

# IC 2003: FUN AND FRIENDSHIP IN NC



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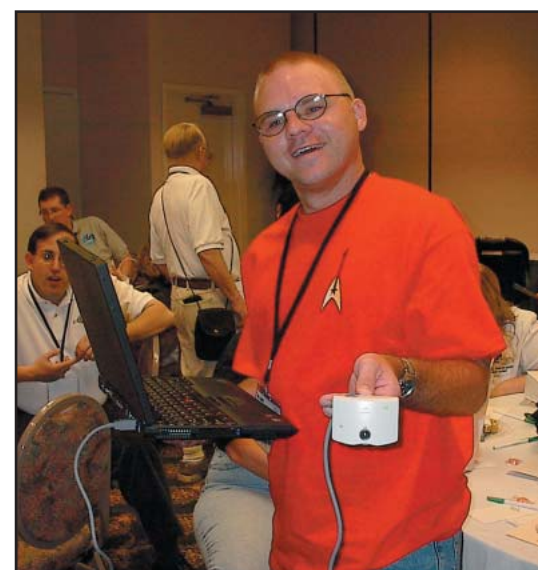
**Top Row: Left:** Johnathan “Gumby” Simmons sports the latest in RC Fashion. **Center:** Fleet Admirals Jeannette Maddox, Les Rickard and Mike Malotte. **Right:** RC R6 Michael Urvand and R1’s Mandi Livingston await their introductions.

**Center Left:** The flags at the General Session.

**Center Right:** Boyd Harmon is making ICs safe for webcasts.

**Bottom Row: Left:** The STARFLEET Marine Corps Wall of Honor, which was first unveiled at this year's IC. **Right:** The crew of the USS Osiris Top: Shirley Rodriguez, Rolando Colon, FAdm. Mike Malotte, Maria Torres, Carol Hubbard, Jeannette Otano and Donald Jones. Bottom: Robyn Mahone-Lonesome and Dion Powell.

**Photos courtesy of: Allyson Dyar, Wade Olson, Willy Smith and Edgar Torres.**



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2003 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL AWARDS  
RECIPIENTS, TURN TO PAGE 20.**



An Open Letter to the members of STARFLEET:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Fellowship,

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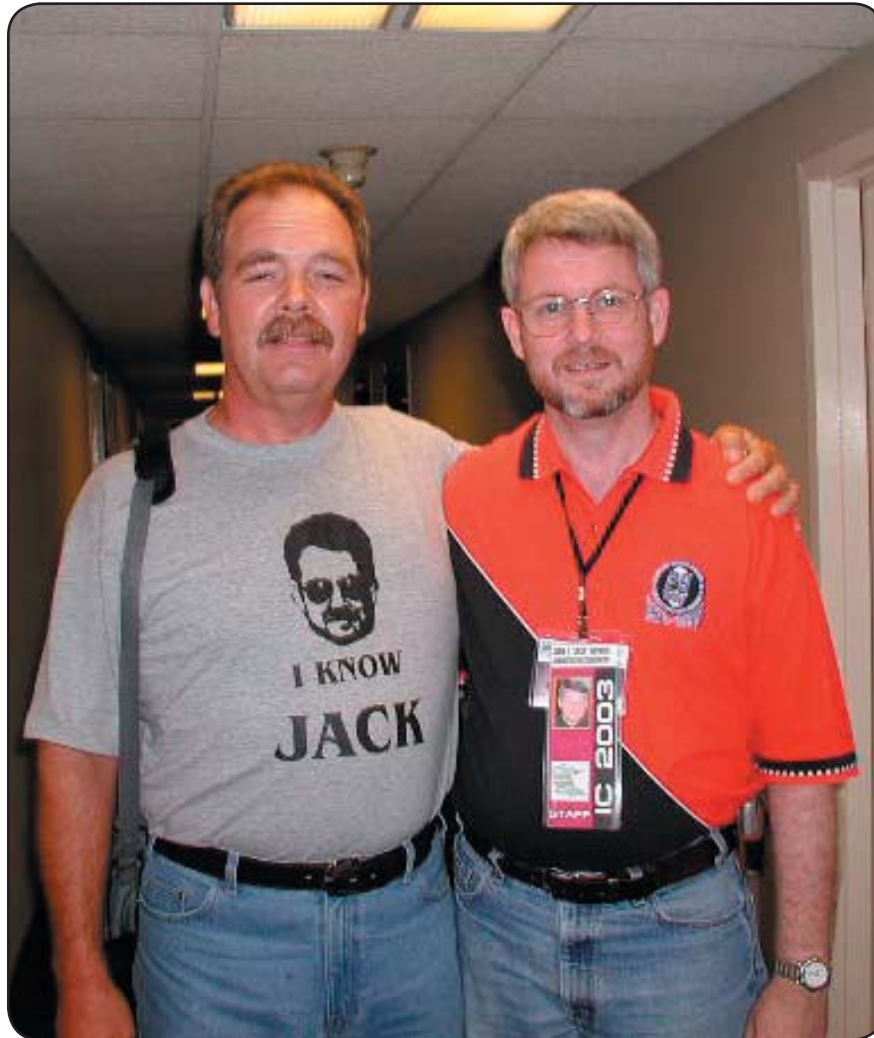
***In This Issue: The article entitled "Effects of Temporal Disruption" by Robb Jackson on page 32 was actually written by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, who is the author of the Time War RPG.***





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*Region 1 VRC "Big" Willy Smith really knows Jack (Hopkins, IC 2003 Co-Chair, that is). More IC stuff starting on **Page 20**.*

*Photo courtesy of Willy Smith*



*The Shuttle Trinity River launches (left to right): Jan Agee, Erik Cowand, Joy Flynt, Shuttle CO Robyn Winans and mascot Lobo*  
*For more from the Region 3 summit, turn to **Page 48**.*

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# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

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I hope this writing finds you well and enjoying an action-packed summer. It's been all but non-stop for me since my last article. Not only is the office keeping me hopping but I continue to travel around the Fleet, meeting our most important asset – the members.

June saw me in Eagan, Minnesota for my first ever Region 6 Summit. This was a great time from start to finish. I rode up with Troy, Elizabeth and Russell Cash and Greg and PJ Trotter. The trip there and back was laid back and enjoyable. Once there, we met up with the R6 denizens, as well as Mark Anbinder and Jack Hopkins. There was never a dull moment as the folks from R6 kept us busy and laughing the whole time. The Mall of America was huge; the hotel was awesome; the staff (especially Tim!) was unbelievable; the food was great (all you can eat fries!) and the whole atmosphere was relaxed. It was great meeting all the new folks and revisiting with old friends. Kudos to Dave and Linda Kloempken, Jessica Stratton and Mike Urvand for a fantastic time. And Mike, even though I love the Vikings hat, for me it'll always be "da Bears!"

After this enjoyable weekend, work started on the final preparations for the International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. At this point, I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize my island of sanity in the insanity that is IC preparation. Allyson Dyar, my Chief of Staff, took up the slack when Deb's health issues prevented me from doing so. She oversaw the EC/AB agenda, worked with Kurt Roithinger to design and print the agenda, coordinated the travel arrangements of the EC/AB with Les Rickard and kept me as organized as possible for the entire weekend. Allyson, you were a godsend and there's no way I could have made it through the weekend without you. Thanks!

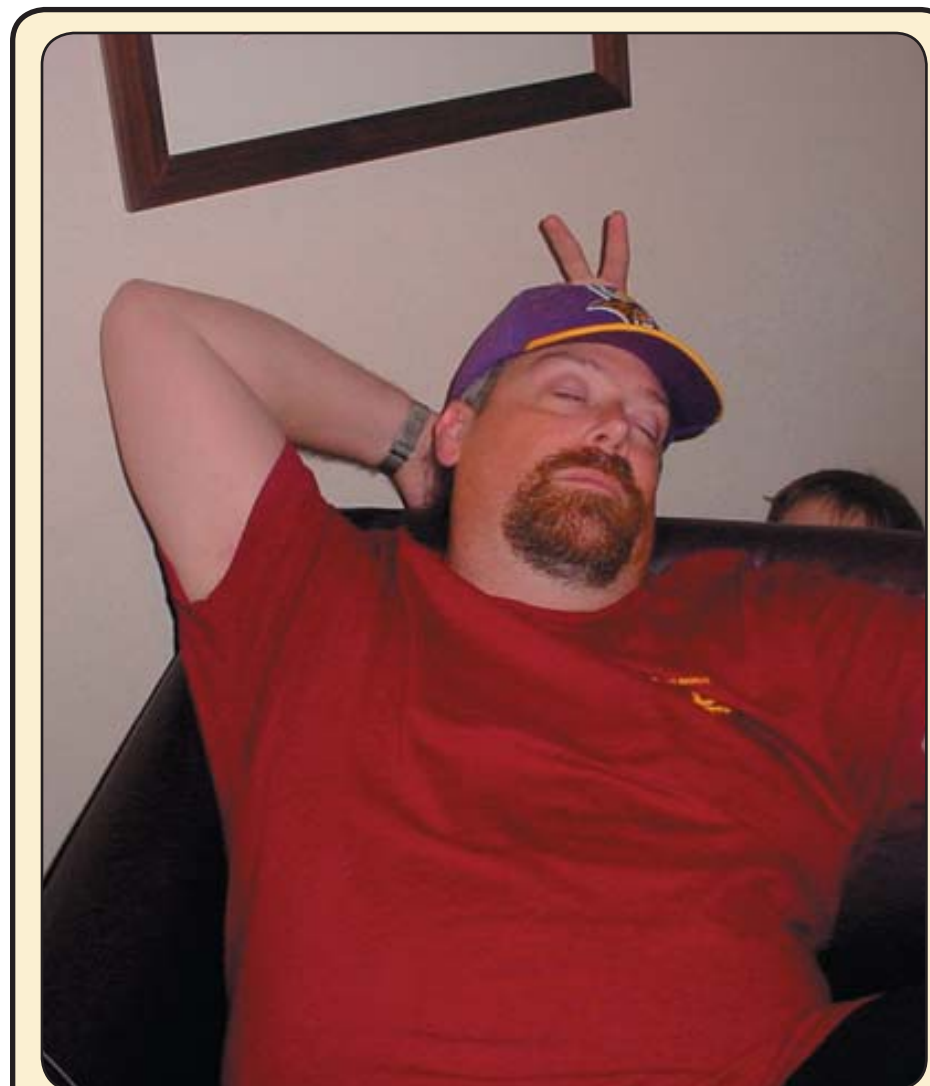
Once Allyson got me taken care of, it was time to head to Greensboro. I stayed with Les and Dee Rickard on Wednesday night and hit the hotel ready to go on Thursday. As you know, for the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board, this was a working weekend – and work started Thursday night for the EC. We had a three-hour meeting, our first face-to-face meeting since being elected, and covered a lot of items from our respective departments. I'd like to thank Mark Anbinder, Allyson Dyar, Joost Ueffing, Jerry Tien, Sandy Berenberg, Tammy Willcox and STARFLEET's Inspector General Robb Jackson for giving up their Thursday evening for this.

Friday arrived and we got into the real meat and potatoes of the weekend,

business-wise. At 9:00 am, the annual EC/AB meeting got started. As has become the rule instead of the exception, it was an informative and friendly meeting and we accomplished a lot.

JC Cohen, VCS Chief of Staff, will bring everyone up to date on the AB decisions later on in this issue. Suffice it to say that

watching members of the SFMC post the colors and singing both the Canadian and American national anthems, Ron Fell, IC co-chair and emcee got us underway. First up was the chapter roll call by the Region Coordinators. Next were the EC reports to the membership. I followed up with a State of the Fleet address and then it was time for the fun stuff. Rewarding the members



*Being Commander, STARFLEET is hard work.*

*Photo courtesy of Johnathan Simmons*

these meetings aren't near the bloody affairs they were in the past and I'm going to miss them when I'm out of office. I would like to congratulate Dino Gravato, Chris Wallace and Kurt Roithinger for getting Honorary three-year memberships on behalf of the EC/AB. The meeting adjourned about 5:00 pm and a couple hours later, IC was officially opened.

Saturday came around and, once again, the EC and AB were together, this time for the general session. After being piped in,

for their performance is one of the best things about being on the EC and this year was no exception. We handed out promotions, awarded scholarships and gave out the annual awards. I'd like to thank Liz Woolf, our new Awards Director, for her outstanding job handing out the awards. It's nice knowing not only who got the award but also why they got it. Congratulations to all the recipients! We ended the awards ceremony with the announcement of the winner of the 2005 International Conference.

The EC was pleased to award this to Pat Spillers of Region 3 – we'll see all of you in San Antonio, Texas in 2005. During the general session, we were honored by not one, but two guests of distinction, retired Commander, STARFLEET Jeannette Maddox and her VCS, Sue Hampton. The standing ovation they received was a fitting tribute to the four years of service they gave to this organization as our leaders. Seeing them there really completed the circle of my time in Fleet as they were leading this organization when I joined, and I had the privilege of spending a bit of time with them as the day went on.

The rest of the afternoon was a blur of panels, one-on-one meetings and general hob-knobbing with the membership. That night, the membership gathered for the Saturday night banquet and a good time was had by all. The highlight of the dinner was when Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons came to the head table in his dress whites and a black towel over his arm and refreshed our drinks. The cameras were in overdrive as Gumby performed for the crowd. Once the after-dinner auction was over, the parties commenced. The main events room was rockin' and I had a blast dancing to YMCA with Jeannette, Sue and a whole dance floor full of others. From there, it was room party after room party after room party.

From the IC2004 Hospitality Suite party (thanks, Pete, Sue Ellen, Danny and the rest!), to the Marine party (PanGalactic GargleBlasters – gotta love em!), to the Banana Republic party (great banana drinks, R13!) and all the other parties throughout the hotel, it was evident that Fleet knows how to have a great time! For me, the party culminated in my reception of the coveted Gilded Flip-Flop, presented to me by Gumby, R4 and R17. I don't think I've laughed so hard in ages. Evidently, at next year's IC, the "other shoe will drop." I'm looking forward to it!

Sunday morning came way too soon and the IC was officially over. After too many goodbyes, the Fleet headed back out to their own sectors. I'd like to thank Jack and Becky Hopkins and Ron and Kristi Fell for their hard work at this year's IC. I'd also like to give special thanks to Les Rickard, who not only helped the IC staff but also was the liaison between IC and the EC/AB. He and Allyson really kept the business side of things running smooth. From a people perspective, this IC was everything I hoped for and more. I got to renew old friendships and meet a lot of folks I've only heard about. Friends, family and fun, isn't that what this is all supposed to be about anyway?

In closing, my next trip out will be to the Region 13 Summit in October. I'm really looking forward to this trip. Not only do I get to party once again with the Banana Republic but I head to Canada for the first time ever. I hope to see a lot of you there! If not, I'll see ya right here in 60.

*Michael W. Malotte*



# OFF-CENTER VIEWPOINT

**VICE ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER**  
**VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET**

It's the Friday after the International Conference, and I'm nearly recovered from a weekend full of food, folks, and fun! That's what I usually look for in my STARFLEET weekends, but my extended visit to Greensboro provided lots of each. All the weekend was missing was the requisite hot tub!

One of the things I've learned along the way is that allowing an extra day or two on either side of an IC (or regional conference or summit) makes it a much more relaxing experience, and provides lots more time for visiting with friends. This time around, I even got to have dinner with a friend who lives in the area who isn't in STARFLEET. (Silly her.) The great dinner with Allison on Thursday night led me to drag about 15 people from the IC crowd back to the same place Friday night. The owner was happy to see us!

## Announcements

As you'll be able to read elsewhere in this issue, at the General Session of this year's International Conference, I announced two new programs that will operate within the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET. We're reconstituting the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, to help keep track of, and keep in touch with, other fandom organizations; and creating the STARFLEET Office of Accessibility Resources, to help disabled members of the Fleet and to help event planners make their events accessible.

Please take a moment to read over the information about each of these projects, and get in touch with me if you're interested in participating at any level. I'm looking for a leader for each program, but also staff members interested in helping out.

The VCS report wasn't the only part of the General Session with new announcements, and I encourage everyone to read through this whole Communiqué issue for more about the great news!

As I announced at the General Session at the 2003 STARFLEET International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina this summer, we are reconstituting the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps within the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

The Diplomatic Corps will be tasked with keeping track of, and helping Fleet chapters make contact with other fandom operations in their areas. The DC will have a staff divided into regions, so the people in a given area have the best chance of being familiar with what's in

## Recent Travel

Since I last wrote, my travels have taken me to Region 6 for their fantastic Summit, and to Shore Leave. June was also supposed to feature the Region 13 Summit, but that's been postponed until October.

the front desk, to bringing people omelets or pancakes during breakfast, to unlocking the meeting rooms, to setting up and serving our banquet, to tending bar! R6 lucked out on their choice of facility. We should all be so lucky!



**To your Health: Mark Anbinder and Michael Malotte**

*Photo courtesy of Wade Olson*

Considering Region 6 has only been having independent summits (as opposed to brief meetings at cons) for a few years, they sure put on a great show!

I was very happy with the Hilton Garden Inn, and was certainly impressed with Tim, the hotel staff member who seemed to be everywhere — from checking people in at

Shore Leave 25 featured the commissioning of USS DeBraak and USS Britannia, and a fantastic Second Annual Chocolate Party hosted by USS Richthofen, USS Flying Fox, and IFT chapter USS Raven. That kind of cooperation between STARFLEET chapters and chapters of other organizations is a good example of why the Diplomatic Corps could be useful!

Of course, it helped that there was already a connection between these groups. If you didn't get a chance to see the fantastic Region 7 Banner at Shore Leave, make sure you come to the Region 7 Conference in September to check it out.

## Coming Up

That's right, the R7 Conference is September 19th-21st at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel, and is being hosted by USS Asimov, USS Edinburgh, and USS Accord. Visit [www.region7.com](http://www.region7.com) for more information! The conference rate for the hotel is just \$89; call the hotel at 610-521-5900 soon to reserve your room.

Meanwhile, the 14th annual Watkins Glen Weekend is October 3rd-5th. For more info about this fantastic Fleet event that involves no meetings or registration fees, visit [www.ussaccord.org](http://www.ussaccord.org). WGW is USS Accord's annual fall event, in and around Ithaca, New York, combining a relaxing hike through the gorge trails of Watkins Glen State Park with a couple of pleasant meals and other chances to hang out with friends both old and new. Please RSVP right away!

Last but not least, check out [summit.region13.org](http://summit.region13.org) for information about the rescheduled Region 13 Summit, October 17th-19th in Brampton, Ontario.

## What else?

Don't forget to make sure your event has a chance to wind up on my itinerary, or even in a future column, by getting the word out with plenty of advance notice! Your chapter's and region's events should of course be promoted on STARFLEET-L, but feel free to also send info to me via USPS, or via e-mail to [vcs@sfi.org](mailto:vcs@sfi.org).

I can't promise to attend every event (nor could I, no matter how hard I tried), but when my schedule, finances, and geography allow, I'll do my best! I'm especially interested in hearing about upcoming events in regions that I don't get to as a matter of course, and I'd love to have a good excuse to visit Region 10, 11, 14, 17, and 20 before the end of my tenure as VCS.

That's all for now — until next issue, I remain...

# CALLING ALL DIPLOMATS!

**By Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET**

that area, but with a central core in touch with the national or international cores of other fandom organizations, so as to have access to lists of local chapters.

The staff positions will be part of the Diplomatic Corps staff, and not part of the various RCs' regional staffs, though we will welcome feedback and suggestions from RCs and others in the various regions.

I will be selecting a Diplomatic Corps Director, and will welcome applications from around the Fleet. This will be a staff position within the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET. Please send applications in the form of a letter expressing interest in the job, as well as your qualifications for the job, and a casual résumé of your SFI-related and/or real-life experience that you consider relevant. Feel free to include references if

there are folks I should talk to about your past work!

I'll also welcome applications from those interested in serving on the Diplomatic Corps staff; the staff will be filled out after the Director has been selected. I will accept applications until 15 October 2003. Please send them to me at:

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Welcome to the lazy, hazy days of summer. I'm thinking most of North American is in a heat wave if the weather I've experienced over the past while says anything. It almost makes you wish you were outside during the day instead of working, almost. Then that nagging sense of responsibility to pay rent, feed yourself, etc., kicks in and it's back to the desk you go. At least in winter I'm glad to be inside.

June was somewhat eventful. The Region 13 Conference was supposed to be held in the middle of June but due to the SARS outbreak in Toronto it had to be postponed until October. Not that it stopped me going anyway, along with several other Fleet members that decided to make the trip a mini-vacation instead. Thanks to the crew of the USS Hadfield for showing myself and my crewmate Kevin Faux, Sandy Berenberg, Susan Fugate, and Chris Wallace a good time in Toronto. I personally enjoyed seeing the CN Tower and a Jay's game, plus it was good to meet with members of SFI in a casual fashion.

July and August were the highlight of the conference season with STARFLEET's International Conference, my first as Chief of Operations. It was nice to see everyone, especially those who I only converse normally on IRC or e-mail. A big thank you goes to all the Commanding Officers that showed up: you guys and gals are one of the lynch-pins that holds this organization together and makes my life so much easier. Thank you all very much. And yes, the room parties still kick butt.

#### Chapter Care Program

The Chapter Care Program is being launched in September. Over the next three to four months each chapter will be receiving an e-mail and, if no response is received, a phone-call from a member of the CCP to check up and see how your chapter is doing. Now if you have a preferred method of contact or possibly have issues with one of our contact methods we'll need to know. Please contact myself at ops@sfi.org or my vice-chief, Chrissy, at chrissy.killian@comc.ast.net and let us know.

#### MSR Reporting

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

## MSR REPORTING

Please note the following reporting rates for May, June, and July\*

#### Report Period of May 2003

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
1	47	51	92%
2	25	27	93%
3	18	18	100%
4	16	17	94%
5	7	11	64%
6	5	1	100%
7	26	30	87%
9	0	0	100%
10	4	5	80%
11	1	1	100%
12	21	30	70%
13	5	5	100%
14	1	1	100%
15	12	12	100%
17	9	9	100%
Totals	197	222	89%

#### Report Period of June 2003

Regions	Reported	Total	Percentage
1	51	52	98%
2	26	27	96%
3	18	19	95%
4	16	17	94%
5	9	11	82%
6	5	5	100%
7	24	30	80%
9	1	1	100%
10	4	5	80%
11	1	1	100%
12	20	28	71%
13	5	5	100%
14	1	1	100%
15	12	12	100%
17	9	9	100%
Totals	202	223	91%

#### Report Period of July 2003

Regions	Reported	Total	Percentage
1	49	53	92%
2	24	28	86%
3	18	19	95%
4	14	18	78%
5	7	11	64%
6	5	5	100%
7	28	31	90%
9	1	1	100%
10	5	5	100%
11	1	1	100%
12	23	28	82%
13	5	5	100%
14	1	1	100%
15	12	12	100%
17	9	9	100%
20	1	1	100%
Totals	203	228	89%

\*Note: as of this publication missing MSRs were being reconfirmed with various regional staff for the month of July. Consider this tally tentative.

A note on the Database (DB): for those of you that submit via normal e-mail, you may notice another e-mail come to you that looks like a MSR from the DB, this would be the staff of Operations inputting the MSR into the DB and the DB spitting out a "record" for Ops, your RC, and you. So if the submitter has listed as someone other than the CO or designate, no worries. Any questions about this are welcome, but hopefully this will clear up some confusion.

#### Vessel Registry

The July version of the VR was published on CD and handed to the RCs for IC. The August version will be a special IC2003 commemorative issue. Summit vitals will be listed, as well as any ships or shuttles that were started or commissioned during IC, and the 2002 chapter and shuttle of the year. Both issues are available upon request from Ops.

#### Understrength Program

Those chapters that are below strength should have been contacted by e-mail by the Understrength Chapters Program run by CompOps. This program is for you: they're there to help you in any way to get your chapter back up to strength. If they have contacted you this means your chapter strength has fallen to below strength. Don't let the opportunity for help pass you by.

#### 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 your 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.

#### 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 and Joe at joehooli@erols.com.

Ops is also in the process of reviewing the Correy guidelines. Anyone who has ideas on what could be improved can contact me.

That's about all I have to say for this issue.

Till next time...



# COMM AS YOU ARE...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

I know that I have often started this column off like this, but I just have to say that the best part of this job is getting to work with so many capable, talented people. One in particular that I'd like to thank is my Senior Vice-Chief, Dixie Halber. She and Joan "HelpDeskBabe" Pierce represented the Communications department well at the International Conference in Greensboro. I was saddened that my real-life work schedule prevented me from attending, but we were in capable hands!

The first major announcement that we have involves the resignation of Communiqué Editor Bob Bulkeley. Bob has had significant time conflicts with his personal and professional life, and doesn't feel that he can give the CQ the time and attention it deserves. Having been a CQ editor myself, I understand, and want to thank Bob for all the work he's done this year on the publication! I am happy that Bob will continue to contribute to the Communiqué as a graphic artist.

Also, a very big thanks goes out to the people who have helped ensure timely, quality production of the Communiqué. Kurt Roithinger, Allyson Dyar, and the rest of the "Crashdive" team have my sincere thanks. These people stepped up to the plate with practically no notice, and have taken on one of STARFLEET's hardest jobs. Again.

These folks are an example of what is right with STARFLEET, and I won't forget it.

So, where does the CQ go from here? Well, we're going to reorganize the publication's staff into three main categories:

**Editorial:** These people will be responsible for the content of the publication -- not just the stories and columns, but art, such as photos and graphics. The Editorial team will be a collection of editors, graphic artists, and cat herders (useful in getting columns from EC members).

**Design:** These folks will be responsible for the overall "look and feel" of the Communiqué, but not the issue-to-issue layout responsibilities. They will design templates, filler ads, and standing graphics. This group will ensure that we have a consistent, professional design from issue to issue.

**Layout:** These guys will be doing the actual layout of the CQ. They will take the articles, photos and graphics from Editorial, and lay it out using the templates and guidance provided by Design. Ideally, we can have several people working on this at a time -- so that one person might have two, three or four pages to lay out, so that we can evenly distribute the work so that no one person goes insane laying out one entire Communiqué. Instead, we'll just have a large number of slightly crazy people, who should fit into the larger STARFLEET population unnoticed. Right?

If you are interested in participating in any of the departments above, let us know! We are designing this to accommodate every relevant talent and time schedule. Drop us a note, and let's talk about how you can contribute to fandom's premier publication.

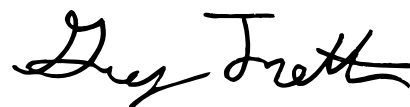
Another issue that was discussed at IC was

electronic access to the Communiqué. We are sensitive to the fact that Communiqués don't always get where they are supposed to go; and even when they do, it can take a while for our overseas members to get them.

In the past year, we've made great strides in improving the delivery time of international CQs. And to help out even more, we are going to start offering online access to the PDF version of the Communiqué as soon as it is mailed, starting with this issue! You'll be able to access it from the STARFLEET Database, ensuring that only paid members get the CQ, just like we do with the paper version.

Speaking of publications, we are now accepting orders for Stellar Visions V, with delivery due in October. We'd hoped to have it available by IC but real life intervened. SV is being offered in both hard copy and on CD ROM. Hardcopy is available for \$8.00 USD plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. CD ROM is available for \$2.00 USD plus \$2.00 USD shipping and handling. Shipping and handling for outside of the US is \$5.00 USD. There's an order form in the ad section of this CQ. Order yours today!

I also want to congratulate all of the annual Communications award winners, both Newsletter and Website. These are all shining examples of how to put on your best face for the world! Well done, and keep improving for next year! Well, that is all for this issue -- see you in 60!



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/ADMIRALTY BOARD NEWS

By Commodore JC Cohnen • Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET. Once again, it is time to share what the AB has done on behalf of the membership. As is usual this time of year, most of these decisions were made in the live EC/AB meeting at the International Conference of STARFLEET.

The AB made a change to the membership handbook modifying the statuses of chapters. A STARFLEET chapter will be in one of four operation states: deployed, stand-by, dry-docked, and decommissioned. Stand-by is a preliminary stage for a chapter in trouble, wherein the chapter still has full chapter rights and abilities, while dry-dock is a later stage which restricts chapter privileges. The AB also approved other changes to the handbook, to bring it in line with amendments to the constitution passed by the membership

of STARFLEET.

These items are the three year term of the CS beginning in 2005 and the addition of the CFO to STARFLEET's Executive Committee. A new welcome to STARFLEET letter was approved as well as other various and sundry changes.

The AB passed a resolution to make October 24th a STARFLEET Memorial Day, as suggested by members of Regions 1 and 2. The 24th was selected as it was the day of Gene Roddenberry's death. This day would commemorate and honor those members, active and retired, of STARFLEET who have passed away, as well as a plethora of Star Trek actors and beings from all branches of space exploration and science fiction.

This FLEET holiday will be run by the Morale department.

Lastly, the AB voted on the Lifetime and Honorary memberships for STARFLEET. Normally, only one of each kind is given out. However, because of the requirements for Lifetime, the EC this year found no one who matched the award. Also, this year there were numerous people who gave above and beyond for Fleet and so the EC nominated three people for honorary membership - Chris Wallace, Kurt Roithinger [*Oh no! Not him! - Ed.*], and Dino Gravato. An honorary membership is a free three-year membership. This proposal was approved by the AB.

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, you should talk to your Regional Coordinator. Contact info for each Regional Coordinator can be found in the back of this issue.

## 2003 NEWSLETTER & WEB AWARDS

By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber  
and Vice Admiral Ed Nowlin

The Communications Department is proud to announce the following winners of the 2002 Newsletter Awards:

Special Citation:  
**Shuttle Nelson for the "Nelson News"**

Special Citation:  
**R15 for "The Spirit of New England"**

Honorable Mention:  
**USS Whitestar for "Jumpgate"**

Third Place:  
**USS Gasparilla for "Krewe News"**

Second Place:  
**USS Atlas for "Legend"**

First Place:  
**USS Maat for "The Short Circuit"**

The 2003 STARFLEET Web Awards were given out on Saturday, August 2, 2003 in Greensboro, NC. Judges for this years Awards were: Greg Trotter (Chief of Communications), Neal Fischer (R7 Electronic Services Co-ordinator) and Ed Nowlin (Vice-Chief Communications: NetServices). Awards were selected by this panel, though for some, judges were allowed to recurse themselves from the voting for obvious and/or personal reasons. And without further ado...

Chapter Website:  
**USS Avenger - Region 7**  
<http://www.ussavenger.org>

Regional Website:  
**Region 4**  
<http://www.region4.org>

Fun Website:  
**USS Jaguar Fun Section**  
<http://www.ussjaguar.org/fun.html>

Awards of Excellence:

**Region 12 Website**  
<http://www.team12.org>

**USS Ian Fleming - Region 15**  
<http://sfr-1501.tripod.com>

**USS White Star - Region 13**  
<http://www.whitestar.org>

Informational:  
**SFI Database**  
<http://database.sfi.org>

Vanguard:  
**SFI Academy Website**  
<http://academy.sfi.org>

There were many great choices this year and we look forward to seeing even more next year!



Since the beginning of the year, we have seen significant growth in STARFLEET. ShOC has been busy with 19 new shuttle launches and 15 commissionings. The most recent ones include the following:

- Shuttle Hell's Fury - Region 1
- Shuttle Trinity River - Region 3
- USS Britannia - Region 20
- USS DeBraak - Region 7
- USS Europe - Region 9
- USS Laredo - Region 3
- USS Myrddin - Region 2
- USS North Carolina - Region 1
- USS Rising Moon - Region 2
- USS S'L'Heya - Region 4

I am happy to say that with the two new active chapters, USS Britannia and USS Europe, we are reactivating Region 9 and Region 20. Folks, this was a true team effort. From mothership to regional coordinator, CompOps to shuttle CO – we

## SFI CHAPTERS SINCE 01/01/2003

To give everyone a better idea of our chapter growth since the beginning of the year, allow me to present the following charts (the numbers on the horizontal axis are the Regions of SFI; the vertical axis are the number of groups commissioned):

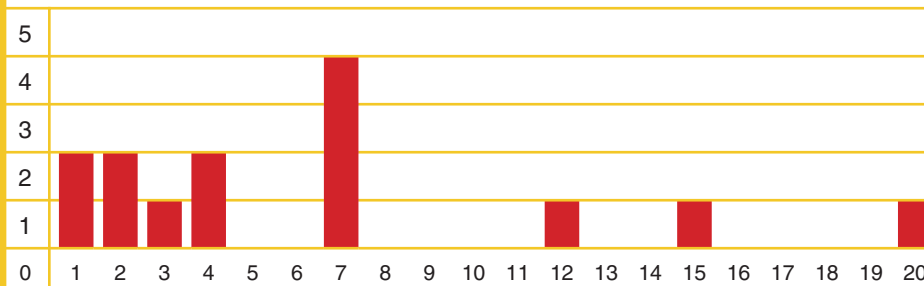


Table 1: Chapters Commissioned

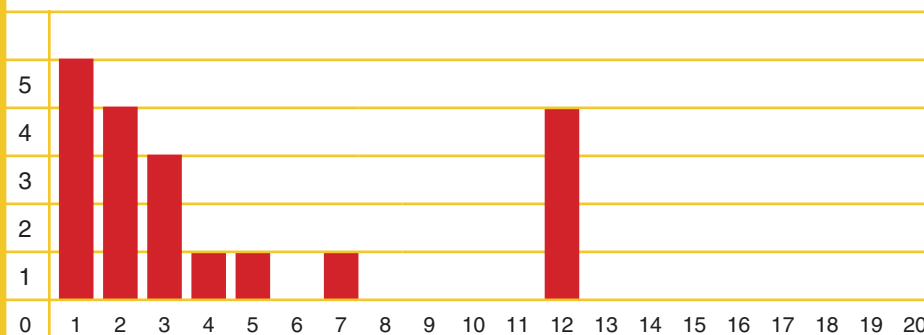


Table 2: Shuttles Launched

never lost sight of the goal of rebuilding these regions. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen. The shuttle crew definitely appreciated the support & friendship.

As you can see from the charts, Regions 1, 2 and 12 launched several shuttles each, while Region 7 had more commissionings. This was a natural progression as previous year's shuttles which were mostly from R7 matured to the point of commissioning. So we should be seeing some new ship commissionings in regions 1, 2 and 12 later this year. Region 13 is also showing great growth potential at this point.

I hope there will be more good news in next issue. To ensure continued growth, ShOC has several ways to help shuttles operate as efficiently as possible. We encourage all shuttles use the online MSR, thus helping us monitor their progress and give timely feedback. This effort has been fairly successful.

The few exceptions are usually due to training issues. Fortunately CompOps has an online tutorial to guide new reporting officers through the MSR forms. We are also revamping the ShOC web site and publications to provide more support to the shuttles. I think you will be pleased with our efforts this fall.

In closing, I'd like to remind every shuttle that communication is the key to success. Keep your comm link to ShOC open - we are all here to help you succeed.

## HELP WANTED: ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

By Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

Thanks to an excellent idea presented to me by a fellow member at this year's STARFLEET International Conference in Greensboro, we will be reinstating a function that once existed within the staff of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

The STARFLEET Office of Accessibility Resources will serve both as a source of information for disabled members of STARFLEET, and as a helpful planning resource for STARFLEET events, publications, and other functions, for planners who want to make sure what they do will meet the accessibility needs of all of our members to the greatest extent possible.

Therefore, I am soliciting applications for the position of STARFLEET Accessibility Resource Coordinator. This will be a staff position within the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, and will report to me as the VCS.

Please send applications in the form of a letter expressing interest in the job, as well as your qualifications for the job, and

a casual résumé of your STARFLEET-related or real-life experience that you consider relevant.

Send your applications to me:

**Mark H. Anbinder**  
**34 Sheraton Drive**  
**Ithaca, NY 14850-1671**  
 Email: [vc@sfi.org](mailto:vc@sfi.org)  
 Fax: 801-991-7656

We envision this office to be of huge potential benefit to the members of STARFLEET. We hope that International Conference and regional summit and conference planners will be able to solicit help making accommodations for disabled members, that web site developers will seek information on how to make their web sites as accessible as possible with screen readers or other accessibility technology, and more.

By all means get in touch with me if you have any questions about this planned program or the position of coordinator.

## USING STARFLEET'S CORPORATE IDENTITY

By Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

As our organization garners more, and more exciting, attention in the outside world, it's important that we remember to represent ourselves not only in a suitable and respectable manner, but also in a manner that correctly reflects our corporate identity. We're incorporated as "STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.," and all official documents and communications from the organization must use our complete corporate name.

While it's fine to abbreviate in casual conversation, or in subsequent uses in text once the full corporate name has been used, we do need to be careful not to use inaccurate corporate names on any official documents.

For example, there's no such thing as "STARFLEET International, Inc." and it's thus important that we never assert the existence of such a corporation by using that name. Similarly, "SFI" is really just part of our domain name, and while, again, it's fine to use that in casual conversation, we want to avoid confusion

by not using it to refer to the organization when we communicate with the outside world, or in any official documents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about when STARFLEET's full corporate name must be used, and when it's OK to abbreviate.

### STARFLEET Graphics

Speaking of corporate identity, the STARFLEET logo and related graphics are the property of the organization and the individuals who designed them, and should never be used on merchandise without prior written approval from the Office of the Quartermaster or the Commander, STARFLEET.

As a matter of common courtesy, if you're considering using other graphics besides the STARFLEET logo, it's important to first seek permission from the creator or owner of the graphic. Most chapters, regions, departments, or individual artists are happy to let people use their work, if they're asked in advance!



# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

MAJOR GENERAL SANFORD BERENBERG  
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

It was great seeing so many familiar faces at the IC, and meeting so many new friends as well. Thanks to the IC Staff and volunteers for making us all feel so welcome. Here are some excerpts from the Computer Operations Presentation to the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board:

**A. Family Additions:** Starting August 1, 2003, STARFLEET will now be giving a little gift to our members who have babies. When an active STARFLEET member has a baby, the baby will be added to the Family membership (unless the membership is already at six members), for free for one year. This gift of membership is to show members that STARFLEET wishes to join in their celebration of bringing a new life into the world and to allow this new bundle of joy to be a STARFLEET member from the day they were born!

To add a baby, send an email to compops@sfi.org or helpdesk@sfi.org with a subject of New Baby. Please include the baby's name and date of birth. CompOps staff will ensure the baby is added and the day of birth corresponds with their join date.

Years down the road, you can show your children that they have been members from the day they were born!

**B. MP Corps News:** Gerri and her team, the MP Corps, work hard to maintain the level of excellence achieved under the Rickard/Goldberg/Malotte Administration with an average turn around in memberships of two weeks. This level is maintained due to hard work, diligence and teamwork.

Knowing that there are flaws in the system, Computer Operations has worked to improve the overall system by employing the new membership database and changing the membership processing workflow to increase efficiency.

The newest change is bringing in Cher Schleigh, USS Sovereign, into the MP Corps to pre-qualify all memberships before they are processed by Gerri Wampler. This fresh set of eyes will find more errors in each application and work to rectify them. Cher will also use her background in finance to ensure that all memberships and their payment information are complete to help reduce the workload of the CFO's office in chasing down any confusing or incomplete payment information.

**C. Membership Turnover:** At least 65% of STARFLEET members have been in STARFLEET for less than three years. Along with this fact, of the maintained 4000 members, 750-1000 of these members are

new. This means that nearly 25% of the membership in SFI is lost per year, and new members come in. It is estimated that maybe up to 3-5% of those who join are in fact renewing members who do not know their membership information.

Computer Operations translates this into a need for membership retention. This information has been communicated to the

Documentation, Database Tutorials, CompOps Meeting Logs, Recruitment Tools, Computer Operations Staff and the Computer Operations Forums.

The CompOps Forums are for use by any member who wishes to bring up any point or concern regarding CompOps to the appropriate staff. There are both public and private forums here. These too are under-



*Have you hugged an EC member today?  
Sandy Berenberg and Domma Whitlark*

*Photo courtesy of Domma Whitlark*

ShOC and Operations departments and has been utilized in some of their programs as well.

**D. Website:** The CompOps website is located at <http://compops.sfi.org> and is maintained by Michael Dugas. It is the repository of all publicly available Computer Operations and Recruitment Tools. It is an often overlooked resource available to all members of STARFLEET.

On this website, you will find Database

utilized tools of Computer Operations. Currently, an all call for recruitment success stories was sent out, asking members to come to the CompOps Forums and enter their thoughts and experiences. So far, we have seen some activity and hope for more.

Database Documentation is laid out by section of the Database. For example, Member Tools cover all tools useable by the general member. These are downloadable PDF Files, available to all members.

**E. Database:** Currently, the database team is focusing on two areas. The first is training the new team on what they need to know to help Robin Smith build out the new sections of the database. The second focus is reviewing each current section of the database and cleaning up the code and making the foundation sounder for future expansion. While the database works, there is only so much pounding you can do on it before the code fails. By looking over each section, removing redundancies and updating the code, we will make it stronger overall.

Currently we are working on expanding several areas of the database based on requested new tools and inherent limitations in the original design or new needs assessed by our staff. These areas include:

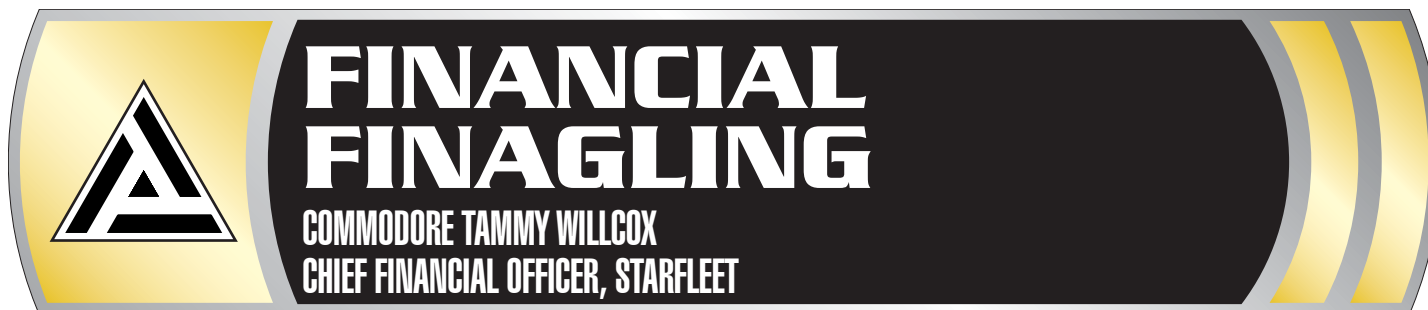
1. Flag Promotion Tool, allowing all members to submit Flag Promotions for other members, and allow Promotions Director to control process through the database.
2. Election and Polling Tools, creating the ability to run elections, or create polls through the database.
3. Expanding Finance Tools to allow for easier searching for transactions, by allowing searches by SCC# and Member Name.
4. Adding a 'Fan Data' Section for Chapters to fill in. Add same search criterion to VR Search so chapters can be found by areas of interest.
5. Manual Change of Command Entry tool for ShOC and Operations Departments.

Many other areas lined up for work over the rest of the year and into 2004.

**F. Recruitment:** The SFI Recruitment Department is working hard to redefine itself to meet the needs of STARFLEET today. To do this, the entire department was re-worked from top to bottom. Building off of what Ron Fell's Department had given us, CompOps changed the focus of the department from being a central point of recruitment to a service agency to assist members and chapters by giving them the necessary tools, skills and network of recruiters to increase their ability to recruit new members and retain existing members.

The Recruitment department ties in three separate programs into one powerful tool to help members and chapters. These are the Unassigned Member Program, the Understrength Chapter Program and the Recruitment Network. All three work together, helping each other and covering different aspects of membership and chapter issues. This grouping of programs, each with their own directors will help strengthen membership growth and retention across STARFLEET.

Until next issue!



As some of you have seen from the various e-mail lists, I have resigned from the position of Chief Financial Officer. I received a promotion at my part time job, as well as taking on a new full time job that will require some travel.

STARFLEET finances are too vital to not be taken care of properly, so I felt it was better to step down from the position so a new Chief Financial Officer could be appointed that had the time to take care of the finances the way they need to be managed.

Our new Chief Financial Officer is Denby Potts. Denby is the current Vice Chief Financial Officer and is well known in Region 2 as the Region's 'Mama.' She has been in the Finance department for several months and is more than capable of doing a fantastic job.

Since there are so many aspects to keeping STARFLEET's finances straight, we will be going through and extended transition period before Denby takes office as well as afterwards.

Denby will be officially assuming the position of Chief Financial Officer on 9/15/03. In order to facilitate the transition, I will be staying in the Finance department as the Senior Vice Chief Financial Officer

#### Timeline for Chief Financial Officer Transition:

- On August 2, I gave Denby the credit card machine and she began learning how to use the machine as well as assumed the duties of the HelpDesk and the database. Please be patient with us as Denby learns all of the new processes and procedures.
- On September 15, when Denby takes over the Chief Financial Officer position, she will take over the Executive Committee duties, such as voting on promotions, being the lead Financial person on the EC/AB list, working with the Executive Committee on policies, etc. She will also be doing the next Communiqué reports, reconciling bank statements, reporting to the email lists, etc.
- As of September 15, I will be processing expense requests and handling all check/money order/cash income. I will also be processing PayPal payments.
- Once Denby is up to speed on all the other aspects of the position, we will begin transitioning the expenses processing to Denby. This involves contacting all vendors and letting them

know of our new address, getting Denby set up on all five accounts as a signer, etc.

- Once Denby is on the account and all of the vendors have been notified, Denby will begin processing all expense requests. At that point in time, my only tasks will be to process all check/money order/cash income and to handle PayPal payment processing.

The transition period is fluid, to allow for training, process changing, and other variables. This is the first time that the Finance department has been transitioned since it began operating on the level that it has for the last 2.5 years. I expect the transition period to be complete by the end of the year.

In addition to the transitioning from one Chief Financial Officer to another, there are several other changes in the Finance department to report:

#### Change of Fiscal Year

We are changing our fiscal year from a calendar year (January 1 – December 31) to a fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), effective immediately. This will allow for a smoother transition with administrative changes following elections. In the past, the Form 990 was due five months and 15 days after the end of the fiscal year. Which for STARFLEET, meant May 15.

With the new fiscal year, it means that the Form 990 will be due by December 15th of every year. To complete the process of changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year, I will be doing a six-month Form 990 to take us from January 1, 2003 – to June 30, 2003. Once that is done, we'll be good to go until next year.

#### Bonding Up

Our current bond level is set at \$20,000. Due to the amount of money that STARFLEET is currently processing and maintaining, we are in the process of not only raising the bond level amount to \$50,000, but also the number of people who are bonded. This gives STARFLEET greater security should there be any issues.

#### Red Voucher Red-Lined

Due to the success of the STARFLEET Academy's On-Line Voucher Codes, the red paper vouchers have pretty much become obsolete. The department of the Chief Financial Officer has decided to retire the red paper vouchers. Any vouchers currently still in circulation will be honored, but it is this office will not be issuing any further red vouchers.

#### BB&T Buys First Virginia

Our bank has been acquired by BB&T and the conversion is scheduled to being sometime in October. I don't have details right now on what this means for our accounts, but as soon as we know how it will affect STARFLEET we'll inform everyone. For more information about BB&T and the acquisition go to: <http://www.bbandt.com/media/PressReleaseDetail.asp?date=7%2F2F03+9%3A02%3A38+AM>

The remainder of the Finance department staff is staying the same. Randy Norris will continue in his role as Vice Chief processing all of the banking information to the ECAB and verifying transactions and Dee Rickard will continue as our Loss Prevention Specialist contacting members who have payment issues.

I'd like to take a few moments now, to thank several people who have really helped me out during my time as both Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer:

Thanks to Randy – for keeping me sane, making me laugh, riding in tea cups and traipsing through Williamsburg with me. I couldn't have done this job without you!

Thanks to Dee – for being willing to have me for a boss, putting up with catching me at odd hours, forgetting to tell her when I run cards, oh yes, and for letting me tell her husband NO!

Thanks to Denby – for being willing to step up into my position and let me take care of my real life responsibilities. We'll have lots of fun transitioning everything over the next few months, but I know you'll do a wonderful job!

Thanks to Kurt Roithinger – for putting all those forms into .pdfs, for letting me wait until after the 1st of the month so I could put complete month's worth of transactions in the CQ, and helping me every single time I asked.

Thanks to Allyson – the ear of the CS. You were always there to answer my questions and point me in the right direction.

Thanks to Joan – my IRC buddy, my fellow shipmate, and one of my major confidants. Thanks for being patient with me with the HelpDesk and all of our late night IRC chats.

Thanks to Brad Pense – for pointing out my typos, keeping me on my toes, and being a general pain in the rear. You're exactly the type person we need as internal auditor, though I must say you're much more fun to dance with than to argue with!

Thanks to Mark Anbinder – for helping set up the PayPal accounts, for being willing to listen to me gripe and complain, sharing rooms with me at Summits and for all those shots of bourbon.

Thanks to Les – for getting me into all this in the first place, for letting me tell him NO and actually listening, if it wasn't for him doing that, then we wouldn't be where we are today.

Thanks to Mike – for continuing Les's tradition of learning how to deal with being told NO. We've had fun... but I'm taking a break now... so get used to Denby telling you NO!

Thanks to - Greg, Scott, Joost, Jerry, Sandy – you've been a great team to work with and thanks to those ever ready, always available Vice Chiefs and Chief of Staff people who are quietly working in the background: Dixie, John and JC, y'all are great!

Thanks to my family, friends, and shipmates, who have put up with me for the past two and a half years while I put things aside to concentrate on STARFLEET and the finances. They've been very patient and I'm sure they'll be thrilled when they know I only have to put things on hold to go to work!

I'm going to miss serving on the EC and with the team. It has been a wonderful experience and I'm certainly glad that I had the opportunity to bring the financial aspects of STARFLEET to the forefront of the organization.

I remember when I joined, how frustrated we as chapter members were, not to receive our CQs, our membership kits, or to see a financial report. I find it very personally gratifying to have worked on two different teams that have worked towards realizing one of those goals, and to improving the other two.

I know that Denby is going to do a wonderful job for STARFLEET, and I can't think of anyone better suited to taking my place. No one knows, better than I, how difficult and time consuming this position is, and everyone should thank Denby when they see her, for being willing to step up into the position. Next time you see this report, Denby will be writing, thank goodness! Until then, I am available for questions, so please feel free to contact me at any time. You can reach me via email at [CFO@sfi.org](mailto:CFO@sfi.org). My mailing address is:

**Tammy Willcox**  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

And as they say, that's almost a wrap! Lastly, I would very much to thank all of you, the STARFLEET members, for letting me serve you these last few years.

*Tammy H. Willcox*



# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — JUNE/JULY 2003

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JUNE

06/01/2003 through 06/30/2003  
Opening Balance: \$22,371.17

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
6/2/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$59.85)	\$22,311.32
6/3/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$3.16)	\$22,308.16
6/3/2003	Yanbing Wang	Treasury Expenses	(\$47.18)	\$22,260.98
6/4/2003	Paypal.com	MP *	\$135.56	\$22,396.54
6/4/2003	First Virginia Bank	Banking Service Fee	(\$24.95)	\$22,371.59
6/9/2003	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	\$22,352.60
6/13/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$1,429.00	\$23,781.60
6/16/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$40.00	\$23,821.60
6/16/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$578.00	\$24,399.60
6/23/2003	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)	\$23,924.60
6/27/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$962.00	\$24,886.60
6/30/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$801.00	\$25,687.60
6/30/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$275.00	\$25,962.60

\* MP = Membership Processing

Income above revenue: \$3591.43

**Ending Balance: \$22,371.17**

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JULY

07/01/2003 through 07/31/2003  
Opening Balance: \$16,996.18

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
7/2/2003	Deborah A. Malotte	Promotions	(\$134.77)	\$25,827.83
7/2/2003	STARFLEET IC 2004	IC 2004	(\$500.00)	\$25,327.83
7/2/2003	STARFLEET IC 2005	IC 2005	(\$500.00)	\$24,827.83
7/2/2003	NC Sec. of State	Corporate Papers	(\$5.00)	\$24,822.83
7/2/2003	NC Sec. of State	Corporate Papers	(\$5.00)	\$24,817.83
7/2/2003	NC Sec. of State	Corporate Papers	(\$25.00)	\$24,792.83
7/2/2003	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$1,186.37)	\$23,606.46
7/2/2003	Internatn'l. Mail Service	Mailing CQs	(\$185.96)	\$23,420.50
7/2/2003	Countywide News	CQ Expense	(\$249.85)	\$23,170.65
7/2/2003	Neely, Craig & Walton	Bonding	(\$235.00)	\$22,935.65
7/2/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$1.16)	\$22,934.49
7/2/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$123.04)	\$22,811.45
7/3/2003	First Virginia Bank	Banking Service Fee	(\$24.95)	\$22,786.50
7/7/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$263.45	\$23,049.95
7/8/2003	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	\$23,030.96
7/11/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$31.49	\$23,062.45
7/16/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$866.00	\$23,928.45
7/17/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$31.00	\$23,959.45
7/17/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$154.42	\$24,113.87
7/17/2003	Sportsprint	Quartermaster	(\$1,228.00)	\$22,885.87
7/21/2003	IC 2003	IC Paypal Reg.	(\$2,228.68)	\$20,657.19
7/21/2003	eshopsoho	Promotions	(\$115.76)	\$20,541.43
7/23/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$85.99	\$20,627.42
7/29/2003	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)	\$20,152.42
7/30/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$396.00	\$20,548.42

Expenses above revenue: \$5414.18

**Ending Balance: \$20,548.42**

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

06/01/2003 through 07/31/2003  
Opening Balance: \$4636.74

**June:** Donations - \$48.50

**Ending Balance: \$4,685.24**

**July:**

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
7/31/2003	Georgia Southern Uni.	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$4,185.24
7/31/2003	Tompkins Cortland CC	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$3,685.24
7/31/2003	Pensacola JC	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$3,185.24
7/31/2003	Bowie State University	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$2,685.24
7/31/2003	Embry-Riddle University	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$2,185.24
7/31/2003	Belhaven College	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$1,685.24
7/31/2003	Messianic Bible Institute	Scholarship	(\$500.00)	\$1,185.24

**Ending Balance: \$1,185.24**

## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

06/01/2003 through 06/30/2003

**Scholarship Account (\$4,001.90):**  
Interest Gained: \$2.50  
**Ending Balance: \$4,004.40**

05/01/2003 through 06/30/2003

**SFI Savings (\$2,535.05):**  
Interest Gained: \$4.07  
**Ending Balance: \$2,539.12**

## SFI ACADEMY CHECKING

06/01/2003 through 07/31/2003  
Opening Balance: \$2,928.07

**Deposits:**  
Tuition - \$118.00

**Debits:**  
reimbursements: \$204.32

**Ending Balance: \$2,841.75**

### 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

## THE REQUISITE REMINDERS FROM THE CFO:

be placed on hold until you have repaid the original check or money order amount as well as the \$5.00 fee.

You will no longer receive the Communiqué, be eligible to attend STARFLEET Academy, or be promoted until the issue has been resolved. In addition, if

you are an Regional Coordinator, chapter Commanding Officer or Executive Officer, this places your region or 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, Wendy Fillmore, or to the Chief Financial Officer.

Please make sure to make donations payable to:

STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.



Greetings from the Assistant Academy Commandant for Administration. My name is John Adcock and General Akers has asked me to prepare an article summarizing the SFA happenings at IC 2003.

Along with Deputy Commandant Dave Blaser, I was fortunate enough to represent STARFLEET Academy at the IC in Greensboro, NC. This was my fifth IC and fourth in the last five years, and I never grow tired of seeing the folks I only get to see once or twice a year. This year presented new challenges, as I was there to do a little work in addition to relaxing and enjoying the people.

As the Assistant Commandant for Administration, it was my responsibility to present the "State of the Academy" at the Executive Committee/Admiralty Board meeting on Friday and present an abbreviated version on Saturday at the general session. The briefings went over very well, and the changes that we presented were met with enthusiasm and applause. You can find a summary of the presentation below. I also had the good fortune to present the Academy panel that was very well attended. I was able to answer some questions, solve a few problems, and collect many valuable ideas and suggestions from the folks who attended. Over the course of the entire weekend people came up to me enthusiastically thanking the Academy staff for their hard work, volunteering to help, and giving us great new ideas to use in the future. I can assure you we will do just that.

We also had seven students complete Officer Training School ON-SITE. This was the first time OTS has been available for on-site completion and grading at an IC, and the response was very positive. We will be expanding the availability of live-OTS to summits and events all around fleet in the future.

It was exciting to see the renewed interest in the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. Kudos for this go to Scott Akers, Wendy Fillmore, Mike Malotte and Tammy Willcox. Without their support, the fund would not be what it is today. It's great to see that it has become Fleet's foremost charity at events once again, and with the IC raising over \$2500, the future of the Scholarship Fund is secure.

I would like to personally thank Les Rickard, Allyson Dyar, and Kurt Roithinger. Without their assistance the Academy presentations would never have happened. I would also like to give a special thank you to Chris Wallace, who helped out with the Awards at the last minute. Jill Rayburn deserves thanks for coordinating and overseeing the Academy Away Team, and Dave Blaser for representing the Commandant as his proxy for the EC/AB meeting, and assisting with the presentations and awards.

State of the Academy 2003

When the current STARFLEET administration took office in January 2003, Academy Commandant Scott Akers laid down three important goals for the academy staff to accomplish by the end of the year. The first was to increase the level of the student's academy experience, the second was to increase the level of customer service available to the student, and the third was to improve the two constitutionally mandated courses so that they reflect current STARFLEET policy. To accomplish these goals, three tasks were deemed essential for completion; improving the Academy web site, making courses free, and rewriting Officer Training School (OTS) and Officer Command College (OCC).

We are well on our way.

With the debut of the new Academy web site in January, we are able to present a site that is more pleasing to the eye with improved design and layout. The browsing experience has been drastically improved, and we have made the navigation of the site much easier to use. The organization of content, including information on all courses (with descriptions, prerequisites, and instructor information) is available directly on each school's pages. In addition, course requests are available online via the request form, and many of the directors have instituted e-mail versions of their courses. Captain Lauren Milan, our web designer has worked tirelessly since the beginning of the year to ensure the Academy web site is the best in STARFLEET. You can visit the Academy site at [academy.sfi.org](http://academy.sfi.org).

We have also drastically changed the fee structure. All courses that are available online or via e-mail are entirely free, and fees for the few courses that do charge for ground-mail are being kept at a minimum. All courses with no hard-copy materials are free.

The STARFLEET Constitution mandates the completion of both OTS and OCC for all chapter commanding officers and executive officers. Since these two courses are so important, both were reviewed thoroughly. OTS has been completely rewritten to reflect what the course is supposed to be about a basic introduction to STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. It is now free of charge (both online and via ground mail), and is a completely true/false and multiple choice test. It covers factual information that a new STARFLEET member should know to gain a basic understanding of how STARFLEET is organized and operates. The new OTS is available now, via the academy web site, or by the hard-copy exam included in the Academy application and the STARFLEET Membership Packet. OTS is now available for on-site completion and grading at select events (summits, IC, etc).

The new OCC will debut this fall. Featuring a new manual that will complement the STARFLEET Membership Handbook as a desktop reference, OCC is being rewritten so

that it teaches the student what they need to know to be an effective CO or XO as it pertains to STARFLEET. A few of the topics covered include the reporting responsibilities of the CO, their regional responsibilities, regional elections, the Inspector General's Office, and basic information on shuttle procedures and how to be a mothership.

We have made a number of major improvements throughout the Academy so that we can meet the highest standards of customer service for each and every student. Course records are being integrated into the STARFLEET database. We would like to thank Computer Operations Chief Sandy Berenberg, Database Coordinator Dino Gravato and their entire staff for their cooperation on this important project. We are encouraging all directors to make more courses available by e-mail and online, and also to improve the quality of all course materials, from manuals to certificates and beyond. We are also improving cooperation between the main campus and the Australian, Canadian, and European campuses, as overseen by Academy Deputy Commandant Dave Blaser.

One of the Commandant's projects was to create a new variety of "real-world" courses that would complement OTS, OCC and Flag Officer School (FOS). The first of these was introduced at the International Conference in Greensboro. Officer Leadership Thesis (OLT) will allow students to ponder "If I were the Commander, STARFLEET, I would change..." I will encourage the student to identify areas of STARFLEET that can be changed or improved, and provide ideas for solutions. Completed papers will be submitted to the appropriate department, the Admiralty Board, or the Executive Council for consideration. Papers that excel will be published in the upcoming Academy Proceedings Journal (to debut in 2004) and the very best will be submitted to the Communiqué for publication.

Flag Officer School (FOS) will be reviewed and rewritten in 2004. For now, it has undergone only minimal changes. FOS is now available via e-mail for ALL students via the Garry Cameron at the Canadian Campus, and USPSI based courses are still being handled by Helen Pawlowski.

At lot of Academy staff members were skeptical about taking most courses online. Here are a few statistics that indicate the extreme increase in course requests/completions since the new policies were implemented. The time period compared is January May 2002 vs. January May 2003:

**OTS 2002:** 145 applicants – 86 graduates

**OTS 2003:** 250 applicants – 183 graduates

Increase: **112%**

**OCC 2002:** 64 applicants – 49 graduates

**OCC 2003:** 158 applicants – 104 graduates

Increase: **112%**

Prior to 1 January 2003, the total number of courses requested via the Academy web site was zero. The total number of courses requested between 1 January and 31 May 2003 was 1,793.

The Awards program is very important to the Academy. Several changes have been made to the Awards Program for 2003. Red Squad criteria have changed from total number of courses taken to the overall quality of work done. We have cut the total number of students in Red Squad down to one per school. The Assistant Leaders are chosen by institute, with the overall best student chosen as Red Squad Leader. We have also created the Blue Squad to honor the hard work done by our cadets. For debut in 2004 we are creating Gold Squad to recognize those families whose members complete a school together. A family will be defined as a minimum of one parent and one child.

After a Fleet-wide vote, the Academy adopted a new mascot. Twenty-three different mascots were nominated, with the top five listed in the CQ and voted on by the membership. The winner was the Centaur.

Reporting by directors to the Academy administration has become more accurate and timelier. We have made record-keeping more accurate, and are including course completion information in the STARFLEET database. We are striving for greater accuracy in the graduate listings available in each Communiqué. Unfortunately, this has brought up an interesting problem. Space in the CQ for graduate lists is now at a premium, and we will run out of room very soon. We are working closely with the CQ staff to come up with a solution that benefits everyone, but it may result in OTS graduates no longer being listed sometime in the future.

With a new and enthusiastic director in Wendy Fillmore, the STARFLEET Scholarship Program is back on track. Seven scholarships were presented at the IC to members throughout fleet: three from Region 2, two from Region 7, and one each from Regions 1 and 4. For more information on the Scholarship winners, see the article elsewhere in this CQ.

The future of SFA is very bright indeed. We are working hard to add services and benefit the students in many ways. A few highlights of what is to come include the creation of degree tracks to reward students for work in different courses and schools, the debut of a quarterly educational journal that will highlight the work of students and Academy staff (the Academy Proceedings, debuting in 2004), and the creation of new schools and courses in a variety of subject areas.

A more detailed visual presentation of the State of the Academy in .pdf format may be seen at the Academy Web Site ([academy.sfi.org](http://academy.sfi.org)) or directly at <http://academy.sfi.org/news/SFA%20Presentation.pdf>. This is the power-point presentation that was given to the EC/AB meeting at the IC, and in an abbreviated form at the IC general session. Should you have any questions about the Academy or our goals, please do not hesitate to ask the Commandant, Scott Akers ([academy@sfi.org](mailto:academy@sfi.org)), or assistant Commandant/Administration John Adcock ([asstacademy@sfi.org](mailto:asstacademy@sfi.org)).



# SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – MAY/JUNE 2003

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

### Officers Training School

Marilyn Marsh  
Joe McCollum  
Vincent D. Wakefield  
Elizabeth C. Martin  
Suzie Steger  
John H. Tuttle  
Doug Lutz  
Ralph Thacker  
Terry Clay  
Christopher Holden  
Cheri Rosen  
Jordan Schemmel  
Jason Mackey  
Louis K. Price, Jr.  
Joyce Ann Scribner  
Nancy Fields  
Brian Franks  
Icie L. Cook

Michael R. Poulin  
Marcellius Smith  
Joshua Andrews  
Jason Keller  
Donald Lynch  
Robert Powell  
Ryan Houser  
Eric Muehter  
Justin Riley  
Kathy Riley  
Kathy Riley  
Paul Richard Riley  
Tina Schafrik  
Jamie Sue Bergen  
Kevin D. Reid  
Linda Patton  
Joanne Schoenthaler  
Jose Herrera

Lisa Owens  
Dawne Franks  
Kyle Hunter  
Christopher Keller  
Nestor Rosado  
Doyle Brett Morelock  
John Poindexter  
Bryan Scott Brown  
John Grigas  
Daniel Long  
Kristi Long  
Robert Fritz  
Jeffrey K. Blackwell  
Matthew D. Ebeling  
Michael Holmes  
Ken Hanger  
Anthony Ramani  
Shawn Slattery

Belinda Keenan  
Karen Elder  
Robert Hughes  
Yvonne Hughes  
Ricardo Garcia  
Norbert J. Kessen, III  
David Kowal  
Lisa Phillips  
George Pimentel  
Russell Camp, III  
David Dlugach  
Jacqueline Hogan  
Raymond Burkhart  
Frances Simmons  
Richard Fornash, Jr.  
Damon Schoonover  
Kelly Brown  
Mark Milbrath

### Officers Command College

Joshua Andrews  
Jennifer Watkins  
Timothy Barrington  
Kevin Reid  
Eric Muehler  
Jeff Bragg  
Jose Herrera  
Craig Wood, III  
Danyele Cangelosi  
Lisa Owens  
Charles Bennett

Doyle Brett Morelock  
John Tuttle  
Karen Kessen  
Matthew Ebeling  
Michael Butwinick  
Robert Hughes  
Russell Camp, III  
Michael Holmes  
Michael Bennefield  
Leticia Y. Hughes  
Richard Fornash

### Flag Officers School

Thomas G. Brinkley  
Travis Littou  
Mysteri Tullis  
Douglas Mayo  
Dustin Roudenbush  
Neal Fischer  
Brett Price  
Richard Hewitt  
Steve Harper  
Tracy Isquith  
Lauren Milan  
David Lynch

Marian Murphy  
Troy Pharis  
Felix Sanchez  
Jeffrey Davis  
Joseph White  
Arlene Sickles  
Glenn Overby II  
Thomas Pawelszak  
Richard McAndre  
Glendon Diabold  
Sean Niemeyer

## INSTITUTE OF ARTS

### School of Australiana

Carolyn Donner  
Nancy O'Shields  
Elizabeth Worth  
Mavis Yates  
Brian Sussman  
Timothy Barrington  
Melody Stearns  
Robin R. Smith

Ann Marie Arnold  
Tanya Morris  
Alice Carey

### College of Communications

Glendon Diebold  
Wayne Lee Killough  
Marie Anderson  
Mysteri Tullis

Jerry E. Beaulieu  
Wayne Killough Jr.  
Jill Tipton  
Brent Arnold  
Dave Blaser  
Chris Esquibel  
Robin R. Smith  
Darlene Topp  
Lisa Owens  
Dean Rogers

Gillian Swaim  
Pamela J. Bryant

### School of Europeya

Wayne Killough Jr.  
Dean A. Rogers  
Vicki Stewart  
Erik B. Cowand  
Jill Rayburn  
Darlene Harper

Wayne Killough Jr.  
Nancy O'Shields  
Darlene Topp  
Glenn D. Martin  
Jonathan Hogan  
Stephen Farris  
Jim Bellon  
Michael Timko  
Carolyn Donner  
Phyllis J. Fest  
Dean Rogers  
Darlene Topp  
Glenn Martin  
Robin R. Smith  
Doug Hogan

Jonathan Hogan  
Stephan Farris  
Michael Timko  
Alice Carey

### College of Federation Studies

Leo A. Rogers  
Timothy Barrington  
Shirley Rodriguez  
Russell D. Ruhlan  
Glendon Diebold  
Paul Anthony  
Carey Scherer

### College of Liberal Arts

Elizabeth Worth  
Thomas Pawelczak

### College of Myth. Studies

Scott A. Akers  
Rebecca Zobac  
Dean Rogers  
Thomas Arnold  
Doug Lutz  
Brett E. Price  
Marilyn Marsh

Margaret Grunwell  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Miguel Halliwell  
Robin R. Smith  
Beth Schoen  
Lori N. Hines-Gillies

### School of Science Fiction

Carolyn Donner

### College of Alien History and Culture

Phyllis Fest

### Delta Quadrant College

Antonio J. Lopes

### Culinary School

Lisa Pruitt  
Kelley Diebold

### School of Treknology

Margaret Grunwell

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### School of Borg Tech.

Todd Burgmans  
Gregory Franklin  
James Royer  
Scott A. Akers

Larry French, Sr.  
Sean A. Meyer  
Leo Rogers

### Ship's Counselors College

Audi Jack  
Darrell Carey

### STARFLEET Officers Radio School

Timothy Barrington

### SFI in Cyberspace

Richard Hewitt  
Adrian Jones  
Jeffrey Higdon  
Allyson Dyar  
Thomas Schulte  
Mandi Livingston  
Dallas Vinson  
Jill Tipton

Jill Rayburn

### College of Medicine

Robyn Winans  
Sean A. Meyer  
Timothy Barrington  
Andrew W. Gossett  
Glendon Diebold  
Paula Kesler

Sharon Russell  
Jill Tipton  
Jason Mackey  
Jennifer Scott  
Dean Rogers  
Susan Johandon  
Doug Hogan  
Darlene Topp  
Jennifer Watkins  
Darlene Harper

Alice Carey  
Thomas Pawelszak  
Debra Burhite

### Vulcan Academy of Science

Jill Tipton  
Gregory Franklin  
Todd Brugmans

Sean Meyer  
Debbie Artip  
Scott Akers  
Monika Reinholz  
Jim Bellon  
Roy Green  
Darlene Top  
Alice Carey

## INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

### Gorn Academy

Thomas Pawelczak  
Shirley Kolb  
Antonio Lopes III  
Glendon Diebold  
Raymond Burkhart

### Klingon Warrior Academy

Thomas Pawelczak  
Scott Smith  
Paul Williams  
Angelo Kyrelis

### Security School

Seth Williams  
Cary Scherer  
Christopher Holden

Benjamin Kokochak  
Brett Price  
Glendon Diebold  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Seth Andrews-Isquith  
Chris Cole  
Brian Franks  
Doug Hogan  
Jose Herrea  
Lisa Owens  
Roland Iacobescu  
Nathan Marcy  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Chris Knoblauch

### College of Starship Operations

James Kubajak  
Sean A. Meyer

Richard Sussman  
Angelo Kyrelis  
Jennifer J. Scott  
Michael Timko  
Brett E. Price  
Alice Carey

### College of Strategy and Tactics

Joseph White  
Erik Cowand  
Jonathan Hogan

### College of Survival Studies

Robert Hughes

### Vessel Readiness Certification

The USS Lone Star earned certs in 2 depts.

## CADET ACADEMY

### Security School

Jonathan Hogan – Two Courses

## SPECIAL NOTE:

### Flag Officers School:

Douglas Mayo and Thomas Pawelszak finished all three levels.

### College of Federation Studies:

Leo A. Rogers finished 12 courses.

### College of Mythological Studies:

Scott A. Akers Finished entire school

### School of Treknology:

Wayne Lee Killough Jr. the 2nd ever Doctor of Treknology.

### College of Federation Studies:

Ph.D. awards given to Glendon L. Diebold and Cary Scherer for completing all tests.

# STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

By Colonel Deborah Malotte • STARFLEET Director of Promotions

Hello from the Office of Promotions! Here are those who have been promoted since the last CQ - Congrats to all the recipients!:

## Captain/Colonel

Lauren Milan  
David Craig  
George Parker  
Henry Gutierrez

Erik Cowand  
Russ Garrison  
Mark West

## Fleet Captain/Brigadier

Bill Downs  
Ranna Pense  
Jim Wilson  
Robyn Winans  
Christopher Esquibel  
Jennifer J. Scott  
Karen A. Higdon

Rebecca Elmore  
Larry Barnes  
Boyd Harmon  
Jeff Webb  
Alex Trevino, Jr.  
Susan Fugate  
Bob McCann

## Commo. / Brig. Gen.

Greg Franklin  
Stephanie Izard  
Martin Lessem  
Byron Flynt  
John "Kiwi" Kane  
James W. Monroe

## Rear Adm. / Major Gen.

Sam Black  
David Walker  
Peggie Kennedy  
Linda Eppinger  
Karen L. Goldbach  
Dustin Williams

As a reminder:

## Minimum TIG scale—Effective January 01, 2003:

### A promotion to:

Captain/Colonel  
Fleet Captain/Brigadier  
Commodore/Brigadier General  
Rear Admiral/Major General  
Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General  
Admiral/General

### Requires:

24 months Time in Fleet  
18 months Time in Previous Rank  
21 months Time in Previous Rank  
24 months Time in Previous Rank  
30 months Time in Previous Rank  
36 months Time in Previous Rank

Please note that, other than Captain/Colonel, all increases are based on minimum TIG. In recognition of Extraordinary Service to STARFLEET or Outstanding Performance of Duty, 6 months can be dropped from the minimum TIG requirements.

Remember - if someone you have nominated is turned down for a promotion, that person will not become eligible for promotion again for 6 months. If you need to know when someone can be resubmitted for consideration, drop me a note at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) and I'll be happy to let you know when they are eligible again.

Please feel free to ask questions if you need to. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the requirements, the nomination form or the process. I'd hate to see someone truly deserving turned down for a promotion simply because of an incomplete nomination.

The online Promotions Nomination form is located at <http://promotions.sfi.org>.

Email me at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) for a blank email nomination form, if you need help, or if you have questions.

## Fleet Business

Relative calm continues to be the news of the day in the Realm, but the work of the OIG never stops.

### IC2003

What can be said about an IC?

1. Laughter, lots and lots of laughter. Sometimes with you, and sometimes at you, but always in good fun.
2. Friendship. With IRC, I can chat with many of you on a daily basis, but nothing takes the place of seeing you in person and enhancing the bond we've developed.
3. Medicinal spirits. Lots of medicinal spirits and in variations that should be considered illegal and or hazardous materials – or both. But they do increase # 1 and 2 (see above).
4. FUN.

I really enjoyed the trip to beautiful Greensboro NC, despite the extreme humidity and near hurricane-like rainstorms. Thanks to the IC staff and everyone that helped out. And thanks to all of you that I got to meet for the first time or got to see again after so long a time. A moment in time I shall cherish.

## Region Business

### Region 9 and Region 20

Firstly, allow me to once again congratulate the members of the Europe and Britannia on their commissioning. Secondly, with that commissioning comes a new and challenging responsibility.

The designation of your Regional Coordinator. Section III, subsection A of AB Amendment 99-01 states that:

"Once the shuttle is commissioned as a full chapter, the prospective Region will be allowed to select or designate an "acting

# OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

By Maj. Gen. Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Logo by Ben Kokochak • USS Dominator

Regional Coordinator," who will participate in matters of the Admiralty Board with full AB privileges - except that the acting Regional Coordinator shall have voting rights only if the acting Regional Coordinator otherwise meets the criteria set forth in Section IIIC. At this time the designated area will be assigned a Region number by the Admiralty Board (if applicable)."

An important step in the organization of your Region, to be sure. As Inspector General, one of my many tasks is to oversee elections of the Regional Coordinator and the above would fall into that duty. As such, I have been tasked by the Commander, STARFLEET to contact as many of you as I can to poll the Region on whom your RC should be.

I have contacted everyone that has listed his e-mail address in hopes that this process can be expedited and resolved as soon as possible. Therefore, I would ask now that you cast your vote for whom you wish to designate as your Regional Coordinator.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to ask.

### Other Issues

Work continues on the joint venture between the OIG and SFI Webmaster to create informational pages 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 relation to Regional Coordinator elections. This issue we talk about some of the miscellaneous duties of the OIG.

### Section 7:01 - Miscellaneous Duties

The IG's Office can be requested for services other than investigations. Examples of these services include:

- Arbitrator
- Running a Chapter Election
- Running a Chapter Vote of Confidence

### Section 7:02 - Arbitration Process

Asking the OIG to act as an arbitrator in a situation is meant to be a member's last recourse to settle a problem. Before making such a request, the requesting parties must have followed the proper Chain of Command, be it Chapter, Region, or Fleet level, and exhausted all solution options presented. Once all these standard means of solving the problem/s are exhausted, the involved member/s may then petition the OIG for binding arbitration.

A request for arbitration must be made in writing to the IG, not an AIG. Said request must include detailed information as to the problem(s), persons involved, and any supporting documentation necessary, unless they are a party to the issue. In such cases, the IG or DIG shall serve as arbiter.

Once this request has been received, the IG will review the matter and determine if the criteria have been met for his office's intervention. Whether the IG decides to have his office act as an arbitrator or not, the

petitioning party will be notified in writing of the IG's decision.

If the IG decides to have his office act as an arbitrator, then the AIG from the petitioning party's region will act as the lead arbitrator in collecting the necessary information from all involved parties. Once the information has been collected, the IG will be notified and a Board of Review will be convened. This BoR will be made up of the IG, who will act as president of the board, the AIG acting as lead arbitrator, and three other members of the OIG. The lead arbitrator will send copies of all collected information to each member of the BoR.

Once the BoR has received the required materials, they will have seven days to review and discuss said information and render a verdict in the matter. The initial verdict, in order to keep within the seven day time frame can be either voice or e-mail. However, all the verdicts must be provided in writing within three days from the initial verdict, and with an explanation as to why that decision was reached. Copies of the verdict will be provided to all involved parties and the RC(s) of the involved region(s). In addition, copies of all materials involved will kept on file in the OIG.

The verdict reached by the BoR is considered final, and all involved parties must adhere to it, as agreed to in the petition. Said verdict will also stipulate any penalties levied, if required.

Your most humble & obedient servant.

In Service to the Fleet,





# SCIENCE AND THE TEN PLAGUES OF THE BIBLE

Words and Pictures By Commodore Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief of Science

The Learning Channel recently broadcast a show that presented a scientific analysis of the biblical plagues which Moses and Aaron called down from God to afflict the Egyptians. As described in "The Ten Plagues of Egypt," Dr. John Marr, who for many years was chief epidemiologist of the New York City Department of Health, believes modern scientific methods could help unravel the ancient mystery of the ten plagues. In this article, I will summarize Dr. Marr's analysis and discuss why such an analysis is important for the earth's future.

Dr. Marr believed that these plagues, as documented in the Bible and also independently in the Egyptian Ippaw papyrus, are the first written record of an emerging infection. He sought to dissect the ten plagues in terms of common, albeit devastating, disease-based plagues, as opposed to miraculous interventions by God as depicted in movies such as Charleton Heston's The Ten Commandments. I want to note up front that such an analysis doesn't necessarily take away the divine nature of the biblical ten plagues. After all, it is entirely possible that God brings about His will through a convergence of otherwise natural events.

Several scientists joined Dr. Marr in this project, with Curtis Malloy the primary collaborator. Their hope was that the lessons of an ancient epidemic might prove invaluable in understanding how modern diseases spread, especially in a world facing AIDS, the Ebola and West Nile viruses, and SARS. Prior explanations looked at the ten plagues as distinct, unconnected events.

The ten plagues of Egypt probably took place around 1260 BC in and around the center of Egyptian civilization at Memphis (south of present-day Cairo). At that time, the Israelites lived on the Nile delta, some 50 to 80 miles northeast of Memphis. As we will see, this distance is epidemiologically critical.

In order to free the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery, God brought down the following ten plagues: turning the water of the Nile into blood; plagues of frogs, lice, and flies; animals becoming mysteriously sickened and dying; plagues of boils, hail, locusts, and darkness; and finally the firstborn Egyptian animals and humans died. Each of these plagues will be discussed in order.

**Plague #1: "Aaron raised his staff and struck the waters of the river in full view of Pharaoh and his servants, and all the water of the river was changed into blood. The fish in the river died, and the river itself became so polluted that the Egyptians could not drink its water."**

— Exodus 7:20-21

Dr. Marr and Malloy note that the groundwater and wells were not affected, so this plague was specific to the Nile River. At first they thought that algal blooms — with their red pigment — could have contaminated the river. But this hypothesis had to be rejected because seawater algae would not survive in the Nile's fresh water.

In 1997, fresh waterways of the southeastern United States were afflicted by what Dr. Joann Burkholder discovered was *pfisteria*, a type of algae that attacks living fish. *Pfiesteria* makes toxins that first poison the fish, then literally dissolve their flesh. These toxins can affect humans, causing liver and kidney problems, muscle and joint aches, and severe headaches.

Dr. Marr and Malloy theorize that, if a *pfisteria* bloom had occurred in the Nile, the leaking blood from the dying fish, combined with the red pigment of some strains of the algae, could have accounted for the river's red coloring, leaving the water so toxic as to make it be undrinkable. A rapid change in weather, such as a warm El Niño (which occurred most recently in 1997), would cause a fast bloom of this algae.

**Plague #2: "Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up (out of the river) and covered the land of Egypt."**

— Exodus 8:2

Logically, with no fish to feed on the spawn, huge numbers of frogs would have hatched and then abandoned the toxic Nile for land. But what could account for such a many frogs?

Dr. Marr and Malloy sought the help of Richard Wassersug from the University of Halifax. Dr. Wassersug, a world authority on amphibians,

This plague presented a problem for Dr. Marr and Malloy. Modern "lice" attacks humans but not other animals, and they need more northern latitudes to thrive. They wouldn't do well in the warm dry environment of northern Egypt.

The solution was found by Richard Brown, curator of the Mississippi Entomological Museum. Known as "The Moth Man," Dr. Brown is an expert on insects. He notes that the biblical lice were not the lice that we know today because the taxonomy or classification of insects was developed 1000 years later by Aristotle. Before Aristotle's time, insects were all lumped together. In ancient Egypt, 100 species of insects could have been translated as "lice" or "gnats."

Dr. Marr and Malloy could not identify the insect in the third plague until they analyzed the fifth plague. They concluded that the third-plague insect was the midge, also called *culicoides*, an insect so small you can't see it. When they bite, you itch tremendously, as you would if you were infested with lice.

Dr. Roger Breeze, director of the USDA Animal Disease Center on Plum Island, was sought out for help because he is one of the top animal virologists in the world. Dr. Breeze was interested in the plague project because many of the very dangerous animal diseases have originated — and still originate — in Africa. He quickly eliminated anthrax, foot and mouth, and other diseases because he was looking for a disease that affected a large number of species — but not humans — in an epizootic fashion.

Dr. Breeze finally settled on two diseases: African horse sickness affects horses, mules, and asses, but not ruminant animals (those who chew on cuds), and can cause death in a matter of hours. Blue tongue is similar to African horse sickness and affects sheep, goats, and cattle. Both are spread by the same insect — *culicoides*, also called midge, gnat or no-see-um. The midge is also a good candidate for the third plague. Since this insect couldn't fly far enough to reach the Nile delta, the Israelites would be spared these plagues.

**Plague #6: "So they took soot from a furnace and stood in the presence of Pharaoh. Moses scattered it toward the sky, and it caused boils on man and beast."**

— Exodus 9:10

After researching bacterial infections, Dr. Marr learned that glanders causes the symptoms described by the Bible and can be carried by the stable fly. Glanders, also known as the "forgotten disease," was described by ancient Greek and Roman historians and was used as a biological agent in World War I. It affects the lymph nodes of horses, camels, oxen, pigs, sheep and humans. It can also cause death. The Israelites were outside the stable fly's one-mile flying range and would remain safe from this plague.

The death of their cattle, as well as other livestock and fish, reduced the Egyptians' protein supplies. Through the first six plagues, God forced the Egyptians to be dependent on a successful cereal crop. The following plagues stripped away even this source of nourishment.

**Plague #7: "When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the Lord sent forth hail and peals of thunder. Lightning flashed toward the earth, and the Lord rained down hail upon the land of Egypt; and lightning constantly flashed through the hail, such fierce hail as had never been seen in the land since Egypt became a nation. It struck down every man and beast that was in the open throughout the land of Egypt; it beat down every growing thing and splintered every tree in the fields."**

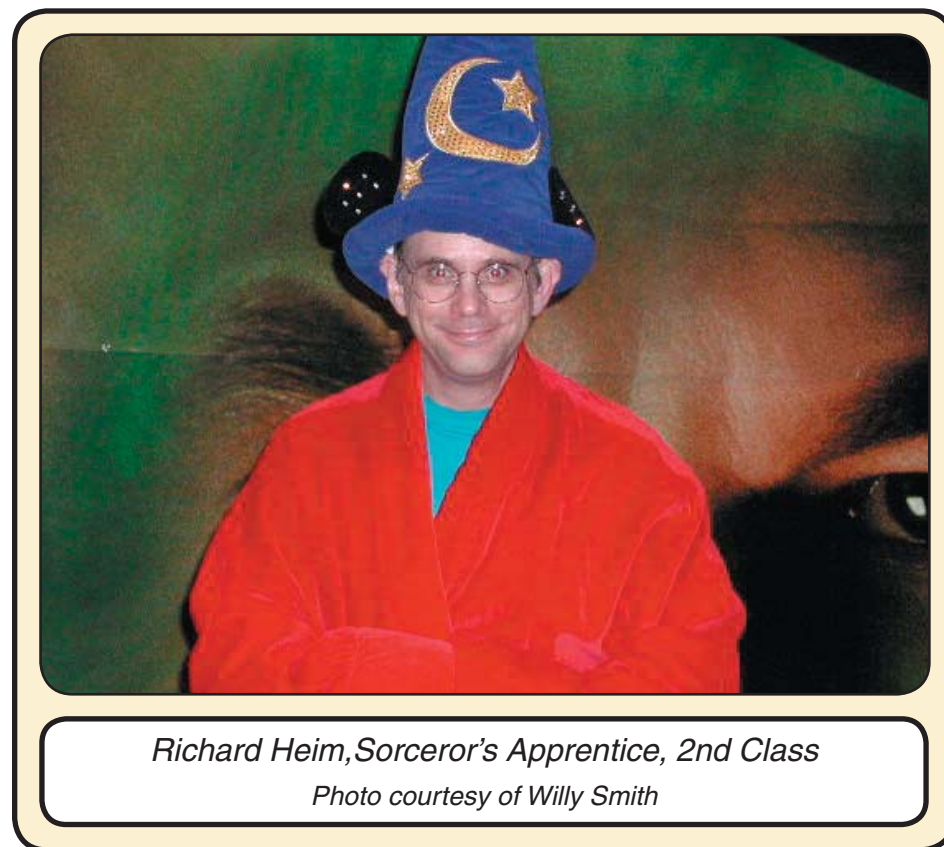
— Exodus 9:23-25

Dr. Marr and Malloy note that hailstorms can occur in the Mediterranean area. A localized storm would ruin Egyptian crops, but not affect the Israelites.

**Plague #8: "The Lord then said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt, that locusts may swarm over it and eat up all the vegetation and whatever the hail has left.'"**

— Exodus 10:12

Plagues of locusts happen periodically and strip the land bare. The Egyptians, weakened by sickness, now faced severe food shortages and starvation.



Richard Heim, Sorcerer's Apprentice, 2nd Class

Photo courtesy of Willy Smith

noted that the Bible uses one word for frogs and toads (*saphaideic*). This word refers to frogs in general, but specifically to toads. The plague of "frogs" was likely a plague of toads, whose population can rapidly explode into the millions.

It follows that the fish all died, leading to an explosion in the toad population, and the toads all died (Exodus 8:9-10), leaving nothing to eat the insects, so the insect population exploded, leading to the third plague.

**Plague #3: "Aaron stretched out his hand, and with his staff he struck the dust of the earth and gnats came upon man and beast."**

— Exodus 8:13

(NOTE: Some translations, like the New American Bible quoted here, use gnats, while others, such as the King James Version, say lice.)

**Plague #4: "Thick swarms of flies entered the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants; throughout Egypt the land was infested with flies."**

— Exodus 8:20

With the help of Dr. Andy Spielman, the scientists concluded that the stable fly was the likely culprit. The stable fly population can explode if a lot of animal feces accumulates in the soil, each laying 500 eggs at a time, and their bite is painful.

**Plague #5: "The Lord will afflict your livestock in the field — your horses, asses, camels, herds and flocks — with a very severe pestilence. But... none belonging to the Israelites will die.' ... All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one beast belonging to the Israelites."**

— Exodus 9:3-6

**Plague #9: “Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was dense darkness throughout the land of Egypt for three days. Men could not see one another, nor could they move from where they were.”**  
— Exodus 10:22-23

Dr. Marr suggests that this darkness was caused by a severe sandstorm. Such devastating sandstorms can bury monuments, paralyze military forces (such as U.S. infantry divisions in Iraq), and bring darkness. Such a storm would have buried the ancient Egyptians’ tillable land with a layer of sand.

Dr. Marr and Malloy concluded that plagues of hail, locusts, and sandstorms are natural events, but I like to think that their occurrence during the Israelites’ exodus could have been divine timing.

**Plague #10: “Moses then said, ‘Thus says the Lord: At midnight I will go forth through Egypt. Every first-born in this land shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh on the throne to the first-born of the slave-girl at the handmill, as well as all the first-born of the animals... But among the Israelites and their animals not even a dog shall growl.’”**  
— Exodus 11:4-7

This plague was the culmination of a domino effect from the other plagues, according to Dr. Marr and Malloy. A pfiesteria bloom destroys the fish and pollutes the water of the Nile River (first plague). The toad population explodes and then dies (second plague). The toad corpses add to the pollution while their death releases the insect population from its usual constraints, leading to the diseases spread by the midge (third plague) and flies (fourth plague). This results in the animal protein from cattle, sheep, and goats becoming scarce and tainted.

As a result, working animals (horses, donkeys, oxen) are afflicted (fifth plague), as are humans (sixth plague), with severe viral and bacterial infections. As a result, the crops are largely unharvested. Then the hail hits (seventh plague), causing tremendous crop damage. What isn’t destroyed by hail is eaten by locusts (eighth plague), including the young shoots and seeds that otherwise would have offered hope. Locust droppings, or feces, would have contaminated the remaining stands of grain.

Any remaining crops are packed hastily while still damp and put into stores, built in small pits under the desert sands. Then a sandstorm covers all remaining food supplies and creates a blanket that bakes the stored food stuffs and

accelerates rotting while the Egyptians are still confined to their homes. The locust feces could have introduced organisms that would thrive in the damp fetid conditions of the storehouses.

Dr. Eduardo Montaña of the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control analyzed a recent example of such organisms. Mycotoxins caused severe lung disease in dozens of babies in Cleveland, Ohio. The mycotoxins were produced by molds growing on organic substances in water damaged basements. In ancient Egypt, the unventilated, damp, contaminated granaries were full of grains, which are full of cellulose, an organic substance.

Inhaled mycotoxins can cause death, and this mycotoxin, Stachybotris Atra — which grows on grain — affects both animals and humans. When inhaled or eaten, S. Atra-contaminated grain can kill within hours, causing internal hemorrhaging in the lungs and gastrointestinal tract.

The eldest traditionally got double portions under famine conditions in biblical times. In this case, they would have been the only ones to eat lethal quantities of contaminated food. Once the granaries were aired, and surface layers of the grain removed, the danger from the mycotoxins would have receded. The peculiar combination of circumstances that encouraged the mycotoxin was short-lived.

The TLC program also pointed out that Jews celebrate Passover with a ritual meal of lamb, herbs, and unleavened bread, all foods that would have been safe from the contamination that may have afflicted their ancient oppressors.

As described by Dr. Marr and Malloy, the ten plagues were not a series of individual unrelated events. They were a related series of environmental, animal, and plant catastrophes that culminated in a very serious human health problem that affected society as a whole. Some have estimated that the plagues resulted in the death of ten percent of the Egyptian population and a crippling of the country’s food resources.

So why should we care about this epidemiological exercise? Dr. Marr and Malloy’s analysis illustrates two things: that a collaboration of scientific disciplines is important in analyzing diseases, and that health and disease are intricately embedded in the fragile ecology of human environments. In other words, if the plagues occurred as the researchers suggest, they illustrate how delicate and interconnected the earth’s ecosystem is and why we should take very good care of it.

“We need to be eternally vigilant to make sure that we protect our societies against these epidemics,” Dr. Breeze explained. “The systems that are in place around the world to provide disease surveillance and control are very, very fragile and they’re under incredible pressure from old threats and new problems.”

The TLC show ended with a warning: “For us, the consequences of the falling dominoes could be just as grave.” In other words, centuries of work — scientific experiment and observation to learn how our bodies work and to identify the rules of sanitation and good health, and the application of these discoveries in the medical fields, the development of antibiotics and immunization and so forth — could be erased in just a handful of years if we aren’t careful.

Antibiotic-resistant diseases could develop if we misuse or overuse our medications. New plagues could overwhelm our defenses and take a terrible toll. The bubonic plague of the 14th century, for example, killed about 25 percent of Europe’s population.

Disease-resistant, genetically-engineered crops could be a boon to our food supply. But there are dangers. Cross pollination in the field, for example, may result in weeds that resist our efforts to control them.

The western economic system is the best that the world has ever seen. It utilizes a basic human element — greed — to maximize productivity and efficiency. But if this greed is not held in check by responsible — such as government — oversight, the consequences could be devastating to our planetary ecosystem. In the United States, our Clean Air and Water Acts must be strictly enforced, our forests must be treated as fragile environments, and the poisons that we are producing from our industrial activity must be reduced.

In the Bible, the Book of Revelation speaks of terrible calamities to befall humanity. Biblical prophecy, especially from Revelation, is a tricky thing to analyze. Some have interpreted these prophecies literally, others symbolically, and others by using a combination of the two.

Dr. Marr and Malloy’s analysis provides another interesting perspective. We don’t know when Revelation’s calamities will happen nor how, but it would be folly if we, through our own unchecked greed and pride, were to bring about the end of the world.

Allow me to elaborate:

1. The four horsemen bring war, famine, and plague to one quarter of the earth (Revelation 6:1-8).

2. The first trumpet (Rev. 8:7) has been interpreted by some as a severe drought afflicting a third of the earth. Could global cause of this? Or perhaps desertification, which occurs when we strip the land of its natural vegetative cover?

3. The second trumpet (Rev. 8:8-9) has been interpreted as something which destroys a third of the ocean’s food supply and ocean transportation lines. Perhaps it’s a meteor? Or maybe ocean pollution? How about overfishing?

4. The third trumpet (Rev. 8:10-11) has been interpreted as something affecting the fresh water supply, a third of which is made deadly bitter by “wormwood.” This word, wormwood, is referenced in Strong’s Concordance as meaning “calamity.” Could this be related to pollution of our streams and lakes?

5. The seven last plagues, or bowls (Revelation 16), have been interpreted by many biblical scholars symbolically, but they sound very similar to the ten plagues that afflicted the Egyptians: severe and festering boils on humans, all ocean life dies, the rivers and springs become unusable, intense heat scorches people, darkness (massive dust storms?), the Euphrates River dries up, a great earthquake.

God has given people dominion over the earth. But He also commands us to be good stewards and to take care of His creation as a sacred trust. Science can be a very important tool of our stewardship.

Environmental activists and organizations have been criticized as being extremist. In light of Dr. Marr and Malloy’s analysis, and in light of what Revelation tells us, we need to listen to what they are saying. We certainly don’t want to bring about Revelation’s calamities upon ourselves, do we?

More information on this project can be found at the STARFLEET Sciences web page, [http://a.larichr.home.sprynet.com/science/sci\\_attack.htm](http://a.larichr.home.sprynet.com/science/sci_attack.htm) [http://a.larichr.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet\\_sciences.html](http://a.larichr.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet_sciences.html). We can also be reached via email at [AlaricRH@sprynet.com](mailto:AlaricRH@sprynet.com) or via USPS at:

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to become a group known for the extended hand of help and friendship or known as a group dominated by political antics?

Do we want it to be the fun organization that grows into at Guinness World Record holder, or do we want it to falter and fail due to the weight of hate, wrath, and bitterness?

Hate and intolerance goes against all of the faiths represented in STARFLEET and it is to the community of faith that I speak today. We who have learned from each of our individual faiths the dangers of hate can and should lead the effort in stopping this flood.

Fellow members of STARFLEET and the community of faith within it, the choice is yours. We will ultimately determine the fate of this organization and this is one of the times where decisions are made to shape that fate.

Do we choose hate or friendship?

Think about it.

In the charge given to many a minister in the Christian faith, the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy in his final letter to him is included, “Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering...” It is not a pleasant thing, but one that each of us in the brotherhood of ministry has to do at times.

Today, I must raise my voice in alarm about a spirit that is spreading and growing in STARFLEET. This attitude is one of hate, revile, and contempt for fellow members of this organization who happen to disagree with any thought, idea, or concept.

More and more over the last months, I’ve had people contact me regarding what they believe to be hate and wrath aimed at them for such things as disagreeing with someone, expressing an opinion, because of honors others receive that the attackers feel was rightfully theirs, and as unbelievable as it sounds, members asking for help in a crisis.

This organization has prided itself for its

family like atmosphere, for its trying to help others, for its attempts to live up to IDIC and “Let Me Help” instead of just giving lip service to it. Yet, we are witnessing the destruction of those very traits that make us so unique in the name of vendettas, thirst for revenge, and politics.

It is so easy to just blame the politics and say it has to be done away with. However, it is strictly a symptom and not the illness. The illness is hate. Hate and intolerance is the greatest killer of friendships, clubs, organizations, and even countries in all of history. If not checked, hate and intolerance will continue until either STARFLEET becomes filled with it, or is destroyed by it. Is that what we want?

Or do we want to see the greatness restored to STARFLEET and let her be what she was

before this illness started its cancerous spread.

It is not the leaders that can stop this wave of hate, but the membership of this great organization and the members who are part of the community of faith in particular. When confronted by hate and intolerance, we can act by ignoring it, by not returning it, and most importantly, by standing with those it is aimed it to aid them. Hate only grows when an audience that allows it to hurt others feeds it. Without that audience, it will die out.

Fellow members, the decision is ours. Do we want STARFLEET to continue to be known for its spirit of brotherhood and family that has caught the eye of non Trek individuals around the world, or do we want it to become a clique filled with backbiting and anger? Do we want STARFLEET



# TEAM QA'PLA RELAY FOR LIFE

By Brigadier Deb Kern • USS Mir, Region 17

Logo courtesy of Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Whew! What a night. There were eight Team Qapla' Members this year:

## STARFLEET Marine Corps:

Brigadier General Nancy Lynch  
Colonel Elsa Baker  
Colonel Randy Lynch  
Brigadier Deb Kern  
Captain Everett Brooks  
Lieutenant William Baker  
Private Sonya Shilling

## Relay Team Qapla' Captain

Sergeant Major Philip Kern

tremendously in putting up our Movie Tent at the Relay Site. He did very well.

The Team collected around \$600.00 USD for the American Cancer Society. The high donors of the team were Nancy Lynch and Elsa Baker who donated over \$100.00 USD. They both are receiving t-shirts for their generosity. I also want to thank former STARFLEET Academy Director Marlene Miller for donating to our Relay Team as well. William Baker, Everett Brooks, and I also donated money for the cause.

We were a small team but we always had someone walking. I want to thank Nancy Lynch, Philip Kern, and Everett Brooks who kept walking all night long and into the wee hours of Saturday morning until we had to take down our campsites.

I also want to thank the same people above and Randy Lynch for staying and helping with the tear down which is a hard job after staying up all night. The other members of the team, Elsa, William, and Sonya did their fair share of walking the track before they had to leave around 0100 hours.

Philip Kern was our Team Captain and went to all the team meetings and got our campsites for us and helped

Our next Relay For Life is coming up in September with Nancy Lynch at the helm, as Team Captain for Team Qapla' in Las Cruces, New Mexico. We always raise a lot of money at this relay event because Nancy has really wonderful ideas for raising money.

Team Qapla' has been doing two Relay For Life Events for the American Cancer Society annually since the year 2000 and hopefully we can do this forever.

I want to thank the crew of the USS Mir for participating in these two events and for their caring dispositions and hard work in helping those with cancer. I am proud to be a part of this great crew.



# USS S'L'HEYA RETURNS

By Captain Rachel Hawken • USS S'L'heya, Region 4

It finally happened. On July 17, 2003, Rachel Hawken, Commanding Officer of the EFCP S'L'heya was informed in an email from Jerry Tien, the Chief of Shuttle Operations that the ship was finally launched. We are now the USS S'L'heya NCC-1601, a new and returning ship of the line based out of STARFLEET's REGION 4 under the auspices of the Regional Coordinator, Vice Admiral Ed Nolin.

It was a very warm day on July 22, 2003 when we all took off from various locations in Fresno and traveled to the Pizza Hut located at 2111 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, CA.

The CO (Rachel Hawken) and the XO (Jim Wilcox) arrived about 10 minutes to 11:00 when the establishment's doors open and found to their surprise that the ship's Security Officer (Felix Sanchez) and a visitor (Robert Torres of the pre-shuttle Hell's Fury out of Region 1) were already there preparing the area for the rest of us.

After much set-up and introductions and eats ordered more members began to arrive. The meeting portion of the Celebration would commence first.

Lt. Felix Sanchez had something planned and so had the CO stand off to the side of the group while Jeanette Nicholson wheeled in a cart with not one but two cakes for the party. One contained a perfect image of the ships logo (created by Rachel Hawken) and the other, a very good shape of our ship,

an Oberth Class Scout Ship. The details on the cakes were extraordinary and quite beautiful.

Following this Rachel moved to another location beside the long table set up for us and closer to Glen Olson, who was standing beside his video camera and video taping the proceedings. Awards were then presented to the crewmembers who had earned promotions through meeting attendance and participation within the chapter. Those who received awards were: Danny Bosman, Patrick Flick, Tracy Flick, Felix Sanchez, Jeremy Harris, Jon Munson, Larry Jones, Glen Olson and Jeanette Nicholson.

Following this, the Party commenced with filling ourselves and chatting with friends and new friends who had attended the affair.

During the Commissioning Party more good news arrived. Two of the visitors who attended, joined our chapter. These girls are: Jen Langworthy (who chose to be our new Science Officer) and Megan Lee (who decided on joining our Operations Department).

All-in-all it has to be said that the party went off with a bang. There may not have been any television media present like there was nearly 10 years ago when the S'L'heya was first commissioned as a starship but on reflection, I believe this party was better by far than the first one.

Our ship is back and we are here to stay.

For some June 21, 2003 was a Saturday in the park at the Veterans Memorial Park in Boise, Idaho. Some people attended a wedding there.

But over by the Amphitheater you could hear the greetings of "Peldar Joi."

A group of intergalactic representatives were drawn together for the Gratitude Festival. One of the biggest events in the Bajoran year, the Gratitude Festival is an ancient Bajoran religious festival.

During the festival the temple chimes are sounded and the smell of burning bateret leaves and incense fill the air.

Participants write down their problems on Renewal Scrolls and then place them in a special brazier for burning.

In this way, one may symbolically reduce one's troubles to ashes.

This festival was hosted by the House

# GRATITUDE FESTIVAL IN R5

By David Lee Kania • Chief of Staff, Region 5



of Qultaj, USS Kensington, and Greywolf Station. Attendees included many Bajorans, Klingons, Cardassians, Trills and even Federation personnel.

We had a great feast, a Bajoran celebration in the Amphitheatre, music, and singing from a Bajoran choir (as seen in the picture to the left).

There were games for the children and adults. It was a beautiful day and a lot of fun.

It got especially exciting when the Klingons visited a wedding a little distance from us. They were posing with the bride and groom and got the whole group up on their feet.

All in all this was a great time celebrating a Bajoran festival here on Earth – and we are very much looking forward to next year's celebration.

Photo courtesy of David Lee Kania

# KLINGONS AND NATIVE AMERICANS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

*Originally presented as a thesis for the Klingon Warrior Academy 400 Course.*

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As students of STARFLEET Academy's, Klingon Warrior Academy, we immerse ourselves in study of Klingon culture and society, history, political structure and rituals. In the history course we learn about Kahless the unforgettable up to what we know now with Chancellor Martok. Do we know anything before Kahless? Very little.

I believe that the early Klingons were more like the Native Americans of our country. Even though the Klingon race ultimately became a well-known warrior race with deep honor bound convictions.

As you read further, I will attempt to provide information concerning this assumption. The information that will follow is from an anthropological and historical perspective of culture, religion, rituals and socio-political structure.

We will start our journey around 30,000 years BCE on Terra. We learn from the episode, "The Chase" [TNG] that Terrans, Klingons, Vulcans and Romulans along with other humanoid species were scattered to all Class-M planets four-billion years ago. Now back to Terra in 30,000 years BCE.

During this period in time most of Native Americans were crossing and bridges in the North and traveling from Mezo-America. Mezo-America is located in South Americans land and that of Central America. Most native Americans at this time were no stranger to travel. These people were hunter/gatherers. They called themselves the "People."

On Qo'onaS, we know that the planet has extensive seas, mountains, plains and volcanic activity. The early Klingon race, supposing that they also followed Terran migration instinct, traveled by either primitive long boats or over land routes.

Between 9500 years to 5000 years BCE

most of native Americans at this time were starting agrarian societies. The "People" as translated, began to settle down and form family clans. As the native Americans continued to expand toward the east each family clan decided on names, what we now call tribes or nations. They also began their native tongue or language, derived from the root language.

As we have learned, in Klingon society our Native American family clans are known as the minor and major houses. We can assume that, from past and present literary books, the Klingons had settled into small enclaves.

These became seaports, farm districts and large cities. The First City on Qo'noS would be equal to that of Chaco Canyon located in the four corners area of the United States. As stated above for the Native Americans, the Early Klingons at this time also developed regional dialects from their root language.

At around 700 to 1100 AD, the longest existing native Americans known, the Hopi, had been conducting extensive trade. Most of what was traded were items for continued existence and ideas. They also developed complex mythologies and religion from simplistic beliefs. drama, dance and story telling were developed into artistic levels. Combat also had been honed with fighting endemic with some other nations and peace with others.

During the time between 5000 years BCE to around 625 AD, the Klingons advanced culturally faster than those of our Native Americans. We know that their early religion was abandoned when they slew their gods. On Qo'noS, the Klingons became a warrior race to survive. This time is the cultural upheaval for the Klingon people and culture. Simplistic beliefs were starting to transform into a structured way of life.

From 700 AD to the mid-1800s, the Native American's form of government were changing as local situations demanded. Most of the Native American tribes were governed by councils. These were either clan associations or war/peace councils. The exceptions to this rule were confederations like those of the Iroquois or Creek nations. The council leaders were either strong or weak. Some councils had no leaders at all. All decisions of the council made were by consensual agreement rather than a majority rule.

On Qo'noS, Klingon mythology states that in 625 AD Kahless the Unforgettable killed the tyrant Molor. This was a time of major governmental changes. Between the 2nd and 3rd dynasties, the Klingon's form of government conducted for the first and only time a representational democracy. This period was known as the Dark Time. This is where the Klingons were ruled by an elected council. The current Klingon Government is a council of 12 major houses or clans with one leader known as the Chancellor.

Native American life is wide and varied, just as its people. Through the course of their history these people have created ritual forms to remind them of their history, culture, and clan associations. Like the Klingon Rite of Ascension, every child of the Hopi has their own rite.

Upon reaching the age of six to eight years both boys and girls are initiated into two societies. The Powamu Society, which translated means purification, forms the basis of ceremonial purifying during each of the four seasons. The Kachina Society is made of individuals who represent the spirits of the invisible forces of life.

We have, as students of Klingon studies, delved deep into Klingon rituals and ceremonies. Like the Native Americans, Klingon Society have passed rituals,

customs and mythological beliefs from one generation to another. One ritual, or in this case a festival, relives the life of Kahless and his victory over Molor, the Kot'baval Festival. The Native Americans have something similar, in that it reaffirms a return to a natural way of living as spoken by the creator.

The name of the event is the Ghost Dance. The first Ghost Dance was a vision of a man named Wodziwob in 1869. A revival in 1889 by Wovoka of the Northern Paiute is what we witness today. Another ceremony is that of the Klingon death ritual. The Native American equivalent is that of the Yuman mourning ceremony. The ritual "cry" as in the Klingon "HOWL" represents the comfort of the living, the other to warn that a warrior is on his or her way to Sto-Vo-Kor.

To conclude, I have tried to give you a glimpse into the comparisons between the Klingon and the Native American cultures. There is so much information that can be related between the two cultures, that one in effect could write a book on this subject. As we have seen since Star Trek first aired, that the Klingons like the Native Americans were so often depicted as a people without culture. Many times, by STARFLEET and other cultures, the Klingons like the native Americans again were referred to by historical and literary depictions as savage, barbarous, and primitive in their way of being.

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## COOKING WITH KLINGONS

**By Commander Anita Treloar • Space Station K'Ehleyr, Region 4**

On March 23rd we enjoyed a Klingon Food Festival at the Treloar's. This incredible event was attended by 20 people. Mike and Debbie brought a Dutch oven full of barbecued ribs, chicken and polish sausage and a wonderful sauce to go with it. They also brought two salads that were so delicious, one with crab, scallops and shrimp, and an avocado dip and chips to go with it.

Debbie made these awesome little French pastries with crème filling and strawberries on top. Wendy brought Scottish Shortbread and a pot of Corned beef and cabbage. Brad made two pans

of beef enchiladas, and refried beans. Anita made chicken enchiladas and a German fresh apple cake and a lemon cobbler. Richard Benker made this awesome Spanish rice, and Jac and Juju's mom, Yvonne, brought Deviled Eggs.

There was a judging for best dish and Mike asked to be disqualified because he is a professional chef, so judge Zoie Garner chose the winning dishes for the prizes for our event. First prize was a delicious smelling candle (supplied by Anita) that went to Richard Benker for his Spanish rice. Second prize (supplied by Debbie) went to Brad for his original refried beans.

In attendance were Mike and Debbie and Lauren Menish, Bob, Wendy, Bobby and Sean Fillmore, Brad and Anita Treloar, Kimmy Holycross and Nikita Danalenko, Richard Benker and his friend Melina, Zoie and John Garner, Jac, JuJu, Ray, and Yvonne, and Josh Andrews. It was especially nice to see Josh at this event because he had just spent the previous two weeks in the hospital with pneumonia. It was nice to see him recovered.

Josh has wanted to have some sort of potluck ever since he first contacted the K'Ehleyr. We aim to please!

## KLINGONS, PIRATES...

**By Trey Isquith • Region 15 Public Relations**

The Annual Region 15 Mini-Golf Day was a huge success. We had 30 people show up for the event, including two brand new members. More than half the chapters of the region were represented. The winners were:

**Dave Bowman** of the SS Ian Fleming  
**Jeremy Gilbert** of the USS Atlantis  
**Scott Grant** of the USS Hood

The follow-up BBQ and subsequent drowning lessons in the pool, were also well attended and we all had a chance to sit around and enjoy each others company. Some stargazing rounded a very busy day.



The STARFLEET Membership manual doesn't go into great detail about the Executive Officer's duties other than to mention some age and Academy requirements, so I as a new XO was curious as to what other XOs do on their ships. I posed that question to the Yahoo! STARFLEET International XO's Lounge (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfi-xo>) and got a number of interesting responses. Since not everyone in STARFLEET is online, or subscribes to that e-mail list, I decided an article in the CQ would be of interest to the wider group.

Fleet Captain Danny Potts, the XO of the USS Hephaestus says: "As XO of the USS Hephaestus, I'm essentially the Chief of Staff. It's my job to fill all crew positions, and to oversee the election/VOC of the Chapter Commanding Officer.

"Part of that is also being in charge of promotions, at least up to the rank of Commander. I keep track of all activities of the individual members, and when they reach a certain plateau, where they become eligible for promotion, I administer the chapter exam for passage to that grade.

"For the rank of Commander, we don't have an exam, instead, a person is required to identify a project that will have a major benefit to the chapter, region or Fleet, and they are required to complete that project with no direction from me or the CO. I'm responsible for approving that project, and judging that the member successfully completed the project. They can recruit all the help they want or need, it just has to be done at their own initiative.

"Next, I'm responsible for seeing that all internal chapter documents such as the Constitution, newsletter, member handbook, are kept up-to-date and revised as necessary.

"Lastly, I have to be prepared to fill in for the Commanding Officer at a moment's notice, should they be unavailable for an event or meeting. That includes being prepared to file the MSR if the CO is unable to. Obviously, this requires some level of communication take place between the CO and myself, and the CO cc's me on the MSR each month, so I'm prepared with a recent example should I need it.

"That's a lot more work than it sounds like, believe me. There's also a few 'unofficial' roles I play.

"I try to keep a tab on the level of 'fun' the members are having, and when I notice a person seems to be withdrawing from the chapter, I pick up the phone or pull them aside, and try to make sure that they are still enjoying the club.

"Occasionally, the CO does something

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER DUTIES

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Schulte • USS Saint George, Region 6

that hacks off a few members. I have to watch for that, and be ready to approach the CO and make them aware that they've done something that hasn't been received well, and try to intervene where possible.

"Basically, as XO, I'm the conduit between the crew and the CO. Any member can obviously talk with the CO when they wish, but sometimes the crew as a whole needs a voice, and that's me.

"My last unofficial job is to try and keep things from getting too serious. This is all meant to be in fun, and when I sense things are getting a little too serious, I tend to throw myself on the rubber chicken and lighten the mood."

Robert W. Chin of the USS Hood, NCC-1707 writes: "Size matters ... how big is your chapter?

"Paper member count, active member count, approximate geographic dispersion, frequency of general crew meetings, approximate distance and travel time to general crew meetings, all affect active participation and level of responsibility of Command Staff members.

Since this is a voluntary participation, not all Command Staff members are

necessarily adequately prepared for the role nor responsibilities of their positions. Additionally, the roles and responsibilities will vary from chapter to chapter, region to region, etc. Apparently, in Danny's chapter, there is a fair amount of life and activity. From the roles and responsibilities Danny described, there may be more people actively involved than aboard other chapters. Until recently, my chapter has only about six active participants on a regular basis. As a result, the XO responsibilities are nowhere near the levels seen in Danny's chapter. Regardless of the size of the chapter, Danny is on the mark about the fun. If it isn't fun, it isn't worth doing."

Danny Potts replies: "... I enjoy the XO position a lot more than I did the CO position which I held for about four years... I was XO for four years, CO for four years... now I'm back to XO... \*much\* happier :)

"The way we look at things, the CO is the only person who can speak officially to STARFLEET, so that's their major focus... the old 80/20 rule... 80% of their time is spent focusing on the Region/International duties...

"That leaves the XO to focus on internal chapter stuff... so, I spend 80% of my time on purely internal things.

"As for chapter size, Robert's kind of on the right track. We are an extremely active chapter, and have had SFI membership that never falls below 20 members, and occasionally reaches 40-50... Naturally, we've launched five shuttles now into full chapters (two of which are now launching their own shuttles. We're such proud grandparents). We also allow non-SFI members on the chapter, and I can recall meetings in the past few years with close to 40 people in attendance.

"My advice is, if your CO will allow it, go ahead and set up yourself as though you have 50 members. You'd hate to wait until you got 50 members to discover that you weren't prepared to handle them, eh?

"The other thing I'd recommend is: Find out what your CO is passionate about, then forget about it... If your CO is passionate about something, then you can trust that they'll push it through. You, instead, find something the \*crew\* is passionate about that the CO doesn't appear to be... and make that yours.

1. It will add diversity to your chapter.
2. It will give you a natural reason to talk with the crew periodically.
3. It will give you something to report on at meetings.
4. You will feel needed :)"

Col. Dallas Vinson, XO of the USS Draco notes: "As XO of the Draco, my main focus is on the newsletter and all other forms of communication aboard the ship. But then I am also the Chief Communications officer. In addition to the newsletter and all forms that we use, I also maintain our ships database and all personnel files."

COL. Larry D. French, Sr., XO, of the USS Inferno says:

"Since our SFI EFCP ship is in joint operation with a Cha'ouwan/Maquis ship that I command, most of my duties overlap between my SFI XO and my C/M CO duties. I maintain the websites for both ships, coordinate the charity/community service for both ships, and plan most of the convention attendance trips for both ships. I also file the MSR Online on the SFI database for the USS Inferno. The CO posts the report to the crew and I post it on the SFI MSR Online database."

"I also volunteer any Academy help that the crew would need since I have taken more than half of all of the Academy courses. I have close to 60 Academy courses completed. I have completed Flag Officer's School (all three courses), OTS, OCC, and most of the Computer, Science, Security, Medical, and Klingon schools. I have sampled some of the other schools as well."

If you'd like to join in the discussion, we'd be happy to have your input online at the Yahoo! XO Lounge.



STARFLEET Chief Financial Officer Denby Potts and Regional Coordinator, Region 2 Danny Potts

Photo courtesy of Wade Olson

With the increasing numbers of STARFLEET members living and traveling abroad, people moving from place to place, being unable to travel for whatever reason, and the ease of connectivity that comes with the Internet age, we have seen a tremendous growth in the number of correspondence members and chapters. With this new form of membership, we have also seen a certain level of concern and even criticism of the concept of a correspondence chapter. I'd like to talk about my experiences in both meeting and correspondence chapters, and explain why I think both are equally important.

When I moved to Charlotte, NC in 1997, my first experience with STARFLEET was through a meeting chapter, the USS Hornet. It was there I was able to meet some of the people in STARFLEET, see that I shared a common interest with them in science fiction and fact, fantasy, and develop my taste for fandom. At the time, it was my understanding that STARFLEET was more or less a fan club. I had, of course, been to science fiction conventions, so I knew what it was to see organized fandom, meet celebrities, garner autographs, and of course interact with other fans.

For a number of reasons, I eventually changed membership to what I considered to be a pseudo-correspondence chapter of STARFLEET, the USS Hawkeye. Its members, unlike those of the Hornet, who were all localized to the Charlotte area, were more spread out across parts of North Carolina, and so I got something of a taste of what it was to be a correspondence member. I certainly saw the members of the chapter from time to time, but as time passed, I spent more and more time interacting with

# CORRESPONDENCE CHAPTERS

By Commodore Dave Klingman • USS Jaguar, Region 1

those members electronically, and at the same time developing relationships with STARFLEET members across the country.

As sometimes happens, the members of the Hawkeye moved in different directions. Some lost interest in organized fandom, some lost interest in STARFLEET, and others, like myself, developed strong relationships outside the local area and as a result, the chapter itself folded. I moved on to membership with the USS Jaguar, a correspondence chapter of STARFLEET, building on relationships I had developed in large part due to my contributions to STARFLEET's Communiqué.

My experience with the Jaguar has been very different, largely electronic, since many of its members are scattered about the regions of STARFLEET. Some would say that this diminishes the charm of a fan club like STARFLEET, because we as members don't meet face to face on a regular basis. I have found, quite to the contrary, that we meet more often than many of the meeting chapters, through the use of electronic mail, some through instant messaging programs, and very regularly through the use of the Fleetchat IRC network.

So what are the positives and negatives of meeting versus correspondence chapters, at least from my perspective? Meeting chapters are fun from the aspect that you see people face to face. You eat together, play games together, work on charity projects together, and you simply connect with people. This is extremely important, since we live in such a busy world that it

is very easy to become isolated from one another. The unfortunate aspect of meeting with people is that it's sometimes very hard. It's hard to find the time on a regular basis to get together, so sometimes this may occur only once a month or so. It's also hard because, truthfully, we sometimes don't get along with people, and there's an awkwardness to seeing people face to face who may make you feel uncomfortable. It happens, we don't all get along all of the time, and it's part of being human.

On the other hand, correspondence can be a lot of fun, especially with the immediate sense you can get in the electronic world. Chat rooms, instant messaging, video conferencing, electronic mail, all of these provide the opportunity to talk to people in real time. You can get a lot of information and can even take the time to review it, think about it, and formulate response.

The danger, certainly, is that we don't connect with a person, a face, and as we all know, we sometimes hit the ENTER key without thinking about the consequences of what we have typed in on the keyboard. It's much easier to make a mistake, and much harder to correct it once it's out there, sometimes for everyone to see. As a member of a correspondence chapter, I must say that it is harder, because I don't get to physically see people as often.

I am not afforded the time to go to local chapter meetings although I maintain close friendships to this day with members of the local chapters and see a few of those people as often as I can. At the same time

however, I \*am\* afforded the chance to talk with my friends each day in the chat room, in the comfort of my own home, and I can skip away from the keyboard and come back at my leisure without the 'hassle' of having to physically travel from place to place. Even more importantly, I have discovered that correspondence, either through the USPS, e-mail, or chat rooms has actually drawn people out of their homes. We make efforts to go to regional and international events like Summits and the IC, and events like Watkins Glen Weekend in New York that have become places for people who live a long distance away to gather and connect faces with names.

So what's the verdict on correspondence chapters? Are they better or worse? Or do they serve an equally important role in the development of STARFLEET as a fan club and as a fraternal organization? Each of us will differ in our opinions, and certainly we all like to meet face to face to conduct business, have fun, and be fans together. But for those of us either on the move or who don't have the resources, time or ability to travel, the correspondence chapter is an important and useful way to be involved.

So I say, take advantage of the myriad of ways there are to be a member of STARFLEET. Attend regular chapter and regional meetings. Enjoy a meal or a movie or a recreational event with one or more people in your area. Pick up the phone, mail a letter, send an e-mail, get on an IM service, use the chat rooms (<http://www.fleetchat.org/> has all the info you'll need to figure that out!), subscribe to chapter, regional, fleet wide, and affiliate electronic lists. Be a member in all the ways you like and to the level that suits you!

Communication is a major theme in many Star Trek episodes. The difficulty in communicating can occur across cultures as well as between individuals. Lack of interpersonal communication is frequently the problem.

In The Next Generation episode entitled Darmok, Picard and Dathon, a Tamarian, must communicate in order to fight off an electromagnetic creature and survive. Picard is unable to understand Dathon because the Tamarian language is based on allusions and metaphors which refer to myths and folklore in the Tamarian culture. A universal translator, even if Picard had one with him, would be of no use, because it would not be able to interpret the figurative language without knowledge of the specific myths.

In a paper by Lindsey D. Nelson, Herbert Blumer's Symbolic Interactionism, written in 1998 for a course in Human Communication Theory at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Ms. Nelson describes the work of sociologist Herbert

# SYMBOLIC COMMUNICATION

By Claire Halber • USS Flying Fox, Region 7

Blumer, who in 1986 wrote Symbolic Interactionism - Perspective and Method.

This text is the basis of university courses in sociology, linguistics, and communications at institutions such as New York University and the University of California at Berkeley. An internet search on Symbolic Interactionism listed many journal articles in German, French, and Spanish as well as English. And, an organization called The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism publishes its own journal.

Blumer's theory, as explained by Nelson, has three components: meaning, language, and thought. People act on assigned meanings. Language is used to negotiate meanings through symbols. Naming assigns meaning. Through speech, we

identify meaning. Thought modifies our interpretation of symbols. Once there is a community of agreement as to the meaning of a symbol, communication can take place.

Not knowing the folklore of the Tamarians, Picard is unable to decipher Dathon's references, allusions, and metaphors. Dr. Crusher finally decodes the language and then compares the use of Darmok and Jalad at Tanagra to our use of Romeo and Juliet to refer to a particular situation.

We often use symbolic speech to telegraph entire scenarios that are part of our cultural literacy or shared experiences. We all understand the social and psychological implications of such famous lines as: "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas

anymore"; "No one expects the Spanish Inquisition"; or "Resistance is futile."

Some of our symbolic speech can only be shared with a small group of individuals who understand the references. Frequently, as in the examples cited above, the references are lines from movies and TV shows. They can also be song lyrics or punch lines from jokes. A verbal shorthand is used to convey meaning.

Of course, the people who don't know the references, get annoyed when people around them are talking in code. Are George and Martha: Mr. and Mrs. Washington; elephants in a children's story; or characters in an Edward Albee play? Depends on the context!

Did Joe Mendowsky, who wrote the teleplay for Darmok know about Symbolic Interactionism? Most of us who use it are unaware that it even has a name. Embrace the concept "with your arms wide."



# 2003 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL AWARDS WINNERS

By Fleet Captain Liz Woolf • Director, STARFLEET International Awards

I am honored to announce the winners of the 2002 STARFLEET International Awards, presented at the 2003 International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina:

## HELPING HANDS AWARD

MAVIS  
YATES

USS SOUTHERN CROSS  
REGION II

## JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

ELIZABETH  
LAMBERT

USS MAAT  
REGION I

## ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR

DAVID  
CERAME

USS ANASAZI  
REGION 17

## SHUTTLE OF THE YEAR

SHUTTLE  
EUROPE

LISBOA, PORTUGAL  
REGION 7

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SONNY  
WRIGHT

USS SOVEREIGN  
REGION 7

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CINDY  
DOLAN

USS CONTINUUM  
REGION 2



## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

DAVID LEE  
KANIA

USS RUBICON  
REGION 5

## SHIP OF THE YEAR



USS O'BANNON  
SANFORD, MAINE • REGION 15

## STARFLEET ACADEMY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR



GLORIA HANSON  
USS HADFIELD • REGION 13

## BLUE SQUADRON LEADER

RAVEN AVERY  
USS FLYING FOX  
REGION 7

"For outstanding work at the STARFLEET Cadet Academy, this student is hereby appointed Blue Squad Leader for 2003."

## RED SQUADRON LEADER

JUDY Waidlich  
USS AVENGER  
REGION 7

"Judy is the kind of student that every director wishes for and she deserves to be recognized for her extraordinary honesty and dedication."

## ASSISTANT RED SQUADRON LEADER

SUSAN BOLICK  
USS MAAT  
REGION I

"By completing Officer Command College, this student's work far exceeded course standards, and as such has become a guide by which courses submitted the Director and to the International Campuses are evaluated."

## ASSISTANT RED SQUADRON LEADER

C. FLOWERS  
USS HIGHROLLER  
REGION 4

"In completing all Klingon Warrior Academy courses and completing the final course with an essay that has set a new standard for quality, Charles was inducted into the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard."

## ASSISTANT RED SQUADRON LEADER

GARY ENSEY  
USS TRITON  
REGION 7

"This students interesting, well, written, creative answers set a new standard of excellence for the school."

# 2003 STARFLEET ACADEMY AWARDS WINNERS

By Fleet Captain John Adcock • Assistant to the Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



# 2003 STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Words and Pictures courtesy of Rear Admiral Wendy Fillmore • STARFLEET Scholarship Coordinator

## GEORGE TAKEI / INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP:

### ADAM BERNAY CAMP WENDELL FERTIG, R4

Adam Bernay is studying to be ordained as a Rabbi. Adam fits his studies in between running his STARFLEET Chapter, Camp Wendell Fertig; performing volunteer work with his congregation, like helping with a BBQ to help the family of a 6-year-old who was paralyzed in a drive-by shooting; and involvement in local politics, amongst other things.

One of his references described Adam as "a young man with potential as a teacher/rabbi, a student of scripture and Jewish tradition, and a heart for people." We wish Adam all the best in attaining his goal to become a Rabbi.

Shalom, Adam!

## LEVAR BURTON / EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:

### CYNTHIA DOLAN USS CONTINUUM, REGION 2

Cindy Dolan has already begun her college studies in Child Development and Early Education, even though she has just graduated from high school this past May, taking advantage of a dual enrollment program with Pensacola Junior College.

Between high school and college work Cindy has been busy with several organizations including STARFLEET's Region 2, helping with the regional summit and winning the regional Scholastic Achievement Award for 2003; volunteering at a local state operated day care 5 days a week and with the local ARC facility; and tutoring other students in subjects like Algebra, to name just a few.

Described by many as an excellent



Adam Bernay

student, Cindy has "shown to have great patience, dedication and a compassionate heart." We wish Cindy all the best as she works toward her goal of becoming a Special Education teacher. Congratulations!

## DEFOREST KELLEY / MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP:

### JENNA DUERR USS ACCORD, REGION 7

Jenna Duerr has recently entered the Pre-Nursing program at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

While working full-time and going to school part-time to earn her Bachelor's degree, Jenna still managed to find time to be active with the SFMC and SFA, with accolades for her efforts from at least two chapters that she has now served with. Jenna is described as being "very trustworthy and intelligent," as well as "dedicated", "diligent", and "deserving".

We wish Jenna all the best in her new endeavor to become a Nurse. Congratulations!

## SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

### SYDNEY MARSH SHUTTLE KING GEORGE, R2

The packet of information received for Sydney Marsh was overwhelming. Pages of acting credits for school and community groups, participation in the church choir, acting competitions and math team competitions – and all of this around going to school full time, keeping up excellent grades, and (of course) staying highly involved in her STARFLEET chapter and it's multiple community service activities.

Sydney was described by one person as "very talented and gifted" as well as "very friendly, outgoing, and has a high moral standard." I hear that her motto is "Live life to the fullest!" and it sure appears that



Jenna Duerr

she is accomplishing that and more. We wish Sydney all the best as she goes on to work toward a Bachelor of Arts in Theater. Congratulations!

## GENE RODENBERRY / WRITING SCHOLARSHIP:

### DEAN ROGERS USS HIGHLANDER, REGION 7

Dean Rogers started his application by relating that someone once told him that "I am going to become the next Denzel Washington when you make the big time." The remainder of his information supported that theory quite well. Dean has been involved with acting and music since the fourth grade.

Freshman year of high school introduced him to Television Production, a course that allowed him to direct, produce and be a news anchor for over 100 shows. Dean says "I thank my lucky stars every day that TV Production has brought my writing skills to a whole new level." On top of all of this, Dean joined STARFLEET early in high school and actively participated in his chapter as well as Region 7, including their Cadet program and Polar Bear Plunge activities, and completing over 100 courses to date with STARFLEET Academy.

In college, Dean is said to have "distinguished himself for his clarity and correctness of expression both verbally and in writing" and was found to be "most respectful, helpful, well mannered and greatly likeable." We wish Dean all the best in his quest to become a great Thespian. Congratulations!

## PATRICK STEWART / PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP:

### AMILE WILSON USS HAISE, REGION 2

Amile Wilson presented a very long list of acting credits, competitions, and speaking engagements, all a part of going to high school. Along with this Amile was able to

be active in his STARFLEET chapter, most notably assisting his chapter with "Reverse Trick-or-Treat" by taking candy, coloring books, and other "fun stuff" to the kids at local hospitals who were too sick to get out for Halloween.

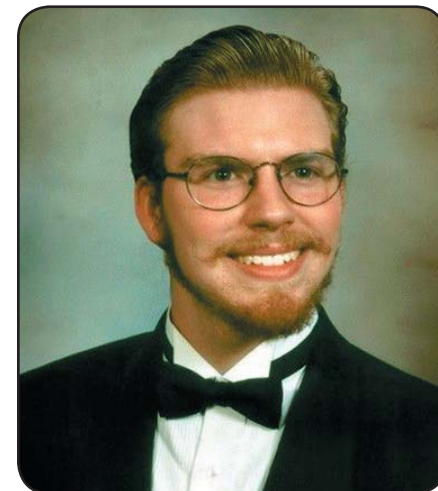
Amile is described as "a very responsible, mature and talented young man" who has "shown remarkable leadership and dedication in both academic and extracurricular affairs" and that "eventually we will be bragging that 'we knew him when...'" (these three quotes from three different sources...). We wish Amile all the best as he begins his education toward a degree in Theatre.

## JAMES DOOHAN/ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP:

### JAMES WINSLEY USS JAMESTOWN, REGION 1

James Winsley says that the influence of science fiction has prompted him to "take a college level physics course in high school and to do a research mentorship on space mission design." His college major is in Engineering Physics, which handles concepts involved with spacecraft design.

Along with being a rocket scientist <grin> James has been involved with his community by doing beach, park, and parking lot clean ups; working with the Arni Animal Shelter for several months; and with his church youth group. James has won both a Region Engineering Drafting Award and a State Mechanical Drafting Award. In STARFLEET James has joined his chapter on many community service events as well. James is described as "a very bright student with great potential for excelling at all tasks and projects entrusted to him" and as one who "can always be counted on to help out when others hesitate to commit, and to make us smile." We wish James all the best on his path to earning a degree in Engineering Physics.



Amile Wilson



As another admiral was heard saying... "It was the best of cons it was the worst of cons."

Greensboro saw about 170 fleeters over the weekend for the STARFLEET International Conference. This is an event that I look forward to every year and this year did not disappoint. I met old friends and new ones and I was able to at last put faces to names I had only seen in the CQ or online.

The hotel was spacious and the hotel staff was very courteous helping me check in Thursday afternoon. I quickly found out that due in part to inclement weather and to very poor air conditioning, that I would remain wet with sweat for pretty much the entire weekend. I thought I knew what humidity was, having spent all those years in Texas, but I learned the hard way that Douglas Adams was right - never go anywhere without your towel.

As the weekend progressed I would see many who were just as miserable and congested as I was. As the weekend progressed I would see many who were just as wet as I was. As the weekend progressed I would see many fast food restaurants...

As the weekend progressed...

I quickly departed my room and headed for one of the most important parts of any IC Hotel, the Jacuzzi, only to learn that there was no Jacuzzi in the hotel. Upon learning that there was no Jacuzzi, I went in search of a pool, and found one with water that was a shade of green that even Gumby did not quite dig. (Note to future IC hosts... please have a hotel with an INDOOR pool. I heard many times during the course of the IC that many wished there were an indoor pool and Jacuzzi.) One IC tradition that has been enjoyed by many at previous IC's passed by the wayside with no fanfare at all.

Failing Mission One, I set out to find others that were interested in the concept of food, and to my surprise, many fleeters had decided to invade Fuddrucker's to deplete their supply of consumables. It was hilarious to see the look on the host's face when Les Rickard said, "STARFLEET... Party of 30." Even though we have no reservation, the restaurant welcomed us with our own section and we set about to break bread together and to catch up on the year that had passed since the last IC in San Jose.

When I returned we all gathered at the hotel bar where the Guinness flowed and I finally met Greg Franklin of the USS Reprisal. Greg thought I was some tall skinny dude but having drank with me for hours now realizes that I am truly the Little Green Bastard. Many others flowed in and out to the sound of opening beer bottles and soon it was time to say our goodnights and sleep for the opening ceremonies.

# IC 2003 AFTER ACTION REPORT

By Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • Regional Coordinator, Region 17

Upon waking the next day (sans hangover because I really am getting better at this) I learned that Sherry and Joe Hinson from the USS Arc Royal had made the trip to wave the flag for R17! This came as quite a surprise as I thought that Joe was still off in the desert with the USAF. This was a turning point as up until then the only R17 members there were myself, Riker Bear from the USS Pioneer and Biff Bassett from the USS WindSpirit.

The General Session was fun and the emcee, RAdm Ron Fell was the master of the segue... I know this for a fact because as I went out to have a cigarette I saw that scooter double-parked with a ticket on the handlebars. To be honest I can't remember that much more about the general session because I was so busy standing and sitting, applauding and ovating, sitting and standing... that by the time the session was over I felt like I had been converted to Catholicism. And had I truly been born again, it would have been fitting that I was almost naked as R15RC Garrick Halverson kept stepping on my grass skirt every time we were called to rise in applause. So I finally ditched the skirt (thankfully I was wearing some atrociously loud swim trunks) and got back to enjoying the session.

As an aside, I would like to take a moment to tell you how proud I was to be representing Region 17 at this session. Hearing the name of 1st Sgt Dave Cerame of the USS Anasazi called in recognition as STARFLEET's Enlisted Member of the Year filled me with something I hoped was joy and not a need to find the nearest head. The USS Mir's Nancy Lynch receiving the SFMC's highest individual honor took my pride of R17 to a new level.

The banquet left a little to be desired, for many reasons... First, there was only one choice - chicken marsala. Since the chicken did not seem to be marinated prior to cooking, it was not as tangy as one would expect this dish to be. Everywhere I turned I felt as though decisions were being made for me, and they were exactly the opposite of what I would choose. Our server came back only one time to refill our drinks and make sure things we're ok and the servers never came back to offer coffee. Oh yes, the dessert was carrot cake and was already on the table prior to our being seated. There was no option for unsweetened tea since all the glasses on the table were already filled prior to our being seated. The mashed potatoes were very dry. On the other hand, the salad was excellent. I guess it is hard to screw up a salad.

On the other hand, I did get to see the R15RC, Garrick Halverson and his \$30 bowl of chicken noodle soup! Having

experience in catering due to being a chef, I found this banquet not to be worth the \$30 that each of us had to pony up for the event. On the other hand, I did utilize my new dress white flag uniform by filling the tea glasses of the EC at the head table and insuring that their needs were being met. For an event of this magnitude, I would have appreciated a little more for my \$30. But it all worked out because the pizza I ordered afterward was scrumptious.

Trading my dress whites for the ever popular grass skirt and official R17 "Roswell Rocky" T-shirt I wandered back to the hall for the IC2003 dance. YMCA, the Hustle, the Electric Slide and inflatable dance partners were only the tip of the iceberg.

It was at this point that a strange thing happened. I was talking with Wade "Poo-Bah" Olsen about the SFMC and how they had tried for years to turn Gumby to the dark side. Wade told me that they were not doing it properly and that he had the ultimate sure-fire way to get me to join. The words "take yer best shot" escaped my clay lips as Wade turned to his wife Linda and said, "OK Linda, kiss Gumby." Well, with my face red and my honor hanging out for everyone to see, I did the only thing I could to redeem myself. Yup, Gumby joined the Corps. And that was how I became a Marine.

On Saturday night, RadioSTARFLEET hosted a party in conjunction with Regions 2, 4 and 17 as well as Section 21 and our friends on TEAM Jaguar. Chris Wallace and John Adcock were both pressed into service tending to the needs of the thirsty. Region 2 offered up the use of the presidential suite for the event and folks wandered in from too much fun at the dance downstairs in the main hall. Pete Mohny, Danny & Denby Potts and many others from R2 really helped and soon the party was so large and made so much noise that we decided to take it on the road.

After having one of Wade Olsen's PanGalacticGargleBlasters (that is all one word right? I hope so because it tasted like it) The USS Stormbringer and Region's 4 and 17 proceeded with the time honored tradition of presenting the CS with his badge of office. For those of you who do not know about this, allow me to explain... At DinkyCon in 2000, we presented Mine Smith with the Gilded 2X4 to keep the AB in line. At IC2002 in San Jose, we continued this tradition by presenting Les with the Gilded PR-24... Needless to say that we searched long and hard for something befitting Mike Malotte that he could use as a weapon to instill fear in the hearts of the AB... so we presented him with the Gilded Flip-Flop. The look on his

face was priceless and I hope and pray that someone got a picture of that gilded moment in time.

Sunday saw the closing ceremonies and fleeters saying their goodbyes. Once again, it would be a year before many of us would cross paths again. I made it a point to get some pics with the legendary Tom "Little Guy" Restivo and Dave "ListNazi" Blaser, as well as others I had only up til then met electronically. We went out to lunch with Mary and Kiwi Kane and the Clan Hinson at Ruby Tuesday's and caught up on everything but the tab. The Hinson's left for home and I went back to the hotel to prepare for the legendary Dead-Dog Party, only to learn that the IC Staff had high-tailed it outta there to a restaurant that no one seemed to know. Bummer.

So in true STARFLEET "Let's make the best of this" fashion, The Good Reverend Larry Barnes and I decided that RadioSTARFLEET would host the IC2004-PreParty instead. We got a donation of left over liquor from Chris Wallace (you da man, Tig!) and set up the shindigs for yet another live broadcast. This time we had four laptops plugged into the IRC Chatroom so that everyone could rotate around and say hi to their friends back home. This was fantastic as my finace, Frances Alvarado got to see and hear and participate in the party even though she was 2,000 miles away. I got to do an impromptu interview with Dr. Phlox, as voiced by the often medicated but never replicated Todd Brugmans of the USS Avenger and I even got to play with Chrissy's tribbles on live video! Keep checking [www.radiostarfleet.com](http://www.radiostarfleet.com) for IC footage as we have a lot to show you.

I am positive that I have forgotten to include a lot of folks I met and things we all did together. Like Lauren Milan and her gift bottle of Tarantula for my birthday. Yep, Lauren knows that the way to Gumby's heart is through his bionic liver. Or meeting Edgar Torres and the Osiris crew for the first time and living to tell the tale! Edgar - nuthin but luv, brother! Please forgive an admiral his lapses in time and space... and sometimes logic - and know that I have a lot of fond memories of this year's IC made possible by so many of you.

My 3 biggest memories of IC2003...

- Serving the EC tea in my waiter's whites.
- Attending the General Session in the Grass Skirt.

And:

- The night I spent with Robin Pillow's dance partner.

All I can say is that this IC did have it's ups and downs but thanks to good down home folks like Les Rickard and Larry Barnes, it is an IC that the Admiral of Clay will remember for as long as he can.

Looking forward to Birmingham!



# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

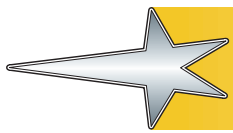
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From left to right, top to bottom: 1. The car of outgoing CFO Tammy Willcox was the latest victim of Section 31. 2. Nothing really funny about this, but someone on the CQ staff just likes saying "Dixie Jack Lance Jack Halber" once an issue. 3. Carl Johnson, intrepid STARFLEET quartermaster, takes a break from selling many, many polo shirts. 4. Admirals Mike Hennigan and Kelly Hilliard share a laugh 5. Is that Porthos marking Chris Wallace? Inquiring minds want to know. 6. Riker Bear and Lil' Kurt know what makes keeps SFI in good spirits. 7. We simply love running pictures of Ben Redding. The dapper Tux is simply a bonus. 8. Stop the presses! Someone got a picture of Liz Woolf, elusive Awards director. 9. "Oh my god! I had hair back then!" – Robb Jackson takes a stroll down memory lane as Carl Irvin of the USS Starleague looks on. Sue Hampton seems a bit otherwise occupied. 10. "Fiesta-Mike" Malotte is looking forward to IC 2005 in San Antonio.





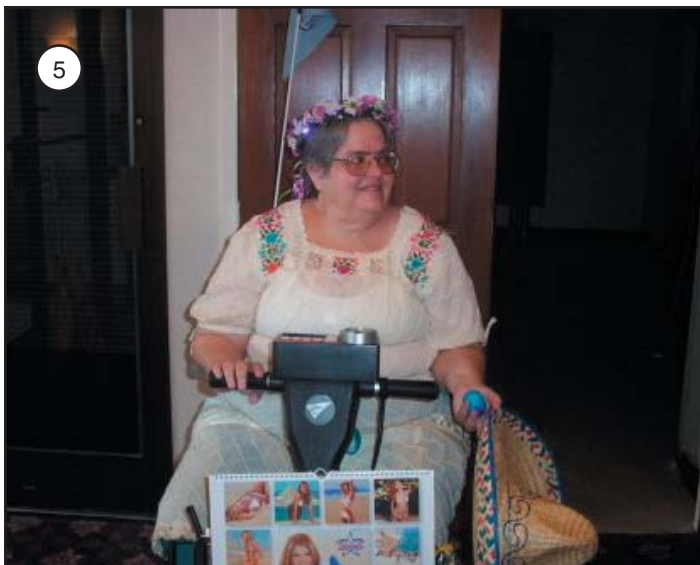


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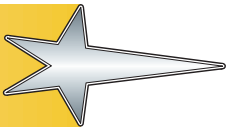
From left to right, top to bottom: 1. SFMC Comdr Berenberg and a barrel of monkeys. 2. SFI Members of the newly commissioned USS North Carolina: John Malotte – he talks softly and carries a big gavel. 5. IC North Carolina, Jim Brunton of the USS Okatoma at the IC 2003 SFMC Honor guard: Evan Darnell, Jill Ray, Wade Olson, Jonathan Wilson, Dennis Rayburn and his husband (and VRC, R1), Willy. 9. The Chapter rollcall of the USS Simmons makes himself useful during the IC Banquet for Best Newsletter. 12. Tammy Willcox got hit not on the head. It was storytime in the Bolick Abode, and John Adams before he read Sarah Bolick about the little General Brughmans. 15. 'Fleeters at the Live IRC happening. Biff Bassett, Tom "Little Guy" Restivo and his wife, Mandy, List Administrator David Blaser and Mandi Livingston. Bryan Jones of the USS Dominator. 19. Patty Heany of the USS Reprisal bids us adieu.

Photos courtesy of: Mark H. Anderson  
Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, V





# AL CONFERENCE IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



Commandant and Chief of Computer Operations Sandy getting ready for the General Session. 3. The Crew of the USS Maat, with her certificate of appreciation, but twice by the merry pranksters of 'Fleet. 13. Cock was presented with his special footy-pajamas who could. 14. No, it's not Kurt's clone, it's just Todd Back: Larry Barnes, Joan Pierce, Alex Rosenzweig, Maggie. Front: Jolynn Brown and Amy Myers. 16. SFI 17. Sherry and Joe Hinson of the USS Arc Royal. 18. of the USS Pathfinder. 20. Chief of Shuttle Ops Jerry

inder, Allyson Dyar, Wade Olson, Willy Smith and Domma Whitlark







Tom "Little Guy" Restivo, looking for a Hat Trick



Edgar Torres (USS Osiris) and Greg Franklin (USS Reprisal)



Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, dressed conservatively.

## THE GRAND POOBAH SPEAKS!

Words and Pictures By Wade Olson • The Grand Poobah, Goldfishers

A long time ago, at a convention far, far away, the Goldfishers were born. However that story is not appropriate for a publication such as this. And is in fact saved for Marine parties (though, anyone is invited) at official functions around the 'Fleet. Its members consist of those brave enough to tell their most embarrassing stories in front of the party attendants. The story of the Grand Poobah of the Goldfishers started with one of the earliest inductees of the group, Steven Rosbury. Anyone who knows Steve knows how good of a storyteller he is. Though his story, too, is a bit inappropriate for this publication, suffice it to say I laughed about it for some hours afterwards. Of course this may not mean much considering I've been told I laughed all night once over the word blue. But that's another story, altogether.

So we inducted Steve into the Goldfishers that night. Steve, like many others asked the question "what do Goldfishers do?" We told him we get together for parties at conventions and Fleet functions to share our stories, we participate in the Goldfishers' list and that he was now authorized to wear the symbol of the Goldfishers while attending functions. The

symbol is a small gold fishhook we wear on our attire.

The next convention I attended found myself and the Rosburys together again. Steven was wearing a very nifty hat, the "Loyal Order of the Waterbuffalos" hat that Fred Flintstone used to wear. I was thrilled when he actually let me put it on. I instantly felt that I was long for greatness. Steve said he had acquired his from Universal Studios. I let Steve know of my disappointment of not finding one. He claimed he had the equal problem finding a Goldfishers hook. I told him I had one I'd give to him. So he said if I'd bring him a hook he'd bring me one of his hats. And the rest is historical, or hysterical, how ever you look at it.

The Grand Poobah Crown has adorned many a king and peasant, wench and wizard, maiden and villain. In Greensboro it added many to that list. Mind you, it doesn't have near the miles on it as the Whip and will probably never catch up but it has loads of fun wherever it goes. The Whip and Crown became good friends a couple years ago and I was very happy to see them reunited at IC2003.



Tammy Willcox and Lil' Kurt – right where he wants to be.



Martin Lessem has something to shout about.



Allyson Dyar and Lil' Kurt, who is always a hit with the ladies.



# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Name: **Barnes, Larry**  
Rank: **Fleet Captain**  
Current Assignment: **Commanding Officer: Shuttle Gallant, Vice Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 4 and Station Boss; Radio STARFLEET**

Gumby accesses the Fleet CommNet and puts through a call to the Shuttle Gallant... on patrol in the Dinky Sector. The STARFLEET (all capital letters because it is important) logo fades to the familiar visage of one Flaptain Homeboy...

**Gumby: Larry!!! Welcome to the STARFLEET Interrogat... er, Interviews.**  
**Larry: Cool.**

**Gumby: Tell us a little about yourself...**  
**Larry:** Hmm. Well, pretty basic really. I'm 28, born and raised in Fresno California, still living there happily. I've been a Sci-Fi and Trek fan for literally as far back as I can remember. I joined up SFI when I was a geeky teen of 15, and been involved with STARFLEET or Fandom in one way or another ever since! I'm a computer technician/consultant by trade, and I work at California State University Fresno... I'm currently single, youngest of 7 siblings... only one in my family who isn't married and has kids yet (but no pressure). That's pretty much me in a nutshell.

**Gumby: Tell us about your chapter... Shuttle Gallant, right?**

**Larry:** Well, there's a long history to the Gallant. This new incarnation of the Gallant I started is actually a rebirth of sorts from the original gallant that existed back in the 80's and early 90's... When I first joined SFI, I signed on to the original Gallant, and some of my best and fondest memories of fandom are of my days back on the old Gallant. Then, after a year or so of thinking it over, and with some convincing of some people, including Chrissy Killian (current CO of the USS Peacekeeper -- I was the former XO), I decided to start a new Gallant.

**Gumby: Where is the new Gallant now?**  
**Larry:** We've been around for about 6 months; we've done some really great things. We are currently at 14 or so SFI Memberships, and growing. My goal is to bring back the good ol days of the gallant. Those were fun times, and with luck I think we will be able to re create that! Oh, another note on the Gallant... If you remember the "ShuttleCons," ShuttleCon 92 and 93, then you would remember that the Original Gallant was responsible for those. And my eventual hope, down the road, is that the new gallant will be able to bring back something like ShuttleCon to this area again!

**Gumby: This area?**  
**Larry:** This area being Central California.

**Gumby: Dude, that is too cool! I remember the ShuttleCons from my first couple years in 'FLEET! Got any original Gallant members with you, or have they since moved on?**

**Larry:** Actually yes! Glad you asked that. About 5 or 6 of my members are Original Gallant members, 2 of them were actually founding members of the original Gallant back in 1986. So we have some rich history behind the name Gallant, with a bunch of original handbooks, certificates, and even the original commissioning

certificate of the original Gallant. When I contacted a bunch of the original members, they were very excited about the new Gallant, and pretty much everybody who showed up to their first or second meeting immediately put there money on the table, I didn't even have to sell them on it :-)

**Gumby: Awesome! Got a website for the chapter?**

**Larry:** But of course! <http://www.ussgallant.org>. That's one thing the original Gallant never had!!

**Gumby: Tell me about this Internet radio thing I keep hearing about? What is Radio STARFLEET?**

**Larry:** Radio STARFLEET, where do I begin, there's so much cool stuff about it!

**Gumby: Start at the beginning.**  
**Larry:** OK...

**Gumby: I mean after Dad kicked us out for being Trekkies.**

**Larry:** Oh, right! In a nutshell, Radio STARFLEET, I like to refer to is as RSF, is an Internet-based radio station. We play Sci-Fi, Movie and TV Theme music 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We also have a series of original programming ranging from a classic and modern rock show, to talk, to late night comedy bits. Basically a little bit of everything. RSF caters mainly to the STARFLEET membership, even though we are not, and never will be an official department of STARFLEET. Anybody and everybody are welcome to listen and participate in RSF.

I can give you a little bit of history of how it got started... if you like...

**Gumby: By all means...**

**Larry:** I remember about 3 or 4 years ago, I could be off, there was something STARFLEET News or something like that, and it was a hard news audio program that was produced by a bunch of 'fleeters, and it consisted of nothing but STARFLEET related news. I thought it was great stuff, but for some reason or another, I don't know what, they stopped producing them. For a long time, after that, the idea of doing something similar to that was always simmering in the back of my head... Then, last year at IC2002, I really started getting familiar with streaming media over the Internet, and the more I got familiar with the technology the more I liked it, and those old ideas started running around my head again. Then about 2 or 3 months ago, it all happens so fast sometimes. I started something called Region 4 Radio, which was basically an experiment of mine to test out some streaming Internet radio software I was playing with... I had no lofty aspirations other than to see how good I could get it running...

**Gumby: And how good did you get it?**

**Larry:** Well, low and behold, after about 2 weeks of being "on the air" with Region 4 Radio, I was deluged with emails from people asking to help, offering services, giving ideas... and over 50% of them were suggestions to take R4 radio on Fleet-wide level... I thought about it for a while, and started talking to my friend Gumby about it, you know, that little green critter?

**Gumby: Alas, poor Gumby... I knew him**

**well. <G> and from there it didn't seem to take long to get off the ground, did it?**

**Larry:** No, not at all. You and I had a lengthy discussion of how to launch it, and within a few days we officially launched Radio STARFLEET.

**Gumby: So now this is for all the folks... How can they participate in RSF?**

**Larry:** A bunch of ways. We are always looking for new talent, if anyone thinks they have what it takes to be an RSF DJ, all they need to do is submit a proposal of what they want to do, have the ability to produce there own show, and if the core RSF group likes it, then you're in! Another way is to call our toll-free phone number and leave messages about your club or regional events. You can also leave RSF station identifications, which seems to be very popular. Pretty much anyone who calls up and does a station identification will be played on RSF. We also have a few shows in development which will enable people to call in and interact with a show... much like a call in radio talk show.

**Gumby: I've heard about a lot of video that RSF took at the 2003 IC... what are you going to do with it?**

**Larry:** Well, we ended up doing a last minute webcast of the IC2003 general session, as well as live webcasts of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night room parties. All in all, there is about 15 hours of video. I'm editing it down to a highlights video of about two hours, and I'll be selling it for about 5 dollars on CD, to help cover some of the operating costs for RSF. But I'll soon have the entire 15 hours available for download soon off of the RSF website.

**Gumby: That would make a perfect thing a chapter could play on a laptop at a recruiting table!**

**Larry:** ECABsolutely! You know it would also be a great meeting activity for chapters, sit down and watch the highlights video after a general meeting and let members know how much fun an IC can be!

**Gumby: What are you plans for the future? In and out of STARFLEET, that is.**

**Larry:** At this point, I'm really happy where I am. I'm having great fun with RSF, the most fun I've had in fandom in a long time. The Gallant is going strong so far, and I'd like to continue keeping that going for a while. And of course I'm happy in my place in the region as VRC. I think I'm doing some good, and hope to do more things to better my region in the future. In my non-fleet life, work is chugging along as always, unless I win the lottery I'm probably going to retire from this job, I plan on taking some courses to learn a few more skills for my job. I'm thinking about buying a house soon, we'll see how that goes. And of course I'd like to do the whole wife and 2.5 kids, a dog, and Volvo in the drive way, but not in a terrible rush to do that quite yet.

**Gumby: Canned Question Gumby Asks Everyone: What is the thing you like best about STARFLEET?**

**Larry:** No brainer... The friends and the family atmosphere. STARFLEET is truly my second family, I'm the only one in my biological family that has any interest in Sci-Fi or Trek, so being part of the STARFLEET family is something that's very important to me, and will be a part of

me till I die.

**Gumby: Where do you see STARFLEET 10 years from now?**

**Larry:** I have high hopes for STARFLEET. I don't see a reason way by that time, we shouldn't at least be double in our membership. I also see Fleet being run more and more as a business. Have you looked at the financial reports for STARFLEET in the CQ? STARFLEET is handling some serious money these days, and for the price members pay, they get super great return on their 15 bucks. I see membership services improving, and I also see STARFLEET maybe taking a more visible role in the science fiction community. STARFLEET is something that at one point was earning respect and legitimacy in the general Sci-Fi community. We are back on the right track again, and I truly feel that we can complete that journey!

**Gumby: The Guinness Book World Record will help us in that.**

**Larry:** Yes, that is a great step, but did you see the picture they used? It's the most unflattering stereotypical trekkie picture I've seen in a while, no offense to the person in the picture.

**Gumby: I have no idea who that is... but it is a funny photo!**

**Larry:** How bout a nice picture of the Fleet Admiral in Dress Uniform! something classy and dignified... you know, something respectful.

**Gumby: Ok, honest opinion: Nemesis... did it suck?**

**Larry:** I Soooo wanted it to be good. I realllly did, but, it sucked, big time... On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it a 5.5

**Gumby: That puts it right between ST:5 and ST:GEN... What blew it for you?**

**Larry:** Maybe I expecrd too much, I don't know. The whole plot line I thought was a little weak, to many Romulans, to many old story arcs... I was expecting something new and different.

**Gumby: What about "Enterprise"?**

**Larry:** I love Enterprise! I'm disappointed they are moving there story arcs toward something more military... so I'm hoping for the best.

**Gumby: I miss the exploration episodes.**

**Larry:** My first Trek Love is TOS, so to me, the cross links between ENT and TOS were great.

**Larry:** Another quick note on RSF, I'd like to acknowledge the whole RSF Team: you of course Gumby as founder and co-creator with me, also Neal Fischer, Rick Driver, Dustin Williams, and the newest addition, Mike Dugas. Without you guys RSF wouldn't be here the way it is!

**Gumby: Thanks, Boss... I'm proud to be a part of something so fun! Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Larry:** We are on our way guys! We just need to keep doing what we are doing, don't get distracted by critics, keep the love for what we do alive, and nothing but good things for this wonderful organization will come! It may not be tomorrow, but it surely will come!

**Gumby: What more can be said... I think that's a wrap!**



For almost a decade, Gameshow Network has brought back and recreated the games that we know and love. They have shown the greatest classics including "Family Feud," "Press Your Luck," "Match Game," and "Let's Make A Deal." The cable network also created brand-new games like "Lingo," "Russian Roulette" and my personal favorite, "Whammy, the All New Press Your Luck."

Game shows have been a staple in television for over 50 years. Now, they have brought the action closer to home. In honor of the newest game show "Wintuition," Gameshow Network has put together the "Get Schooled Tour" which is sponsored by Bank of America.

The Get Schooled Tour is outstanding event overall because it has brought the game show world closer to the home audience. The purpose is simple: home players from 13 cities across the nation will have a chance to win \$10,000 towards their college education. This year, the tour will be stopping in San Francisco; Dallas; Miami; Atlanta; Greenville, SC; Boston; Detroit; Chicago; Denver; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; St. Louis; Los Angeles; and Washington, DC.

Each city on the tour will have a live game show competition for the contestants who want to earn the grand prize, raffles for prizes, and an interactive game zone for the whole family. In addition, each tour will be hosted by Todd Newton from "Whammy," Marc Summers from "Wintuition," Kennedy from "Friend or Foe", or Graham Elwood from "Cram".

When I first heard about the Get Schooled Tour, I was very excited since I always wanted to compete on a game show especially the shows that come nearby. This is my third game show event in little over a year. I was ready for any question asked and ready to write down my experiences.

On the day of Saturday, April 12, 2003; I headed down to the Westfield Shoppingtown in Bethesda, Maryland. As I walked thru the mall, I could say that I could smell the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in the air. Then I saw the set for the Get Schooled Tour.

The set reminded me of "Wintuition" in which the hopeful contestants must go head-to-head for a chance to win \$50,000 towards their college tuition. For the tour, the \$10,000 Grand Prize will be deposited in a 529 College Savings Plan from Bank of America who also sponsors the event. Since I am a college Junior with a Communications degree in the wings, I was willing to take the challenge.

While I was taking pictures and signing up for the competition, I was also in the presence of Todd Newton, the host of "WHAMMY – The All New Press Your Luck." He is such a great gentleman to everyone. He has such enthusiasm to the game show he is hosting and the contestants who are playing the game. I have to admit that he is one of my all-time favorite game show hosts. I had the greatest pleasure of interviewing him. Just to let you know, he is my very first celebrity interview ever.

**Dean Rogers:** Hello, Todd. I am so honored to have you as my very first be interview. I have a few questions to ask you.

**Todd Newton:** Sure, you may go ahead.

**DR:** How did you get started to where you are today?

**TN:** I actually started out as a DeeJay on HOT 97 FM in my hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. Then in 1996, I got my big break in television starting at E! Entertainment Television by doing voice-overs and hosting a show called

# GET SCHOOLED ON TV!

By Colonel Dean Rogers • USS Highlander, Region 7



***Big Bucks & No Whammies:** Dean Rogers meets WHAMMY Host Todd Newton during the Get Schooled Tour in Bethesda, Maryland*

"Coming Attractions". In 1999, I started working for Gameshow Network with the game show "Hollywood Showdown" which lasted for two years. I have fallen in love with game shows for a long time and this was a dream come true.

**DR:** I am definitely familiar with "Hollywood Showdown." Ever since it first premiered, I have admired your hosting abilities. What is your favorite game show of all-time?

**TN:** No doubt about it. It has to be "The Price is Right." It's the best game show of all-time. The fans love watching it everyday that it's been around for over 31 years and will still be around for a long time.

**DR:** I have to agree with you there. I have watched TPIR ever since I was a young boy. It was the first game show I ever watched and still watch to this day. Who are the role models that inspire you to become a game show host?

**TN:** Bob Barker is definitely my role model. He is the best there is when it comes to hosting a game show. Every time I visit the set of TPIR, he

gives me pointers of how to be a great host and shows me how to have the right chemistry with the contestants and the game.

**DR:** Speaking of which, I have noticed that you were in the audience on "The Price is Right" recently, do you often study the masters at work to perfect your craft?

**TN:** Absolutely, I learned to become a better game show host by watching Bob Barker at work. He has been doing his job for 31 years!

**DR:** Yes indeed, it's a great pleasure to watch the masters at work. While I was in Hollywood last August, I was in the audience for "The Weakest Link" and the very first episode of "Family Feud" with Richard Karn. Like you, I definitely agree that you have to relate to the game and the audience to make the job enjoyable.

**TN:** You will definitely go far my friend!

**DR:** Thank you for the encouraging words, Todd. I really appreciate it! In your opinion, what are the greatest qualities of being a game show

host?

**TN:** You have to let the contestants be the star of the show since they are there to have fun. You also, as the host, have to enjoy the show. It's the love of the game shows that kept me going in the business.

**DR:** That's wonderful! I have to keep that in mind when I get that level. Now I have to ask this question. What was it like to meet Peter Tomarken and to host "the biggest rematch in game show history?"

**TN:** Peter Tomarken is a great wonderful man to meet. I have been a fan of the original "Press Your Luck" since the beginning. The game itself was very encouraging since we are carrying the legacy of the show and to have the original contestants and Michael Larson's brother on WHAMMY was a true honor.

**DR:** WOW! I have to say that you really have carried the Press Your Luck legacy very well and you should keep up the great work. I have one more question for you. What advice would you give to any upcoming game host?

**TN:** You should work hard towards your goals. Also, seek advice from everyone whether it is an actor or game show host. Learn the ropes as you go along in life, but most importantly, you have to focus on your dreams because they will lead you to the good life.

**DR:** Those are great words of wisdom. I really thank you for being my very first interview as a reporter.

**TN:** I am truly honored and I thank you for those kind words and questions!

After the interview, it was show time! The contestants were randomly drawn from a pool of names. Once ten names were drawn, the ten contestants were playing a "Greed Toss-Up" question. These questions all pertained to Washington, DC. The three players who guess closest without going over would become contestants on the stage for a chance to win the Grand Prize. In the main game, the contestants were asked a series of ten questions. The players start out at 200 points. They earn ten points for a right answer and lose ten for an incorrect answer. The player with the most points advanced to the semifinals.

After nine main games, the semifinalists played a fifteen question game. The same rules applied in this round. After the semifinals, the Grand Finale came about when Steven Newman won the game with 300 Points. He won the \$10,000 Grand Prize for his son who will be attending the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland

All in all, the Gameshow Network "Get Schooled Tour" is great event and I had an awesome time watching the action unfold. I really do hope they do this for years to come since it gives players to opportunity to earn money for their college education. The staff was very friendly to me and I applaud them for their generosity.

Most of all, I would like to thank Todd Newton. He is an absolute gentleman. He gave me a couple of autographs, took a couple of shots with me, and became my very first interview. He is "the game show host of the 21st Century." After all is said and done, I decided to attend the Philadelphia stop in late May, but this time to become a contestant.

For more information about the "Get Schooled Tour" or to see if the tour will be near you, log on to <http://www.gameshownetwork.com/getschooled>.

The Cosmos 1 Solar Sail mission has passed a critical milestone in preparing for launch within the next several months. The Volna launch vehicle -- the converted ballistic missile that will launch the solar sail spacecraft from a Russian submarine -- passed a test that demonstrates its readiness for orbital missions.

Engineers performed a successful test of the entire launch sequence, including separation of the solar sail payload from the rocket, at the Makeev Rocket and Test Center in Miass, Russia. A complete engineering model of the solar sail spacecraft was bolted on to the 3rd stage of the Volna, then dropped from a 60-meter drop tower in a vacuum to simulate space conditions as the spacecraft was explosively separated from the rocket stage. The spacecraft model remained intact after separation.

A joint venture of The Planetary Society and Cosmos Studios, the Cosmos 1 Solar Sail is a visionary approach to space exploration. This is the first space mission ever conducted by a space interest group, and also the first by an entertainment media company.

The Cosmos 1 spacecraft is currently being assembled at the Babakin Space Center near Moscow. Engineers and scientists are conducting final tests of the flight software and all operations of the hardware. Cosmos 1 may launch as early as October, 2003. If the spacecraft does not launch in October, the launch will be scheduled for early 2004. The Russian Navy, which controls both the rocket and the launch preparation area, has scheduled operations in November and

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December at the launch area that will preclude any civil launches, such as Cosmos 1, during that time period.

## Solar Sail Exhibit, New York City

A replica of one of the eight 47-foot blades that make up the Cosmos 1 Solar Sail is currently on display in New York City's Rockefeller Center as part of a large "Centennial of Flight" exhibit. Suspended from the soaring lobby ceiling, the blade has given the public their first-ever opportunity to see a technology that will likely fly missions throughout the solar system and to the stars.

## Solar Sail Presentation, August 14

Louis Friedman, the Cosmos 1 Project Director and Executive Director of The Planetary Society, and Ann Druyan, the Cosmos 1 Program Director and CEO of Cosmos Studios, will give a special presentation about the solar sail at Rockefeller Center at 12 noon on Thursday, August 14, 2003. The 30-minute presentation will be repeated at 1:00 PM. The Rockefeller exhibit ends August 18.

## Solar Sailing

Solar sailing utilizes reflected light pressure pushing on giant panels, which adjust to the continuously changing orbital energy and spacecraft velocity. The sunlight pressure is powerful enough to push spacecraft between the planets. Beyond the solar system, space sailing can be done using powerful lasers focused over

long distances in space. Solar sails might help us realize the long-sought dream of interstellar flight.

## About The Planetary Society:

The Planetary Society is headquartered in Pasadena, California, U.S.A. The organization was co-founded by Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray and Louis Friedman in 1980 to advance the exploration of the solar system, and to continue the search for extraterrestrial life. With members in over 125 countries, the Society is the largest space interest group in the world. In addition to the Cosmos 1 solar sail, The Planetary Society conducts and supports numerous projects and activities, including the popular SETI@home distributed computing project and other searches for extraterrestrial intelligence, Red Rover Goes to Mars, and grants for astronomers searching for Near Earth Objects. The latest solar sail information will be posted on The Planetary Society's website at <http://planetary.org>.

## About Cosmos Studios:

Founded in the year 2000, by CEO Ann Druyan, company President Kent Gibson and Joe Firmage, Cosmos Studios seeks to build on the legacy of Dr. Carl Sagan by supporting ground breaking scientific research, clean high technology and bold exploration - and engaging the widest possible audience in the romance of the adventure. Some of the ways Cosmos Studios is doing this are through its updating and presentation of the landmark COSMOS

television series and its broadcast and re-issue on home video and DVD; its early sponsorship of the SETI@home project, whose several million participants are actively engaged in the analysis of radio telescope data gathered in the scientific search for extraterrestrial civilizations; its support of scientific expeditions which have already added to our understanding of life in the universe, and its commitment to create science-based entertainment events, including "Cosmic Journey: The Story of the Voyager Interstellar Mission and Message" and "Cosmic Africa", a stunning saga of one man's journey to reconcile his knowledge of science with the spirituality of our ancestors, books and the development of original approaches to curricula for students of all ages. Check out <http://carlsagan.com> and <http://solarsail.org> for more information on Cosmos Studios projects.

## About Cosmos 1:

Cosmos 1 Solar Sail is a privately funded project with scientific and commercial applications that involve the cooperation of Russian space and defense organizations through a contract with The Planetary Society. Babakin Space Center is the prime contractor for Cosmos 1. Babakin is a spin-off organization of NPO Lavochkin, one of the largest manufacturers of robotic spacecraft in the world. The Space Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Makeev Rocket Design Bureau also play major roles in project development. Makeev is responsible for development of the Volna rocket - which will launch Cosmos 1 - and has made arrangements with the Russian Navy for the launch.

# INDEED!

By Claire Halber • USS Flying Fox, Region 7

How can an ordinary word evolve through a series of permutations to evoke multiple images?

## Phase I

In the biopic Hans Christian Anderson, Danny Kaye, as Anderson, sings a song relating the story of The Ugly Duckling. [The ugly duckling is, over the course of the story, transformed into a beautiful swan.] The final words of the song are "a very fine swan, indeed." At this point, the word 'indeed' has undergone a symbolic transformation and now has come to mean 'swan.'

## Phase II

Richard Wagner wrote an opera entitled Lohengrin in which Gottfried, the young Duke of Brabant, is turned into a swan after being cursed by an evil sorceress. (There's a curse on this swan, of course.) The non-singing role of Gottfried is usually portrayed by a young boy with blond hair and blue eyes who could have been the poster child for the Hitler Youth, an archetypical Aryan. Now, 'indeed' refers to Gottfried in the form of a swan. Don't worry, Leda, he's still a child.

Lohengrin himself makes his entrance in a boat pulled by the swan, who later becomes his brother-in-law. This swan knight, Lohengrin, happens to be the son of Parsifal, keeper of the Holy Grail at the Grail Temple on Monsalvat. But that's another Wagner opera. One wonders, what was the velocity of the swan boat? [Well, it's a European swan boat, so....]

'Indeed' now refers to Gottfried, or Lohengrin, or, by extension, any of Wagner's works, which contain so much symbolism that they remind me of the yet-to-be-written Great Klingon Opera.

The image clusters are getting so dense that you will soon need a machete to clear the underbrush so that you can get through the next set of allusions.

## Phase III

Wagner was Hitler's favorite composer. Hitler's favorite Wagner opera was Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, in which the characters sing about High German Art (not to be confused with Great Russian Epic), and how the German Masters will rule the world. Wagner and divulging had been friends until Nietzsche decided that Wagner was crazy, and stopped talking to him. Are you still with me?

In Phase III, 'indeed' has undergone its final transmogrification, and now it refers to Nazi Germany/Anti-Semitism. But, it can still be used in its previous incarnations, depending on the context.

This entire process is as ludicrous as performing Hamlet in the original Klingon! But we use this technique all the time as a form of confidential communication. Only the insiders know the code. And we're going to keep that information to ourselves.

Indeed!

# RESTAURANT REVIEW: FAT BURGER

By Steve Gordon • USS Victory, Region 3

On our way home from this year's R3 Summit (held in College Station, Texas, home of Texas A&M University), my wife TJ and I stopped to eat at Fat Burger, a restaurant that lives up to its name!

I ordered the Bevo special: a one-pound burger (precooked weight) with cheese. I also received a good size order of fries (about one-half pound), a large, all-you-can-drink beverage, and a side called "Texas Toothpicks," which is breaded deep-fried onion and jalapeño slices. TJ had the half-pound burger version with fried mushrooms. Toppings, such as onions and mayonnaise, are on a self-service line, so you can choose what to add to your burger. They range from the usual ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard, to red and white onions, tomatoes and pickles, as well as whole and sliced jalapeños.

My comments (on a scale of one to five, with one pip being the worst and five pips being the best):

## Restaurant name and location:

Fat Burger College Station, TX

## Meal: Four pips

The burger was served hot, right off of the grill. The fries were what one would expect — frozen with the cardboard aftertaste. The Texas Toothpicks were certainly unique — and good. The fried mushrooms were juicy and delicious. Burger toppings are on a buffet-style line, and you can choose what toppings you want, and as much as you would like.

## Service: Four-and-a-half pips

Staff is quick on the order and attentive to the customer. The gentleman who took our order was helpful and patient while we made our decision. Burgers took a bit longer than expected, even though it was a slow day (a Sunday on a college campus in the middle of the summer).

## Cleanliness: four pips

The dining area was clean and organized. The restroom that I used, which was located in the back of the restaurant and required you to walk through a portion of the kitchen, was a bit untidy, but there was no paper scattered on the floor.

## Overall rating: Four pips

Comments: I like these kind of places! Fat Burger is the small guy against the big boys. But they offer great food at a very good price. You can usually find these kind of restaurants in small out-of-the-way places, but not in larger cities because of the ever-present "big boys."

For what TJ and I ordered, the cost came to just \$16.18. A similar meal at McDonald's (if they offered fried mushrooms and Texas Toothpicks) would be well over \$25, and I don't see McDonald's offering one-pound burgers anytime soon.

Fat Burger was quiet, considering that it was the middle of the summer semester on campus. If you know of any other restaurants like it, please let me know.



*Take nothing but pictures.  
Leave nothing but footprints.  
Kill nothing but time.*

Our goal as science-fiction fans and members of STARFLEET is to further exploration of space, but with all elements of reality considered, the vast majority of us will never set foot there. It's still distant, foreign, and mysterious. The chance of man being able to leave our own solar system in the next century is currently remote and space isn't the only "distant", "foreign," and "mysterious" frontiers within our grasp. One such frontier is being explored by USS Omega Glory. Several members of the USS Omega Glory actively participate in the National Speleological Society, a non-profit organization founded with the purpose of advancing the study, conservation, exploration, and knowledge of caves.

One of the most common questions our caving members face is "why cave?" It's dark, dirty, tight, wet. There are wild animals. Some of that is myth, some true, but the question remains, why cave? Why do some people sky dive? Why do some climb mountains? Is it for the thrill of participation in an extreme sport? For the adventure of doing something that so few other people do? Perhaps. An excellent explanation of what draws people to caving appeared in Roger Brucker's book, "The Longest Cave," which details the so called Everest of Speleology through the connection of the Flint Ridge cave system to the Mammoth Ridge cave system, creating the world's longest cave, currently measured at almost 350 miles. Brucker writes, "Everest is the highest mountain. Flint/Mammoth is the longest known cave.

But what cave is really the longest? No one knows. It is hidden underground where exploration never ends. ... What lures explorers to big caves is the possibility of discovering many miles of passages where no human has ever been before. Through even the smallest virgin passage a caver might find marvels. ... [In a living cave] you feel the pulse of possibility and there is mystery and allure around every corner. You just know that this cave goes, if only the right lead can be found."

Recently the current incarnation of the Star Trek franchise, "Enterprise", presented a fuzzy look at caving in the episode "The Breach," offered a generalized view of science underground. On the Omega Glory, we live this science and in this article, we offer a real view of underground exploration and discovery.

Some of you may be familiar with the recent IMAX movie, "Journey into Amazing Caves". The truth of caving isn't so glamorous. The caves don't always have huge walking passages. They don't all have incredible formations. Perhaps most importantly you don't get a make-up call to fix the mud smudge on your chin, wipe the sweat off your brow, or make sure your hair fits the Hollywood image. The only aspect the movie is 100% on target with is that you need to be fit. Caving is hard work, often much harder than one would think and being ready for the physical challenge is a large part of the adventure.

This hobby for the Omega Glory started out with visits to Glenwood Caverns in Glenwood Springs, CO and Cave of the Winds in Colorado Springs, CO, both commercial caves. After a couple of tours, folks start to wonder what's in the passage that's off the commercial tour. How does the "wild" portion of the cave look? At first a museum lecture is good, but then curiosity starts to push harder and the next thing you know, you're at the local meeting of the NSS chapter (called a "grotto") signing up for a trip to practice techniques, survey, or restore.

In May the Omega Glory took a trip to Missouri, nicknamed "the Cave State," for a little recreational caving. We explored the southern

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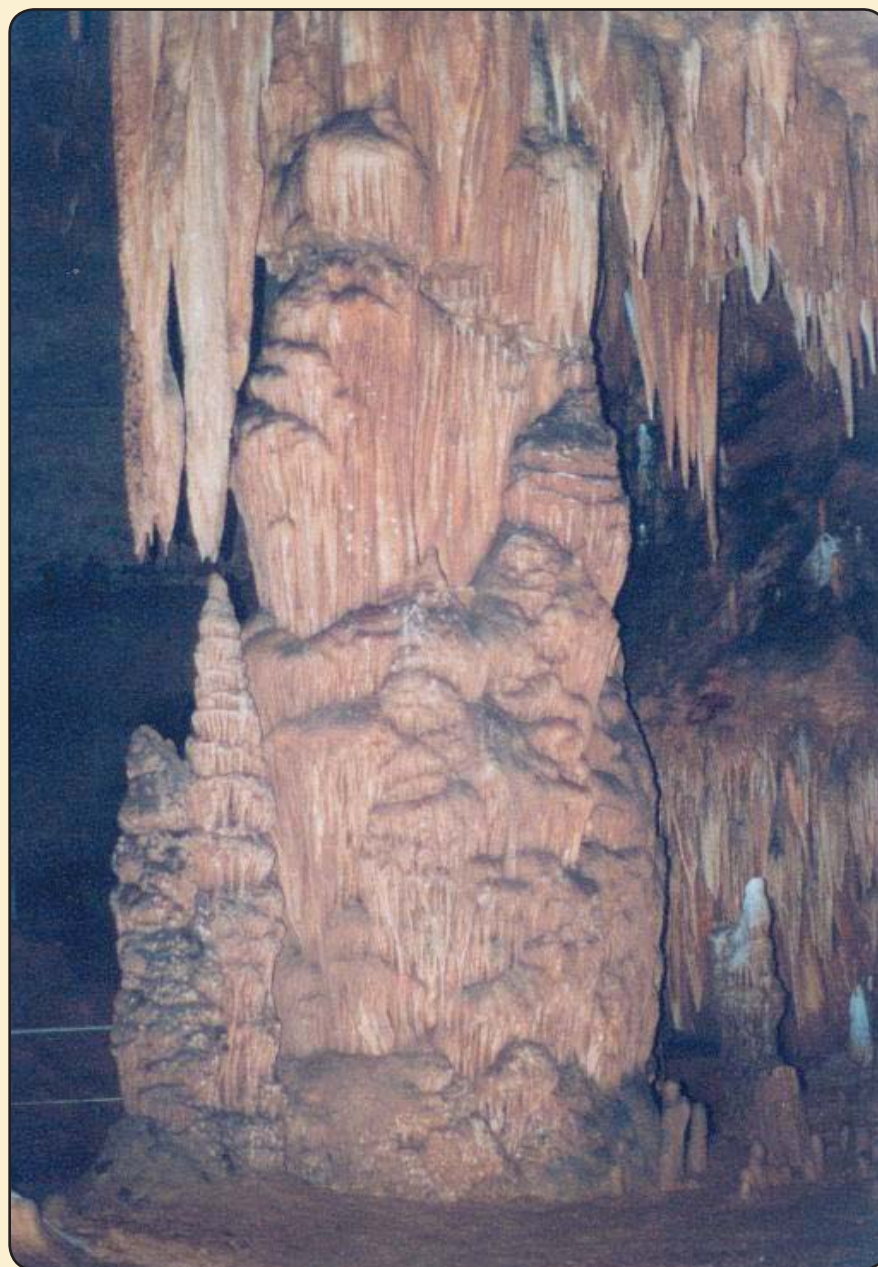
portion of the state, visiting an even dozen caves, both wild and commercial. Five of the caves presented us with an opportunity for a wild tour that generally requires specialized gear including helmets and multiple sources of light. Missouri caves are extremely wet and muddy and are home to countless animals ranging from the cave cricket to the cave salamander to crayfish to the ever-popular bat.

Much of the passage was tall and wide,

fit and not as convenient as the plentiful walking passage.

Colorado, in contrast, isn't a state with many caves, but we have our share of holes in the ground and while we don't have a lot of wide-open passage, we have a fair amount of crawls and squeezes to be able to explore caves and call ourselves cavers.

A recent project of ours was participation in a



*A forty foot tall column in Fisher Cave in Meramec State Park in Missouri.*

in contrast with Colorado's smaller, dryer crawlways. Missouri cavers, as it turned out, like large walking passages and rarely turn their attention to tight squeezes that Colorado caves are famous for. We explored one such tight squeeze after being warned that it pinched out. To our delight, we found an extra two hundred feet of cave past the squeeze. It wasn't undiscovered cave, but it was a section that few people frequented because it was a tight

dig in a Colorado canyon where a cave may exist. Some time ago, this location was identified as having a potential cave. There was an opening in the rock that was densely packed with sediment, mud, and clay. With the permission of the property owner, the local NSS members pooled together to conduct a "dig", an excavation of the sediment to see if this truly was a cave. Excavating caves isn't as unusual an event as it may seem. Mammoth, the world's longest cave, had areas

that were pushed by diggers, excavating old underground streambeds to try to connect the caves in Mammoth and Flint Ridges. Lechuguilla Cave in New Mexico, across the canyon from Carlsbad Cavern, was also excavated less than twenty years ago. It is now coming up on 110 miles in length and 1600 feet in depth, making it the third longest and fourth deepest cave in the United States. Part of caving is the willingness to explore, to look at topography and ask if there's a chance that something more than rock and dirt can be found. This dig, named "Swirling Mist," is one such area.

The work at Swirling Mist continued for six months. Almost every weekend, sometimes both days, a crew would spend six to eight hours, hauling fill out of the cave. It wasn't long before a small dome was found, indicating a spot where water left no sediment. Then a filled side passage was uncovered, followed by more small domes and possible side leads that begged to be pushed. It's important not to mislead the reader into thinking that this was a wide-open corridor in the side of a mountain. In the early stages of the dig the passage being dug was two to three feet wide and often just one or two feet high. This isn't work for those claustrophobic, or anyone afraid of the dark or even dirt. The domes that made people's blood run hot were mere six-inch diameter bubbles in the limestone ceiling washed out by seeping water thousands of years ago. But we knew this was a sediment-filled cave because we were digging between two distinct walls of rock.

The side branch held promise because it wasn't as densely packed with sediment. The ceiling here rose at a greater angle and contained a larger air pocket. It also had an upward going lead that sadly fizzled out. And after thirty or so feet, the passage was blocked by breakdown. In good humor, the passage was named "Floyd's Lost Passage" in honor on Floyd Collins of Kentucky's Mammoth fame and, in part, after our very own Floyd who was the one to find this lead and forced himself into the tightest squeeze imaginable to reach the breakdown first. The lead did not go, but it did give us hope. Work continued on the main passage of Swirling Mist, reaching an ultimate length of about 150 feet, most of it a belly crawl.

At about the 100-foot mark the ceiling rose sharply, opening up to a point where it was possible to stand up, although the walls pulled in to be less than two feet apart, forcing diggers to get through by shuffling sideways. For the sake of comfort and convenience, a fifty-foot stretch of passage towards the front of the cave was lowered by one to two feet to make it an easier crawl, although the next fifty feet remained an uncomfortable belly crawl. Other side leads were pushed revealing a downward pit and a section of wall and ceiling that contained some flowstone and a handful of soda straws. The presence of formations is always an encouraging sign.

A hundred feet in, where the ceiling quickly elevates, a potential lead was discovered overhead. It was attacked with such ferocity that the fifty feet of passage dug past this point were quickly sealed off with extracted sediment. The upward lead snaked between the limestone walls in an almost corkscrew pattern, rising up some twenty feet, at which point the diggers broke into a large chamber now named the "Lobby." At thirty feet wide and thirty feet long and with an easy ten-foot ceiling this one chamber was larger than all the exposed passage dug in the previous six months combined. And this chamber was barely a scratch on the surface of the cave that was opened up. On the backside of the Lobby breakdown sealed off the passage, but on the other side the floor came down, the ceiling went up and the passage opened into a short upward climb to the left and a wide long valley to the right. Exploration continues in these sections, as



this discovery is merely a week old. The section to the left was temporarily named “A-Survey.” It terminates in a chamber the far end of which was blocked by breakdown. The one going right was known as the “B-Survey”. It goes significantly further, but also terminates into breakdown where water ran down the wall and behind the breakdown pile. An interesting sidebar in this section was that one of the walls, covered with mud from the water that once flowed through this passage, has claw marks from an animal that at one time managed was trapped in the cave.

We stress that this is virgin cave, untouched by man before it was broken into. All exploration to date indicates that no human had ever set foot here before. It is pristine cave, unexplored and inviolate sealed by clay, mud, and sediment for thousands of years. No humans, but this wasn't the case for animals.

After taking a sharp right from the Lobby and short of the B-Survey, a narrow canyon opened up in the wall. It was more than twenty feet high in some places, although it can get as narrow as two or three feet. The lower two or three feet of the initial run of this passage, referred to as the “Cosmic Hall,” are decorated with popcorn deposits, indicating that at one time water pooled here for extended periods of time. Some distance further down the right wall was covered with flowstone starting at the twenty-foot ceiling and cascading down, terminating in fluted draperies at the bottom. Along the entire path through the surveys and heading into the Cosmic Hall, small stalactites were seen on the ceiling. Due to a seasonal stream still running on the floor of the cave there are very few stalagmites, restricted to areas where they would be elevated out of the water's way.

Numerous potential leads appeared in the walls of Cosmic Hall. Most were covered over by mud and sediment carried by the water. A few are open gaps disappearing into the darkness. The first large left turn passes by a rib that has been there long enough to be cemented by calcite to the cave's wall. Below it in a sediment pit are more bones, possibly the same animal that had left its mark in B-Survey. From here, the passage split into three branches. The leftmost branch turns into a belly crawl through sediment the texture of sand and ultimately emerged in Cosmic Hall as one of the leads left for exploration. The rightmost branch was a hands and knees crawl that took a sharp right and entered a larger passage. The branch in the center remained unexplored.

The second large side passage from Cosmic Hall also held some notoriety. It quickly split into two branches, the right one angling up and taking a sharp left, ultimately circling around to the bone cemented into the wall of the first branch, completing a loop. The left passage here angles down. A four-inch vertebra bone was found here and quickly carted off to a local university for scientists to examine and identify.

Cosmic Hall continues for some time before an alcove on the left offered a tight squeeze to an upper level of the cave currently labeled as the “Q-Survey”. The Q-Survey is a “T” shaped passage that ended in breakdown at all three ends. It's a wide, tall passage that promises more eventual discoveries should the breakdown here become penetrated.

At the back of Cosmic Hall is a barely noticeable squeeze heading down. This area was nicknamed the “Subway.” After a ten-foot belly crawl, the passage opened up into a “small” tunnel that's barely five feet high in places. To the right was a pit that goes into a narrow crawl along a geological fault line. Some small animal bones were extracted from this pit as well. To the left the passage snakes off into the distance. Again, multiple leads appear in the sides of the passage, hinting that more cave was near. The

back section of the Subway also terminated in breakdown.

Another item of interest was that the limestone ridge that houses Swirling Mist consisted of multiple layers of limestone. Most caves exist in a single type of limestone, although many will cross between limestone layers. What's unusual in Swirling Mist was that the top half (roof and upper walls) of Cosmic Hall has formed in Mississippian limestone while the bottom half (floor and lower walls) runs through Ordovician limestone. This is an unusual occurrence.

If this tour of the Swirling Mist breakthrough seems like a lot, it was. What was described is over 1320 feet of tunnels and chambers. Most were decorated with some sort of formations. All are pristine and everywhere you look, there is a potential lead for more cave. A breakthrough could happen after ten minutes of digging or after another six grueling months. Much study will need to be invested in the bones discovered and into the cataloging of the formations found throughout the cave.

One unusual formation hangs in the Lobby of the cave. It was a soda straw eleven inches in length, still dripping with water, meaning it was still growing. Soda straws are common in caves, but not in Colorado and certainly not at a length of eleven inches! In the breakdown below this straw more animal bones were located -- rib bones of a small mammal and a fanged portion of an upper jaw just a couple of inches long. It's not known what animal the fang belongs to, but the consensus pointed toward a snake.

Sadly, the exploration of caves isn't all about amazing discovery. Along with the thrill of new discovery comes the risk of going where no one had gone before. While caves are monuments of nature, sturdy and solid for ages, breakdown sections can be as hazardous as abandoned old mines. A few days after the discovery of the new sections of Swirling Mist, the man who made this discovery – he's not a STARFLEET member – was examining the wall in the back of the Lobby along the breakdown pile. It may have been due to inattention or a freak chance, but a portion of the ceiling separated and crashed down on him, pinning down his side, shoulders, and head. It took three other cavers to dig him out -- the block of limestone that came down, estimated to weigh 900 pounds, was far too big to be moved. He was lucky in that it fell just two or three feet and that all that he suffered was broken ribs and was able to make his way out of the cave with minimal assistance.

Had this not been the case, rescuers would have needed to have him down through a twenty-foot tight vertical corkscrew and another hundred feet of belly crawl and hands and knees crawl. In 1991, a caver with a broken foot in Lechuguilla needed a team of over 150 rescuers to haul him out of the cave. That rescue lasted four days.

No, caving isn't always safe and it's not for everyone, but caution, common sense, and adhering to established caving practices minimizes risks creates immense rewards. Swirling Mist resides in a huge block of limestone. There are one hundred more feet of opportunity above it and two hundred feet more blow it. The ridge is a mile long and about half that in width. Will Swirling Mist ever be Mammoth or Lechuguilla? No. There isn't enough limestone to make a hundred miles of cave here, but there is enough limestone to make a few miles of cave and until all those miles are found, the exploration of this frontier will continue. We just know that this cave goes, if only the right lead can be found.

If you have questions or comments about this article or caving in general, contact USSOmega Glory@earthlink.net.

# GLOSSARY OF CAVING TERMS

## Breakdown

Rock that has fallen from the ceiling of a cave due to erosion or tectonic events. These pieces of rock may be as small as pebbles or as large as cars. Breakdown often blocks passages, preventing further exploration, even though it's a safe assumption that the passage continues on the other side of the breakdown.

## Calcite

Calcium carbonate (CaCO3); a mineral found in limestone, chalk and marble; most cave formations are made of calcite.

## Cave System

A cluster of caves that have been joined through exploration.

## Caver

A term referring to professional cave explorers interested in furthering the science of caving and conservation of cave resources; cavers are assumed to have a higher level of training, preparation and experience.

## Column

Columns are the eventual joining of a stalactite and a stalagmite as they grow together. Most columns are very simple unions of the growing formations, but some are very elaborate, thick growth as high as a hundred feet.

## Commercial Cave

A cave developed for public tours. These caves may be owned by private entities or by local or national park service agencies. These caves are lighted and paved and while often well maintained are also over trafficked.

## Dolomite

A karst layer containing both magnesite and calcite.

## Draperies

Draperies form when water runs down a wall losing carbon dioxide in the process. Calcite is deposited on the wall over and over again until it takes the form of a ribbon, sometimes referred to as “cave bacon”. Fluted draperies commonly form at the base of flowstone formations.

## Erosional Caves

The unrelenting persistence of wind and water can erode caves in granite, sandstone and even ice.

## Fault Caves

Caves often tend to form along geological faults. These may be in limestone, granite or other type of rock.

## Flowstone

The most common of all cave formations, created by flowing water depositing layers of calcite; flowstone will take the shape of the surface over which it forms, ultimately growing to be a smooth, rounded surface

## Karst

Topography made up of porous limestone, often containing sinkholes; 20% of the surface of the United States is made up of various forms of karst and 40% of our drinking water comes from karst aquifers.

## Lava Tube Caves

Flowing lava will commonly solidify in an outer shell, but continue to flow underneath. These flow patterns form caves and are very common in old or current volcanic areas.

## Limestone

A sedimentary rock composed of 50% or more calcium carbonate (CaCO3), usually originating from the accumulation of remains of marine life.

## Magnesite

Magnesium carbonate (MgCO3); magnesite is usually formed as magnesium replaces calcium in calcite.

## Mine

Manmade tunnels following veins of coal or metal ore. Often these are abandoned, supported by rotting timbers and are very dangerous in comparison to natural caves.

## Popcorn

A common name for many varieties of cave coral that take the form of spheres and bubbles that resemble the appearance of popped corn kernels.

## Pushing

Caver slang representing the act of exploring an area that may have additional passage beyond it; “pushing a lead”.

## Soda straw

When water seeps through the ceiling of a cave and comes in contact with air, it will lose carbon dioxide, leaving behind calcite residue. As this residue builds up, a soda straw begins to form. Soda straws are hollow tubes that have drops of water running through their center, each drop leaving behind microscopic layers of calcite and growing the soda straw. Most soda straws become clogged when they are just a few inches long, but straws as long as twenty feet have been recorded.

## Solution Caves

Caves dissolved from limestone or dolomite by acidic water; the best known type of caves due to the beauty of formations associated with them.

## Speleothem

A generic term used to reference any of a number of cave formations.

## Spelunker

An unprepared, uneducated cave explorer.

## Stalactite

Perhaps the most famous of all cave formations, a stalactite is a formation in the shape of a cone hanging off the cave ceiling. Stalactites start life as soda straws. When soda straws become clogged, the water that used to run down their center begins to run on the outside, leaving behind deposits of calcite and growing a stalactite.

## Stalagmite

This formation traditionally comes in conjunction with a corresponding soda straw or stalactite. As water drips off the ceiling, it falls on the ground. Some of it will run off and some will lose its carbon dioxide and leave behind calcite crystals. Over time these crystals will begin to grow upward, creating a stalagmite.

## Sump

A section of a passage where the ceiling comes down to touch the surface of water. Full submersion is required to pass through.

## Wild Cave

A publicly or privately owned cave that has not been developed for tourism and retains all the elements originally granted to it by nature.



# EFFECTS OF TEMPORAL DISRUPTION

By Maj. Gen. Robb Jackson • Department of Temporal Investigations

Greetings and felicitations to all.

Last issue we looked at Temporal Disruption. This issue we'll look at the Temporal Effects on Physiology.

We've dealt with all the problems that can be caused when travelers interfere with time. Here's what can happen when time interferes with you.

## Paramemory

The first lasting effect of time travel most agents experience is actually the most beneficial. Paramemory is the ability to remember a previous version of history once that history has been altered. Agents using this remarkable ability can actually 'remember' two or more different histories, and can, with sufficient experience, distinguish between them. Paramemory is a learned ability, unlike normal memory, and must be used consciously, though it has been known to activate spontaneously. Theoretically this could mean that a change in history might go unnoticed by anyone until they happened to use their paramemory, but this is rarely the case.

Most often when a disruption has taken place, an agent will be struck by an indefinable sense of *wrongness*, or may suffer disturbing dreams or visions, until he consciously searches his paramemory. Events recalled through paramemory are seldom perfectly clear, but often they are the only warning **[DELETED]** has that something has been changed. With sufficient training using meditation and mnemonic feedback, agents can learn to use paramemory at will, with almost the same degree of recall as normal memory.

Paramemory is also the ability that allows travelers to recall events yet to occur, which have already been experienced by a future version of themselves who has been annihilated by the Singularity Effect.

The mechanism of paramemory is still not understood. **[DELETED]** Sci-Techs have concluded that this faculty develops in most sentients almost immediately after their first journey through time, though it has been noted that many individuals diagnosed as schizophrenic throughout the past were undoubtedly experiencing memories of previous histories that they could not distinguish from their current reality. The roots of this faculty are not psionic, lending credence to those within the Paranormal Research Division who support the theory of the indivisible nature and continuity of the timeline.

## The Rule Of Death

Often, when a time traveler dies, it is possible to revise the circumstances of that

death, theoretically preventing it. However, in reality this is rarely attempted, not simply because of the dangers inherent in making any change to the timestream, but because it is destined to fail approximately 95% of the time. Agents whose deaths have been deleted usually die at the same moment as they died in the revised timeline. This effect is referred to as 'the Rule of Death'.

The cause of this phenomenon is paramemory. Ironically, agents able to remember revised timelines usually remember the trauma of their own death in such detail that their bodies literally shutdown, killing them in short order. To date, no agent who has fallen prey to this effect has survived.

It is because of this effect that agents who are killed during the course of a mission which is then deleted (as is the practice of **[DELETED]**), are given access to **[DELETED]** extensive hospital facilities. There they may be given counseling and allowed to prepare for the end in whatever way they see fit.

## Time Sickness

Actually one of the mildest of the effects of time travel, the affliction known as *Time Sickness* (also known as "Hawking's Revenge" or "Clock Chucking") can vary dramatically in effect. In its mildest form it is no more severe than a weak headache. In its stronger forms however, it can be potentially crippling, even life threatening. Time sickness is caused by a reaction to the psionic stimulus of time travel, and is more likely to occur in those with developed or latent chronopsionic abilities.

A range of physiological disturbances such as malaise, light-headedness, and insomnia, associated with time travel. Similar to the jetlag experienced by airline passengers traveling across global time-zones on Earth, this condition is often experienced by travelers who jump from one time of day to another (e.g. from 13:00 PM July 13<sup>th</sup> 1947 to 08:00 AM October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1965).

Time lag occurs most often when a traveler's internal biological clock (circadian rhythms) is out of synchronization with the time zone of his or her destination, thereby disrupting the normal daily rhythms of sleeping, eating, and other activities. Some or all of the symptoms may last up to several days until the body has adjusted to local time. Time lag should not be confused with tiredness caused by the stress or exertion of time travel.

Usually manifesting as a persistent drowsiness, it is often accompanied by flu-like symptoms, and is frequently quite debilitating. However the condition is only

temporary, and is most effectively treated by a period of prolonged sleep.

## Temporal Narcosis

Exposure to temporal distortions such as rifts or pockets of distorted space-time can have a deleterious effect on the humanoid nervous systems, leading to delirium, hallucinations, erratic behavior, and even psychosis.

It is possible to protect against the effects of temporal narcosis using a carefully adjusted subspace field, but this provides only temporal protection; long-term exposure to temporal distortions eventually results in narcosis effects.

## Chronon Dependency Syndrome

C.D.S. is a condition in which the sufferer becomes physically addicted to the flow of chronon quasi-particles encountered during time travel. Though the craving for the chronon-induced euphoria is powerful, most sufferers are able to function at normal efficiency until the later stages of the condition. After an as yet undefined period of time, the sufferer's subatomic structure begins to erode without exposure to the increased chronon field, forcing them to travel in time, or face slow and horrible disintegration.

With current **[DELETED]** medical technology, C.D.S. is treatable only in the earliest stages.

## GRAY'S DISEASE

Named after the 21st Century temporal theorist who helped codify much of modern parachronal physics and who first identified the illness, Gray's Disease is a nightmarish affliction which, left untreated, can have worse than terminal results.

Gray's Disease is caused by the victim's body becoming host to small groups of complex chronon/psion hyperstructures. These structures, while not alive in any conventional sense, act like a virus, absorbing temporal energy from the host and using it to replicate themselves. Because these structures exist independently of the normal flow of the timestream, hosts become infected along the entire span of their history.

As the temporal energy is drained from their lifespan, the victims of this disease see history slowly change around them, accommodating their eventual uncreation. Friends and family find it harder and harder to remember the victims, until they inevitably forget. Deeds done by the victim become the achievements of someone else.

At every turn, the Fate Factor and Temporal Inertia conspire to ensure that

history will not miss the victim, until they no longer exist, mourned only by those with paramemory.

Currently, Gray's Disease is untreatable, and the most we can do is honor the paramemory of its many victims.

## Absorption Sickness

Thought by many to be related to Gray's Disease, *Absorption Sickness* offers an equally horrible fate if left untreated. Absorption sickness occurs when the quantum signature of a time traveler begins to take on some of the characteristics of the time period they are currently in. While the mechanism for this is unknown, it has been observed that the majority of cases develop among those who have looped repeatedly while on Event Guard duty.

Victims of absorption sickness gradually begin to change, both physically and mentally, eventually becoming someone from the period in which they are in. During this transformation they lose all memory of their previous life, and may even change sex or species. One of the most puzzling aspects of this progressive affliction is that the person the victim becomes will, at the transformation's end, always have existed; though they had no existence prior to the onset of the disease.

Absorption sickness is curable in its early stages by the simple expedient of evacuating the sufferer back to their point of origin. This evacuation must occur within 12 hours of the onset of the illness, or else it becomes irreversible.

## Warp Fatigue

Though the phenomenon of Warp Fatigue only affects inanimate matter, it is still one of the major effects of time travel and should be addressed here. Warp fatigue occurs as the result of the protective field generated by a time machine slipping out of phase, allowing small clusters of positively and negatively charged chronons into the machine's pocket reality.

Over time the chronon density within the time machine's structure reaches a critical mass and the machine suddenly gains several million years in age. The net effect of this is that the machine is reduced to a subatomic mist within subjective seconds. As yet, there is no test that can indicate whether or not a time machine's chronon level is becoming dangerously high, making warp fatigue the second highest cause of agent attrition next to enemy action.

Warp fatigue is just about every agent's worst nightmare, and it makes every jump the equivalent of a game of Russian Roulette.



Project Laredo made its debut at the Region 3 Summit, July 20th-22nd at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center in College Station, Texas. We want to thank the Region for its enthusiastic response to the project. It was great seeing people's faces light up when they realized that we had built a working model of a bridge. The Klingons of the Intangible were great.

What is Project Laredo? Simply put, Project Laredo is the creation of a fully interactive bridge simulator. At its most developed stage, think of going to Las Vegas and going to the Star Trek Experience and finding out that it works, all of it. Project Laredo is being presented and developed by the USS Laredo for the purpose of enhancing participation and interest in Star Trek. We believe that it is possible to create a fully interactive bridge, including all stations (Command, Navigation, Communications, Science, Engineering, Tactical, Medical, Environmental, etc.) on the bridge using current computer simulation software.

At the Region 3 Summit, a demonstration model was presented as an example. Our model had three stations command, navigation and tactical. Our model was able to give a

# THE LAREDO PROJECT

By Captain Emilio Martinez • USS Laredo, Region 3



*The crew of the U.S.S. Laredo and the Project Laredo with Commanding Officer Emilio Martinez in the center seat*

*Photo courtesy of Joyce Fink*

glimpse of what is possible. Just think, once we complete a prototype, it will be possible to run a full mission simulation. Our bridge will look exactly like a starship bridge, down to the LCARS displays, but it will be an actual Star Trek experience. We can simulate science missions, exploration missions, battle simulations and once other simulators are built, multi-ship (including alien races such as Klingons) simulations will be possible. Not only will the simulations be interactive, they will be a group experience as it will take more than one person to do the simulations. We believe that everything that you have seen on the shows and movies are possible and doable.

What do we need now? First, STARFLEET's support of Project Laredo is imperative to its success. We need the full backing of not only of the ships of R3, but of everyone. With this, we can approach Paramount and get its approval and support. Once this is done, we can work on budgeting, set design (bridge layout), computer interface (LCARS readouts), software, and hardware requirements. Once we have a prototype, then we can go on to build others, so that we can have many other simulators set up. We welcome your help, input and inquiries in this project and look forward to hearing from interested persons.

Now, I realize most of you reading these words will see them on a piece of paper -- applied there in ink in a manner not all that different from the process Gutenberg devised centuries ago. (Yes, it's different, but more in the way a car of today differs from a Model T than in the way printing presses of any ilk differ from cuneiform.)

Despite this mode of communication's persistence, and its effectiveness for some tasks, we were all recently reminded of just how dependent we've become, either directly or indirectly, on electronic communications and electronic commerce.

The Great Blackout of 2003, as it's already been dubbed, affected millions of people whose power went out, but also tens of millions more whose money, Internet access, news, or contact with family depended somehow on an area whose power was out.

As of this writing, power company officials are still arguing over where the blackout was triggered, but it seems clear that it first occurred in the Niagara Falls region, either on the Ontario side or the New York side, just a few hours' drive from USS Accord territory either way.

Inside of an hour, power was out in nearly all of New York City, much of the rest of New York State, Connecticut, New Jersey, southern Ontario, and even chunks of Ohio and Michigan.

## Affecting the Fleet

Even though the majority of STARFLEET members never lost power, the outage affected many of them nonetheless --

# THE NIGHT THE EAST WENT DARK

By Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

especially members who spend a lot of time online. Of course, nearly everyone knew someone, if not a family member, in the blacked-out area, and in many cases, couldn't reach them right away. Much of the Internet was slowed, with some web sites and other resources entirely offline.

More relevant to online Fleet members were the temporary unavailability of the primary hub Fleetchat server in New Jersey (other servers picked up the slack), and the offline status of STARFLEET-L list administrator Dave Blaser, an Ontario resident. The Region7.com domain, including web site and e-mail, was even offline overnight.

## On a Personal Level

NYC-area members Gord Goldberg and Sven Weil reported enjoying the starlight, unaffected by light pollution, along the last stretch of their five-hour, twelve-mile trek home... after they schlepped downstairs from their offices, on the 8th and 47th floors of their buildings, respectively.

Cheri Rosen met a stranded family with four daughters and car trouble, opened her house to them, and pulled out the candles, flashlights, and board games. Her aunt and uncle flew into Newark Airport for a family reunion just in time for the power to go out, and had to wait on the plane until rollaway stairs could be brought to the hatches.

Mike Smith spent his blackout sitting in the car and listening to the radio, and reported that most Starlord members lived far enough south in New Jersey to be largely unaffected.

Brenda Bell managed to hop a train to New Jersey after three and a half hours "traipsing around Manhattan with about 40 pounds of gear."

Rob Usdin reminded everyone with fancy cordless phones to keep a traditional corded phone around for emergencies.

Leslie Gottlieb walked down five flights of stairs thinking the blackout was limited to her NYC office building, no doubt caused by the construction project nearby, only to discover they weren't alone. She managed to catch a ferry across to New Jersey and get a ride to her car (at the bus station) from a kind commuter.

Liz Woolf, who walked to the Lincoln Tunnel from her New York office, after trudging down 31 flights of stairs (to her knees' dismay), reported mixed attitudes on the part of commuters. It was "really heartwarming to see" people opening their cars to as many walkers as would fit, but "pretty appalling" that some other drivers carefully avoided making eye contact with anyone outside their nearly empty cars, so they wouldn't have to let anyone in. Liz

was one of six who piled into the back of a van, and after the van driver dropped them in Weehawken, she and two co-workers were offered a ride by a nice man who was washing his car as they walked by.

Yours truly left his still-powered office at Cornell while much of Ithaca still had electricity, in order to serve as an emergency newscaster at a local radio station, WVBR. Just as I was about to begin another live report on the air, the radio station's power went out, as the second wave of outages in Central New York took out most of Tompkins County. (Much of Cornell never lost power, thanks to the University's independent power generation capability, but NYSEG asked us to conserve to lighten the load for surrounding areas.)

Farther north, Matt Baillie also had power at work, but in his case, it was because of backup generators! He and Alice had no power at home for a while.

Dave Blaser's home power was down for about 12 hours, but he didn't get home for a while, thanks to good timing on a visit to a client's office to patch computers for that week's massive Windows vulnerability incident. He was able to help them shut everything down safely.

## The Impact

We can be glad that so few people around the northeastern United States and Ontario, Canada were injured or died due to the blackout, and thus don't have to feel too bad about enjoying reading everyone's anecdotes and stories about the blackout, shared on various mailing lists and in other ways.





# ATTENTION ON DECK

## SFMC

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Well, another IC has gone by. I'm glad I was able to attend this year. I'm sorry I missed those friends who couldn't attend but enjoyed seeing those who could. I met a lot of new people and had a pretty good time to boot.

I would like to thank those who helped out with the Color Guard. They did a very good job with what little training they had. And they gave up most of their Friday night to do so. They were:

Dennis Rayburn  
Raye Crews  
Jill Rayburn  
Martin Lessem  
Greg Franklin  
Jonathan Wilson  
Joseph White  
Evan Darnell

I also thank Linda Olson and DJ Allen for helping with Color Guard Training, Greg Franklin, Joseph White, Evan Darnell, Linda Olson, DJ Allen and Peter Yohe for standing guard for the Wall of Honor.

I would especially like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Region 2 Coordinator Danny Potts and his wife Denby. They went of their way to make sure the color guard had enough equipment to post the colors Saturday morning. We needed flag poles and when they found out that the Second Brigades equipment wasn't available to use they

took it upon themselves to acquire some equipment and get it to the International Conference. They most certainly went above and beyond the call of duty for the Marines. Thank you Danny and Denby.

A big thank you goes out to Lauren Milan and Jill Rayburn for presenting reports for their respective commands during the Muster. Make sure to read the Command reports to get up to speed on what's new.

Congratulations go out to those who received awards at the Muster and General Sessions: Char Hughes received the Disaster Relief Ribbon. Bill Herrmann received the STARFLEET Marine Corps Service Commendation. The 898th MSG received the Legion of Honor. Tony Walker received the Star of Honor. John "Kiwi" Kane received the Shield of Honor. Troy Cash received the Sword of Honor. The Cross of Honor went to Nancy Lynch.

## FROM THE 'DANT

By MGen. Wade Olson • Commandant, SFMC

Also the SFMC WebTeam received the Meritorious Unit Citation with authorization for wear going to Lauren Milan, Joe Brouhard, Bruce Sommer, Matt Copple and Wade Hoover.

The new Wall of Honor was unveiled during the General Session and was greeted with very high praise. Appreciation was expressed by many in regards to the man-hours and sentiment behind its construction. We had hoped it would be accepted in the manner in which it was presented and we were not disappointed by a long shot. If you wish to view it just follow the links on the SFMC website. There will be instructions there on where to view it and how to find any names you may be looking up. Please, submit as many names as you wish as often as you wish as long as the names meet the criteria listed on the site.

By the time this issue is released the Wilderness Challenge should be about a month away. If you wish to attend we need to have your registration by September 8th. This is to assure we have time to get your bandana embroidered. If you wish full details about the event visit the URL <http://www.nettally.com/captwho/hike.htm>. If you have any further questions please contact the Commandant, Dant@sfi-sfmc.org.

I failed to announce it at the Muster but we released an updated version of the Marine Force Manual that weekend. This will be the last revision before it gets its new face-lift in a few months. This version includes any changes made since November 2002 and some much-needed corrections.

Once again we urge all members to make sure your list of SFMC awards is sent up to Forces Command for their awards database project. This will be a good way to keep track of your awards. And it will get a jump on any project in the future for adding this to the SFMC site or incorporating it into the SFI Database. After you submit the list your awards list can be automatically updated whenever an award for you is reported in your unit report.

Recently the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon was issued to participants. If your name was not on the list and you participated it's because your name and/or activities did not make it on a report received by the COForceCom. Submitting a unit number does not help. This is an individual award not a unit award.

Each individual and their actions must be reported, in a unit report, to qualify. The unit reports due on October 1 will be your last chance to submit for the award for 2002 participation. The deadline next year for 2003 participation and every year afterward, will be June 30. This is due to the subject of the next paragraph.

A new policy was put into place, by a unanimous vote of the General Staff, that there will be a statute of limitations for award nominations. If you wish to be or wish someone else to be considered for an award it must be nominated within six months of the action. In the case of yearly awards they should be nominated within six months of the end of the year being considered, thus June 30th.

We started the month of July with \$743.85. There were three deposits made during the month. The first on 7/23/03 for orders received in the mail in the amount of \$93.00. The second was on 7/24/03 for merchandise order received in the mail in the amount of \$45.15. The third was on 7/28/03 also for orders received in the mail in the amount of \$42.05. There was one check cashed on the account on 7/30/03 in the amount of \$169.00 for ribbons ordered for stock. The service charge on the account for the month totaled \$2.27. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$752.78.

We are still trying to find out where to send the funds earmarked for donation to the Astronauts Fund in the amount of \$65.25.

We started the month with \$26.64 in petty cash. We had three expenditures for postage one on 7/1/03 totaling \$1.43, the second on 7/8/03 totaling \$3.85, and the third on 7/28/03 totaling \$.60. We had one expenditure for shipping supplies on 7/8/03 in the amount of \$3.00. This leaves a total in petty cash of \$17.76.

This makes the total amount of Corps funds \$770.54

That's it for another issue, see you in October.

## FROM THE DEPUTY 'DANT

By Brigadier Aaron Murphy • Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Greetings,

I hope all of you have had a nice summer. The International Conference is behind us. I would like to take the time to congratulate all the award recipients and nominees. You did an outstanding job.

Also remember, if you were a Marine during the period from IC 2002 and IC 2003, you are authorized to wear the STARFLEET Marine Corps Anniversary Ribbon.

The passing of the IC means that the year is over. How can I say that? Well, most of the yearly awards are measured from Summit to Summit,

or in the case of the Corps, from International Conference to International Conference. It's now time to wipe the slate clean and kick things into high gear. Try to take some of the enthusiasm that the International Conference season brings and get those units motivated.

The Christmas season will be approaching sooner than you think. That means that most units will start working with their local ROTC and Marine Corps Reserve units to collect and distribute toys. Keep in mind that this is one of the eligible charities for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon.

See you again in 60.

## SFI HELPDESK: HERE TO HELP YOU!

By Joan E. Pierce • Helpdesk Maven

If you have any questions, concerns, problems or issues with how things are functioning in STARFLEET today, please feel free to contact the STARFLEET Helpdesk at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) and we'll get right on it!

For those who do not have access to e-mail, we have a voice-mail/fax. If you do have e-mail access, we strongly recommend that you use [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). But for those that don't, they can call or fax (507) 299-2015.

This is a number in the United States, and yes, it's a toll call. Make sure to leave us your full name, SCC number and contact information (email or postal mail) so we know who to contact!

Any questions? Answers are just an E-mail away from [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)!

Greetings to all of you, it's me again, Mark West.

I apologize for not appearing in the last newsletter. I had a problem with the information I had and could not get it corrected by the time I had to have the report in.

I would like to welcome to the post of BDE OIC Arthur van Rhee of the 9th BDE, and Shawn Levesque of the 15th BDE. Congratulations, and welcome aboard!!

Open Positions: For the moment, there are no open BDE OIC positions in the SFMC. I will post new openings as they occur.

State of the SFMC as of 25 June 2003:

The following is as it appears on the BDE Reports. If it is incorrect, contact your Brigade Officer In Charge to have to have the information corrected. I will endeavor to have these corrections in my next report.

#### Recruits (40):

Maud Freifelder	Nathan Marcy
Mike Perry	Robbyn S. Mehl
Kevin McNulty	Louria G. Mehl
Greg Sherburne	Belinda Newman
James Whitcker	Ron Newman
Steven McMillon	Ash Price
Terry Callahan	Brett E. Price
Kristy Kirkland	Carolyn Price
Matthew Conley	Emmitt Price
Ron Morris	Christopher J. Rossman
Andrew Morris	Scott G. Summers
Quinn Bratteng	Caleb Tullis
Linda Latasa	Hunter Tullis
Ted Thomas	Jaymee A. Tullis
Angel Nehl	Jonathon C. Tullis
Margaret DeLorenzo	Joshua Tullis
Matthew G. Copple	Josiah Tullis
Wesley H. Frey	Mysteri Tullis
Joshua A. Graham	Marilyn Tullis-Price
Jason Mackey	Francis Tuttle

#### Discharges (10):

Adam Scott Bohanan	Elizabeth M. Fickau
Kai'leen Gibbs	Roger Fickau
James Gibbs	Scott L. Inman
Billy Bryant	Rick Slingerland
Rick "Coyote" Copley	Stephen Slingerland

#### Current Membership Reported:

Last Period: (Active and Reserve) 700  
This Period: (Active and Reserve) 645  
Decrease of 8%

# FORCECOM REPORT

By Col. Mark West • CO, FORCECOM

#### Brigades Reporting:

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

#### Brigades Listed:

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

85% BDEs Reported

#### Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

Last Period Reported: 102  
Last Period Listed: 110  
Report Rate: 93%

This Period Reported: 97  
This Period Listed: 111  
Report Rate: 87%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 3  
166th MSG, 168th MSG, 223rd MSG

Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 4  
31st MSG, 250th MSG, 271st MSG, 645th MEU

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.)

615th MSG	66th MSG
650th MSG	200th MSG
651st MSG	237th MSG
695th MSG	269th MSG
300th MSG	272nd MSG
13th MSG	882nd MSG
31st MSG	378th MSG
33rd MSG	

#### Awards Received: (As reported to FORCECOM)

##### 1st BDE:

**Sword of Valor:** Dennis Rayburn, **Shield of Valor:** John Kane, **Star of Valor:** Greg Franklin, **Legion of Valor:** 108th MSG, **Silver Nebula:** Paul Williams, **Academic Excellence:** Paul Williams, IETA: James Cecil, **Meritorious Unit:** 123rd , 101st , 144th, 162nd. **Brigade Service Commendation:** Linda Olson, Paul Wheeler, Jason Schreck, Gary Hollifield,

Dennis Rayburn, Michael Browne, Laura Hensley, Scott Jensen, Steve Harper. **Great Barrier Expedition:** Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, John Adcock, Scott Akers, Michael Browne, Walter Ewing, Karen Goldbach, Mike Malotte, John Kane **Brigade Achievement:** Ben Redding, Linda Olson, Susan Fugate, Jason Schreck, Kevin Cozart, Ben Kokochak, Robert Torres.

##### 2nd BDE:

**Professional Development Award:** Jerry Watkins, **Meritorious Unit Citation:** 669th MSG, **Meritorious Unit Citation:** Shawn Williams, Doc Brookshire, Amanda Hill, Kayla Williams, Tristen Williams, Duncan Cameron, Anthony Hill, Dale Younger, Eric Hendrix, Kent Hendrix, Merlin Baisden, Jennifer Hendrix, James Whatley, Corey Whatley, Christopher Tinker, Tony Rideout, Tina Rideout, Joe Griffin, Dallas Vinson. **Community Service Citation:** James Whatley, Dallas Vinson, **Legion Of Valor:** 611th MSG, **Meritorious Unit Citation:** 669th MSG, **Star of Valor:** Shawn Williams, **Cross Of Valor:** Shawn Williams, **Brigade Service Commendation:** Shaughn O'Connor, **Marine Honor Guard:** Don Meyer, Shaughn O'Connor, William Duane, **Community Service Ribbon:** Deborah Duane, Don Meyer, William Duane, Shaughn O'Connor, Veronica Duane, Brandon Moore, Eileen Jones, Kelly Meyer, Melissa West, William Mock

##### 3rd BDE:

**Leader Commendation:** J. K. Fielder, Joyce Fink, Michelle Fanelli

##### 9th BDE:

**Academic Excellence Award:** Michael Pope, **Good Conduct Medal:** Arthur van Rhee

##### 12th BDE:

**Marine Honor Guard:** Brian L. Davis, Scott Frey. **Great Barrier Expedition:** William "Willy" David, Brian L. Davis, Suzanne E. Davis, Scott Frey, Teresa "Teri" Frey, Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Kevin Allen King, Jason Mackey, **Embassy Duty:** Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. **Marine Proficiency Ribbon:** Teresa "Teri" Frey

##### 17th BDE:

**SFMC Achievement:** Greg Fitzsimmons

To all SFMC Unit OICs, DOICs, and Members: to ensure that this report is accurate as possible, please ensure that all information is up to date. If there are errors, contact your Unit/BN/BDE OICs to make the corrections. Thanks, and we will talk again next time.

The Wall of Honor, which was dedicated at the International Muster in Greensboro, North Carolina on August 2, 2003 was the brainchild of LGN Wade Olson. His original idea is several years old and many of the names were submitted for the wall while it was still merely an electric display on the Marine website. But earlier this year, Wade decided to make the wall come alive by making an actual physical display to be used at Summits and IC's where the Olson's would be in attendance.

Wade designed the Wall based on the ideas and appearance of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The names are arranged in lines on black panels in either white or yellow thread. White stitching is for the living and yellow stitching for the deceased. A star or a diamond will follow some names. These symbols denote Medal of Honor Winners, POWs and MIAs. They are placed in the arrangement of no more than 60 spaces to a line and no less than 57. The stitching is all hand done and the white names can be replaced with yellow as needed. The directory which accompanies the Wall has the names in alphabetical order and code tells you which panel,

# THE WALL OF HONOR

By Linda Olson • Chief of Staff, FORCECOM

what line and which position on the line to find the name you are looking for. Currently there are over 250 names on four panels. This leaves two empty panels to be filled. The design of the framework build by the Olson's allows for expanding the Wall to an unlimited size. The current panels and frame have required nearly 200 hours of labor to produce, not counting the computer time to design the display.

The names on the wall are those of STARFLEET members, their families and friends who have served in the military. Any service of any country will qualify for a name to be placed on the wall. We do this to honor those who have given of their time, service, and at times, lives to keep us safe and free. But the wall is not limited to the American Military. We honor Veterans

of all countries and all wars. The only names we refuse are those of convicted war criminals or those who have committed crimes against humanity. A soldier does not have to be on the winning side to have served with honor.

If you would like to submit a name for the wall please send the information to ST\_DragonLady@msn.com and I will be happy to add it to the list. We need the basic information of how the name should appear and what color thread it should be done in. After that we would like any of the following information that is available. Rank, Service, Date of Service, Awards, Place of service, and if possible a short story concerning the service.

We hope to construct a biography of the names included on the wall, so that these will be more than just names. They will become real people to those of us who look at the display in the years to come. Please help us to create a living memorial to the men and women how have done so much for us. The next scheduled display of the Wall of Honor will be Region 2 Summit in Gulf Port , MS.



Greetings from the Office of Information Command,

First, I would like to thank Lauren for filling in for me this weekend. I would love to be there, but due to an addition to my family, money is simply too tight to allow me to.

In December 2002, the office of Information Command was created to be the caretaker of the electronic presence of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, including the SFMC website, the e-mail lists, and the official IRC channel. Also included with Infocom was oversight of Attention on Deck. In February of 2003, after discussions with Lauren Milan, the SFMC webteam was created, and charged with maintenance and development of the website. Along with Lauren, Joe Brouhard, Bruce Sommer, and Matt Copple round out the webteam. These individuals are all extremely hard working, and without them, I couldn't do my job half as effectively as I do. They are the heart of the command, and I thank each of them.

One of the biggest questions I get is how do I request a change or report a problem with the site? This is done simply by e-mailing [webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org) with your request, or your problem report, along with what page, or pages, need to be addressed. Once that is done, you should receive an e-mail back stating that your message has been received, and that your changes are being addressed. We strive for a 72-hour turnaround time, and our current turnaround is 48 hours or less. Considering the amount of information that

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is on the site, I believe that this says a lot about the team that has been assembled. There will also be a FAQ of the website covering this procedure.

So, what is on our plate currently? We are working with Forcecom to update the unit heraldry information for the site. Also, a new battalion reporting form has been created, and went live last weekend. The unit and Brigade report forms will also be updated, using new scripts to send in reports.

We are also working on updating the scripts for Tracom Test requests, and for award requests. This will allow us to stop using the current ad-supported mailers that are in use currently. Finally, we are working on general site maintenance and revision to conform to the MFM. The goal is to have these items completed by the end of the year. In updating the award request script, we are insuring that all award request go to the issuing authority.

A project was taken by COInfoCom to make the AOD sections from the STARFLEET Communiqué available on

the SFMC website. Thanks to Kurt Roithinger, the first part of this has been accomplished. As of this date, past AOD sections are available on the AOD Download section of the SFMC website. Future issues will be available, about one month after I receive my hard copy of the CQ. This will allow all members to receive their copies, but also allow the sections to be available electronically in a timely manner.

I would like to take this time to announce changes to the Communications Achievement Award. These changes mainly effect the qualifications as to what is eligible. There are now three categories that you can receive the award for. These are for newsletters and other publications, websites, and for constant communications. Lauren and Wade O have the full details of this award. Please ask them for further information, or please feel free to contact myself, as the issuing authority.

Finally, I would like to announce the following award. For his work in providing the past AOD sections, as well as his work for several brigades in the Corps, I would like to award the Communications Achievement Award to Kurt Roithinger. Thank you for a job well done.

In closing, I would like to encourage the membership of the SFMC to please feel free to contact me at any time, with any problem you find with any aspect of the electronic presence of the Corps. Without you input, we can not make the SFMC website the best it can be.

As is usual here at TRACOM, the summer months have caused a slow down in productivity for the staff and the new agonizer booth has not arrived.

Currently, the SFCMA is fully staffed and they are working together very well to serve the all of the SFMC. Our current turnaround for both requests and scoring exams is about three days. Some areas are faster and every once in a while, a Director falls behind. However, I am aware of very few course requests or exam scores that take more than a week to process. This is a great improvement over year's past and simply shows the dedication of our staff.

Our manual revisions are progressing, although we are slightly behind schedule. If any one is interested in helping out with our revision process, please contact me and we'll see what we can do about putting you to work. We can use people who have skills in creative writing, graphics design and modification and just about any other area of desktop publishing. We are also nearing completion of our comprehensive MOS Manual that will list every MOS in the SFMC, their description and the courses you need to take through the SFMCA to serve as that MOS in the SFMC. If you have any ideas for this manual, please let me know.

Our test-proctoring program, headed up by Jill Rayburn, is a great success. Jill and other staff members have made it easier for Marines to take many courses by offering them on site at Summits, Musters and Conventions. Several of you may even have taken advantage of this at IC as Jill was there and offering many of the SFMCA's courses to interested Marines, again at no cost to interested Marines.

Since only members of the TRACOM staff can proctor tests (and then only those they have passed themselves) and, in order to help make the SFMCA courses more accessible, we are creating a new set of staff members at TRACOM. After consultation with the GS, BDE OIC's and current TRACOM Staff, I am pleased to announce the following positions:

#### Brigade Training Officers (BTO):

This Marine would be a member of the TRACOM Staff

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who lives in the designated Brigade and would be attached to the BDE Staff.

#### The Duties and Responsibilities of the BTO:

1. These Marines would report, on a monthly basis, to COTRACOM and the BDE OIC or his/her designee.
2. Would be responsible for administering TRACOM courses and exams, via the Proctoring program, at any BDE Event where their presence was requested and the BTO is available to attend. Each BTO would be authorized, by COTRACOM, to administer any course (below -30 level) currently offered by the SFMCA that they have passed.
3. Responsible for reporting all course completions to COTRACOM, TRACOM Datawarfare Officer and the appropriate Branch Director within 72 hours of the events conclusion. The Branch Director would then enter the scores into the SFI Database and the Datawarfare Office would issue the appropriate Ecerts.

#### Qualifications of the BTO:

1. Must be a member of SFI and the SFMC (Active or Reserve) during their appointment
2. Must be a resident of the BDE for which they are appointed to serve
3. Must have passed PD-10 (Marine Basic) and OTS but do not need to be an Officer. PD-20 is requested, but not required
4. Must have passed at least 10 additional courses below the -30 level at the SFMCA
5. Have reliable Internet and email access
6. Meet with the approval of the BDE OIC for their BDE.

Since this person must, by nature, work closely with other BDE officers, it is appropriate that the BDE OIC have input into the selection of their BTO..

#### Selection Process:

Applications, with SFMCA course completions, will be requested from all interested in each BDE for period of at least 30 days.

As applications are received, each name will be submitted to the appropriate BDE OIC for comments.

After the close of the application period, final comments on each applicant from the BDE OICs will be gathered and a decision will be made within seven days with the announcement following as soon as possible after selection and notification of the appointee is made.

Also at IC, the COTRACOM Award was presented. This year's award went to a very hard working and deserving member of the TRACOM Staff, a rarity for this award. This year's recipient is always working to try and better the SFI experience for every member of STARFLEET, not just the Marines. This year's recipient of the COTRACOM Award is MGEN Jill Rayburn. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the members of this organization, Jill!

Since last IC, we have added 21 new courses including three new Schools in the newly developed College of Xeno-Studies and a youth member version of Marine Basic Training. This brings our total up to 79 courses currently. We currently have five to seven additional courses in the development pipeline. While it does not look like we will reach my desired goal of 100 courses by year's end, we should achieve it by IC 2004. The main reason for not achieving our goal is due to the desire to create quality courses for the enjoyment and education of the SFMC.

As always, we are constantly looking for input and ideas from the Corps as a whole. It is you Marines that we are here to serve.

If you have any ideas for new courses or improvements to existing courses of manuals, please let me know.

# CONVENTION LISTINGS

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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.

Thank you to everyone who's contributed information to the list. Special thanks to: Davey Beauchamp, Laban Tatro, Kathi Bruce, Becca Norman, Lorraine Balint, Val Bell, Deborah Oakes, Jenifer Miller, Steve Rogerson, Peter Dixon and Marcus Wollack

## Alabama

Oct 10-12 Con\*Stellation XXII, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.con-stellation.org/constell@con-stellation.org> Guests: Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Don Maitz, Guy Lillian, Rosy Lillian

## Arizona

Nov 14-16 Tus-con 30, Tucson, Arizona; Info: PO Box 27307, Tucson AZ 85726-7307 Ph: 520-881-3709 or 520-293-1455 <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/basfa@earthlink.net>

## California

Oct 3-5 Conjecture, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 927388, San Diego, CA 92192-7388 <http://www.conjecture.org/> Guests: Robert Charles Wilson

Oct 4-5 Hollywood Collectors Show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net> Guests: Phyllis Diller

Nov 7-9 Bascon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 282197, San Francisco, CA 94128-2197 <http://www.bascon.org/> info@bascon.org

Nov 14-16 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Ben Browder, Lani Tupu, Virginia Hey, Raelee Hill, Francesca Buller

Nov 16 DragonFest 8, Glendale, California; Info: 2300 West Victory # C195, Burbank, Ca 91506 Ph: 800-332- 3330 x112 <http://www.dragonfest.com/info@dragonfest.com> Benefits: Pediatric Aids

Nov 28-30 LosCon 30, Burbank, California; Info: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 Ph: 818-760-9234 <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/30/Loscon30.info@loscon.org> Guests: Fred Saberhagen, Teddy Harvia, Jack L. Chalker

## Colorado

Sep 19-21 Nan Desu Kan, Denver, Colorado; Info: 1552 Monroe St, Denver CO, 80206-1850 <http://www.ndk.cc/genkidenki@hotmail.com> Guests: Tiffany Grant, Matt Greenfield, Michael Sinterniklaas, Kyle Hebert, Bob Bergen, Christopher Patton, Brett Weaver, Cynthia Hands, Jan Scott-Frazier, Newton Ewell

Oct 24-26 MileHiCon, Lakewood, Colorado; Info: PO Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/lindanel@ix.netcom.com> Guests: Barry B. Longyear, Walter Jon Williams

## District of Columbia

Oct 30-Nov 2 World Fantasy Convention 2003, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: 7113 Wayne Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-1734 <http://www.worldfantasy2003.org/> info@worldfantasy2003.org Guests: Brian Lumley, Jack Williamson, W. Paul Ganley, Allen Koszowski, Douglas E. Winter

## Florida

Oct 24-26 Necronomicon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://stonehill.org/necro.htm> RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Benefits: Kids & Canines and The Francis House

Oct 25-Nov 1 Illiad's Oddity, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: Geek Cruises (CST# 2065380-40), 1430 Parkinson Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 Ph: 650-327-3692 [http://www.geekcruises.com/home/IO\\_home.html](http://www.geekcruises.com/home/IO_home.html) neil@geekcruises.com Guests: J.D. "Illiad" Frazer, Wendy Forman, David Greenwald, David Pogue, Randal L. Schwartz

Nov 8-9 Screamefest, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO BOX 460574, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33346 Ph: 954-583-7633 <http://www.screamefest2003.com/info@screamefest2003.com> Guests: Glenn Shadix, Vernon G Wells, Reggie Bannister, Kenny Miller, Herschel Gordon, Joey Image, Heather Ashley, Robert J. Massetti, Barry Anderson, Jon Prutow

Nov 14-16 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/orlandonov/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: William Shatner, Walt Cunningham, Arne Starr

Nov 21-23 Florida Con-Quest, Ft.

Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 6017 Pine Ridge Rd. #202 Naples FL 34119 <http://www.floridaconquest.com/FloridaConQuest@aol.com>

## Georgia

Sep 26-28 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/awaweb@awa-con.com>

## Illinois

Sep 19-21 Midwest Nonsport Expo, Tinley Park, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2376, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Ph: 708-430-8107 <http://nonsportcardexpo.com/nonsportcardexpo@aol.com> Guests: Boris Vallejo, Julie Bell, Tanya Roberts, Jay Lynch, Mike Quinn, Karen Prell, Jim Salicrup, Don Rosa, RC Harvey, Booth Colman, Michael Forest, Charles Goll, Arlene Martel Benefits: Adopt-A-Classroom

Oct 2-5 Archon 27, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/> archon\_hotline@zellig.net Guests: Michael Stackpole, Butch Honeck, Andreas Katsulas, Julie Caitlin Brown, Majestic Twelve Games, Kenneth Hall, Dana Eilers, Vic Milán

Oct 17-19 ZebraCon, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2660, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 <http://www.zebracon.net/KarenZCon@aol.com>

Oct 24-26 Anime Reactor, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2403, Naperville, IL 60567-2403 <http://www.animereactor.org> reg@animereactor.org Guests: Kia Asamiya, Tetsuya Aoki, Tsutomu Nihei, J. Torres, Sanford Greene, C.B. Cebulski

Nov 7-9 Windycon, Schaumburg, Illinois; Info: PO Box 184, Palatine, IL 60078-0184 <http://www.windycon.org/> windycon@windycon.org Guests: Gregory Benford, Vincent di Fate, Tom Doherty, John Cramer, Mark Aronson, Lynne Aronson, Phyllis Eisenstein, Kathryn Cramer, Pamela Sargent, David Hartwell, George Zebrowski

Nov 7-9 Rock Con, Rockford, Illinois; Info: PO Box 241, Williams Bay, WI 53191 Ph: 262-245-1608 <http://rock-con.com/> Info@Rock-Con.com

Nov 28-30 Chicago TARDIS, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2660, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60138 Ph: 888-734-7386/630-790-0905 <http://www.chicagotardis.com/gene@chicagotardis.com>

## Indiana

Sep 26-28 2 Be CONTinued, Merrillville, Indiana; Info: PO Box 1582, No. Riverside, IL 60546 <http://www.2becontinued.com/info@2becontinued.com> Guests: Larry Niven, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Ray Park, Eugene

Roddenberry Jr, Rockne S. O'Bannon, Corbin Keep, Tracy Lunquist, Alan Clark, Julie Caitlin Brown, Eric Flint, Luke Ski

Oct 11 Maquis Gras, Valparaiso, Indiana; Info: PO Box 1101, Portage IN 46368 <http://www.maquis.com/mfa/gras1.htm> bejen@maquis.com

Nov 28-30 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

## Iowa

Oct 10-12 Icon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: PO Box 525, Iowa City, IA 52244-0525 Ph: 319-626-2099 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/icon@mindbridge.org> Guests: David Drake, Gregg Parmentier, Rusty Hevelin, Glen Cook, Joe Haldeman, Gay Haldeman, William Johnson

## Maryland

Sep 19-21 Capclave 2003, Silver Spring, Maryland; Info: 3003 Van Ness St. NW Apt. W527 Washington DC 20008 <http://www.capclave.org/info@capclave.org> Guests: William Tenn

Oct 4-5 Galaxy Con II, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 8630-M Guilford Road #242, Columbia, MD 21046 Ph: 410-309-6555 <http://www.galaxycon.com/staff@galaxycon.com> Guests: Melissa Jaffer, Murray Bartlett, Herbert Jefferson Jr

Nov 28-30 Darkover Grand Council Meeting XXVI, Timonium, Maryland; Info: PO Box 7203, Silver Spring, MD 20907 Ph: 202-726-4396 <http://www.darkovercon.com/Jaelle@darkovercon.com> Guests: Diana Paxson, Disiree Kern, Katherine Kurtz, Joanne Bertin, Debra Doyle, India Edghill, Rosemary Edghill, Nancy Janda, Scott MacMillian, James MacDonald, Don Sakers, Hannah Shapero, Bob Esty, Sue Esty, John Huff, Ellen James, Myfanwy, Ed Sobansky, Kathy Sobansky Benefits: Children's Hospital

## Massachusetts

Sep 28-Oct 3 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 36, Medford, MA 02155 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/mvsfa@mail.com> Guests: Debra Doyle, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Steven Gould, James D. Macdonald, Laura Mixon

Nov 7-9 United Fan Con XIII, Springfield, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-8735 <http://www.unitedfancon.com/infobot@unitedfancon.com> Guests: Matthew Waterhouse

## Michigan

Oct 17-19 Conclave 28, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO

Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/conclave@conclavesf.org> Guests: Michael Arcana, Bill Sutton, Brenda Sutton

Nov 14-16 U-Con 2003, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4491, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4491 Ph: 734-930-6363 <http://www.ucon-gaming.org/ucon02info@umich.edu>

## Minnesota

Sep 26-28 Arcana 33, Twin Cities, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/rekal/eheideman@qwest.net> Guests: Gahan Wilson

## Missouri

Nov 20-23 ShaunCon, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116-0157 Ph: 816-455-5020 <http://www.rpgkc.org/Shaul/Shaul20.htm> RPGKC@aol.com Guests: Aaron Williams

## New Jersey

Oct 31-Nov 2 Chiller Theater, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 23, Rutherford NJ 07070 <http://www.chillerttheatre.com/info@chillerttheatre.com>

Nov 7-9 WGP: Lollagazebo, Piscataway, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

Nov 7-9 Eclecticon, Newark, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 3165, Bayonne, NJ 07002-0298 <http://members.aol.com/JRD803/eclecticon.htm> eclecticon@rcn.com Benefits: Mylestone Equine Rescue

## New York

Oct 10-12 Albacon, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/registration@albacon.org> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Allen Koszowski, Oz Fontecchio, Leslie Fish

Nov 28-30 Creation, Brooklyn, New York; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: James Doohan, Robert Beltran, David Prowse, Peter Mayhew, Rena Owen, Andy Hallett, James Leary, Mark Lutz, Danny Strong, Cirroc Lofton, Lani Tupu, Virginia Hey, Lorenzo Lamas, Kathleen Kinmont, Alana Curry, Bill Wellman Jr., June Wilkinson

## North Carolina

Oct 10-12 FantiCon, Wilmington, North Carolina; Info: 419 Cape Fear Blvd., Carolina Beach, NC. 28428 Ph: 910-262-0668 <http://www.fanticon.org/chris@fanticon.org> Guests: Peter



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Benefits: Open Gate - Domestic Violence Shelter

## North Dakota

Oct 10-12 ValleyCon 28, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202  
<http://www.valleycon.com/valleycon@hotmail.com>

## Ohio

Oct 3-5 Context, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-851-9977  
<http://www.contextcon.com/mevans@concentric.net>

Oct 3-5 CinemaWasteland, Strongvill, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920  
<http://www.cinemawasteland.com/info@cinemawasteland.com>

Nov 24-26 Ohio Valley Filk Fest 19, Dublin, Ohio; Info: 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-4913  
[http://www.ovff.org/jinny\\_e@yahoo.com](http://www.ovff.org/jinny_e@yahoo.com) Guests: Bill Roper, Margaret Middleton, Kerry Gilley

Nov 29-30 Mid-Ohio-Con, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907 Ph: 419-526-1427  
<http://www.wfcomics.com/midohiocon/MidOhioCon@wfcomics.com>

## Oregon

Oct 10-13 Ditto 16, Eugene, Oregon; Info: PO Box 75684, Seattle, WA 98125-0684  
<http://www.circlenk.com/ditto/alanro@microsoft.com> Guests: Stu Shiffman,

Nov 7-9 OryCon 25, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228-5703 Ph: 503-774-1043  
<http://www.orycon.org/orycon24/all.wilsonsage@attbi.com> Guests: Ken Goddard

Nov 20-12 AmberCon Northwest, Troutdale, Oregon; Info: 8047 N. Syracuse St, Portland, OR 97203-4939  
<http://www.wyrdrune.com/acnw/simone@wyrdrune.com>

## Pennsylvania

Sep 19-21 STARFLEET Region 7 Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 27 E. Central Ave., N-2, Paoli, PA 19301  
<http://www.isslexington.org/r72003/MufasaTL@aol.com>

## South Carolina

Sep 26-28 STARFLEET Region 1 Conference, Charleston, South Carolina; Info: PO Box 40142, Charleston, SC 29423-0142  
<http://www.ussdominator.org/2003-fall-conference/co@ussdominator.org> Benefits: American Diabetes Association

Nov 7-9 Beach Bash 2003, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Info: PO Box 16337, Atlanta, GA 30321-6337  
[http://beachbash.virtualave.net/apsara\\_chaouw@yahoo.com](http://beachbash.virtualave.net/apsara_chaouw@yahoo.com)

## Tennessee

Oct 3-5 Adventure Con, Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Info: 1623 Montvale RD, Maryville, TN. 37803 Ph: 865-984-4476  
<http://www.adventurecon.com/info@toyshow.org> Guests: Danielle Harris, George Lazenby, Dawn Wells, Yvonne Craig

Oct 3-5 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee; Info: 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659 Ph: 800-952-8392 x8208  
<http://www.storytellingfestival.net/info@storytellingcenter.net>

## Texas

Oct 4-5 Slanted Fedora, El Paso, Texas; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405  
<http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Oct 10-12 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213  
<http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Oct 19 JMV Entertainment Collectibles Show, Waco, Texas; Info: PO BOX 151, Temple, Tx 76503 Ph: 254-771-4238  
[jmventertainment16@yahoo.com](http://www.jmventertainment16@yahoo.com)

Nov 21-23 Wizard World Texas, Arlington, Texas; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920  
<http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/texas.cfm>

## Vermont

Nov 7-8 Carnage on the Mountain 6, Brownsville, Vermont; Info: 64 County Road-Hartland, Windsor, VT 05089 Ph: 802-436-2004  
<http://www.carnagecon.com/info@carnagecon.com>

## Virginia

Sep 19-21 Gamefest -- Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263  
<http://www.patriotgames.org/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Oct 4-5 DC Bardfest, Alexandria, Virginia; Info: PO Box 6437, Falls Church, VA 22040 Ph: 703-536-1843  
<http://www.dcbardfest.com/Guests:Angelrad,MayteeAspuro,JoshAterovis,MalaurieBarber,D.S.Bauden,SueBeck,G.S.Binkley,BlueDragon,SharonBowers,MaryD.Brooks,AlisonCarpenter,C.A.Casey,JosephConnell,BlayneCooper,LindaCrist,K.Darbylne,BarbDavey,IngridDiaz-Silva,NannDunne,Enginerd,VerdaFoster,MelissaGood,KatLyn,Larisa,S.Lee,KGMacGregor,ErinJenniferMar,SXMeagher,B.L.Miller,MargueriteMullaney,T.Novan,Radclyffe,TaylorRickard,CarrieRyan,CindySimpson,K.Simpson,K.Stoley,CateSwannell,ThereseSzymanski,L.A.Tucker,Verrath,Zuke>

Oct 4-5 Point North, Salem, Virginia; Info: 545 Howard Drive, Salem,

VA 24153-2167 Ph: 540-389-9400  
<http://www.point-north.com/dreichelman@yahoo.com>

Nov 7-9 NekoCon 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Info: PO Box 62424, Virginia Beach, VA. 23466-2424  
<http://www.nekocon.org/info@nekocon.org>

Nov 7-9 Rising Star 12, Salem, Virginia; Info: PO Box 10787, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0787  
<http://www.rising-star.org/conchair@rising-star.org>

Nov 21-23 Anime USA, Vienna, Virginia; Info: PO Box 1073, Herndon, VA 20172  
<http://www.animeusa.org/chairman@animeusa.org> Guests: Shimpei Itoh, Mio Odagi, Scott Frazier, Steve Bennett

## Washington

Sep 19-21 Foolsap V, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461  
<http://www.foolscap.org/chair@foolscap.org>

Sep 26-28 ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023  
<http://www.conifur.org/cfnw-info@conifur.org> Guests: Chuck Melville

Oct 3-5 Anglicon XVI, South Everett, Washington; Info: PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA. 98125 Ph: 206-789-BRIT  
<http://www.anglicon.org/anglicon@rocketmail.com> Benefits: KBTC-TV (Television station)

Oct 10-11 Sci-Fan Show, Lynnwood, Washington; Info: c/o Galaxy Hobby, 196th & Highway 99, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Ph: 425-670-0454  
<http://www.galaxyhobby.com/scifan.htm> info@galaxyhobby.com

## Australia

### Australian Capital Territory

Sep 20-21 Best Of Both Worlds 19, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 9453 0290  
<http://www.bobw.com.au/alc@bobw.com.au> Guests: Bruce Hopkins Benefits: Guide Dog Association of New South Wales and A.C.T.

Nov 15-16 Best Of Both Worlds 20, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 9453 0290  
<http://www.bobw.com.au/alc@bobw.com.au> Guests: Michael Shanks, Richard Searfoss, Dan Shea, Douglas Arthurs, Peter Williams Benefits: Guide Dog Association of New South Wales and A.C.T.

### New South Wales

Oct 3-6 Necronomicon, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO

Box 243, Blaxland NSW 2774  
<http://www.necronomicon.org/necro@Necronomicon.org>

Oct 4-5 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/FSF\\_Presents@yahoo.com.au](http://www.fsf.com.au/FSF_Presents@yahoo.com.au) Guests: David Prowse, Peter Mayhew

Oct 25 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> Guests: LeVar Burton

Nov 22 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/FSF\\_Presents@yahoo.com.au](http://www.fsf.com.au/FSF_Presents@yahoo.com.au) Guests: John Rhys-Davies

## Victoria

Oct 26 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> Guests: LeVar Burton

## Canada

### British Columbia

Oct 10-12 V Con, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: Main Floor - 2116 MacDonald Street, Vancouver, BC, V6K 3Y4, Canada  
<http://www.vcon.ca/vcon@shaw.ca>

Oct 21-26 Vancouver International Writers Festival, Granville Island, British Columbia; Info: 202-1398 Cartwright St, Vancouver BC, V6H 4B7 Ph: 604-681-6330  
<http://www.writersfest.bc.ca/viwf@writersfest.bc.ca>

### Ontario

Sep 18-21 AmberCon North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 434 North State Street, Concord, NH 03301, USA  
<http://acn.ambercons.com/shadowplay@matantisi.com>

Oct 17-19 STARFLEET Region 13 Summit, Brampton, Ontario; Info: 74072-260 Guelph St, Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1, Canada  
<http://summit.region13.org/summit@region13.org>

Nov 7-9 Toronto Comicon, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 3278 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 2L6, Canada Ph: 416-487-9807  
<http://www.torontocomicon.com/info@torontocomicon.com> Guests: Jim Starlin, Steve Rude, Mike Kaluta, Paul Gulacy, Bill Sienkiewicz, Phil Jimenez, Darick Robertson, Tony Harris, Dan Brereton, Kaare Andrews, J. Bone, Ian Boothby, Andy Lee, Vatche Mavlian, Paul Rivoche, Brian Rood, Dave Ross, Cameron Stewart, Ty Templeton, J. Torres,

Dominic Bugatto, Kent Burles, Scott Chantler, Saul Colt, Dave Cullen, Walter Dickinson, Rodney Dunn, Ron Kasman, Kagan Mcleod, Sean Menard, Alex Perkins, Stuart Sayger, Noel Tuazon, Rob Walton, Chip Zdarsky

## Quebec

Nov 8 Con\*Cept, Montreal, Quebec; Info: PO Box 1186, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2X 4A7  
<http://www.monsffa.com/concept2003.html> vp@monsffa.com

## Saskatchewan

Oct 17-19 Hero's Gambit, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Info: c/o William Hughes, 2509 Albert Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7J 1K7  
<http://www.herosgambit.com/wr.hughes@shaw.ca>

## Germany

Oct 3-5 Nexus, Berlin, ; Info: c/o Frank Völzer, Waldowstraße 53, 13403 Berlin Ph: +49 (0)30-49870160  
<http://www.nexuscon.de/Guests:RayHarryhausen,CorinNemec,JohnRhys-Davies,BrianThompson>

Oct 11 BuchmesseCon 18, Frankfurt, ; Info: c/o Roger Murmann, Wilhelm-Leuschner Strasse 17, 64859 Eppertshausen, Germany Ph: +06-071-38718  
<http://www.buchmessecon.de/vu/streffda@gmx.de>

Oct 23-26 Spiel, Essen, ; Info: Friedhelm Merz Verlag GmbH & Co.KG, 53173 Bonn, Germany, Bismarckallee 8 Ph: +49 228 94 39 70  
<http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/spiel/info@merz-verlag.com>

Oct 24-26 Wolf Events, Bensheim, ; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078  
<http://www.wolfevents.net/home/wolfevents@aol.com> Guests: Don S Davis, Tony Amendola

## Ireland

Sep 27-28 Phoenix Convention, Dublin, ; Info: c/o Yellow Brick Road, 8 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, Ireland  
<http://www.slovobooks.com/phoenix/phoenixconvention@yahoo.co.uk> k Guests: Ken MacLeod, Eugene Byrne, Diane Duane, Roger Gregg, James P Hogan, Katherine Kurtz, Juliet E McKenna, Peter Morwood, Kim Newman, John W Sexton, Charlie Stross, Ian Watson

Sep 28 Sector 14: Crimelords of Sunnysdale, Belfast, ; Info: 37 Wandsworth Parade, Belfast, BT4 3FW  
<http://www.sector14.co.uk/enquiries@sector14.co.uk>

Oct 24-26 They Came and Shaved Us, Dundalk, ; Info: 123 Carnlough Rd, Cabra West, Dublin 7, Ireland  
<http://www.theycameandshavedus.com/info@theycameandshavedus.com>

# CONVENTION LISTINGS (CONTINUED)

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn

## New Zealand

Sep 20-22 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Wellington, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/whoami@ihug.co.nz> Guests: Dan Green, David Prowse, Chris Sabat

## The Netherlands

Oct 25-26 Utopia, Scheveningen, Info: Stichting Utopia, Assendelftstraat 8-1 hoog, 1013 SP, Amsterdam Ph: 0031-20-6818236 <http://www.utopiasite.com/utopia@club.tip.nl>

## United Kingdom

### England

Oct 2-5 Collectormania 4, Milton Keynes, England; Info: 2 Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes.

Bucks, MK6 3DG. England Ph: +44 (0)1908 671138 <http://www.showmastersonline.com/collectormania.html> info@showmastersonline.com Guests: Kristanna Loken, Iyari Limon, Lawrence Makoare

Oct 4-6 Sector 14: South, London, England; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, KA107PZ <http://www.sector14.co.uk/enquiries@sector14.co.uk> Guests: Adam Busch, Danny Strong

Oct 10-13 Cult TV, Kewstoke, Weston Super Mare, Somerset, England; Info: PO Box 1701, Peterborough, PE7 1ER, United Kingdom Ph: +44 01733-205009 <http://www.CultTV.org/enquiries@culttv.net> Guests: Julie Stevens, Paul Darrow, Sylvia Anderson, Michael Sheard

Oct 11 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: Richard Briers, John Challis

Oct 18-19 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>

Oct 31-Nov 2 Aya Again, Northampton, England; Info: Flat 1, 118 Kingston Rd, Wimbledon, LONDON SW19 1LY <http://www.ayacon.org.uk/registrations@ayacon.org.uk>

Oct 31-Nov 2 Wolf Events, London, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771

078 <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/wolfevents@aol.com> Guests: Corin Nemec, Frida Betrani, Don S. Davis, Carmen Argenziano

Oct 31-Nov 2 PanoptiCon, London, England; Info: PO Box 7831, London, United Kingdom SW15 6YD <http://www.dominitemporal.co.uk/DSL@dominitemporal.co.uk>

Nov 7-9 Novacon 33, Birmingham, England; Info: Steve Lawson, 379 Myrtle Road, Sheffield, S2 3HQ <http://www.novacon.org.uk/xl5@zoom.co.uk> Guests: Ian McDonald

Nov 22 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

Nov 23 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: Paul McGann, India Fisher, Gary Russell, Jason Haigh-Ellery

## Scotland

Oct 11-13 Sector 14: North, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, KA107PZ <http://www.sector14.co.uk/enquiries@sector14.co.uk> Guests: Adam Busch, Danny Strong

Oct 29 Wolf Events, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/wolfevents@aol.com> Guests: Corin Nemec

# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compiled By Robin Smith • Announcements Coordinator

## July 2003

**2003.07.29** : Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Department of Technical Services Director, (alexr@castle.net), reminds us that the DTS is seeking qualified and talented applicants for one or more available position(s) to execute engineering drawings of starships and space stations.

**2003.07.25** : Mike Wilkerson, SFI.org Webmaster, (sfiderman@sfi.org), provides important information about the sfi.org sitemap and how submissions are handled.

**2003.07.25** : Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that he is now accepting applications for the position of Deputy Director - Office of Fleet Historian.

**2003.07.23** : Matthew Copple, Fleet Division Program Director, (mcopple@kcpathfinder.org), announced that Robin Van Cleave has agreed to accept the post of Youth services Program Manager in the Fleet Division Program.

**2003.07.22** : Commodore Danny Potts, Region 2 RC, (TrekNoid@aol.com), reminds us that the dates for the 2004 R2 Summit have changed and are now March 12-14, 2004.

**2003.07.20** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719

@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. S'LHeya, NX-1601.

**2003.07.20** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719 @yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. Rising Moon, NCC-6018.

**2003.07.18** : LGN Mandi Livingston, CompOps Vice Chief - Recruitment and Unassigned Members, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com), requests that all members with recruiting success stores please post them to the CompOps forum at <http://compops.sfi.org/phpbb2/index.php>.

**2003.07.18** : Pete Mohny, STARFLEET IC 2004 Chairman, (pdmohny@aol.com), announced that he is now accepting applications for two critical positions on the IC 2004 staff.

**2003.07.17** : FCAPT Liz Woolf, STARFLEET Annual Awards Director, (awards@sfi.org), announced that she is looking for help in designing the certificates that will be given out at IC as well help in the design of additional awards categories.

**2003.07.14** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719 @yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. Myrddin, NCC-72172.

**2003.07.14** : Comm. Jerry

Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719 @yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. DeBraak, NCC-63543.

**2003.07.14** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719 @yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. Britannia, NCC-5311.

**2003.07.12** : Commander James J. Cecil, STARFLEET in Cyberspace Director, (jcecil@eros.chapel1.com), announced that he is having trouble receiving mail sent to compops@usswasp.org. Please resend any course requests or exams to jcecil@eros.chapel1.com until further notice.

**2003.07.09** : Matt Baillie, SFA Canadian Campus Coordinator, (bailliem@sympatico.ca), announced that the College of Starship Operations is now available direct from the Canadian Campus.

**2003.07.09** : Commodore Joan E. Pierce, STARFLEET Helpdesk Director, (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org), announced that login requests and issues for the Membership Database should be sent to helpdesk@sfi.org. Similar issues with the sfi.org site should be sent to SFI's webmaster, Mike Wilkerson, at sfiderman@ussatlas.org.

**2003.07.06** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719

@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. Europe, NCC-74668.

**2003.07.03** : Deborah A. Malotte, Director of Promotions, (promotions@sfi.org), provides us with an explanation of when and why promotions are posted to the SFI DB. Please reference the entire message for all the details.

## June 2003

**2003.06.26** : Commodore Becky Thane, Overseas Coupon Program Advisor (BeckyThane@aol.com), announced important news from the Overseas Coupon Program, including new contact information, Base Adoption procedures and a request for Contribution Summaries.

**2003.06.25** : Larry "Da Boss" Barnes & Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, (gumbysan@hotmail.com), announced the launching of RadioSTARFLEET, visit them at <http://www.radiostarfleet.com>.

**2003.06.23** : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that the June edition of the Vessel Registry is now on-line and ready for download at documents.sfi.org and at operations.sfi.org.

**2003.06.23** : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the

Shuttle Trinity River.

**2003.06.22** : FCAPT Ray Brown <KBØSTN>, (raybrown@ipa.net), announced that the HAM Radio list has been reopened at sfi-hams@yahoogroups.com.

**2003.06.21** : Major General Robert J. Jackson, STARFLEET Inspector General, (ig@sfi.org), announced that he is now accepting applications for R4 Assistant Inspector General.

**2003.06.15** : Ed Nowlin, Vice Chief Communications/NetServices, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), announced that he is seeking a third Judge for the 2003 STARFLEET Web Awards.

**2003.06.13** : Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced that the School of Law will be closing temporarily and will reopen 1 September 2003. Assistance is also being sought for this school,

**2003.06.11** : Lt. Gloria Hanson, VAS Director, (GloNCristo@aol.com) announced that VAS will be moving its operation to Vermont as of Friday, June 13.

**2003.06.04** : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that issue 72 of the Communiqué is now available from the online CQ Archives at <http://cq.ussatlas.org/>.



# MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber

Even in the lazy days of summer STARFLEET chapters are busy. Barbecues, camping trips, amusement parks are but a few of the activities our chapters enjoyed during the early summer months. The other one was attending summits all Fleet.

Summary notes: As a reminder, if you're filing your Monthly Status Report (MSR) through the database you no longer have to send a copy to me as well. The database automatically sends your MSR to the activities address. Hard copy should be sent to:

**Dixie Halber**  
**8606 King George Rd.**  
**Evansville, IN 47725**

## Region 1

### **USS Aeon, NCC - 75022** **Memphis, TN**

The ship sponsored its annual picnic.

### **USS Alaric, NCC - 503** **Asheville, NC**

Recycling efforts continue.

### **Shuttle Altrusia, NCC - 75021** **Bristol, TN**

Work on the shuttle's newsletter, website and bylaws continue. An away team attended the Region 1 Summit. Crewmembers helped clean a local highway.

### **USS Appomattox , NCC - 75001** **Appomattox, VA**

OCP efforts continue. The ship sponsored a raffle for charity. Planning for the ship's anniversary party are underway.

### **USS Aries, NCC - 71806** **Johnson City, TN**

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout and continue to work on the ship's fan film.

### **USS Arizona, NCC - 71839** **Alliance, OH**

Crewmembers raising money for Adopt-a-Family. An away team enjoyed a Memorial Day cookout.

### **USS Asgard, NCC - 72402** **Lancaster, OH**

An away team attended the anniversary dinner of a local science fiction club. Crewmembers traveled to a nearby convention. An away team participated in a war reenactment.

### **USS Athena, NCC - 51896** **Reston, VA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout/ eat-in when the scheduled bike

ride on Memorial day was rained out. Ship sponsored a Stargate party.

### **Shuttle Banshee, NCC - 74916** **Maryville, TN**

An away team enjoyed a picnic and scouting adventure in the Smokey Mountains. Crewmembers attended the Region 1 Summit. The crew is looking for a new game for game nights.

### **Bennu Station, SFR - 119** **Gatlinburg, TN**

An away team attended some nearby highland games. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended a local baseball game.

### **USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A** **Greensboro, NC**

Crewmembers enjoyed Highland games.

### **USS Carolina, NCC - 74222** **Greenville, SC**

The ship celebrated the 18th birthday of one of their members. An away team attended a movie night. The ship sponsored a flea market.

### **USS Charleston, NCC - 71813** **Charleston, SC**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers participated in a hurricane awareness program.

### **USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887** **Richmond, VA**

Plan underway to participate in a Labor Day parade.

### **USS Columbia, NCC - 75017** **Wooster, OH**

An away team traveled to Columbus for a weekend away of fun and shopping.

### **USS Columbus, NCC - 72401** **Columbus, OH**

The ship made a food donation to a local food bank. An away team enjoyed a movie night and attended the anniversary of a local sci-fi club. Crewmembers participated in a golf fundraiser for Boy Scouts.

### **Shuttle Commonwealth** **Richmond, KY**

An away team attended a movie event. Crewmembers are gathering clothes and other household items for a family who lost their home to a fire.

### **USS Dark Wolf, NCC - 75002** **Blountville, TN**

An away team attended a tribute for

June Carter. The cadets enjoyed a day at Tweetsie Railroad.

### **USS Dominator, NCC - 18076** **N. Charleston, SC**

Work continues for the Fall Conference. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

### **USS Francis Marion, NCC - 2006** **Greenville, SC**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie events.

### **USS Gallifry, NCC - 81631** **Elryia, OH**

Crewmembers enjoyed SciFi movie nights, Enterprise nights and gaming sessions. Away teams participated in a hike and visited Six Flags.

### **USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793** **Madison Heights, VA**

Crewmembers enjoyed swimming and a cookout at a members lake. Fundraising plans for the rest of the year are underway.

### **USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D** **Charlotte, NC**

Crewmembers working on the Vessel Readiness program. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night albeit in a last minute location. An away team volunteered at a local convention.

### **Shuttle Indiana, NCC - 79158** **Indianapolis, IN**

Work on the handbook continues. Preparations for an upcoming convention continue.

### **USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750** **Kingsport, TN**

The ship celebrated the first sale of a story by one of their crew. The ship's website was updated. The ship celebrated its selection as Region 5's chapter of the year.

### **USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D** **Hampton, VA**

An away team volunteered at the Virginia Air and Space Center. The ship sponsored a blood drive. Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual picnic.

### **USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500** **Hamersville, OH**

Ship participated in the annual amateur radio field day event.

### **Shuttle Kingfisher** **Hickory, NC**

An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a laser tag event. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

### **USS Kitty Hawk, NCC - 1659** **Raleigh, NC**

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout after the regular meeting. An away team manned the phones at a telethon.

### **USS Lagrange, NCC - 3916-B** **Cuyahoga Falls, OH**

The ship had a very successful appearance in a Memorial day parade.

### **USS Liberator, NCC - 75008** **Akron, OH**

Crewmembers volunteered at a local pet store. Collection efforts continue.

### **USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218** **Hertford, NC**

An away team attended an annual Casino night presented by the Jamestown and the Maat. The ship celebrated its first anniversary.

### **USS Nebula, NX - 61800** **North Royalton, OH**

Recruitment efforts continue.

### **Space Station Nikola Tesla** **Puryear, TN**

Recruitment efforts continue. Plans to attend Shore Leave underway.

### **USS Normandy, NCC - 36000** **Correspondence**

An away team attended the Reprisal's annual Mountain Rally.

### **USS Ohio, NCC - 75007** **Barberton, OH**

An away team visited Six Flags with another area ship. Crewmembers attended Field day with the Jurassic.

### **USS Pathfinder, NCC - 2121** **Lima, OH**

Work for Setiathome continues. The ship has completed its name change from the Tempest.

### **USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A** **Chesapeake, VA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the monthly meeting.

### **USS Providence, NCC - 71796** **Jackson, TN**

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual picnic and cook out.

### **USS Questar, NCC - 75435** **Louisville, KY**

An away team toured the local science museum. Crew members enjoyed a poker night fundraiser. Food items were donated to a local church. Collection efforts for Overseas Coupon Project continue.

### **USS Renegade, NCC - 2547** **Youngstown, OH**

Crewmembers enjoyed the

monthly meeting which featured a tape of the Summit.

### **USS Reprisal, NCC - 1896** **Kingsport, TN**

Crewmembers participated in a blood drive. Away teams viewed the Leonid meteor showers and later the lunar eclipse. An away team also attended the Reprisal's Mountain Rally.

### **USS Ronald McNair** **Columbia, SC**

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. Collection efforts for OCP and pop-tops continue.

### **USS Rutledge, NX - 72415** **Ladsen, SC**

Crewmembers continue to contribute to the ship's fiction.

### **USS Star League, NCC - 2101** **N. Augusta, SC**

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 12th anniversary and the Captain's birthday.

### **USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122** **Fayetteville, NC**

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary. An away team visited a local science museum.

### **USS Tycho, NCC - 59325** **Toledo, OH**

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual awards banquet and anniversary party.

### **USS Tristar, NCC - 71829** **Knoxville, TN**

Crewmembers enjoyed the Region 1 Summit.

### **USS Wasp, NCC - 1721** **Bristol, VA**

Recruitment plans underway. The ship's website was redesigned.

### **USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008** **Charlestown, WV**

An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and cookout.

### **USS White Eagle, NCC-2302** **Jacksonville, NC**

Crewmembers participated in the adopt-a-highway project. Collection efforts for soup labels continue.

### **USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A** **York, SC**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event after the regular meeting.

## Region 2

### **USS Blackstar, NCC - 75003** **Miami, FL**

Crewmembers enjoyed role-playing

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events. The ship celebrated its 6th anniversary with a party. Plans are underway for future activities.

## **USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL**

Crewmembers celebrated the birthday of one of their own with a dinner.

## **Shuttle Dark Phoenix Pascagoula, MS**

The CO went on walkabout to visit other regional chapters.

## **USS Dark Silence Station Florence, AL**

Plans for summer events are underway.

## **USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA**

Plans for a fourth of July party are underway.

## **USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. An away team participated in the Relay for Life. The ship sponsored a cookout.

## **USS Dräkenfire, NCC - 71822 Odenville, AL**

Crewmembers enjoyed shopping outings.

## **USS Gasparilla, NCC - 74400 Tampa, FL**

Recruitment efforts underway. Krewe members celebrated the ship's first anniversary.

## **USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL**

Crewmembers watched Stargate episodes at the regular club meeting.

## **USS Haise , NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS**

Crewmembers enjoyed Space Day at a local planetarium. Crewmembers, as well as members from other area ships appeared in a commercial for the local UPN station.

## **USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL**

Several meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather. An away team visited a local children's hospital and passed out toys and coloring books.

## **USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299 Mobile, AL**

Crewmembers attended the monthly meeting that was held at a local restaurant.

## **Shuttle King George Claxton, GA**

Crewmembers enjoyed movie and video nights. Recruitment efforts continue.

## **USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000 Tallahassee, FL**

Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team cleaned the ship's adopted portion of a fitness trail.

## **USS Liberty, NCC - 75012 Panama City, FL**

The chapter is helping support groups for families with members deployed overseas.

## **Shuttle Myrddin, NCC - 74400/01 Clearwater, FL**

Crewmembers celebrated the wedding of the captain.

## **Shuttle New Hope, NCC - 50335 Montgomery, AL**

An away team visited a local children's hospital to pass out toys and games. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming and craft nights.

## **USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A Hattiesburg, FL**

Summer plans underway.

## **USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695 Collins, MS**

Crewmembers attended the regular monthly meeting.

## **USS Parallax, NCC - 74657 Middleburg, FL**

Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an e-mail based RPG.

## **USS Relentless, NCC - 81001 Madison, FL**

Away teams volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and also cleaned local parks. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and a bowling event.

## **USS Republic NCC - 1371 Atlanta, GA**

An away team traveled to a nearby Renaissance Faire. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team volunteered at a local science fiction convention.

## **Shuttle Rising Moon, NCC - 6018 Pelham, AL**

Work to become a ship continuing.

## **USS Rogue Phoenix Savannah, GA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party. Ship sponsored a car wash. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

## **USS Shadow Hawk Opilika, AL**

Crewmembers discussed

fundraising at the regular meeting.

## **USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097 Decatur, AL**

Contributions to local animal shelter continue. An away team volunteered at a local festival. Crewmembers attended a Harry Potter book release party.

## **USS Trident, NCC - 74692 Stuart, FL**

Plans for summer activities are underway.

## **USS Triumph, NCC - 26228 Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Collection efforts for OCP and of pop tops continue.

## **USS Werner Von Braun Huntsville, AL**

An away team enjoyed an IMAX movie.

## **USS Yamato, NCC - 71087 Pinson, AL**

Summer plans are underway.

### **Region 3**

## **USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622 Georgetown, TX**

Crewmembers attended the Region 3 Zoo trip in Fort Worth. An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. The marine unit held their Battletech tournament

## **USS Aurora Vulcanus Houston, TX**

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team traveled to the Region 3 Summit.

## **USS Bethel, NCC - 74663 Grapevine, TX**

An away team attended the summit. The ship was proud to see their shuttle launch there.

## **USS Bexar, NCC - 71718 San Antonio, TX**

Crewmembers welcomed new members. Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. An away team traveled to the summit. Stuffed animal collection for a local EMS program continues.

## **USS Firebird, NCC - 74662/1 Houston, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed the regional summit.

## **SS Freedom Station III Euless, TX**

An away team traveled to the regional summit. The ship introduced its new logo and chapter flag there as well.

## **USS Intangible, NCC - 65421 Bryan, TX**

Crewmembers had an awesome time at the summit.

## **USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289 Corpus Christi, TX**

Crewmembers volunteered at a PBS telethon. The ship sponsored its annual birthday bash with a pool party, complete with barbecue, cake and super-soakers. An away team attended the Region 3 summit.

## **USS Laredo, NCC - 1375 Laredo, TX**

An away team attended the summit.

## **USS Lone Star, NCC - 73628 Lubbock, TX**

Crewmembers prepared and served dinner at the local Ronald McDonald house. An away team enjoyed a dart night. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended summit.

## **USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914 Amarillo, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed a Stargate party at the regular meeting..

## **USS Panther City, NCC - 74917 Fort Worth, TX**

An away team traveled to the regional summit. Crewmembers are enjoying a month's vacation.

## **USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892 Austin, TX**

Crewmembers collected tomato products and delivered them to a local food pantry. Crewmembers enjoyed an outing to a water park.

## **USS Tejas, NCC - 9756 Vernon, TX**

Collection efforts for OCP, Mile of Pennies, and various humane societies continue.

## **USS Texas, NCC - 74207 Killeen, TX**

Recruitment efforts continue.

## **USS Victory, NCC - 74208 San Antonio, TX**

An away team attended the regional summit.

### **Region 4**

## **USS Angeles, NCC - 71840 Los Angeles, CA**

Crewmembers enjoyed an outing to a Japanese garden. An away team traveled to nearby Sea World. Another away team toured Griffith Observatory.

## **USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025 Phoenix, AZ**

Collection efforts for OCP continue.

## **USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011 San Francisco, CA**

Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention.

## **Shuttle Battleborn, NCC - 23401 Carson City, NV**

Shuttle made a large donation to the local March of Dimes. Crewmembers walked, collected money and sponsored a table to raise the funds.

## **Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003 Redding, CA**

End of summer plans are underway. Crew is planning the ship's 10th anniversary celebration.

## **USS Dragon's Club Shafter, CA**

Away teams enjoyed theatre trips and a trip to Washington state.

## **USS Eagle, NCC - 1719 Fremont, CA**

An away team traveled to a nearby convention and met up with several other area ships. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

## **USS Highroller, NCC - 23104 Reno, NV**

An away team enjoyed a movie night. Summer plans are underway.

## **USS Oberon, NCC - 71820 Citrus Heights, CA**

An away team attended a nearby convention. Collection efforts underway for Christmas donations. Crewmembers planning the ship's 10th anniversary celebration.

## **USS Onizuka, NCC - 71815 Chico, CA**

The ship hosted the Region 4 command summit and provided a webcast for those who could not attend.

## **USS Palavara, NCC - 2021 Chula Vista, CA**

Crewmembers are updating the ship's handbook and constitution.

## **USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300 Visalia, CA**

Plans underway for next years 10th anniversary.

## **USS Pegasus, NX - 9755 Las Vegas, NV**

Pop top collection efforts continue. An away team volunteered at a school carnival.

## **USS S L Heya, NCC - 1604 Fresno, CA**

Crewmembers celebrated the birthday of the XO. An away team attended the Region 4 Command

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summit. Crewmembers collected clothing and shoes for a local shelter.

## **USS Tikopai, NCC - 1800 San Jose, CA**

An away team attended a nearby convention. The crew celebrated the ship's 15th anniversary.

## **Camp Wendell Fertig, SFR 401 Fresno, CA**

An away team traveled to the Peacekeeper's 9th anniversary.

### **Region 5**

## **USS Bright Star, NCC - 71875 Redmond, WA**

An away team attended summits in Regions 1 and 2 and traveled to R13 for a visit.

## **USS CM Russell, NCC - 75285 Great Falls, MT**

An away team traveled to Missoula. Preparations underway for a 4th of July parade.

## **USS Carson, NCC - 0592-A Weiser, ID**

An away team enjoyed a Trek cruise from Hawaii. OCP collection efforts continue.

## **USS Destiny, NCC - 97301 Salem, OR**

An away team enjoyed a movie event. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 9th anniversary.

## **Greywolf Station, SFR - 501 Boise, ID**

The ship helped to host the Peldar festival. There was lots of food, lots of folks and lots of fun.

## **USS Kensington, NCC - 75016 Meridian, ID**

Ship sponsored the Peldar Festival. There were music, food crafts and fun had by all.

## **USS Pendragon, NCC - 2005 Kirkland, WA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue.

## **USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816 Richland, WA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. An away team traveled to the Peldar festival. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

### **Region 6**

## **Shuttle Cimarron Waukesha, WI**

An away team enjoyed a barbecue. Plans underway for a summer picnic. The ship has designated a new charity. Crewmembers

enjoyed a restaurant event. An away team toured a local farm.

## **USS Czar'ak, NCC - 1798-A Minneapolis, MN**

The ship hosted a mixer at the Region 6 Summit. An away team attended and won the regional mini-golf tournament.

## **USS Fox River, NCC - 81002 Appleton, WI**

An away team attended the Region 6 Summit.

## **USS Imperium, NCC - 2125 Fargo, ND**

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic with other area fan clubs. An away team attended the Region 6 Summit.

## **USS Saint George, NCC-63541 Monticello, MN**

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers are also collecting labels and boxtops for various educational charities. An away team attended the R6 Summit.

## **USS Thunderchild, NCC - 3122 Rapid City, SD**

Crewmembers participated in a highway pickup event.

### **Region 7**

## **USS Accord, NCC - 1842 Ithaca, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meal and mission. An away team traveled to Region 15 to attend their summit.

## **USS Adamant, NCC - 3029 Valley Forge, PA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie event. An away team attended a movie night with another area chapter. An away team traveled to Region 1 for a modeler's convention.

## **USS Albany, NCC - 587 Scotia, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf outing. Afterwards the crew enjoyed gaming and stamping. The ship sponsored a yard sale to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

## **USS Alpha Centauri Washington, DC**

Crewmembers tried in vein to have a miniature golf outing but the rainy weather prevented it.

## **USS Ari, NCC - 1723 Buffalo, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed away missions to several movies. An away team also attended a lecture

by Leonard Nimoy. Crewmembers attended a local convention.

## **USS Archer, NCC - 1069 Mantua, NJ**

An away team attended a book release for the new Harry Potter novel.

## **USS Ascension, NCC - 2520 Lehigh Valley, PA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie night. An away team attended a modeler's convention in Region 1.

## **USS Asimov, NCC - 1647 Yardley, PA**

Crewmembers working very hard on ship fiction. An away team attended the Avenger picnic.

## **USS Avenger, NCC - 1860 North Brunswick, NJ**

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and caught up on Fleet news. The ship sponsored a picnic. Plans underway for future events.

## **USS Challenger, NCC - 1767-D Dover Township, NJ**

Crewmembers enjoyed a Buffy finale party. An away team enjoyed several movie nights. Another away team attended a nearby Renaissance faire.

## **Shuttle DeBraak, NCC - 77930/1 Frederica, DE**

Crew making plans to attend Shore Leave.

## **USS Edinburgh, NCC - 77930 Gaithersburg, MD**

An away team traveled to Region 13 to visit with several ships in the area. Crewmembers attended the Avenger's anniversary.

## **USS Flying Fox, NCC - 3116 Philadelphia, PA**

Rain hampered many scheduled activities. Despite this the ship still managed a barbecue. An away team participated in the Relay for Life.

## **USS Hera, NCC - 70655 Northfield, NJ**

Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to the USS New Jersey Battleship Museum.

## **USS Highlander, NCC - 10530 Frederick, MD**

Collection efforts for a local food bank continue. The ship sponsored the second its second annual laser tag event. The event was extremely successful.

## **USS Justice, NCC - 556 Florham Park, NJ**

Work continues on the ship's video project. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming and dinner nights.

## **USS Lexington, NCC - 1703 - C West Point, NY**

An away team attended a nearby Renaissance Faire. Crewmembers enjoyed a minigolf outing. An away team attended the Avenger's anniversary party.

## **USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214 Ocean City, MD**

Recruitment efforts continue.

## **USS Malverne, NCC - 2205 Upper Darby, PA**

An away team attended the Region 1 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

## **USS Matrix, NCC - 72296 Correspondence**

Crewmembers started on a new role playing game. Work on Matrix fiction continues.

## **USS Niagra, NCC - 75634 Buffalo, NY**

Crewmembers working on the vessel readiness certificate.

## **USS Northstar, NCC - 10462 New York, NY**

Crewmembers participated in several pride week events.

## **USS Osiris, NCC - 3092 Bronx, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie events. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 6th anniversary with a dinner.

## **USS Prevailing Wind Harrisburg, PA**

Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meeting with informative reports from the command staff.

## **USS Richthofen, NCC - 73286 Correspondence**

Crewmembers gearing up for Shore Leave and the annual chocolate party.

## **USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000 Philadelphia, PA**

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 13th anniversary.

## **USS Starlord, NCC - 74225 Ramsey, NJ**

Crewmembers enjoyed several gaming nights. A cadet outing toured a traveling Thomas the Tank Engine. An away team attended a Celtic Faire.

## **USS Thagard, NCC - 652 Philadelphia, PA**

Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual picnic. Crewmembers also

enjoyed a movie outing.

## **USS Titanium, NCC - 72385 Horsham, PA**

Crewmembers prepared care packages for military members deployed overseas.

## **USS Triton, NCC - 71819 Glen Burnie, MD**

The ship sponsored a raffle to earn money for a local children's hospital. Crewmembers enjoyed a game and Trek night.

## **Shuttle Vanguard, NCC - 72296 Dallas, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed several game events.

### **Region 9**

## **USS Europe, NCC - 74668 Lisboa, Portugal**

Recruitment efforts continue. Work on the STARFLEET Academy's European campus continues.

### **Region 10**

## **USS Astra, NCC 04 Calgary, AB**

Plans underway for an upcoming convention.

## **USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160 Anchorage, AK**

Crewmembers looking forward to a summer picnic.

## **USS Majestic, NCC - 78601 Victoria, BC**

Crewmembers enjoyed video nights.

## **USS Sol, NCC - 1733 Fairbanks, AK**

Crewmembers working on a float for an upcoming parade.

### **Region 11**

## **USS Southern Cross Sydney, NSW Australia**

Promotion work for the STARFLEET Academy's Australian Campus continues. Food pantry contributions continue.

### **Region 12**

## **USS Adjudicator, NCC - 73707 Kansas City, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed movie and game nights.

## **USS Antonio Maria Valsalva Wildwood, MO**

Fundraising efforts for STARFLEET scholarships continue. Collection efforts for OCP and pop-tops continue. An away team attended a local health fair. Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights.

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The ship supported the annual Race for the Cure.

## **USS Atlas, NCC - 75013 Bridgeton, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed restaurant and movie nights. An away team attended the regional summit. Another away team attended a local Renaissance faire.

## **USS Black Hawk, NCC - 75004 Rockford, IL**

Crewmembers enjoyed the Regional Summit and took away the awards for Ship of the Year.

## **USS BortaS, NCC - 74211 Urbana, IL**

An away team attended the regional summit.

## **USS Celt, NCC - 75018 Fayetteville, AR**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie premier. An away team attended the regional summit.

## **Shuttle Claymore Midwest City, OK**

Shuttle celebrated its launch at the regional summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a Memorial Day cookout.

## **USS Discovery, NCC - 1308 St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers attended the local renaissance faire. Members attended a Harry Potter event.

## **Shuttle Firestorm Wichita, KS**

Shuttle was launched at the Region 12 summit. Crewmembers enjoy regular IRC chats.

## **USS Flying Fortress Tulsa, OK**

Recycling efforts continue. Preparations underway for a local convention.

## **USS Hellfire & Brimstone Emporia, KS**

The ship sponsored the second annual Kansas Sector picnic. An away team enjoyed a barbecue and fireworks display.

## **USS Hexum, NCC - 2199 Belleville, IL**

An away team participated in the Race for the Cure. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the regular meeting.

## **USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. An away team attended a local Renaissance faire.

## **USS Jeannette Maddox Wichita, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed game nights. Collection efforts for the local humane society continue.

## **USS Morning Star, NCC - 4126 Lawton, OK**

Crewmembers enjoyed a brown-bag movie event. The ship collected card for St. Jude's Ranch. An away team attended the Region 12 Summit. Collection efforts for OCP and Ronald McDonald house continue.

## **USS Nomad, NCC - 78500 Leavenworth, KS**

Plans underway for the IC.

## **USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155 Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed the Saturday social which including watching episodes of the original series. An way team attended the Missouri Sector barbecue and had a wonderful time.

## **Shuttle Proxima, NCC - 73707/1 St. Joseph, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed an online meeting.

## **USS Ronin, NCC - 63542 Oklahoma City, OK**

Many crewmembers attended the regional summit and celebrated the ship's commissioning.

## **USS Shawnee, NCC - 7802 Paola, KS**

The ships sponsored a bake sale. An away team attended the regional summit.

## **USS Sunflower, NCC - 74679 Augusta, KS**

Collection efforts for OCP continue. A away team participated in the Relay for Life.

## **USS Thunderbird, NCC - 71845 Oklahoma City, OK**

Away team enjoyed trips to the local zoo and a nearby convention.

## **USS Titanic, NCC - 75015 Lawton, OK**

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

## **Shuttle Titan, NCC - 72303 Kansas City, KS**

The ship sponsored a car wash. Crewmembers enjoyed a campout.

## **USS Umiak, NCC - 3142 St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers preparing for the upcoming Renaissance Festival.

## **USS William Wallace Joplin, MO**

A small away team traveled to a nearby convention.

## **USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006 Harrison, AR**

An away team attended the regional summit.

### **Region 13**

## **USS Banting, NCC 17220 Guelph, ON**

Crewmembers enjoyed a video auction and penny rolling day. An away team toured a local arboretum.

## **USS Empress , NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, MI**

An away team attended a Klingon Picnic. Plans underway for the ship's 10th anniversary celebration. Two crewmembers were wed.

## **USS Hadfield, NCC - 75020 Georgetown, ON Canada**

An away team took a field trip to a local castle and war museum. The ship played host to several STARFLEET personnel who traveled to Region 13 even though the Summit was cancelled. Ship sponsored a rocket and astronomy day.

## **USS Valkyrie , NCC-74658 Dearborn, MI**

Crewmembers enjoyed a Fire of Praxis celebration with a local Klingon group.

## **USS Whitestar, NCC - 71012 Port Huron, MI**

Crewmembers assisted a local bookstore at a Harry Potter release party.

### **Region 14**

## **USS Magellan, NCC - 72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec**

Long distance crewmembers participating in a variety of activities including science competitions and martial arts activities. An away team traveled to Region 13 despite the fact that the summit was cancelled.

### **Region 15**

## **USS Anubis, NCC - 586 Boston, MA**

Crewmembers enjoyed an outing to a restored early American village. An away team attended a nearby convention

## **USS Ares, NCC - 26291 Boston, MA**

Crewmembers attended a movie preview. A large contingent of crewmembers attended the Region 15 Summit and had a fabulous

time. Members were honored to take home several awards. Collection efforts for Overseas Coupon Project continue.

## **USS Atlantis, NCC - 71803 Brockton, MA**

An away team attended the regional summit. An away team attended the Region 15 rocketry event and had a wonderful time at the event.

## **USS Avalon, NCC - 74914 Standish, ME**

Crewmembers enjoyed gaming, movies and a barbecue. The ship is running a local food pantry and receiving donations from several organizations in the area.

## **USS Darwin, NCC - 1116 Brockton, MA**

An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner with the regular monthly meeting.

## **USS Endeavor, NCC - 1716 Baltic, CT**

A large away team attended the regional summit. The ship hosted the first annual Region 15 Rocketry and Astronomy day. It was a huge success and plans are already underway for next year's event.

## **USS Galaxy, NCC - 70637 Springfield, MA**

An away team attended a nearby convention. Plans for end of summer activities are underway.

## **USS Hood, NCC - 1707 Nashua, NH**

Crewmembers planning for summer activities.

## **Space Station Ian Fleming Newburyport, MA**

Crewmembers enjoyed getting together at the Region 15 Summit. An away team attended the Region 15 rocketry event.

## **USS Nelson, NCC - 74804 Northampton, MA**

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning with a part and cake.

## **USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372 Sanford, ME**

Crewmembers enjoyed a star party at a local observatory. An away team attended the Region 15 Rocketry event.

## **USS Omar Khayyam Watertown, MA**

Crewmembers are working on a new ship design.

### **Region 17**

## **USS Alioth, NCC - 72383 Orem/Provo, UT**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and dinner meeting. An away team enjoyed a trip to a local Natural History and Dinosaur museum.

## **USS Arc Royal, NCC - 63546 Colorado Springs, CO**

Plans for the next regional summit are underway. Recruitment efforts continue. Crew is looking forward to a 4th of July party.

## **Shuttle Hapsburg El Paso, TX**

Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for commissioning are well underway. The ship's Marines had a function.

## **USS Mir, NCC - 73281 Las Cruces, NM**

An away team participated in the Relay for Life. Crewmembers cleaned a local highway and enjoyed a cookout.

## **USS Omega Glory, NCC - 26197 Denver, CO**

Crewmembers enjoyed several outings to local caves and parks. An Omega Glory away team had a movie outing.

## **USS Orion, NCC - 74915 Colorado Springs, CO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a meetings and a barbecue. Chapter awards and promotions were presented to the members.

## **USS Pioneer, NCC - 5280-D Westminster, CO**

Collection efforts for Overseas Coupon Project continue. An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers enjoyed movie and game nights. Plans underway for future community service projects as well as a trip to Roswell, New Mexico.

## **USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213 Englewood, CO**

Plans are underway for members to attend the Roswell Festival in New Mexico with other regional ships.

## **USS Wind Spirit, NCC - 14110 Colorado Springs, CO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a camping trip and a picnic.

### **Region 20**

## **USS Britannia, NCC - 5311 Stevanage, UK**

Crew members have completed the ship's handbook. Plans for a commissioning party are underway. Crew is investigating starting a Marine unit.



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## 01 • FOLKS WANTED

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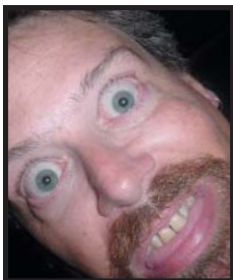
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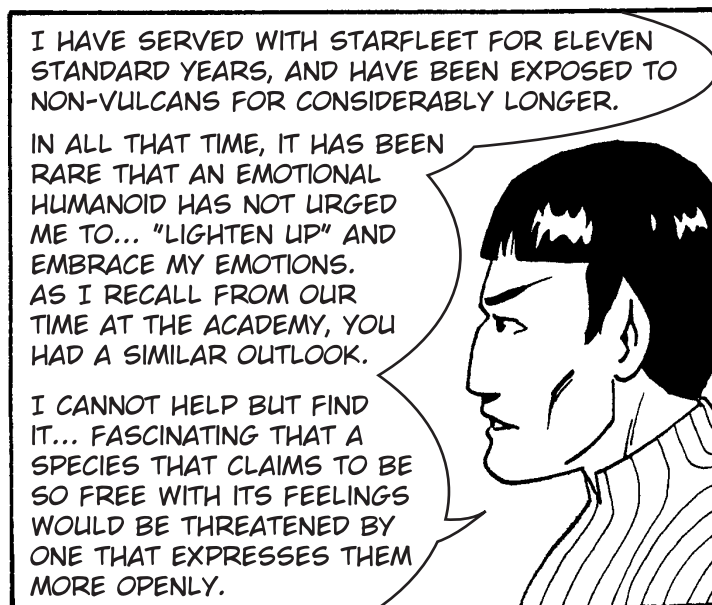
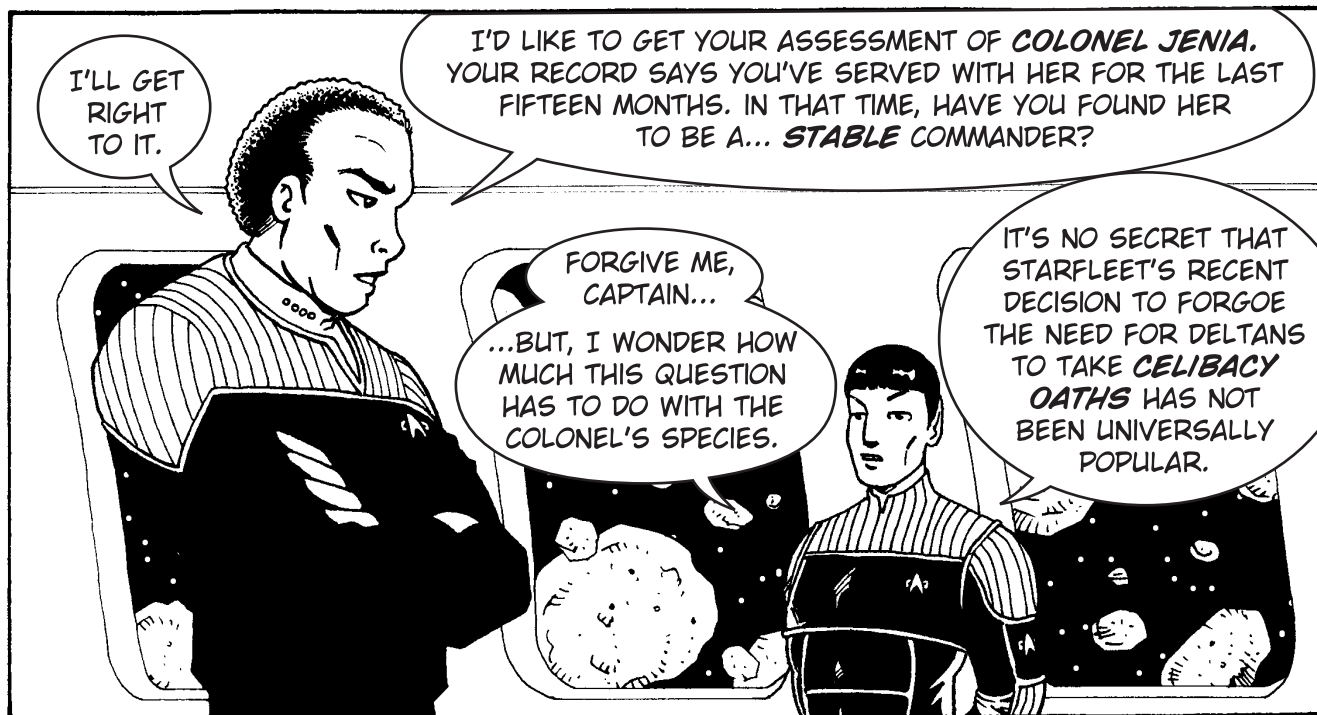
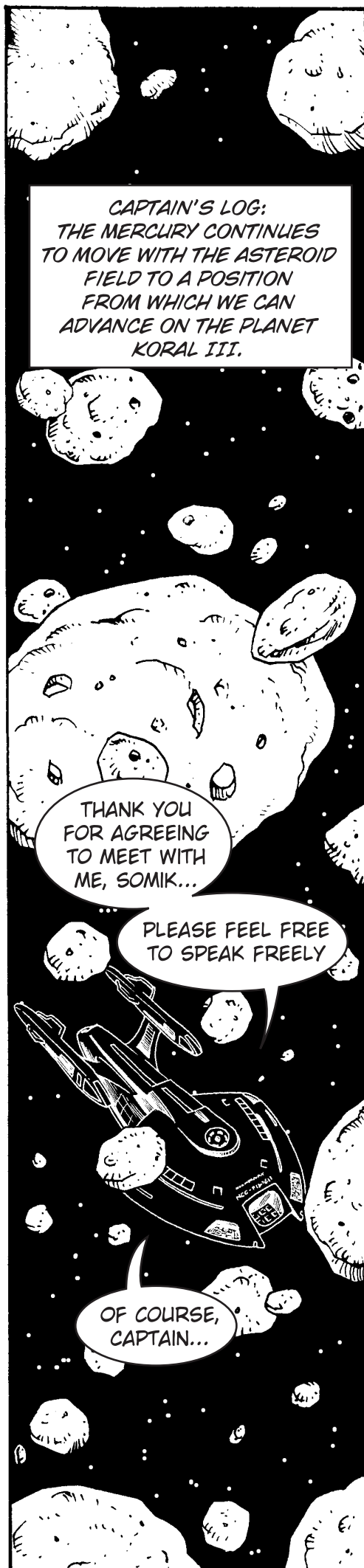
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*Cadet Jimmy Wilson from the U.S.S. Intangible*



*Region Three Executive Committee (left to right): Raymond Ford, Dave Walker, Joyce Fink, Michelle Fanelli, Sam Black, Brad Pense and Robyn Winans*



*Region 3 Regional Coordinator Brad Pense*



*USS Ark Angel's Color Guard (L to R): Back Row - Matt Hill, Cami Royer, Robert Houser, Randi Spears. Front Row: Constance Pawlick (of the U.S.S. Bexar) and Jeff Webb*



*Klingon's Scott Fredericksen (XO, U.S.S. Intangible) and Jim Wilson (CO, U.S.S. Intangible)*

# TRIALS AND TRIBBLES AT THE REGION 3 SUMMIT

**Words and pictures courtesy of Commo. Joyce Fink • Region 3 Chief of Comm**

Region Tribble . . . correction . . . Region Three held its Eighth Annual Summit June 20-22 at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in College Station, TX. The crew of the U.S.S. Intangible hosted the weekend event. The Federation and the Empire were strong this year as they celebrated a union tested only by the purring of a simple life form, the Tribble. Tribulations and Trials were abundant at this year's Summit. You were able to try your luck at the casino, bid on an item in the auction, challenge others in Trek trivia or challenge a Klingon in an Arm Wrestling contest.

Approximately 150 attendees from across the Third Fleet, representing 18 of the 22 chapters in Region 3, and special guests began to arrive in "Aggieland" (College Station is home to Texas A&M University—and the Aggies) on Friday afternoon for registration and to greet old and new friends.

Saturday morning, June 21st, kicked off with the traditional opening ceremonies. A STARFLEET Marine Color Guard from the U.S.S. Ark Angel, wearing original series

uniforms, posted the flags. ADM Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator, was then joined by Chief of Staff RADM Sam Black and Regional Awards Coordinator FCAPT Billie Clifton to present more than 180 awards and 14 Flag level promotions to deserving members of the region. (See related article) The STARFLEET Marines of the Third Brigade also honored some of their members with awards during the ceremony, as well as presenting several awards during their separate early morning muster.

ADM Pense also introduced FADM Les Rickard, former Commander of STARFLEET, and his wife FCAPT Dee Rickard as two of the region's special guests for the weekend. The Rickards were promoting the 2003 IC in Greensboro, NC. Dee served as the travel coordinator for this year's IC.

Other highlights of opening ceremonies included the commissioning of the Shuttle Laredo off of the U.S.S. Bexar as the U.S.S. Laredo with

CO, CAPT Emilio Martinez and Second Officer Stephen Garza present, and the launching of the Shuttle Trinity River under the command of CO, FCAPT Robyn Winans and XO, FCAPT. Liz Weber off of the U.S.S. Bethel.

After the opening ceremonies concluded, attendees dispersed to find their particular panel or presentation of interest. This year there were two main highlights: Starship Exeter: The Savage Empire video and Project Laredo. Starship Exeter is a film by brothers Jimm and Joe Johnson of Austin, TX and it can be viewed at <http://www.starshipexeter.com>. The film is set in the universe of the original Star Trek series. During the Summit presentation, Jimm Johnson also discussed how some of the special effects were done, and he also brought along the captain's chair from their video. Project Laredo is the creation of a fully interactive bridge simulator devised by the crew of the U.S.S. Laredo.

Saturday afternoon concluded with a "house

bonding"/wedding reception for FCAPT John DuBose and CDR Norma Bess of the U.S.S. SpiritWolf, who had married a few days earlier. Their friends in the Third Fleet took the time to wish them well in their new life together. The Klingons from the U.S.S. Intangible staged the ceremony, while the decorations and food were courtesy of the U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus. On a funny note, there was a "mundane" wedding/dinner reception also in the hotel, and the Klingons got invited to those festivities as well, just imagine the wedding album pictures of that!

As with all Summits, one of the primary activities of the weekend is raising money for the Summit charity. "Arm Wrestle a Klingon," courtesy of the U.S.S. Intangible, joined the Casino/Auction night, Drink of Region 3 Competition (Dr. Pepper won again!), and the annual Gold Pressed Latinum Tournament events this year. The region raised funds for the Caitlyn and Ian McClellan Education Fund. Caitlyn and Ian are the children of Stephen D. McClellan, a member of STARFLEET and the U.S.S. Joshua back in the early 1990's.