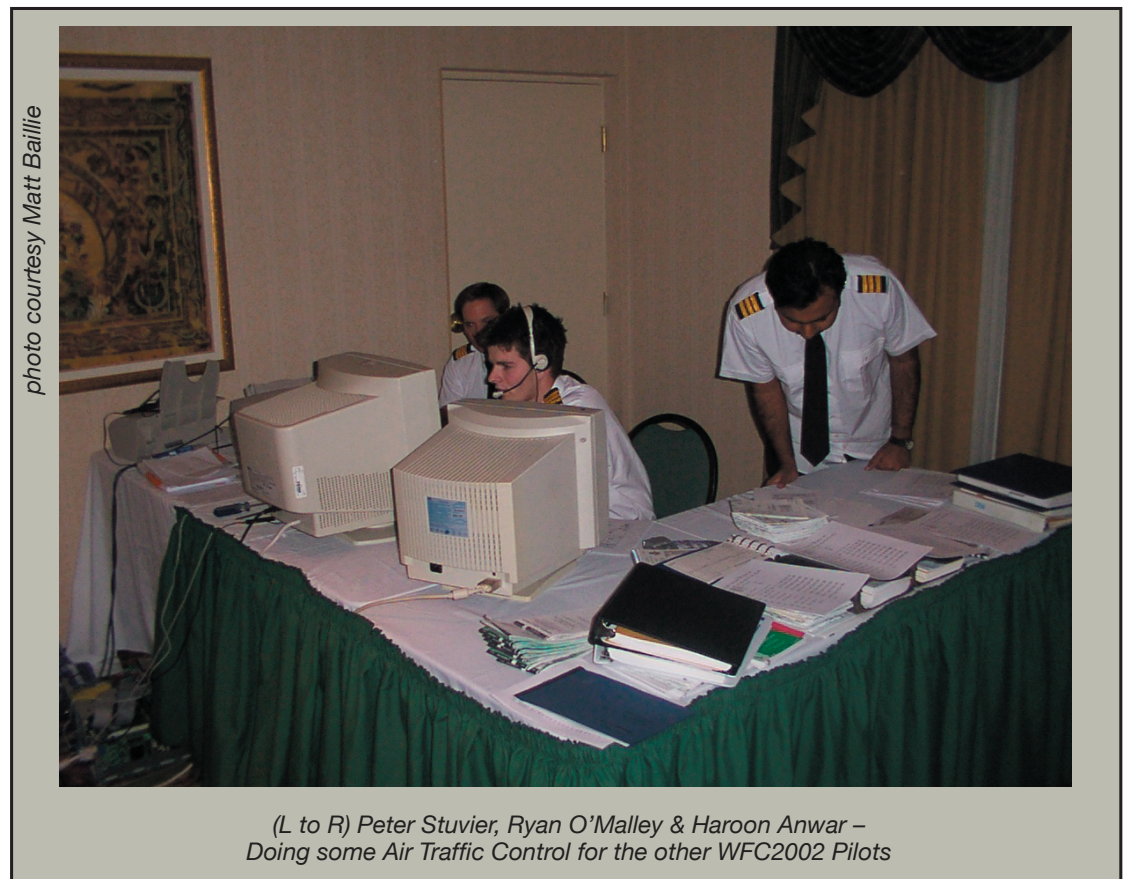


photo courtesy Matt Baillie

(L to R) Peter Stuvier, Ryan O'Malley & Haroon Anwar –  
Doing some Air Traffic Control for the other WFC2002 Pilots



# ON THE CALCULATION OF STARDATES

by Commodore David Klingman, Chief of Operations, USS Jaguar  
and Commodore David Blaser, Commanding Officer, USS Hadfield

The calculation of stardates has presented somewhat of a dilemma for both the writer and the reader who seeks to understand just how stardates are determined. Our goal here is to determine and develop a reproducible method for the calculation of stardates. To do this, we have created a Stardate "calculator" for your enjoyment and use in writing fiction from "The Next Generation" era. This "calculator" can be found at <http://blaser.tzo.com/stardates/>.

On average, the calculation of stardates from the original series (2266-2269) appears to have progressed at a rate of approximately 57 units per episode (see *Star Trek Chronology: The History of the Future*) with one unit corresponding to approximately 24 hours. This general method of calculation worked well up to the 2290s, with the math suggesting that the stardates would have rolled over to a 5-digit system by about 2290.

Of course, this was not the case. We know that 2293 — when the Klingon moon Praxis explodes and the USS Enterprise (NCC-1701B) begins its mission — corresponds to a stardate of 9520-9525. From this, we can determine that from the period between 2266-2293 [27 years] there were approximately 8000 stardate units, or about 300 per year. Presumably, this takes into effect time dilation during faster-than-light travel, properties of local space, and oscillation of systems around the galactic plane and rotation of the galaxy around its center.

If this system was to remain in place, then year 1 of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (2364) would have corresponded approximately to Stardate 30825. In fact, the stardates in 2364 correspond to a range of 41000-41999, and so we must either account for approximately a 10000-unit lapse or accept the fact that, at some point, a recalculation of stardate units occurred.

Modern-era Star Trek (*The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, and *Voyager*) equates each year in the physical (Gregorian) calendar to 1000 stardate units.

Working backwards from the first year of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (2364, 41000-41999) we can determine that stardate '00000' would have occurred in 2323. Was there, perhaps, some event in 2323 perhaps that resulted in a "galactic calendar year" or was there a decision to recalibrate? While Jean Luc Picard enters Starfleet Academy in 2323, that is certainly not a reason to recalibrate stardates, and there is no other explanation as to why that occurred. Still, from this point forward, stardates progress at a rate of 1000 units per year.

So what constitutes a year in the Star Trek universe? We work under the premise that there are 365.25 days in the Earth calendar year (which takes into account that every fourth year is a leap year). From that, a little math shows us that there are 2.737850787 stardate units for every 24 hours, or one day ( $1000/365.25 = 2.737850787$ ). Further calculations result in 0.1140771161 stardate units per hour ( $2.737850787/24 = 0.1140771161$ ).

We work, therefore, under the following notions, remembering that will work only for years after 2323:

- There are 1000 stardate units per year, corresponding to 365.25 calendar days.

- Any passage of time as a fraction of a year simply corresponds to a fraction of that full year's 1000 stardate units.

- Stardate 00000 corresponds to the year 2323 so that the stardates remain consistent with *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and series that follow.

Therefore, 41000-41999 therefore corresponds to 2364

- *Star Trek: The Next Generation* spans 41000-47999 (2364-2370)

- *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* spans 46000-52999 (2369-2375)

- *Star Trek: Voyager* spans 48000-54999 (2371-2377)

These stardate ranges form the basis

for the determination of specific stardates for fiction set in the year 2388 [stardate 65000-65999], a full decade after the USS Voyager events.

How then are stardates calculated for years prior to 2323? We mulled over this dilemma one evening in STARFLEET's Internet Relay Chat. We found no pattern to the determination of stardates prior to 2323, but as we explored further, we determined the following:

- There is approximately a 30-year span between TOS and 2323 (*Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country* takes place in 2293).

- *Star Trek: TOS* spans approximately 30 years, from season 1 in 2266 to *Undiscovered Country* in 2293.

- *Star Trek: TOS* Season 1 (2266) begins with Stardate 1512.2 and includes mention of an earlier stardate, 1329.8 (or 5 years prior dating according to the stardate system employed at the time). This puts Stardate 0000 in the year 2261, which, according to *The Star Trek Chronology*, is the end of Christopher Pike's second tour as USS Enterprise captain.

- Working backward from TOS Season 1, we determined that there are 100 unaccounted years in the history of the United Federation of Planets. It seems to us that beginning the stardate system in 2161 with the founding of the United Federation of Planets makes the most sense.

This results in a theory that is a working model and by no means canonical:

Before 2323, stardates are run on "cycles" — four cycles of 25 years between 2161 and 2260 and two cycles of more than 30 years between 2261 and 2322 (presumably, there are some time dilation effects to account for the first 33-year cycle). After 2323, the "modern" dating system of 1000 stardate units per year is adopted:

- Period 1 [2161-2185], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 2 [2186-2210], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 3 [2211-2235], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 4 [2236-2260], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 5 [2261-2293], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 6 [2294-2322], Stardate 0000.0-9999.9

- Period 7 [2323- ], Stardate 00000.0-

It is interesting to note that, under the "modern" system, stardates will roll over to a 6-digit system in the year 2423.

While we realize that this system is confusing and does not allow the reader to distinguish between Stardate 1500 in the 2260s and Stardate 1500 in the 2160s (as an example), we nevertheless suggest this "recycling" of stardates simply to give some guidelines for these periods. The truth is that stardates are an imperfect system and this is our best guess at a method to calculate them.

Of course, Star Trek has never been so precise in its stardate calculations because most episodic events occur over days or weeks.

Because more specific writing has in many cases taken place over mere minutes or hours, there is a need to develop a more precise stardate system. It has been determined that a four-decimal place system is sufficient for day to day activities and this is the system that is in place for our fiction.

We hope this will spark some ongoing discussion and writing on the subject, as well as ideas for fan fiction. Feel free to contact us if you have questions (David Klingman is reachable at [dklingman@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dklingman@carolina.rr.com).)

## EULOGY

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civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before." This phrase I'm sure is well familiar to you all in this room. It is important not to forget those who have gone before us, but to encourage those who will come after us that have the passion to brave a new frontier and go to the stars.

I close with this excerpt from a Robert Heinlein poem provided to me after the Columbia tragedy.

My final watch is over, my travels  
nearing their end  
And my only wish is to feel home soil  
beneath me once again.

Let the sweet fresh breezes heal me as  
they rove around the girth  
Of our lovely mother planet of the cool  
green hills of Earth.

We pray for one last landing

On the globe that gave us birth,  
Let us rest our eyes on the fleecy  
skies,  
And the cool, green hills of Earth.

The people that we have honored  
today have boldly gone on to be with  
their creator. A saying regarding the crew  
of Challenger was that "they slipped the  
surlly bonds of earth to touch the face of  
God." I believe that holds true for all. We  
must continue on. Godspeed to those  
that have gone before us.

Support for NASA  
and the Space  
Program has been  
amazing from  
STARFLEET! To  
show your support,  
go to [http://  
www.amfcse.org](http://www.amfcse.org)



# STAR TREK - THE HYDE PARK ADVENTURE

by Stephenie Robinson

*Although I have never met Marlene Miller, we have been corresponding by e-mail during the past few months. Our communication activities stem from the collapse of USS Valiant in Region 20. In one of our conversations, I mentioned to Marlene that I was looking forward to the London arrival of "Star Trek: The Adventure." She suggested back that I should write an article for the Communiqué. So here goes...*

My work colleagues thought I was mad when I told them I was attending Star Trek: The Adventure in full uniform on a weekday. My uniform needed an airing and this was a great opportunity to give it some exercise.

What originally seemed to be a straightforward mission became a very complex activity with seemingly impossible odds. In true Star Trek fashion, a simple mission goes horribly wrong then comes out right in the end.

There is no point going on a mission of this nature without taking photographs and showing a few highlights of the total experience. Knowing that Paramount Studios guards their copyrights with a deep jealousy, getting permission to take photos was not going to be easy.

I checked Paramount Studios' website, but found only a mailing address. Knowing that Paramount sells their services in terms of studio space, technical expertise and set designers, not to mention film crews, I decided that the obvious side door tactic just might work. I sent e-mails to several contacts, and it was not long before one response advised me to speak with Alice Doruyol at Borkowski PR. The London-based company was the publicity agent for the exhibition as it traveled through the United Kingdom.

To my amazement, they agreed that I could take pictures. Just days before I was supposed to go, the flu got a grip on me. But rather than waste my ticket I went. Unbeknownst to me, Alice arranged for two tickets plus a photo pass, so I collected them and began my adventure.

As I entered the exhibit, I noticed the large model of the Enterprise suspended from the ceiling. The floor area had a number of display panels, allowing visitors the opportunity to get into the ambience of the show. There was certainly a buzz in the air. I was mistaken several times for Captain Janeway. But soon, disappointment struck. I found out that on the previous evening (December 17), many stars attended a party at the exhibition after taking in the premiere of *Star Trek: Nemesis*.

The night got even worse while I was interviewed by CNN, Sky News and Spanish television. As they spoke with me about my interest in Star Trek and STARFLEET, the film in my 35-millimeter camera slipped, meaning that the film did not advance after each shot and that nothing was documented. Not knowing

what had happened, I continued to make my way through the exhibit. Several times, I was told by security not to photograph the exhibit.

While the ticket prices were a bit steep, I believe it would have made sense to advertise the fact that the simulator rides were free. The rides were great, but would have been more effective if the screen had sharper images and some serious sound effects. The rides were very bumpy; holding on tight is the only way to avoid being bruised by the shuttle's movement. Each group of visitors was spaced at two-hour intervals, which made sense and avoided the crush often associated with such a meteoric event.

Wandering around the exhibits was like being bathed in the whole philosophy of Star Trek. Looking at one or two of the costumes made me wonder how a normal human being could ever squeeze into such tiny things. Marina Sirtis' costumes from her role as Counsellor Deanna Troy seemed very tiny indeed.

The Borg Regeneration Chamber puzzled me. In the series, those green-looking lighting panels actually worked. As a proud owner of a lighting panel, I felt that this exhibit seemed to lack a certain magic normally associated with Star Trek. Perhaps it would have been interesting to have a few Borg wandering around, switching switches and doing what they do best — repairs rather than assimilation?

The transport pad proved popular with visitors. There is nothing quite like being projected onto a scene from the original *Star Trek* with your favorite characters. Resistance to parting with some hard-earned cash was certainly futile. One curious question in the forefront of my mind was why are these things so expensive?

The result was fascinating. It looked so real. I was in a storyline with Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock. The image-making technology was a subtle blend of color, in keeping with the genre of the time. Although my uniform is several years ahead of Captain Kirk's, the timeline was definitely maintained. The odd thing about this picture was trying to work out what Mr. Spock focuses on is beyond me, especially since Kirk and I are looking in the same direction.

On opening day, there were many technical problems with the sets and imaging systems, but they were resolved very quickly. It felt like some of the sets could make their floors vibrate, which added that extra dimension when playing out a fictitious attack scenario. Although many STARFLEET members dream of making an appearance in a *Star Trek* storyline, this was about as close as one could get.

Or perhaps not? A company called U-Star Video offered visitors the opportunity to act alongside Kirk, Spock and McCoy. It was a curious combination of blue screen

techniques and computing technology. Three minutes of fame was yours for around 20 pounds. You got DVD, VHS or NTSC recording of your three-minute acting debut. This is about as near as one can get to living a dream of acting in a *Star Trek* episode.

The clever part about the technique is that your eyes focus on a TV screen with words that change color. That is your cue to speak. Simultaneously, your eyes must follow a red light. Timing is essential if you want to produce a really good authentic effect.

Once embedded into the storyline, you appear to be acting with your favorite stars from the original series. The one drawback is the slight white line around the embedded image. But hey, technology can only get better.

Although I could not see Kirk, Spock or Bones after I finished filming the audience applauded, much to my surprise. After all, I never had acting lessons, although drama and film-making were always my favorite school subjects. Perhaps that interest helped me give a good performance.

As it came time to leave, I walked up the ramp and took my place in line for the Enterprise-D exhibit. Earlier, I had found out that this was the only way out. Not knowing exactly what to expect made for a more interesting experience. We entered a room that had the warp core, which was very impressive when the special effects were added. The bridge is beautifully crafted and the design — leather seats, display panels, carpet throughout — would make any homeowner proud.

The last shot I wanted was in the captain's chair. This security guard was more than happy to oblige. After leaving the exhibition — and still feeling under the weather — I decided to put the film in for development, go home and watch my video.

This is where the mission took a turn for the worse. The video failed to play back properly on my VCR. When I went to collect the film from the drug store, I found nothing.

Fortunately, a U-star staff member had given me his business card after my film debut. I e-mailed him to see if he could help. His response surprised me. Several visitors had lost their videos in a similar fashion, so I was not alone. He advised me to go back to the box office and explain what happened. U-Star would then reshoot the video.

Three days after my first visit, I returned in full uniform so it would be easy for security to recognize me. After waiting for half an hour, I was escorted into the exhibition and explained to the U-Star staff member what had happened. After we reshot the video, I received an offer to return and photograph the exhibition again, so I came back the next day (Sunday, December 22).

This time, I had my camera, along with new batteries and two rolls of film. I took every opportunity to repeat everything that I had done on the Wednesday. The biggest thrill for me was sitting in the captain's chair on the bridge of the Enterprise-D, especially with my mission successfully completed. There was a real sense of achievement. Afterwards, I had the film processed and back in my hands within two hours.

The exhibition is a must-see for all fans. Make the most of the opportunity and avail yourself of all the wonderful things available, even if you think it is expensive. Unless you are a fan, it is difficult to fully appreciate the feel of the exhibition.

**TURN TO PAGE 24 FOR PICTURES OF STEPH NIE'S "EXPERIENCE"**

*"Is that Captain Janeway?"*

*No, it's Stephenie Robinson of the former Region 20 and the USS Valiant, but she has been on the Enterprise! Read all about it!*

# REMEMBERING A FRIEND: ALAN RAVITCH

by Rev. Dennis Rayburn  
Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET

On Monday night, April 21, 2003, several members of STARFLEET assembled in the Chaplains/Counselors IRC Chat room for an online memorial service for Alan Ravitch on the day of his funeral.

After an English translation of the Jewish Mourners Kaddish, a prayer said in remembrance of those who have passed away, those attending were invited to share their remembrances and thoughts about Alan. These were their thoughts that night:

## **Tom Restivo:**

I've been 'out of it' a bit these past few months, so I got news of Alan's passing just this afternoon. I don't know if there is a way to summarize all the feelings and memories I have for Alan as a long-time friend, but I do know that we're here, in STARFLEET, today in 2003, in part because of Alan. As soon as someone from KWA can put the 'IC From Hell' notes to the tune of 'Melota', I think Alan will have his Klingon epic. :)

Alan cared enough for Fleet to fight for it, but he also knew the basis of fandom was to have fun, and that fandom is the extended family of us all. I will miss Alan, and I'll regret not keeping in touch with him more, but I'm encouraged that somewhere, just Beyond the Rim, he's there, waiting, and hooting it up at the Never-Ending Dead Dog Party.

## **Gloria Hanson:**

I didn't know Alan that well and have been out of touch for years, but I do remember how he loved to make people laugh. He was the XO of the Nautilus when I was a member and half the meeting would be him and the CO doing Ren and Stimpy routines. He was a wonderful addition to the ship and made some great improvements. I'm sure he'll be missed.

## **Martin Lessem:**

As some of you may know, my Chapter, the USS Asimov, was started while I was at UMass, Amherst, in Region 15. I never met Alan personally, but when I was having trouble with my own Mother Ship CO, Alan was among the few in 15 who stepped up and helped. I would most likely not be in 'Fleet today had it not been for Alan, and I am very grateful to have known him, even if just for a short time. He will be missed by myself, and the USS Asimov.

## **Alex Rosenzweig:**

It's been a while since Alan and I worked closely together, but I knew him for a long time, and I was there for a number of his accomplishments. He stepped in and helped save the Nautilus when it was foundering at the beginning of its existence, and he was there for the formation of Region 15.

And, of course, there was the McGinnis Administration. Alan was never one to

back away from standing up for what was right, and saying what needed to be said, even at risk to his own standing. He had an unwavering commitment to making the fandom experience, and life itself, a positive thing for those around him.

Wherever he is now, I hope he can rest easy, knowing that he will be remembered for the many things he did, and for the differences he made for so many of us, for he shall not be forgotten.

## **Brenda Bell:**

It's hard to say when I first met Alan... some time back when he was with the USS KONKORDIUM... before we knew he had any health problems. Even then he had something to add to the fan experience. He was, as I recall, one of the few adult members in a crew composed mainly of high schoolers.

Alan was also one of the pioneers of online fandom -- and STARFLEET online communication. Long before many of us "vets" had computers, Alan was BBS'ing his heart out. Our ability to communicate via these electronic media... we owe in some way to Alan. Both in participating early-and-often, and in speaking out about the need to keep our main mailing lists free from administrative... manipulation.

Alan also seemed to have a "view apart" on fandom... Fully participating, and yet able to see things in a detached and impartial (or perhaps disinterested) manner. This is rare in most adults, and rarer still in the fan community.

His voice, his wisdom, and his intrepidity will be missed.

## **Allyson Dyar:**

When I came back to the US after living in Iceland for several years, I knew that SFI was online and Alan was Rob Lerman's appointed on-line rep. I e-mailed Alan, who responded very quickly and from there, we formed a friendship. Alan was kind enough to call me on several occasions and chat.

I miss Alan and the world is poorer without him.

## **Adam Bernay:**

I thought I'd take the opportunity to say a few words myself...wanted a few minutes to think of what to say...how do you sum up?

I didn't know Alan very well. We talked a few times when I first joined SFI back in the early 90s, and I think I met him back at the KC IC in 92. But I knew his reputation more than I knew him. And if STARFLEET has an Elijah, or a Hillel, or a Paul, a man who stood there, got things done, and reminded us all of what we're supposed to be, it would be Alan Ravitch.

I know a lot of people are missing him

terribly. I know my XO does...Michelle wanted to be here to talk about her experiences with him when she ran a shuttle in R15 a long time ago.

But we can all learn something from Alan. Personally, I've learned two things, one from his life and one from his death. From his life, I've learned...his saying. "Having fun and getting it done." That seems to me like it should be our motto in fandom. I know it will be mine. Note the precedence: Having fun first, getting it done second, but doing both. And from his death...I learned to take care of myself physically -- something I don't do as well as I should -- cause you just don't know.

## **Gerry Sylvester:**

Adam's comment of how do you sum up made me want to speak up.

I never had the honor of meeting the gent. I had heard for quite a while about him however. I kept thinking I really got to meet this person. I heard so many good things. Mind you I was still on the outside looking in. But Fate and God had other ideas.

But the fact that nothing but good was being spoken about him in life speaks volumes about the dear soul.

## **Dennis Rayburn:**

You know, I've been a minister for over 22 years and this kind of thing just gets

harder and harder.

We've gather tonight to remember our honored dead, and to celebrate the life of Alan, and that is what we've done here with some happy memories, with memories of his stands of courage he took over the years, and his simply being a fellow fan of Trek.

I had talked with him in IRC and by e-mail over the years and have had some interesting discussions. Some we agreed on, and some.....well, he stated his stand with that subtle way of his. :-)

Finally, at Shore Leave, we got to sit down and met and I believe we both came away with a better understanding of each other. I, for one, always looked forward to getting to chat with him there at the tables near the escalator on Sat. Afternoon there. I'm really going to miss that chat this year.

Alan was a man of courage. During the dark times that was the McGinnis Administration, he took a hard stand and paid a terrible price, in my humble opinion, for that stand. It didn't stop him. He kept on till the matter was settled. I agree with the person who said earlier, that we are here tonight as STARFLEET, because of men of courage like him. We need more like him.

May the Angels guide his spirit to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and may he find Sabbath peace there.



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# MARCH MADNESS WITH USS LONE STAR

by Lt. Gene Adams  
USS Lone Star

Thirty fun-loving crewmembers of the USS Lone Star, in search of a good time, descended on the KoKo Cave in Lubbock, Texas on March 1st to participate in the Ship's seventh anniversary dinner. The annual dinner commemorating their commissioning as a starship of the Third Fleet is the highlight of the Ship's year. Honored out-of-town guests who attended and helped the crew celebrate were: VADM Pat Spillers, Region Three Chief of Operations; CAPT Robyn Winans, Vice-Regional Coordinator (North); and LT Constance Pawlik, Chief Medical Officer of the USS Bexar (based in San Antonio). LT Pawlik was gracious enough to conduct two separate sessions of CPR and First Aid training for the crew of the Lone Star during her stay in Lubbock.

The attendees were treated to a catered dinner featuring south-of-the-border cuisine followed by an eye-catching dessert consisting of a delicious cake baked in the shape of the Ship by FCAPT Margi O'Neill-Nichols. The festive table decorations and unique party favors (bubble making solution in a champagne bottle), which resulted in more bubbles floating around the room than Lawrence Welk ever generated, really contributed to the fun.

The Senior Staff of the Ship were individually announced and escorted to their seats with full pomp, circumstance and protocol, which really enhanced the atmosphere of the occasion. Following this, annual Ship awards were presented and the annual promotion ceremony was conducted.

A total of 23 members were given promotions by the CO, FCAPT Lisa Pruitt. VADM Spillers and CAPT Winans assisted

in presenting the promotions and awards. In addition to the promotions, 17 crewmen received Attendance Awards (at least 75% attendance), 13 received Community Service Awards, 11 received Away Mission Awards (at least three away missions), 11 received Scholastic Achievement Awards, Four received Recruiting Awards and 21 received Distinguished Service (to the Ship) Awards. Distinguished Service Awards to Region Three and STARFLEET were given to COMM Sam Black, FCAPT Lisa Pruitt, LCDR Gene Adams and LCDR Doug Hogan. Ambassador Sarek Awards (for doing the best job of promoting the USS Lone Star and STARFLEET to the real world) were given to COMM Sam Black, FCAPT Lisa Pruitt, LCDR Doug Hogan, LT John Montgomery, Senior CPO Karen Kessen, Senior CPO Norbert Kessen, PO3 Will Rice, and Cadet CPO Jacqueline Hogan. Our Cadet of the Year was Cadet CPO Jacqueline Hogan, and the Enlisted Member of the Year was Senior CPO Norbert Kessen. There was a tie for Officer of the Year, with both candidates so qualified that there was nothing to choose between them, so both were given the award. The two Officers of the Year are: our Ship's XO, LT Darrell Carey and our Chief Operations Officer, LT John Montgomery. Our Member of the Year was the indefatigable LCDR Doug Hogan.

From listening to the conversations during and after the dinner, it appears that everyone achieved their goal of finding the good time they were looking for. In fact, it is hard to see how this one can be topped, but the Senior Staff has already been seen with their heads together and machinations underway to make next year's dinner even better. Don't miss it if you are in the area next March! ★

photo courtesy of Ens Alice Carey



Crewman Mark Nichols and Lt. Darrell Carey are faced with a tough decision -- too many choices and not enough plate!

photo courtesy of Ens Alice Carey



Crewmembers (Clockwise from front left: Chief Medical Officer Lt. Cmdr. Doug Hogan, Chief of Operations Lt. John Montgomery, R3VRC-N Capt. Robyn Winans, XO Lt. Darrell Carey, Chief Engineer LCDR Gene Adams, Crewman Recruit Kristi Long, CPO Ray Kinserlow, Crewman Mark Nichols, and Crewman Recruit Nancy Fowler) were relaxing before dinner is served.

photo courtesy of Ens Ray Kinserlow



Left Table: Left Side: Ship's Historian PO3 William Rice, CMO Lt. Cmdr. Doug Hogan, Bexar CMO Lt. Constance Pawlik, Chief of Communications Lt. Joseph White. Right Side: Crewman Recruit Nancy Fowler, Chief Engineer Lt. Cmdr. Gene Adams, Ship's Academy Advisor Ens. Alice Carey, Chief of Operations Lt. John Montgomery. Right Table: Left Side: (visible) Crewman Recruit Brian Franks Right Side: Crewman Recruit Dan Long, Crewman Mark Nichols, FCapt. Margi O'Neill-Nichols Back (Head) Table: (left to right) JAG Officer Comm. Sam Black, R3 Operations Officer VAdm Pat Spillers, R3 VRC-North Capt. Robyn Winans, and XO Lt. Darrell Carey

photo courtesy of Ens Alice Carey



Cadet PO1 Mackenzie O'Neill receives a Scholastic Award from CO FCapt. Lisa Pruitt and R3 VRC-North Capt. Robyn Winans



# AMATEUR RADIO: HAILING FREQUENCIES ARE OPEN

by FCAPT Dave Blaser  
FDP Communications

When I took the job as the Chief of the Fleet Division Program for Communications, one of my plans was to feature different types of communications methods. I'm finally getting around to fulfilling that goal.

In this edition, we're featuring amateur radio. It is surely an interesting form of communications, as we can use it to talk to people from all over the world. I think that this topic, in particular, lends itself extremely well into our love of Star Trek. After all, if it weren't for amateur radio, we wouldn't have Lieutenant Uhura.

With me are Carolyn and Gary Donner of the USS Jurassic, both huge amateur radio enthusiasts and supporters.

Dave Blaser: If it isn't too much trouble, would you mind taking a moment to introduce yourself, and give us a brief description of how you got into amateur radio?

Carolyn Donner: I'm CO of the USS Jurassic, director of the SFA Gorn Academy School, co-director (with Gary) of the STARFLEET Officers Radio School, and former R1 RC. My call sign is N8ST. That's a vanity call sign and I chose it so I could say, N8 Star Trek. It is great for starting conversations about Star Trek on the air.

I got into amateur radio when Gary got hurt on the job. We bought a used amateur radio to help him fill his free time. Although he had had a license for years, he hadn't had a radio since long before we got married. With his injury he was out of work for months and had lots of time. We used to work on special events together. He'd make the contacts, and I'd fill out the QSL cards (cards with your call sign, name, address, etc. and the contact information, such as date, time, etc., that confirms the contact) and the self-addressed, stamped envelopes (SASEs). Then it dawned on me that I shouldn't be letting him have ALL the fun while I did the work, so I studied and got a license myself.

Gary Donner: I'd like to add that many years ago I taught "Code and Theory" classes at a nearby club, where I tested and passed 51 folks. There were only 3 people that dropped out of the class, which I thought was a good average. Both Carolyn and myself are VE s (volunteer examiners), and with myself being an "Official Observer," I always stay on top of the rules and regulations for the USA.

DB: Can anyone get into amateur or HAM Radio, or are there some special requirements?

CD: Yes, anyone can get a license by passing the tests. There are NO age limitations. I've read about children as young as five years old and adults as old as 80 passing the tests. There are no handicap limitations either. If a person has a handicap and lets the volunteer examiners know ahead of time that they want to take the test, the examiners will

make provisions to have the tests available in a form they can take, or to have a room that has handicapped access (i.e., a blind person can have the test read to them; a person with difficulty hearing can take the code test via flashing lights, etc.).

DB: I need to get an operator's license. How hard is it to get one? What sort of things do I need to learn in order to get it?

CD: To start, you have to pass a written test to get an entry class license (Technician); then a five-word-per-minute (wpm) Morse-Code test and another written license to upgrade your license to the next class (General), and another written test to upgrade to the highest class of license (Extra). Each upgrade of your license gives you privileges on more frequencies.

Now you don't have to ever upgrade. You can stay a Technician class licensee if you want.

What sort of things are on the tests? It's a variety of information on how to be a good operator, what frequencies you can use (which depends on the class of your license), some electrical information (terms and circuits), how different types of antennas operate, limits (such as how much wattage you are allowed on specific frequencies known as bands), and other material. There is a question pool for each class test, and many books as well as software programs you can use to help you learn the information you need.

The code test is what usually scares people. After all, it's like learning a new language. That scares a lot of people. But there are software programs and tapes that can help. In addition, the code test gives you two ways to pass. First you listen to and write down (translate) five minutes of code. Then you get a 10-question test based on the five minutes of code you just listened to. If you get at least seven of the 10 questions correct, you pass. But even if you don't pass the written test, the volunteer examiners will look at your paper with the five minutes of code translation on it, and if you get 25 characters in a row correct (that's one minute of code at five wpm) anywhere on the sheet, you pass.

GD: Some basic information is needed about where one can operate, what types of modes can be used, etc. for an entry-level license. For higher levels, one needs to be able to send/receive Morse code at five wpm, which is much easier than before. The requirement for top level used to be 20 wpm, but was dropped to five a few years ago.

Most of the information needed to get started in amateur radio can be found in a book titled Now You're Talking, which is sold at Radio Shack. With an entry level license, one normally uses VHF and UHF bands, but even with a minimal amount of equipment, one can send signals through the International Space Station or merely chat with others, usually on repeaters — which extend the range of low power

radios — and hand held units, as well as a few digital modes.

With General and higher license classes, it is easy to communicate with most every place in the world (propagation permitting) with even a very low power station.

DB: Are the rules universally the same between countries, or are they different for each country? What are the major differences?

CD: Each country has it's own rules, but there is an international union that gets together and discusses some things.

Answering what the major differences are is difficult. What I've heard is that some countries allow voice on frequencies on which other countries only allow Morse code. Some countries allow amateurs to use frequencies that the USA does not. Another major difference is in how the country enforces its rules. In the United States, the rules are enforced by the Federal Communications Commission, which can issue fines, confiscate equipment, revoke licenses, and even jail offenders.

DB: Once I get my license, what sort of basic equipment do I need?

CD: Basically you'll need a radio, an antenna, and probably a power supply (depending on the radio). It's also nice to have a computer, but not necessary.

What you didn't ask here, and what I think people will be interested in, is if amateur radio costs arm and a leg. It could, but doesn't have to. Radios are available for as little as \$150 for a one band radio (10 meters) from Radio Shack, or you can spend upwards of \$4000 for a radio with lots of extras that you'll probably never use, but will allow you to say, "My radio can do that!"

An antenna is the same type of thing. We have one antenna in our backyard that is nothing more than a long wire. In fact, it's called a longwire antenna. And yes, it's just a very long wire, about 230 feet, which is connected to our radio via coaxial cable. But again, you can spend hundreds of dollars for antennas and towers to mount them on.

A power supply is needed for most newer radios. Some older ones had the power supply included within the radio, but newer ones use an external power supply. This can run you \$150 or more depending on what type you choose.

Of course, I am referring to new equipment. You can always buy used equipment. For an idea of prices, take a look at eBay sometime.

As for the computer, you've probably already got one. What does it have to do with amateur radio? You can keep a log of your contacts you've made; or you can actually hook your radio to your computer and run certain modes on the air using your computer, such as PSK31, RTTY,

Morse code and lots of others. These forms of communication are done using the proper computer program by typing on your keyboard. The message is then sent out over the air. Incoming signals are translated back into typed messages through your computer

GD: Most of the best software for digital stuff is freeware. All in all, it is easy enough to get started in this hobby without spending lots of money for bells and whistles. Hams also help to get information through during emergencies, which is an important part of the hobby.

DB: Are there any special events that take place where I can talk to other operators? Where and when are they?

CD: Well, the most popular one is the annual Field Day, which is the fourth full weekend of every June. This is actually an emergency preparedness test. Individuals or groups set up an amateur radio station in a public place (the USS Jurassic uses a park in Georgetown, OH), and spends 24 hours on the air making as many contacts as possible. The idea is that if a disaster hits, you could set up an amateur radio station and let the world know you are still here, ask for help, and send out messages to relatives and friends.

Although amateurs don't look for publicity, they are usually there when there is a disaster, along with the Red Cross, emergency workers, and others. But while phone lines are down, the Red Cross is busy helping people get medical treatment and find a place to stay, and the police and firemen are getting the disaster area secured and rescuing people; and phone lines are down, the amateur radio people are setting up a communications place where people can send messages to family and friends to let them know they are all right. This has been done in times of earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and even in New York City in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

As for the "where" of Field Day, it's held all over North America (and this year they are adding South America as well), so look for an announcement in your local newspaper around the middle of June. Then go to the Field Day site and ask questions, because the other reason for Field Day is to give the public a chance to see amateur radio as it works. Believe me, you'll be welcomed, given the grand tour of the site, and have all your questions answered.

Another special is to use Amateur Radio to help celebrate an event. I previously mentioned special events and now I will explain this. When a special event is happening, the planners often will have a time to be on the air and make contacts. The idea is to publicize the event and let people know it's happening. When a person contacts the special event station, they find out what's happening. Afterwards they send a QSL card and a SASE. In turn, they receive a nice certificate commemorating

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the special event.

Now what would be a special event? Well, it can be anything: the date of a Civil War battle, the 150th anniversary of a state, the frog-jumping contest (that one Mark Twain wrote about), the running of the salmon, the return of buzzards to Hinkley, Ohio, Nude Awareness Month; or the anniversary of a Star Trek club.

DB: Have any of you done "Radio Meetings" with members of your chapter or other STARFLEET members around the world?

CD: Yes, the USS Jurassic, which also has an amateur radio call sign and is licensed in two countries (USA as K8SSJ, and Canada as VE7SSJ) has worked Field Day every year, along with members of the USS Ohio, which recently received its USA license with the call sign of K8SSO. Even though we're a small group, we've managed to come in the upper half (and usually the upper third) of our class every year. Members of the USS Jurassic who help with Field Day are Gary Donner (K8BE), Charles Chandler (KG4DRD), Jerry Silman (KB8PVY), and Carolyn Donner (N8ST). Since we're a correspondence chapter, not all of our members can travel to Ohio to participate with us. However, they participate in their own area either as individuals or as part of a local radio group. These members include Garry Cameron (VE7ACM) and Ralph Brigham (KG4CSQ). In addition, USS Ohio members Barb Buffington (KC8SXM) and Roger Scritchfield (WD8ITD) traveled to Georgetown, Ohio to help us. We also have a couple of Star Trek fans that haven't joined STARFLEET yet (although we continue to encourage them to do so) who help with Field Day.

We've also had our own special event on the USS Jurassic's fifth anniversary for which we issued certificates and information about the club to every amateur operator who contacted us. Members of the USS Ohio helped us with this event as well, especially Roger, who was the Ohio's commanding officer at that time.

DB: Is it possible to get in touch with other operators on a regular basis, or is it a hit-and-miss communication method? Are there problems with trying to get in touch with the same operator from time to time?

CD: Yes, and no. I could go into a whole lot of detail here on propagation and sunspot cycles, but let me just say that at certain times of the year we can hear certain parts of the world — or even the USA — better than at other times. For instance, there are a couple of people in Germany that we like to chat with a couple of times a week in the winter, but we hear them less often in the summer.

Another thing to consider is the frequency or band you use. Different bands cover different distances, although even this is not totally written in stone. For instance, I think of the bands this way (and this doesn't use all the bands we can use, just some of the more popular ones):

- 80 meters is best for talking to people in Ohio
- 40 meters is good for Ohio, Indiana,

West Virginia and Kentucky

- 20 and 10 meters are good for the world

Now even with that said, there are people who have worked the world on 80 meters. It's just harder than doing it on 20 or 10 meters.

Personally, I like 10 meters and have made a lot of friends from all over the world with whom I have talked multiple times.

DB: Besides actually talking to people on the radio, what other kinds of communications can you do over amateur radio?

CD: It could take pages and pages to explain all the different types of communications on ham radio now, and new ones are being developed every day. You already know about voice and Morse code, but there are lots of digital modes as well.

Digital modes involve connecting a computer to an amateur radio using an interface. The computer then controls the radio by sending out signals that are interpreted by another computer that is hooked to a radio. These modes are great for someone who has a loss of hearing, because no actual human hearing is involved. A lot of software programs for working digital modes can be downloaded from the web and are either freeware or shareware.

GD: We do use phone mode here, but also Morse code, RadioTeletype, and nearly all of the newer digital modes in which one interfaces their computer to their radio and utilizes the DSP capabilities of their soundcard.

We use a lot of PSK31, which is Phase Shift Keying at 31 Hz bandwidth, which makes it the most effective mode available at present. We talk via our keyboard with this mode to all around the world, and use only 15 watts of power to accomplish that.

There is also Slow Scan Television, which is lots of fun. There is nothing fancy needed for this other than a radio and a computer. We send JPG pictures that we take with our camera or glean from the Internet, then chat about it in phone mode.

DB: Traditionally, for what purposes that our readers would be able to easily recognize have those other communication methods been used?

CD: RTTY is a form of radio teletype, similar to regular teletype. Hellschreiber was used as a code during World War II. Packet has been used to set up BBS systems.

DB: Do you have any suggestions for some good resources that our readers can use to learn more about amateur radio? Any decent web sites, books, magazines, etc?

CD: There are lots of books that contain the question pools for learning the information you need to pass the tests. One of the best to get started is Now You're Talking, sold at Radio Shack stores and on the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) website (<http://www.arrl.org>). There is also computer software (NuTest, which

is shareware and can be downloaded from <http://www.nu-ware.com/>).

You can take practice tests on several Web sites. Just type "amateur radio" into any search engine and you'll find lots of sites to help you. I think the best website for information of all types about amateur radio is the ARRL website.

There are also cassettes and software for helping you learn Morse code. My recommendation would be software called NuMorse, made by the same person who developed NuTest. It will even give you practice tests just like you'll be taking when you go to get your license. There is also a new program that's extremely good which uses the Koch Method and can be downloaded (freeware) from <http://www.g4fon.co.uk/>. But there are lots of other programs and tapes that are also good.

You can also find links to several amateur radio Web pages on the USS Jurassic's Web page at <http://www.qsl.net/k8ssj>. Just click on "Other Links" to find them.

DB: Is there a listserv anywhere for members of STARFLEET who would like to ask questions or talk to other amateur or ham operators?

CD: There is the STARFLEET Hams list run by Ray Brown. To get connected, e-mail Ray at [raybrown@ipa.net](mailto:raybrown@ipa.net) and ask to be added to the list. Remember to include your SCC number and your amateur radio call sign. In addition to the STARFLEET Hams list, STARFLEET Academy has a Radio School, which mostly has general real-world and Star Trek radio questions, but also has some amateur radio courses.

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Other than that, there are numerous lists and Web pages where you can chat with hams who aren't necessarily associated with STARFLEET. There's even a list for YL hams, with YL standing for Young Lady but actually referring to all female hams no matter their age. By comparison, men are referred to as OM — Old Man — no matter their age.

DB: If our readers have any further questions, would you mind if they dropped you a line and talked further with you?

CD: I'll be happy to try to answer questions. My e-mail is: [n8st@att.net](mailto:n8st@att.net). Contact me anytime.

DB: I'd like to thank both Carolyn and Gary for taking the time to answer all these questions, and for being so good about this article.

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# SNOWPOINT ANECDOTES

by Alex Rozenwieg

For the Challenger crew, our being stranded in the hotel for two extra days meant a major job hassle. Four members of our 8 member Away Team, work for the same company. In fact, our CMO, XO, and an Ops member work in the same office. We called our publisher (of Intercounty Newspaper Group) and informed him we would have to create Maryland bureau of The Community News and The New Egypt Press. Thankfully, both editions of our weekly newspapers got published a day later than usual.

We were among the few that had shovels so amid loaning it out and helping other Fleeters and hotel residents to dig themselves out we kept busy during the day. Many of us were glued to the weather channel and seeing who was hosting parties during the evening. Beyond that, it was just a lot of fun to have a few extra days in the pool, in the hotel, enjoying parties and good times with friends and despite the extra expense, we just felt a whole lot safer waiting until we did. It is a con we won't long forget. by V.Adm. Bob Vosseller

by Suzanne Reilly  
USS Thagard

Perhaps the best way to look at this is to grab a series of moments or small events that were part of making this con a unique experience. Here are a few, in no particular order...

1] Chatting with Gary Graham about his portrayal of Ambassador Soval, and when he was done, being able to say, "I can see that perfectly! I totally buy into that!"

2] Dancing with almost reckless abandon at the closing of 10-Forward, and looking at CMDR Emily Vosseller and saying, "I don't know what we did, but it was fun!" :)

3] Going outside on Monday to discover CMDR Cheri Rosen's car so buried it was only a big white mound.

4] Digging my car out with a Frisbee for a shovel.

5] Dining out (and in)! We had Indian food on Friday night, Irish on Saturday night, and Chinese takeout on Monday night, all with friends and lots of fun.

6] Introducing COMM Kim Brooks to various well-known authors so she could get her Trek novels signed.

7] Drinking chai and watching "The Mummy" with a big crowd in the hotel room.

8] Creating our very own filk with MCAPT Ricky Bruckman, as we sang about "The Con That Would Not End"...and soon discovering that the same idea was sweeping through the hotel.

9] Discovering exactly how hard it can be to keep lo mein from coming out of one's nose when one of LCDR Todd Brugmans' jokes finally gets past one's defenses and

one wants to burst out laughing, but has a mouthful of food at the precisely wrong moment!

10] Ricky and Todd adding a whole new dimension to a showing of "The Two Towers".

There are so many more, but we don't have dozens of pages. All in all, even if we \*were\* stranded in a hotel for a couple of days longer than planned, being among friends made all the difference. It was still a great Farpoint, and one we shan't soon forget.

by Joan E. Pierce

It was such a memorable weekend, it's hard to know where to begin. The Friday and Saturday pirate parties were great fun as usual. I had a good time hanging out with Kimi as we manned the Starfleet Recruiting table. Gil Gerard and Erin Gray were fabulous, and Armin Shimerman was a lot of fun – and such a nice guy. The guests were Snowed in with us all weekend and every time I turned around Armin was sitting or standing around talking to fans -- what a terrific sport!

I guess the most surreal part of the weekend was waking up to the phone ringing at 7:30 a.m., after just having gone to bed at 3:00 a.m., to the announcement from Sashi Wehle's husband in Philadelphia that it was already snowing there and running to the window to see that we already had almost a foot at the hotel. When we had last listened to the news Saturday evening they had been saying it would be snowing lightly in Maryland starting in the wee hours of the morning and that Philadelphia wasn't going to get hit until 2 or 3 in the afternoon, so we had planned to do some last con events in the morning and head home by noon. What is it they say about best-laid plans? There was a general panic as we pulled on clothes, quickly finished packing and started out to the car only to meet the Challenger crew, who had left an hour earlier, coming back in defeat. The scenes of snow covered roads and accidents on TV were very frightening, but some of our group did eventually leave anyway. They made it safely but it took them 5 hours to make what is usually a 2-hour trip!

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, those of us who had decided to wait it out went on with the con events as we nervously watched the snow drifts growing higher and higher outside the windows. One of our party made a joking reference about hoarding food since the hotel would probably be running out, and we all got a good laugh a few hours later when one of the con committee interrupted one of the guest talks to announce that there was indeed plenty of food in the hotel and no one needed to panic. That'll teach us to be more careful about what we say in public!

There are so many fun memories of that extended weekend, it's hard to keep it short. The pirates were asked to throw a public party on Sunday night in the old Frankie and Vinnie's 50s club that is used as the con suite and it turned out to

be a really fun time. Monday was spent hanging out during the day, watching as the snow continued to fall; to the point that the patio furniture by the pool was completely covered. Thagard member Cheri Rosen threw a Joe Millionaire finale party in her room Monday night, and those of us who attended had a wonderful time speculating on who Evan would pick and whether they would stay together. I had a hard time sleeping Monday night, so at 4 a.m. I gathered up my schoolbooks (I'm going to college part time), and took them down to the lobby to study. What was I thinking? I got to overhear an interesting conversation on Klingons, which turned into an even more fascinating discussion on religion and belief systems. So much for getting the homework done!

Then it was finally time to head home. It was hard to say goodbye to all the friends we'd bonded with during our captivity, but it was a relief (especially to the pocketbook which was getting very empty!) to finally be going home. Considering all the snow that had piled up (we had close to 30 inches in Maryland) the road crews had done an incredible job in clearing the highways so we made it home in a little over two hours. In retrospect, I could have gone home with our contingent that left Sunday, but I'm glad I didn't. Those extra days with friends having fun were worth the minor inconveniences and extra expense. It really gave us a chance to let friendship thrive!

My Farpoint memories will be ones I'll treasure forever. Who can forget me commenting "we'll meet in the lobby" and having 4-5 men start singing "Let's all go to the lobby!" or getting comfortable with a bunch of folks by the fireplace, talking and watching the snow pile up in the little inner courtyard of the Hunt Valley Marriott.

The snow memories started when

Michael Klufus called my room Sunday February 16th at 8:25 AM to tell me that the light rail wasn't running, BWI (Baltimore-Washington International Airport) was closed and that "you're staying here with us, Joanie" (Ironically he and his group were one of the few who actually made it out of the hotel, and safely to their destination, before the roads were closed.)

Later that day, as a bunch of us were in my room looking at the Weather Channel's map showing the impact of the snow, Tony Rowley pointed out that all the arrows that were pointing out the bad stuff were pointing directly at US!

I got two great vignettes, one of a van slowly getting covered with snow, and another of an outdoor cafe table and chairs being engulfed.

It was fun watching Alex Rosenzweig try to unearth his car from the vast amounts of snow piled atop it; to have Blair Learn lure Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo and I out to the hotel parking lot to catch snowflakes on our tongues; to realize how great carryout Chinese food could be after

eating hotel food for what seemed like forever (but was really only about 2 days); to hear people laughing about seeing Todd Brugmanns (sp!) "rake" the snow off his vehicle; to have 15 people in our room on Monday night all watching "The Mummy" on cable.

As I told my folks when I called periodically to update them on my status, there were worse things than being stuck in a hotel with friends, electricity and food during a huge snowstorm! Getting together with old friends and making new ones, those are the memories I'll take with me from

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*Deb Kern (facing) defends the Screaming Weazel honor against Sam Ruby and William Baker in the hot sun while those who experienced "Snowpoint" get a better taste of winter at Farpoint.*





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# CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled by Corporal Captain Blair Learn

**Convention attendees:** When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**Convention Organizers:** Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to Fanboy@dactylmanor.org. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

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## ALABAMA

**May 16-18** Mobicon, Mobile, Alabama; Info: PO Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/> president@mobicon.org Benefits: Make A Wish Foundation

## ARIZONA

**May 16-18** LepreCon 29, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/> lep29@leprecon.org Guests: Larry Elmore, Madame M, Richard Coyle

**Jul 25-27** Hexacon 13, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/> hex12chair@casfs.org

## ARKANSAS

**May 16-18** Roc\*Kon, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: PO Box 13118, Maumelle, AR 72113 <http://www.rockon.org/> admin@rockon.org Guests: Stephen R. Donaldson, Selina Rosen Benefits: Make-A-Wish Foundation

## CALIFORNIA

**May 23-26** KublaCon, Burlingame, California; Info: PO Box 170436, San Francisco, CA 94117 Ph: 866-KublaCon <http://www.kublacon.com/> info@KublaCon.com

**May 23-26** BayCon, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427 Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/> reg@baycon.org Guests: Greg Bear, Mark Ferrari, Janice Gelb, Rachel Holmen

**May 24-25** Creation: Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors, Burbank, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com Guests: Wes Craven, Bruce Campbell, Don Coscarelli, Angus Scrimm, Sean Cunningham, Jonathan Breck, Ray Wise, Brian Yuzna, Brian Penikas, Brinke Stevens, Bill Moseley, William Lustig

**Jun 6-8** 2003: A Fan Odyssey, Culver City, California; Info: 509 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104 <http://www.fanodyssey.org/> info@fanodyssey.org Guests: James Horan, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Garrett Maggart, Bruce A. Young, Chris Demetral, Elizabeth Gracen, Roberta Brown, Maureen Russell, Michael Shanks

**Jun 20-22** FanimeCon, Santa Clara, California; Info: PO Box 8068, San Jose, CA 95155-8068 <http://www.fanime.com/> help@fanime.com Guests: Akitaroh Daichi, Yasuhara Reiko, Yoshimatsu Takahiro, Ikuhara Kunihiro, Rebecca Forstadt, Matt Miller, Steve Bennett, Gilles Poitras, Allen Hastings

**Jun 27-29** PolyCon XXI, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 Ph: 805-756-7141 Box 5 <http://polycon.punk.net/> polycon@polycon.org

**Jun 28-29** Hollywood Collectors Show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcdcolectorshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

**Jul 3-6** Anime Expo, Anaheim, California; Info: 530 Showers Drive, Suite 7 PMB 287, Mountain View, California 94040 Ph: 626-582-8200 <http://www.anime-expo.org/>

**Jul 5-6** MonstersAmong Us, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 607 Monroe, MI 48161 Ph: 734-242-6885 <http://www.monstersamongus.com/> monsters@foxberry.net Guests: Caroline Munro, Bob May, Scott Essman,

**Jul 17-20** Comic-Con International, San Diego, California; Info: P.O. Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 1-800-266-4299 <http://www.comic-con.org/> ccweb@nucgen.com

## COLORADO

**Jun 5-8** Bencon, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 19232, Boulder, CO 80308-2232 Ph: 303-745-2115 <http://www.bengames.org/bencon/> info@bengames.org

**Jul 18-20** XIII-Khan, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO, 80917 Ph: 719-597-5259 <http://www.angelfire.com/scifi/xkhan/> Penny.Tegen@atsc-dsc.com Guests: John Stith

## FLORIDA

**May 18-25** Seatrek, Miami, Florida; Info: 13931

SW 108th St, Miami, FL 33186 Ph: 800-326-8735 or 305-387-1701 <http://www.scifi-cruises.com/> Guests: Garrett Wang, Casey Biggs

**May 23-25** Oasis 16, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794 Ph: 407-263-5822 [http://oasfis.org/oasis\\_16.html](http://oasfis.org/oasis_16.html) oasfis@sff.net Guests: Robert J. Sawyer

**May 23-26** Florida Con-Quest, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 6017 Pine Ridge Rd. #202 Naples Fl. 34119 Ph: 239-348-1985 <http://www.floridaconquest.com/> FloridaConQuest@aol.com

**May 30-Jun 1** Jacon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 780555, Orlando, FL 32878-0555 [http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~jaco/jacon\\_web/](http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~jaco/jacon_web/) Guests: Brett Weaver, George Lowe

**May 30-Jun 1** Vulkon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: Michael Dorn, Mira Furlan, Teryl Rothery, Richard Gordon, Inge Heyer

**Jul 18-20** Vulkon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/clevelandapr/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: James Marsters, James C. Leary, Robin Atkin Downes

## GEORGIA

**May 30-Jun 1** Sci-Fi Summer, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 957203, Duluth, GA 30095 <http://www.sci-fi-summer.com/> info@sfscon.org Guests: Vince Barrale, Bob Burden, Emerald Rose, Michael Weaver, Chris Wiese

## HAWAII

**Jun 1-8** Cruisetrek, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: 23852 Pacific Coast Highway #385, Malibu, CA 90265 Ph: 310-456-7544 <http://members.aol.com/cruisetrek/> cruisetrek@aol.com Guests: George Takei, Wil Wheaton, Ethan Phillips, Ronald B. Moore, Lolita Fatjo, Eric A. Stillwell

## ILLINOIS

**May 16-18** Anime Central, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 1400 W. Devon Avenue, Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.acen.org/> aceninfo@acen.org

**Jun 6-8** DucKon, Lincolnwood, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 <http://www.duckon.org/> info@duckon.org Guests: Tanya Huff, Jim Rittenhouse Benefits: The Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction Literature

**Jun 13-15** Flashback Weekend 2, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5948, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-5948 Ph: 847-478-0119 <http://www flasbackweekend.com/> feedback@flashbackweekend.com Guests: Kevin McCarthy, P.J. Soles, Judith O'Dea, Linda Harrison, J.R. Bookwalter, Ken Foree, Michael Beryman, Robert Z'Dar, Tom Sullivan

**Jun 20-22** Slanted Fedora, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com

**Jul 18-20** G-Fest X, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Box 3468, Steinbach, MB, Canada, R0A 2A0 <http://www.g-fan.com/>

**Jul 26-27** BotCon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 905, Kendallville IN 46755-0905 <http://www.botcon.com/> info@botcon.com

## INDIANA

**Jun 4-6** InConJunction, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 68514, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0514 <http://www.inconjunction.org/> conchair2001@inconjunction.org Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Peter Adkison, Rob Pyatt

**Jul 24-27** Gen Con Indy '03, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave, #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencongamefair.com/> events@gencon.com

## KENTUCKY

**Jun 7-8** Wonderfest, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 5757, Louisville, KY 40255-0757 <http://www.wonderfest.com/>

## MAINE

**Jun 13-15** Port Con Maine, Portland, Maine; Info: PO Box 756, Standish, ME 04084 <http://www.portconmaine.com/> info@portconmaine.com

## MARYLAND

**May 23-26** Balticon 37, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/> bsfs@balticon.org Guests: Sharon Lee, Steve Miller, Sheila Rayyan, Omar Rayyan, Steve McDonald, Wen Spencer

**Jul 11-13** Shore Leave 25, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/> information@shore-leave.com Guests: John Rhys-Davies, Marina Sirtis, Andrea Thompson, Marc Singer, Vaughn Armstrong, Carolyn Seymour, Phil Morris, Alan Ruck, Barbara Luna, Robert O'Reilly, J.G. Hertzler, Lucy Albert, Greg Cox, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Michael Jan Friedman, Robert Greenberger, Sonia Hillios, Heather Jarman, Jeffrey Lang, John Ordovery, Marco Palmieri, Roberta Rogow, Ray Villard, Howard Weinstein, Joan Winston

## MASSACHUSETTS

**May 16-18** The Black Road, Marlborough,

Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wyanantskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/> info@theblackroad.org

**Jul 11-13** Readercon 15, Burlington, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 38-1246, Cambridge MA 02238-1246 <http://www.readercon.org/> info@readercon.org Guests: Hal Clement, Rudy Rucker, Howard Waldrop

**Jul 18-20** ConCertino, Worcester, Massachusetts; Info: 18 Cottage Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 Ph: 781-646-3118 <http://www.concertino.net/> info@massfilc.org Guests: Jeff Bohnhoff, Maya Bohnhoff, Erica Neely, Ed Stauff, Priscilla Olson, Ellen Kushner

## MICHIGAN

**May 16-18** Motor City Comic Con, Novi, Michigan; Info: 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd, PMB #231, Southfield, MI 48076 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/> info@motorcitycomiccon.com Guests: Mary Wilson, Dee Wallace Stone, Greg Evigan, Lou Ferrigno, Linda Blair, Gary Lockwood, Keir Dullea

**May 23-26** MediaWest\*Con 23, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm> mdiawstcon@aol.com

**Jul 4-6** Weekend in Sherwood, Farmington Hills, Michigan; Info: 2536 Dundee Drive, Warren, MI 48092 <http://dutepp0.et.tudelft.nl/~tirza/RoS/> ChrisRHood@aol.com Guests: Jason Connery, Mark Ryan

## MINNESOTA

**Jun 20-22** STARFLEET Region 6 Summit, Eagan, Minnesota; Info: 1605 East Cliff Road #126, Burnsville, MN 55337 <http://www.geocities.com/r6summit/> r6summit@yahoo.com

**Jul 4-6** CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: 1437 Marshall Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55104 Ph: 651-647-3487 <http://www.convergence-con.org/> info@convergence-con.org Guests: Simon Jones, Andrew Probert, Phil Hester

## MISSOURI

**May 23-25** ConquesT, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 Ph: 816-822-2740 <http://www.kcsciencefiction.org/> con33.htm jello@kc.rr.com Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Suzanne Carnival-Reece, Ellen Datlow, Vincent DiFate, John Ringo Benefits: Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame

**Jun 6-8** Konnption, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1345, Columbia MO 65205-1345 <http://www.konnption.org/> Guests: James Rollins, James Clemens, Susan Eisenhower, Zo Allen, Jeff Orth

**Jul 11-13** ShowMeCon, Earth City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 410115, St. Louis, MO 63141-9998 <http://www.showmecon.com/> Benefits: Wesa-A-Geh-Ya Sanctuary

## MONTANA

**May 23-25** MisCon 17, Missoula, Montana; Info: PO Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/> enigma@bigsky.net Guests: David Gerrold, Samuel R. Delany, Jennifer Blanc, Chuck Bordell

## NEVADA

**May 24-25** Bardcon, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: PO Box 66319, Newport, MI 48166 <http://www.bardcon.org/> bardcon@hotmail.com

**Jul 18-20** Con\*Strict, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 7310 Smoke Ranch Rd. #D, Las Vegas, NV 89128 Ph: 702-249-6218 <http://www.randomadventures.com/constrict/> constrict@RandomAdventures.com

## NEW JERSEY

**Jun 13-15** WPG: I18: Intercon Gazebo, Piscataway, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/> GM@wildgazebo.com

## NEW YORK

**Jul 27-29** The Gathering of the Gargoyles, New York, New York; Info: 19500 Monterey Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44119-1507 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/> gathering@gargoyles-fans.org Guests: Greg Weisman

## NORTH CAROLINA

**May 23-25** Animazement, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 1383, Cary, NC 27512-1383 <http://www.animazement.org/> information@animazement.org

**May 30-Jun 1** ConCarolinas, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PMB 2004, 401 Hawthorne Ln, Suite 110, Charlotte, NC 28204 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.secfi.org/concarolinas/> concarolinas@yahoo.com

**Jun 13-15** HeroesCon, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9181, Charlotte, NC 28299 Ph: 704-375-7463 <http://www.heroesonline.com/>

**Jun 19-22** Courts of Chaos Con, Raleigh, North Carolina; Info: 211 Russell Drive Wendell, NC 27591 <http://www.karakash.com/cc/> BamaFan@worldnet.att.net

**Jul 31-Aug 3** STARFLEET International Conference 2003, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: c/o John T. Hopkins, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd.Pfafftown, NC 27047 <http://ic2003.sfi.org/> RAdmFell@aol.com

## OHIO

**May 23-25** Marcon 38, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 <http://www.marcon.org/> marchair@cshellsweb.com Guests: Jack Vance, J. Gregory Keyes, Ruth Thompson, Mary Doria Russell, Richard Hatch, Sue Cook, Bill Sutton, Brenda Sutton, Monte Cook, Mark Evans, Dragon Dronet, Wanda Plety, Rob Stewart, Eugene Roddenberry Jr

**Jun 26-29** Origins, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 80 Garden Center, Suite 16, Broomfield, CO 80020-1735 Ph: 303-635-2223 <http://www.originsgames.com/> CustServ@GAMA.org

**Jun 26-29** Midwestcon 54, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: 5627 Antoninus Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/> scribe@cfg.org

## OKLAHOMA

**May 16-18** STARFLEET Region 12 Summit, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Info: 1317 SW 83rd; Oklahoma City, OK 73159 Ph: 405-601-1950 <http://www.region12.org/okshipwreck@cox.net>

**Jun 20-22** Trek Expo, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 2130 South Sheridan, Tulda, OK 74129 Ph: 918-838-3388 <http://www.starbase21ok.com/thornton21@aol.com>

**Jul 18-20** Conestoga, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 440 S. Gary Ave, Box 45, Tulsa, OK 74104 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/conestoga.htm> Guests: David Brin, Esther Friesner, David Lee Anderson, Keith Birdsong Benefits: Domestic Violence Intervention Service

Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.libertycon.org/> unclletimmy@libertycon.org Guests: S. M. Stirling, Larry Elmore, Steve Hickman, John Ringo, Darryl Elliot

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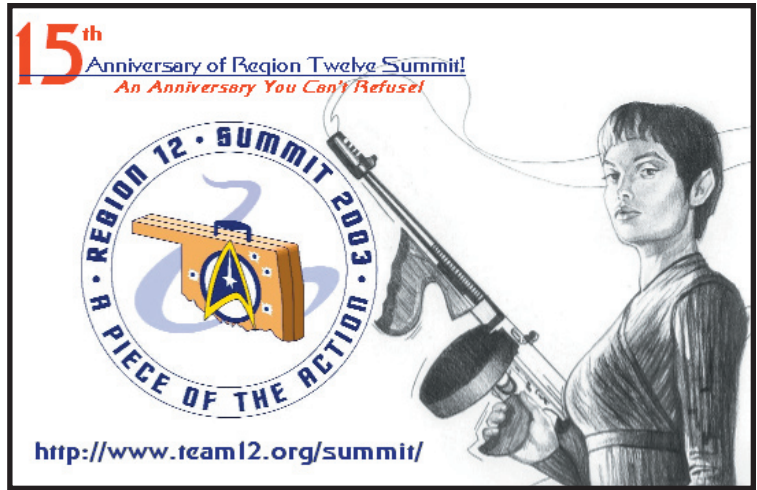
**May 30-Jun 1** A-Kon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Info: 3352 Broadway Blvd., # 470, Garland, TX 75043 <http://www.a-kon.com/> info@a-kon.com Guests: Arik Renee Avila, Jonathan Clemons, P.N. Elrod, Newton Ewell, Steve Kyte, Edward Luena, Helen McCarthy, Monica Rial, Rikki Simons, Tavisha Wolgarth Simons, Amy Howard Wilson, Tristen Citrine, Duel Jewel, Tiffany Grant, Amanda Winn Lee, Jason Lee, Kyle Hebert, Scott Mcneil, Lisa Nelson, Christopher Patton, Noboyuki Takahashi, J Shanon Weaver, Bruce Lewis, Tadashi Negishi, Bob Bergen

**Jun 14-15** Creation, Plano, Texas; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Roxann Dawson

**Jun 20-22** STARFLEET Region 3 Summit, College Station, Texas; Info: PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75016 <http://www.region3.com/summit03/> Summit2003@region3.com

**Jul 11-13** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Richardson, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

**Jul 25-27** Lone Star Collectables Show, Houston, Texas; Info: 412 E. Main, Nacogdoches, TX 75961



## OREGON

**Jul 19-20** Spacecon XV, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33565 Ph: 503-408-7997 <http://www.stonehill.org/1999/starparty1@yahoo.com> Guests: Barry Morse, Zienia Merton Benefits: Parkinson's Center of Oregon

## PENNSYLVANIA

**May 31** KosaikKon, Villanova, Pennsylvania; Info: 1705 Eland Downe, Phoenixville, PA 19460 <http://www.kosaikon.com> cassie@speakeasy.net

**Jul 18-20** Anthrocon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 270, Devault, PA 19432-0270 <http://www.anthrocon.org/> anthrocon@anthrocon.org

**Jul 25-27** Confluence, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/conflu/> parsec-home@netcom.com

## TENNESSEE

**May 31-Jun 1** Adventure Con II, Knoxville, Tennessee; Info: 1623 Montvale Rd, Maryville, TN 37803 Ph: 865-984-4476 <http://toyshow.org/> info@toyshow.org Guests: Ben Chapman, Gil Gerard, Erin Gray, Felix Sella, Steve Stanley, Warwick Davis, Gunnar Hansen, Linda Harrison, James MacArthur

**Jul 25-28** Mythcon XXXIV, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: 1603 Rosewood Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon33.html> Mythcon33@rialtio.org Guests: Dr. Dabney A. Hart, Sherwood Smith

**Jul 25-27** LibertyCon 16 / Deep South Con 41, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695,

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## Australia

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**May 18** Friends of Science Fiction Presents, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 797, Fairfield NSW 1860, Australia Ph: +61-02-9523-8385 <http://www.fsf.com.au/bookings@fsf.com.au> Guests: Anthony Montgomery

**Jun 6-8** Holodiction, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +64 02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

### QUEENSLAND

**Jun 1** Holodiction, Brisbane, Queensland; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Jun 2** Holodiction, Adelaide, South Australia; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

### VICTORIA

**Jun 31** Holodiction, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +64 02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Jun 2** Holodiction, Perth, Western Australia; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02 9311 4655 <http://www.photonpublishing.com.au/holodiction@startrek.com.au>

## CANADA

### MANITOBA

**May 16-18** Keycon 20, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://www.keycon.org/ombudsman@keycon.org> Guests: Robert Sawyer, Jolly Blackburn, Carolyn Clink

### ONTARIO

**May 16-18** Anime North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/info@animenorth.com>

**Jun 13-15** STARFLEET Region 13 Summit, Brampton, Ontario; Info: 74072-260 Guelph St, Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1, Canada <http://summit.region13.org/summit@region13.org>

**Jun 26-29** Science Fiction Research Association Conference (SFRA), Guelph, Ontario; Info: SFRA Treasurer, College of Arts and Humanities, Texas

A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 <http://www.sfra.org/sfra2003.htm> Guests: Geoff Ryman

**Jul 11-13** Toronto Trek 17, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7097 Station A, Toronto Ontario, Canada, M5W 1X7 Ph: (416) 410-TCON (8266) <http://tcon.ca/tcon@icomm.ca> Guests: Julie Catlin Brown, Linda Park, Erin Gray, Gil Gerard, Edo van Belkom, Julie Czerneda, Robert J. Sawyer, Nikki Stafford, Larry Stewart Benefits: Ronald McDonald House

## United Kingdom

### ENGLAND

**May 17-18** Sci Fi Shows -- London Expo, London, England; Info: c/o Nelson House, 341 Lea Bridge Road., Leyton., London, United Kingdom Ph: +44 20 8523 1074 <http://www.scifishows.com/info@scifishows.com> Guests: Gil Gerrard, Richard Herd

**May 24-25** UK Comics Festival, Bristol, England; Info: PO Box 48, Clevedon, Bristol BS21 7LQ, England Ph: +44 (0) 1225 424881 <http://www.dreddcon.co.uk/kevf@netgates.co.uk>

**May 31** 10th Planet, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/sales@tenthplanet.co.uk> Guests: Sarah Sutton

**Jun 17-18** SFX: Event, London, England; Info: PO Box, 38727, London, E10 7YH, UK <http://www.sfx.co.uk/sfxtickets@futurenet.co.uk> Guests: Michael Shanks

**Jun 29** 10th Planet, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/sales@tenthplanet.co.uk> Guests: Colin Baker, Sylvester McCoy

**Jul 5-7** AmberCon UK, Berkshire, England; Info: 23 Longcroft Close, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 8XG <http://www.aparker.co.uk/amber/>

**Jul 13** 10th Planet, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/sales@tenthplanet.co.uk> Guests: Stephen Thorne, Nicholas Courtney, Bob Baker

### WALES

**Jul 11-13** ConStruction, Cardiff, Wales; Info: 63 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, England, United Kingdom, CF5 9QH <http://www.dragonevents.ltd.uk/ConStruction@DragoEvents.Ltd.UK>

## MARCH 2003

**2003.03.31:** Captain Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, Pre-Shuttle Hell's Fury Commanding Officer, (Crazy-Colonel\_5thBN@msn.com), announced the formation of the Pre-Shuttle Hell's Fury, a Region Once Correspondence Chapter In Training.

**2003.03.31:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Gallant.

**2003.03.31:** Commodore Dave Blaser & Commander Matt Baillie, (Summit@Region13.org), remind us that the Region 13 Summit is only 74 days away. They are also still in need of some panelists. Please reference their website at <http://summit.region13.org/> for more information.

**2003.03.30:** Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced that the STARFLEET Academy is now searching for a team of graphic artists and desktop publishing specialists to work for the SFA Office of Publications.

**2003.03.30:** Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced that the STARFLEET Academy is looking for a Scholarship Director.

**2003.03.26:** Ben Redding, (trekscotty@iglide.net), provided an update on the upcoming R1 Summit.

**2003.03.25:** Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Commander, (cs@sfi.org), announced that Michael Urvand has been named Regional Coordinator for Region 6 effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. "No foolin'!"

**2003.03.25:** RADM Matthew G. Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (mcopple@kcpathfinder.org), announced that the Fleet Division Program has an opening for Commanding Officer, STARFLEET Special Operations.

**2003.03.25:** RADM Matthew G. Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (mcopple@kcpathfinder.org), announced that the Fleet Division Program has an opening for a Program Manager.

**2003.03.24:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced that he is seeking a moderator for the CFOST list.

**2003.03.23:** Fleet Captain/Brigadier Martin A. Lessem, (MufasaTL@aol.com), announced that the R7 Conference and 7th BDE Muster's website is now up and running at <http://www.isslexington.org/r72003/>.

**2003.03.23:** Robin Smith, OCP Webmistress, ([robin@ussdragonsclub.org]) announced that the Overseas Coupon Program should return to full operation in the next few months.

**2003.03.21:** Commodore Jeffery 'Hawk' Higdon, Office of the Fleet Historian Deputy Director, (blackhawk@sfi.org), announced update of the Official STARFLEET History has occurred and has been posted on the website ([history.sfi.org](http://history.sfi.org)).

**2003.03.18:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle TikkunV'Or.

**2003.03.18:** Brigadier Linda Olson, Chief of Staff STARFLEET Marines, (ST\_Dragonlady@msn.com), requests that everyone affiliated w/the SFMC please go into the current database and make the affiliation adjustment in your records.

**2003.03.17:** Brian Stimpson, (bstimp2@cs.com), announced Region 15's 10th Anniversary and Summit. Please reference their website, <http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/3672/index.html>, for more information.

**2003.03.15:** Commodore Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com) announced that the STARFLEET Sciences web page has been updated at <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/sci-attack.html>.

**2003.03.15:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced that the latest online column is now available at <http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-chaplain/diary/index.php>.

**2003.03.15:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Hapsburg.

**2003.03.12:** SGM Shawn Williams, SGM 2nd Brigade, (sarge101us@yahoo.com), announced the event schedule for the 2nd Brigade SFMC and 7th DIV SMI Joint Muster.

**2003.03.11:** Jessica Lindenfelser, 2003 Region Six Summit Coordinator, (pjessica\_stratton@yahoo.com), announced the 5th Annual Region 6 Summit, June 20-22, 2003 in Eagan, MN. Please reference <http://www.geocities.com/r6summit/> for more information.

**2003.03.11:** SGM Shawn Williams, SGM 2nd Brigade, (sarge101us@yahoo.com), announced the Joint Marine Muster, which will be held May 2-4, 2003 in Gadsden/Attalla, AL.

**2003.03.10:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launch of the Shuttle Vanguard.

**2003.03.09:** Comm. Ben C. Redding, (trekscotty@iglide.net), provided an update on the

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compiled by Robin Smith, Announcements Coordinator

R1 Summit including a tentative schedule.

**2003.03.08:** Blair Learn, (BlairL@dactylmanor.org), requests that anyone with an online photo collection from any past Regional or International Summit/Conference, please drop an email to [conboy@ussatlas.org](mailto:conboy@ussatlas.org) so a link can be added to the photo page at <http://conventions.sfi.org/conlist/STARFLEET/photos.stm>.

**2003.03.08:** Blair Learn, (BlairL@dactylmanor.org), requests that everyone peruse the convention list at <http://conventions.sfi.org/> and send any updates or additions to [conboy@ussatlas.org](mailto:conboy@ussatlas.org).

**2003.03.05:** Jack Kern, (jdkern@zianet.com), announced that the USS Mir is preparing for their next Relay For Life. Please reference their web site at [http://www.geocities.com/jack\\_kern/relay/](http://www.geocities.com/jack_kern/relay/) for more information.

**2003.03.05:** COMM Jerry Tien, Chief of STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of U.S.S. Archer, NCC-1069.

**2003.03.05:** COMM Jerry Tien, Chief of STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of U.S.S. Liberator, NCC-75008.

**2003.03.04:** General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlk.com), announced that CQ 73 joins CQ 74, rebuilt last week, and the two missing CQs 75 and 76, in the Online CQ Archives at <http://cq.ussatlas.org/>.

**2003.03.04:** Commodore Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com), announced that the latest newsletter of the USS Alaric, including reports for Region One Sciences and STARFLEET Sciences, is now online at <http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0212.htm>.

**2003.03.03:** RADM Matthew Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (fdp@sfi.org), announced that Dustin Williams (gamemaster@sfi.org) will serve as the interim Director of the FDP Youth Services program. Applications for this position will be solicited shortly.

**2003.03.03:** RADM Matthew G. Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (fdp@sfi.org), announced that Captain Adam Day has retired from his position as Director, STARFLEET Special Operations, in order to pursue elective office. BGEN Dennis Rayburn has been named as Interim Director for SF50.

**2003.03.02:** Commodore Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com), announced that the STARFLEET Science Division is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Fleet Division Chief of Sciences. Please visit <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/sci-staff.html#AFDCSci> for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2003

**2003.02.27:** Pete Mohney, Region 2 Regional Coordinator, (pdmohney@aol.com), announced that the Region 2 Summit Charity Auction for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be accepting bids from all members, even if they are unable to attend the summit.

**2003.02.27:** Ben Redding, (trekscotty@iglide.net), reminds us that the R1 Summit is fast approaching. Please reference <http://r1summit.mainpage.net> for more information.

**2003.02.26:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced the new name for the Welcome project ... STARFLEET First Contact Office and Teams.

**2003.02.24:** Commodore Tammy Willcox, Chief Financial Officer, (treasurer@sfi.org), informs us of a growing trend in HelpDesk tickets as well as some tips on making everyone's life just a little easier.

**2003.02.23:** Joe Brouhard, SFIgaming.net Director, (director@sfigaming.net) announced the formation of several listservs for SFIgaming usage.

**2003.02.22:** Richard Kinne (n2ikr@arrl.net), announced the new home of the USS Espero, <http://www.uss-espero.org/>.

**2003.02.21:** "Wild Bill" Herrmann, (OpEagle@Bellsouth.Net), announced the creation of a new list for SFI members, the SFI Cyberspace Comms.

**2003.02.20:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the commissioning of the USS Titanium.

**2003.02.19:** Adm. Brad Pense, (bpense@attbi.com), announced that the Region 3 Summit will be held on June 20th-22nd in College Station. Please reference <http://www.region3.com/summit03/> for more information.

**2003.02.18:** "Cap'n Carl" Commodore Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP (co@ussdominator.org), announced that current totals for 2002 and 2003 are now available at <http://www.ussdominator.org/OCF-2002-totals.html>. Please send any corrections to Carl at [co@ussdominator.org](mailto:co@ussdominator.org).

**2003.02.17:** RADM Ron Fell, IC2003 Programming Coordinator, (RADmFell@aol.com), announced that IC 2003 will feature "Quark's Annex" as a part of the weekend's activities.

**2003.02.17:** 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-chaplain/diary/index.php>.

**2003.02.17:** Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that Issue 2 of the Vehicle Registry is now available. Also, any corrections should now be sent to [chapterinfochange@sfi.org](mailto:chapterinfochange@sfi.org).

**2003.02.17:** Commodore Richard Heim, FDC Sciences (alaricrh@sprynet.com), announced that the STARFLEET Sciences web page has been updated and may be viewed at <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/STARFLEET-sciences.html>.

**2003.02.13:** Dave Blaser, (DaveB@Region13.org) announced the unveiling of the new FDP Communications Web Site at <http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-comm/>.

**2003.02.12:** Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the commissioning for the USS Niagara.

**2003.02.10:** Colonel Christopher "Whiteknight" Esquilb, Chief Datawarfare, SFMC Training & Doctrine Command (TRACOM), (whiteknight1a@earthlink.net), announced the new Datawarfare website at <http://datawarfare.sfi-sfmc.org/>.

**2003.02.09:** Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announced the launch of a new joint project, a volunteer group known as the STARFLEET Welcome Wagon.

**2003.02.05:** Tammy Willcox, Chief Financial Officer, (CFO@sfi.org), announced that Dee Rickard is the Finance Team's new Loss Prevention Specialist.

**2003.02.05:** Commodore Dave Blaser & Commander Matt Baillie, (Summit@Region13.org) announced that only 128 days remain until the Region 13 Summit.

**2003.02.04:** RADM Ron Fell, IC2003 Programming Coordinator, (RADmFell@aol.com), announced the room rates for IC 2003. Complete hotel information is available at [IC2003.sfi.org](http://IC2003.sfi.org).

**2003.02.04:** Scott A. Akers, STARFLEET Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlk.com), requests that all members requesting vouchers or online courses through the new academy website allow at least 2-3 days for processing.

**2003.02.03:** Mysteri Tullis, FDP Youth Services Director, (mysteri@cox.net) announced that all youth wishing to participate in the Shuttle Columbia memorial fund send in a drawing (colored or not, your choice) and/or a short poem or note. These will be turned into memorial quilts and books, which will be sold at IC 2003 w/100% of the proceeds going to the fund.

**2003.02.03:** Brigadier General Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., SFA Dean - Institute of the Arts, (killough@southshore.com), announced that effective February 1st, the SFA College of History is back open for business.

**2003.02.02:** Rear Admiral Matthew G. Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (mcopple@copplecomputers.com) announced the creation of a new department, as yet unnamed, for the purpose of advocacy and education on issues related to space exploration, not only in the USA but across the world.

**2003.02.01:** Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster SFI, (cptmike@epcusa.com), announced that the Office of the Webmaster: STARFLEET is honored to provide a series of memorial banners and buttons at <http://www.sfi.org/sts-107/> to commemorate the memory of the 7 brave explorers who will continue to inspire future generations.

**2003.02.01:** General Scott A. Akers, STARFLEET Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlk.com), thanked Admiral Marlene Miller for her service as Transition Advisor, and announced that the Annual STARFLEET Academy Director of the Year Award has been renamed the Marlene Miller Award, the first of which, will be awarded at the STARFLEET International Conference this August in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**2003.02.01:** Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, (alex@castle.net), announced that the "STARFLEET Remembers" page at <http://users.tellurian.com/lizwoolf/sfriremem.html> has been updated.

**2003.02.01:** Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Vice Commander, (mha@ussaccord.org), announced that STARFLEET will be accepting paypal donations at [epayments@sfi.org](mailto:epayments@sfi.org), to help the families of the brave astronauts lost aboard Shuttle Columbia. Please make sure the subject or notes section of your payment says "Shuttle Columbia."

**2003.02.01:** Michael W. Malotte, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), announces that on this most sad and solemn day, STARFLEET Headquarters dims its lights and observes a moment of silence for the brave crew of the Shuttle Columbia.

**2003.02.01:** Allyson M. W. Dyar, Fleetchat Network Assistant Administrator, (nitehawk@ussjaguar.org), reminds everyone that Fleetchat IRC is here for anyone who wants to discuss anything, or otherwise be with people.

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# MSR SUMMARIES

Compiled by FCAPT Dixie Halber

Happy Spring to everyone! Finally the snows have melted (mostly) and everyone is thawing out. The ships of the Fleet were active however, despite the bad weather.

I would like to say a word about MSRs if I could. If you are filing your MSR via the database, you do not have to worry about sending me a copy of your MSR for inclusion. I get an e-mail from the database that gives me your activities. So if you're using the database, you're already included.

And with that, here's what's been going on around the Fleet.

## REGION 1

### **USS Aeon** NCC - 75022

Memphis, TN  
Crewmembers gearing up to participate in a local convention.

### **USS Alaric** NCC - 503

Asheville, NC  
Recycling efforts to support a local children's home continue. Crewmembers enjoyed several game nights.

### **USS Appomattox** NCC - 75001

Appomattox, VA  
Crew enjoyed a gift exchange at the first meeting of the year. The ship held a baby shower for two if its crewmembers, however the baby decided to crash the party! Ship welcomed its newest members onboard.

### **USS Aries** NCC - 71806

Johnson City, TN  
Crew still working on making a fan film. An away team traveled to the summit in Region 2.

### **USS Arizona** NCC - 71839

Canton, OH  
Crew planning many service projects fro the coming year. Crew also at work planning for the ship's anniversary party.

### **USS Asgard** NCC - 72402

Lancaster, OH  
An away team traveled to the meeting of another area chapter. Ship sponsored a blanket drive for a local shelter.

### **USS Athena** NCC - 51896

Reston, VA  
Ship celebrated the 26th with a Non-Superbowl party. Many members snowed in at Farpoint.

### **Bennu Station** SFR - 119

Gatlinburg, TN  
Crew members enjoyed movie night. Crew is preparing for the upcoming R1 Summit.

### **USS Bonaventure** NCC - 102-A

Greensboro, NC  
Crewmembers planning to attend a local convention.

### **USS Carolina** NCC - 74222

Greenville, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights, game nights and a Superbowl party. Plans underway for a campout in the fall.

### **USS Chesapeake** NCC - 1887

Richmond, VA  
An away team took a trip to the movies.

### **USS Columbia** NCC - 75017

Wooster, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie and restaurant activities.

### **USS Columbus** NCC - 72401

Columbus, OH  
Bad weather kept the crew indoors and away from scheduled activities.

### **USS Dark Wolf** NCC - 75002

Blountville, TN  
Plans underway for the coming year. An away team enjoyed a trip to the Carl Sandburg house. Crewmembers donated teddy bears to a local charity.

### **USS Dominator** NCC - 18076

N. Charleston, SC  
An away team attended the Region's sectional New Years party. Crewmembers enjoyed a Superbowl Party. Plans underway to attend the Region 1 Fall Conference. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

### **USS Gallifry** NCC - 81631

Elyria, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights, game nights and a Star Trek Marathon. Plans underway for the ship's commissioning party.

### **USS Heimdal** NCC - 1793

Madison Heights, VA  
Monthly meeting featured a talk by a NASA representative on various subjects including the Columbia disaster, the Educator Astronaut program and the future Mar's missions.

### **USS Hornet** NCC - 1714-D

Charlotte, NC  
Away teams enjoyed several dinner nights. Plans underway for R1 Summit and for IC.

### **USS Intrepid** NCC - 74655

Wooster, OH  
Plans underway for the ship's anniversary party.

### **USS Jamestown** NCC - 1843-D

Hampton, VA  
An away team attended a bowling event. Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meetings. OCP

efforts continue.

### **USS Jurassic** NCC - 3500

Hamersville, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed the snow that fell in much of the area.

### **Shuttle Kingfisher** NCC - 18076/1

Hickory, NC  
Recruitment efforts continue. Charity fundraising plans underway.

### **USS Kitty Hawk** NCC - 1659

Raleigh, NC  
A small away team volunteered at First Night. Ship decided to focus more on social aspects of the club.

### **USS Lagrange** NCC - 3916-B

Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
An away team traveled to a St. Patrick's Day parade.

### **USS Liberator** NCC - 75008

Akron, OH  
OCP collection efforts underway. A party is being planned to celebrate the ship's commissioning.

### **USS Maat** NCC - 1794-A

Virginia Beach, VA  
An away team enjoyed a pizza night. OCP efforts continue.

### **USS Maelstrom** NCC - 74218

Hertford, NC  
Crewmembers met with a journalism student who is going to document the crew's activities for the next several months. Plan underway for summer cons.

### **Shuttle Nemesis** NCC - 1896/01

Akron, OH  
Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers are volunteering at a local pet store on weekends. Web page construction underway.

### **Space Station Nikola Tesla** NCC - SS0005

Puryear, TN  
Crewmembers involved in fundraising for local charity.

### **USS Normandy** NCC - 36000

Correspondence  
Crew is pleased to continue as the flagship of the Fleet. Crewmembers are working with the IC committee in preparing for this years conference.

### **USS Ohio** NCC - 75007

Barberton, OH  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th Anniversary. An away team traveled to the commissioning party of another area ship. An away team answered telephones for a PBS pledge drive.

### **USS Powhatan** NCC - 1967-A

Chesapeake, VA  
Crewmembers helped clean their adopted highway spot.

### **USS Providence** NCC - 71796

Jackson, TN  
Crew enjoyed the regular monthly meeting.

### **USS Questar** NCC - 75435

Louisville, KY  
An away team enjoyed laser tag and a museum trip.

### **USS Renegade** NCC - 2547

Youngstown, OH  
Fundraising efforts for Cystic Fibrosis continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a dinner.

### **USS Reprisal** NCC - 1896

Kingsport, TN  
Plans to volunteer at a local shelter are underway. An away team enjoyed a Superbowl party. An away team taught CPR at a local Heart Association event.

### **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 pop-tops continue.

### **USS Rutledge** NX - 72415

Ladsen, SC  
An away team traveled to snowy Farpoint. Operation Eagle efforts underway. Website redesign underway.

### **USS Star League** NCC - 2101

N. Augusta, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Plans for future activities underway.

### **USS Starward Fury**

NCC - 2122  
Fayetteville, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bad movie night. An away team enjoyed a bowling day.

### **USS Tempest**

NCC - 21556  
Lima, OH  
Seti@Home work still underway.

### **USS Tycho**

NCC - 59325  
Toledo, OH  
An away team traveled to Las Vegas to tour the Star Trek Experience. Crewmembers volunteered at a PBS pledge drive.

### **USS Tristar** NCC - 71829

Knoxville, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights.

### **USS Wasp** NCC - 1721

Bristol, VA  
An away team traveled to a nearby convention.

### **USS West Virginia** NCC - 2008

Charlestown, WV  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Valentine's day party.

### **USS White Eagle** NCC - 2302

Jacksonville, NC  
Efforts on the chapter's adopted highway spot continue. Collection of soup labels continue.

### **USS Yeager** NCC - 61893

Bluefield, WV  
Crew gearing up for a nearby convention.

### **USS Yorktown** NCC - 1704-A

York, SC  
Recruitment efforts continue.

## REGION 2

### **USS Blackstar** NCC - 75003

Miami, FL  
An away team enjoyed a gaming event. Away teams also attended a renaissance fair and a nearby convention. Plans underway for several trips in the coming months.

### **Chattahoochee Station** NCC -

Atlanta, GA  
Crewmembers regrouping and gearing up for future activities.

### **USS Continuum** NCC - 71821

Pensacola, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meetings.

### **USS Dark Silence Station** NCC - 007

Florence, AL  
Crew is working on taking more STARFLEET Academy courses. Plans for upcoming events underway.

### **USS DaVinci** NCC - 74671

Columbus, GA  
A large away team showed up to clean the ship's adopted highway spot. Plans underway for the ship's 7th anniversary.

### **USS Draco** NCC - 78501

Cullman, AL  
Crewmembers attended the wedding of two of their own. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming event.

### **USS Dräkenfire** NCC - 71822

Odenville, AL  
Away teams enjoyed outings to an area book store, a cat show and a flea market.

### **USS Gasparilla** NCC - 74400

Tampa, FL  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

### **USS Guardian** NCC - 26244

Cape Canaveral, FL  
Recruitment plans underway. Crew starting a book discussion group. Plans underway to commemorate the Columbia astronauts.

### **USS Haise** NCC - 74664

Jackson, MS  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night at the captain's home and enjoyed his new surround sound system. Plans underway to run the Hospitality Suite for the 2003 R2 conference.

### **USS Hephaestus** NCC - 2004

Birmingham, AL  
Crew gearing up for the R2 Summit.

### **USS Jubilee** NCC - 57299

Mobile, AL  
An away team attended a party and potluck dinner hosted by another area chapter.

### **Shuttle King George** NCC - 78501/01

Claxton, GA  
Shuttle members celebrated their first official meeting.

### **USS Khai Tam** NCC - 81000

Tallahassee, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team cleaned their portion of a local fitness trail.

### **USS Liberty** NCC - 75012

Panama City, FL  
Recruitment plans underway. Chapter is planning on attended the regional summit.

### **Shuttle Myrddin** NCC - 74400/01

Clearwater, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie day and a book discussion day.

### **USS Odyssey** NCC - 454-A

Hattiesburg, FL  
Chapter celebrated its anniversary with a party.

### **USS Okatoma** NCC - 74695

Collins, MS  
Crewmembers raised funds for the R2 Summit. An away team paid a visit to a local children's hospital.

### **USS Parallax** NCC - 74657

Middleburg, FL  
Ship participating in the VRCP. Charity fundraising plans underway.

### **Shuttle Pleiades** NCC - 430

Ellenwood, GA  
Crew enjoyed regular online chats.

### **USS Relentless** NCC - 81001

Madison, FL  
Crewmembers volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and also cleaned local parks. They also helped at a local library.

### **USS Rogue Phoenix** NCC - 75005

Savannah, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights. An away team enjoyed a gaming night.

### **USS Spiritwalker** NCC - 31097

Decatur, AL  
Crewmembers donated food and treats to a local animal shelter. An away team attended a meeting of a local woman's club to tell them about the group, Star Trek and fandom in general. They left after winning over several new converts.

### **USS Trident** NCC - 74692

Stuart, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

### **USS Triumph** NCC - 26228

Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment plans are underway. Recycling efforts continue.

### **USS Werner Von Braun** NCC - 72069

Huntsville, AL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a video party along with the regular monthly meeting.

### **USS Yamato** NCC - 71087

Pinson, AL  
Plans underway for the coming year's activities.

## REGION 3

### **USS Ark Angel** NCC - 74622

Georgetown, TX  
An away team attended a charity dinner. The MSG enjoyed gaming days.

### **USS Aurora Vulcanus** NCC - 1888

Houston, TX  
An away team attended the region's retreat.

### **USS Bethel** NCC - 74663

Grapevine, TX  
Plans for future activities underway.

### **USS Bexar** NCC - 71718

San Antonio, TX  
An away team attended the R3 Retreat. Plans underway to celebrate the ship's 10th anniversary. Crew planning for future activities.

### **USS Comanche** NCC - 71809

Fort Worth, TX  
Plans for future activities underway.

### **USS Devastator** NCC - 10533

Paris, TX  
Recruitment efforts continue.

### **USS Firebird** NCC - 74662/1

Houston, TX  
Crew celebrated the ship's commissioning. An away team enjoyed a bowling event and even recruited new members.

### **USS Freedom Station III** NCC - SS001

Eules, TX  
Crewmembers took time to remember and mourn the Columbia astronauts.

### **USS Intangible** NCC - 65421

Bryan, TX  
Ship hosted a very successful Region 3 Retreat.

### **USS Joan of Arc** NCC - 73289

Corpus Christi, TX  
Crew celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary. Cadet activities underway. The local UPN station regularly highlights the ship's activities.

### **USS John Marshall** NCC - 75011

Perryton, TX  
Crew activities light, however the CO has embarked on a leadership role in local government..

### **Shuttle Laredo** NCC - 71718/03

Laredo, TX  
Commissioning plans underway. Crew participating in STARFLEET Academy.

### **USS Lone Star** NCC - 73628

Lubbock, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night at a member's home. An away team attended the R3 Retreat. Crewmembers served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald house. An away team manned phones during a telethon.

### **USS Palo Duro** NCC - 61914

Amarillo, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Super Bowl party and a movie night.

### **USS Panther City** NCC - 74917

Fort Worth, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night and a Super Bowl party. Plans for the ship's anniversary celebration are underway.

### **USS Rhyanna** NCC - 1892

Austin, TX  
The ship donated tomatoes to a local food bank. Plans for future activities underway.

### **USS Spirit Wolf** NCC - 74300

Houston, TX  
An away team attended the R3 Retreat.

### **USS Tejas** NCC - 9756

Vernon, TX  
Crewmembers raised funds for a local women's shelter. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recycling efforts continue.

### **USS Texas**

NCC - 74207  
Killeen, TX  
Recruitment efforts continue.

### **Shuttle Trouncer**

NCC - 74917/01  
Queen City, TX  
Crewmembers enjoying gaming weekends.

### **USS Victory**

NCC - 74208  
San Antonio, TX  
Chapter gearing up for future activities.

## REGION 4

### **USS Angeles** NCC - 71840

Los Angeles, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a New Year's Eve party and gift exchange. Plans for the coming year include trips to Vegas and several local conventions.

### **USS Angelfire** NCC- 75025

Phoenix, AZ  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Super Bowl party, a bowling event and an angel building party. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

### **USS Augusta Ada** NCC - 55011

San Francisco, CA  
Crewmember traveled to Laos to help bring Internet access to the country.

### **Cascade Station** NCC - SS0003

Redding, CA  
Plans beginning for the chapter's 10th anniversary party. Campout plans also underway. Bad weather curtailed activities.

### **USS Centurion** NCC - 74801

Moreno Valley, CA  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts continue.

### **USS Dragon's Club** NCC - 81003

Shafter, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Super Bowl party. The ship donated their WebTV setup to a disabled man.

### **USS Eagle** NCC - 1719

Fremont, CA  
An away team attended a local convention. Another away team attended a nearby expo.

### **USS Highroller** NCC - 23104

Reno, NV  
An away team enjoyed a bowling event.

### **USS K'Ehkeyr Station** NCC - SS0009

Las Vegas, NV  
An away team visited the Star Trek Experience. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Plans underway for future activities.

### **USS Miramar** NCC - 22101

San Diego, CA  
Ship preparing for party in Feb, before member deploys for Middle East.

### **USS Oberon** NCC - 71820

Eules, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Nemesis event. Plans for future activities are underway.

### **USS Onizuka** NCC - 71815

Chico, CA  
A small



Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Crusader** NCC - 74711  
Spokane, WA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a pool outing.

**USS Destiny** NCC - 97301  
Salem, OR  
An away team attended the R5 Mini Summit..

**Shuttle Greywolf** NCC - 75016/01  
Boise, ID  
An away team enjoyed a movie event.

**USS Jaguar** NCC - 74750  
Mill Creek, WA  
Crewmembers busy with Academy work as well as writing for several different endeavors.

**USS Kensington** NCC - 75016  
Meridian, ID  
An away team attended a winter carnival.

**USS Pendragon** NCC - 2005  
Kirkland, WA  
Crewmembers participated in a Valentine's Day contest.

**USS Rubicon** NCC - 71816  
Richland, WA  
An away team performed at a community service event. Recruitment efforts continue. Ship hosted the R5 Mini Summit.

**SS Unisus** SFR - 502  
Newport, WA  
Crew planning for a fun day of riding trains beside the river.

#### REGION 6

**USS Czar'ak** NCC - 1798-A  
Minneapolis, MN  
Away teams enjoyed movie nights and museum outings. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Fox River** NCC - 81002  
Appleton, WI  
Crew enjoyed a day of food and fun with an area shuttle.

**USS Imperium** NCC - 2125  
 Fargo, ND  
Plans to help out the local public television station during their pledge drive are underway. A bowling challenge has been extended to a local Klingon group.

**USS Saint George** NCC-63541  
Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Thunderchild** NCC - 3122  
Rapid City, SD  
Crewmembers enjoyed a billiards night.

#### REGION 7

**USS Accord** NCC - 1842  
Ithaca, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed meal and a mission that included an ice skating excursion. Plans for Watkins Glen Weekend continue.

**USS Adamant** NCC - 3029  
Valley Forge, PA  
An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner night. An away team attended an IMAX movie. Crewmembers braved the weather and got snowed in at Farpoint.

**USS Albany** NCC - 587  
Scotia, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Crewmembers celebrated the after holidays with a party. An away team toured an automobile museum. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Alpha Centauri** NCC - 71812  
Washington, DC  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary with a party.

**Shuttle Archer** NCC - 2205/02  
Mantua, NJ  
Crewmembers participated in the Polar Bear plunge. Ship opened a CafePress store.

**USS Ascension** NCC - 2520  
Lehigh Valley, PA  
An away team attended a local convention. An away team traveled to Farpoint where they had to weather the snow for an extra couple of days.

**USS Asimov** NCC - 1647  
Yardley, PA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a sleepover event. Away teams attended the Polar Bear Plunge, the Intergalactic Food Festival and got snowed in at Farpoint.

**USS Avenger** NCC - 1860  
North Brunswick, NJ  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear plunge. Another away team braved the snows of Farpoint.

**Shuttle Britannia** NCC - 10530/3  
Stevanage, UK  
Shuttle work is well underway. The website is nearing completion and recruitment efforts have begun.

**USS Challenger** NCC - 1767-D  
Dover Township, NJ  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. The ship sponsored the 9th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival. An away team got snowed in at Farpoint.

**Shuttle DeBraak** NCC - 77930/1  
Frederica, DE  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge.

**USS Edinburgh** NCC - 77930  
Gaithersburg, MD  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Another away team braved the snow of

Farpoint.

**Shuttle Europe** NCC - 77930/2  
Lisboa, Portugal  
Recruitment efforts underway. An Internet forum was created for members to enjoy. Work on the bylaws has begun.

**USS Flying Fox** NCC - 3116  
Philadelphia, PA  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. A joint "Cook for the Cure Party" was held, with one party taking place in Pennsylvania and one in Indiana.

**USS Hera** NCC - 70655  
Northfield, NJ  
Crew has been relaxing after the hectic holiday season. Plans for upcoming events are underway.

**USS Highlander** NCC - 10530  
Frederick, MD  
Charity collection efforts continue. Plans for future activities are underway. This years Polar Bear Plunge was a large success.

**USS Inferno**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Ship had a quiet month but plans for future activities are well underway.

**USS Justice** NCC - 556  
Florham Park, NJ  
Recruitment efforts continue. An away team attended a local convention.

**USS Lexington** NCC - 1703 - C  
West Point, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Plans underway for Shore Leave and the Region 7 Conference in the fall.

**USS Lone Wolf** NCC - 72214  
Ocean City, MD  
Crewmembers participated in a mini-golf tournament to raise money for a local hospital.

**USS Malverne** NCC - 2205  
Upper Darby, PA  
The ship collected winter coats for a local charity. An away team got snowed in at Farpoint.

**USS Matrix** NCC - 72296  
Correspondence  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. A new RPG was started. A new shuttle is forming.

**USS Niagra** NCC - 75634  
Buffalo, NY  
Ship celebrated it's commissioning. Crewmembers made donations to a local food bank. A cadet program was started.

**USS Northstar** NCC - 10462  
New York, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Osiris** NCC - 3092  
Bronx, NY  
A planned hiking trip had to be postponed due to the snowy weather, but plans for future activities are underway.

**USS Prevailing Wind** NCC - 74667  
Harrisburg, PA  
The ship celebrated its 7th anniversary with a party.

**USS Richthofen** NCC - 73286  
Correspondence  
An away team braved the snow of Farpoint. The ship raised funds for a nearby school system.

**USS Sovereign** NCC - 75000  
Philadelphia, PA  
Crewmembers cooked for the Integalactic Food Festival.

**USS Starlord** NCC - 74225  
Ramsey, NJ  
Crewmembers enjoying several gaming nights. The ship sponsored a New Years Day party and a Super Bowl party.

**USS Sun Tzu** NCC - 5373  
Chester, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and craft events.

**USS Titanium** NCC - 72385  
Horsham, PA  
Crew celebrated the ship's commissioning.

**USS Triton** NCC - 71819  
Glen Burnie, MD  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Plans for this summer's Trek Olympics are underway. An away team braved the blizzard of Farpoint.

#### REGION 10

**USS Astra** NCC 04  
Calgary, AB  
Crew is exploring the possibility of becoming a correspondence chapter.

**USS Crystal Star** NCC 1160  
Anchorage, AK  
Crewmembers participated in a local parade and blood drive.

**USS Majestic** NCC - 78601  
Victoria, BC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Roberta Bonda** NCC 74669  
Nanaimo, BC  
Ship sponsored its annual used book sale to raise money for the SPCA.

**USS Sol** NCC - 1733  
Fairbanks, AK  
Crewmembers enjoyed a DS9 night.

#### REGION 11

**USS Southern Cross** NCC - 1886  
Sydney, NSW Australia  
The ship sponsored a sports day to raise money for charity.

#### REGION 12

**USS Adjudicator** NCC - 73707  
Kansas City, MO  
Plans for the ship's anniversary are underway.

**USS Antonio Maria Valsalva** NCC - 4101  
Wildwood, MO  
Collection efforts for Stampede, OCP, Ronald McDonald House, and participation in Operation Eagle continues. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

**USS Atlas** NCC - 75013  
Bridgeton, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner and a movie mission.

**USS Black Hawk** NCC - 75004  
Rockford, IL  
Crew celebrated the ship's 8th anniversary.

**USS Bortas** NCC - 74211  
Urbana, IL  
Crew planned a fundraiser for the Red Cross but bad weather cancelled the event.

**USS Celt** NCC - 75018  
Fayetteville, AR  
Crewmembers are helping to plan a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie party.

**USS Delta Clipper** NCC - 72302  
Atchison, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling party.

**USS Discovery** NCC - 1308  
St. Louis, MO  
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Plans underway for the ship's 20th anniversary.

**USS Flying Fortress** NCC - 31904  
Tulsa, OK  
Crewmembers enjoyed a video day. Recycling efforts continue.

**USS Hellfire & Brimstone** NCC - 3143  
Emporia, KS  
An away team toured a local science museum.

**USS Hexum** NCC - 2199  
Belleville, IL  
Collection efforts for Stampede continue. An away team attended a nearby convention.

**USS Horizon** NCC - 1000-B  
Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers celebrated New Years with a dinner. An away team enjoyed a dinner and movie night.

**USS Jeannette Maddox** NCC - 14514  
Wichita, KS  
Recruitment efforts continue. The ship sponsored a Yule party. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights.

**USS Marko Ramius** NCC - 23103  
Fayetteville, AR  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Plans underway for the ship's 10th anniversary.

**USS Morning Star** NCC - 4126  
Lawton, OK  
Collection efforts for several charities continue including greeting cards and soup can labels. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and brown bag dinner night.

**USS Mystique** NCC - 58929  
Russellville, AR  
Recycling efforts continue. Crew is also collection UPCs for a local 4H chapter.

**USS Nimitz** NCC - 74680  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Ship celebrated the CO's birthday with a party.

**USS Nomad** NCC - 78500  
Leavenworth, KS  
The ships sponsored a mini-golf tournament. Crewmembers attended the wedding of their XO.

**USS Phoenix** NCC - 2155  
Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner.

**Shuttle Proxima** NCC - 73707/1  
St. Joseph, KS  
An away team traveled to a bowling event. Crewmembers enjoyed several gaming days.

**Shuttle Ronin** NCC - 63542  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Crewmembers gearing up for a paintball event.

**USS Royal Sovereign** NCC - 72201  
Shawnee, KS  
Recruitment efforts continue. Away teams enjoyed movie and dinner nights and gaming with another area chapter.

**USS Sequoyah** NCC - 2043  
Stillwater, OK  
Crew enjoyed the regular meeting and dinner night.

**USS Shawnee** NCC - 7802  
Paola, KS  
Fundraising efforts underway. Website going though an overhaul.

**USS Sunflower** NCC - 74679  
Augusta, KS  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts continue as well.

**USS Thunderbird** NCC - 71845  
Oklahoma City, OK  
An away team attended a showing of Nemesis.

**Shuttle Titan** NCC - 72303  
Kansas City, KS

The ship sponsored a Valentine's Day party.

**USS Umiak** NCC - 3142  
St. Louis, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed several movie outings.

**USS William Wallace** NCC - 2555  
Joplin, MO  
No recent activities due to most of the crew being in sickbay. Crew hopes to be able to get active again soon.

**USS Witchfire** NCC - 75006  
Harrison, AR  
Preparations underway for the 12th Brigade Ball. Crewmembers are creating a ship's website.

#### REGION 13

**USS Banting** NCC 17220  
Guelph, ON  
An away team toured a butterfly sanctuary. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing.

**USS Empress** NCC-15025-A  
Sterling Heights, MI  
An away team volunteered at local children's day camp. Plans underway for a bowling tournament. An away team attended a play.

**USS Hadfield** NCC - 75020  
Georgetown, ON Canada  
Crewmembers participated in a bowling tournament. The ship sponsored a New Years Eve party. Crewmembers enjoyed several online chats.

**USS Valkyrie** NCC-74658  
Dearborn, MI  
An away team attended the Detroit Auto Show.

**USS Whitestar** NCC - 71012  
Port Huron, MI  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. The ship sponsored a "Non Valentine's Day" party.

#### REGION 15

**USS Anubis** NCC - 586  
Boston, MA  
An away team 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 book store. 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  
Northampton, 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  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended an archery event.

**USS Anasazi** NCC-62001  
An away team attended the anniversary of another area ship. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie festival. The ship cohosed the annual Regional Mardi Gras party.

**USS Arc Royal** NCC - 63546  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 2nd anniversary. An away team attended the region's Super Bowl of Chili.

**USS Mir** NCC - 73281  
Las Cruces, NM  
An away team toured a local museum. Another away team attended the Region's Mardi Gras Party.

**USS Omega Glory** NCC - 26197  
Denver, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a New Years Eve Party. The ship also sponsored a Super Bowl party. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights, a trip to the railroad museum and a police citizen" academy.

**USS Pioneer** NCC - 5280-D  
Westminster, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a swimming party. Crewmembers held a surprise birthday party for the CO. An away team traveled to the Region's Super Bowl of Chili event.

**USS Sol's Fury** NCC - 74915  
Colorado Springs, CO  
An away team traveled to the anniversary party of another area chapter. Another away team attended the Region's Super Bowl of Chili.

**USS Stormbringer** NCC - 74213  
Englewood, CO  
An away team attended the Region's Mardi Gras party. Regional recruitment efforts continue.

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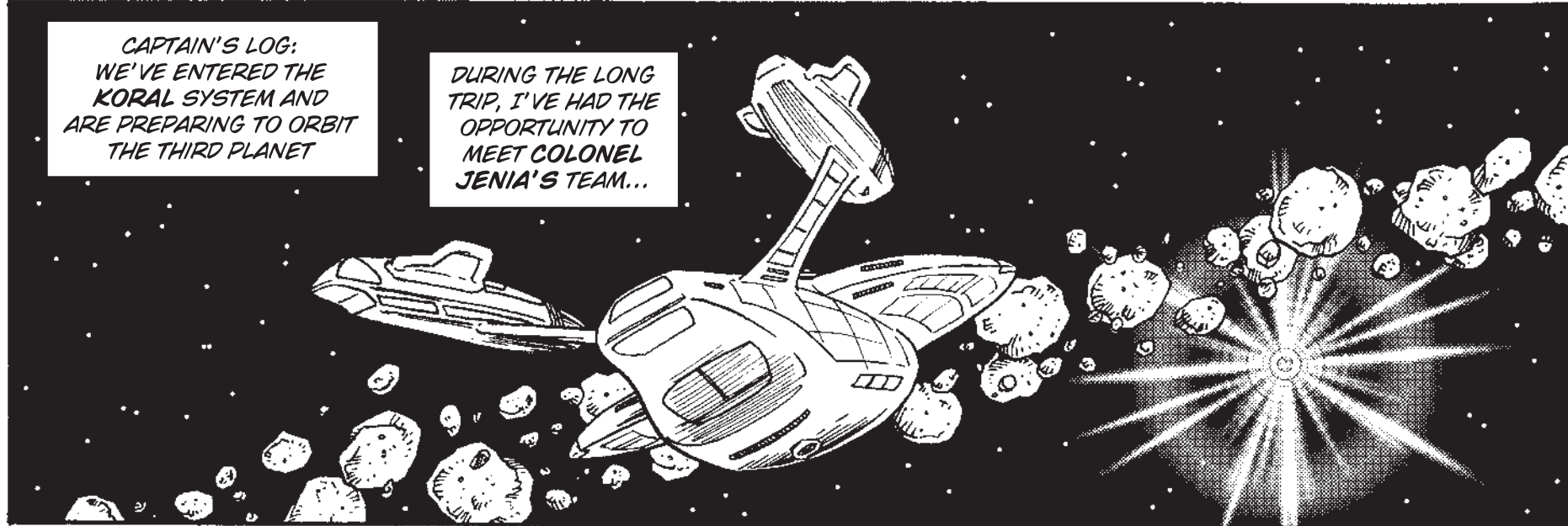
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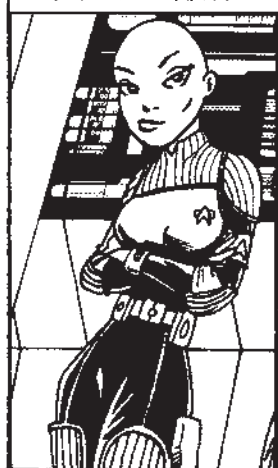
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WE'VE ENTERED THE  
KORAL SYSTEM AND  
ARE PREPARING TO ORBIT  
THE THIRD PLANET*

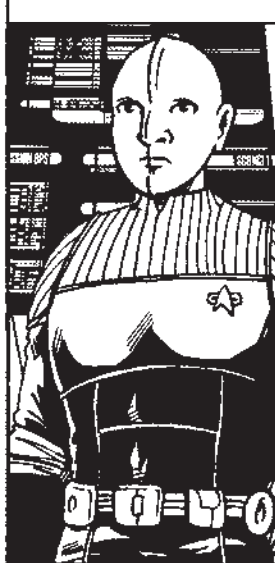
*DURING THE LONG  
TRIP, I'VE HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO  
MEET COLONEL  
JENIA'S TEAM...*



THERE'S THE  
**COLONEL** HERSELF,  
A DELTAN WITH  
A MORE RELAXED  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS  
HER CREW THAN  
I WOULD HAVE



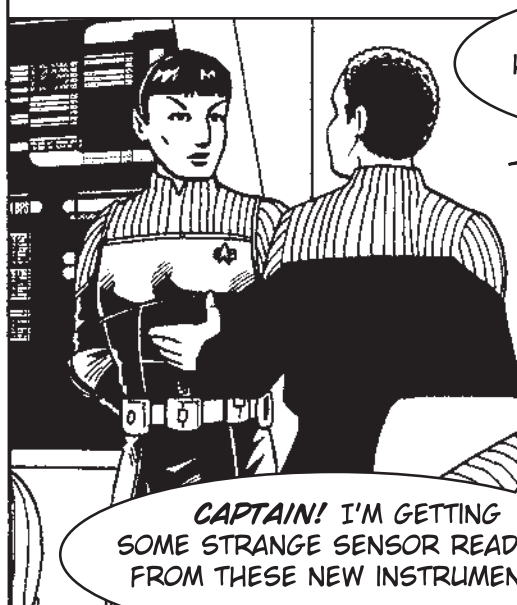
**BIXX**, A BOLIAN  
ENGINEER AND  
MUNITIONS EXPERT



**MORA**, A CAITIAN  
WITH A MARKED  
PROFICIENCY IN  
STEALTH AND  
HAND-TO-HAND  
COMBAT



AND **MAJOR SOMIK**, A VULCAN  
I HAPPEN TO HAVE MET PREVIOUSLY



I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T  
HAVE MORE TIME TO CATCH  
UP ON THIS TRIP, SOMIK...

**CAPTAIN!** I'M GETTING  
SOME STRANGE SENSOR READINGS  
FROM THESE NEW INSTRUMENTS!



THAT'S  
A CLOAKED  
**ROMULAN**  
VESSEL!

HELM! GO TO  
**STEALTH MODE!**  
NOW!

WHAT?  
HOW CAN YOU  
KNOW THAT?



CAPTAIN?

DO AS THE  
COLONEL SAYS!

WE'LL SORT THIS  
OUT LATER...

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*Paula celebrates Valentine's Day at Farpoint (top left). March was Red Cross month. Two of the crew of the USS Alioth are Red Cross Disaster Workers, Lt. JG Dayne Clark and RADM Keira Russell-Strong (top right). Cheri Rosen ponders digging out at Farpoint (above). Section 31 gives Gerry Sylvester the duck (Mid-right). Lauren Milan contemplates a wide variety of fruit (right).*