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REGION 4 TOSSES A RINGER!



REGION 4 HAS A CONFERENCE...

...and promptly started tossing their shoes. Horseshoes, that is.

Top Row: Left: Charles Flowers of the USS Highroller demonstrates his pitching technique. **Center:** The clash of the titans! Charles Flowers and Charles Werner of the USS Peacekeeper get ready to rumble! **Right:** Charles Werner keeps his eyes on the prize. **Center Left:** Adam Bernay watches as Larry Barnes of the Shuttle Gallant gives it his best shot. **Center Right:** Region 5's Jolynn Brown goes for the gold as Jennifer Cole of the USS Angeles watches on.

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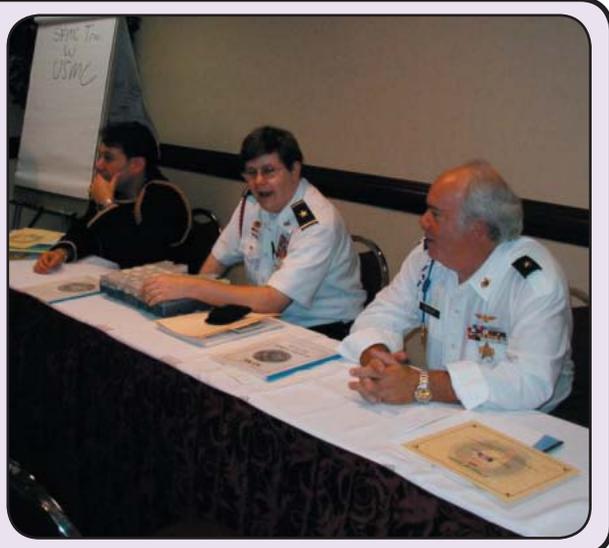
REGION 7 HAS ONE, TOO!

Meanwhile, back on the east coast of the United States, the fine art of Conferencing was practiced sans the pitching of equine footwear. Rain gear (thanks to hurricane Isabel) was much preferred.

Left: RC R7 Alex Rosenzweig and Michael Klufas pose with STARFLEET Academies' Blue Squadron Leader, Raven Avery.

Right: Jon Slavin, Martin Lessem and Larry Neigut during the SFMC panel at the R7 Conference.

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STARFLEET REMEMBERS
BEN KOKOCHAK AND ED DeRUGGERIO
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*Chrissy Killian and Larry Barnes congratulate one another for surviving one more Region 4 Conference. For more from the fun time in Region 4, turn to **Page 22**.*

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET!

I hope this article finds all of you well. We've reached the end of a very active summer in Fleet. Summit Season is almost over and folks are getting ready to enjoy the fall. This has also been one of the rare couple of months where I haven't traveled much of anywhere.

One place I did go was a benefit dance for Rick Giles, CO of the USS Delta Clipper, hosted by the shuttle Titan. As many of you are aware, Rick has been fighting both cancer and mounting medical bills. Southern Reign, the band I play bass in, donated the music and everyone had a very good time. Despite a low turnout from local chapters, we still managed to raise over \$150 for him. I'd like to thank all of those who showed up and helped Rick out, it was definitely appreciated!

But, while it's been slow travel-wise, it's been anything but slow at STARFLEET HQ.

As you know, putting in the last pieces of financial accountability has been a main focus this year. Over the last few years, we've come a very long way in reaching solid financial accountability and security. It began with getting the proper paperwork to the IRS. Following that was the installation of a treasurer who not only stuck around to do the job but also actually reported to the membership about the state of our finances. January of 2003 saw the treasurer elevated to an Executive Committee position as Fleet's Chief Financial Officer. This finally gave the membership a voice in not only who it was but also gave them a way to remove them if they weren't performing as they should. The last major piece of the puzzle is adjusting our fiscal year. We want to adjust our fiscal year from January 1 thru December 31 to July 1 thru June 30. This is being done for a couple of reasons. It allows a new administration the time to get everything together and gone through without an IRS deadline looming over their heads and it puts our fiscal year a little more in line with a beginning/end around IC. When this was announced at IC, discussed amongst the members, and brought up to Chuck Freas, our "legal counsel," it was pretty much universally accepted as a great idea. Changing this will complete the financial updates this organization has needed for years. But, in order to make this happen, we have to amend the constitution.

Also, when the amendment to Article 4, Section 12 was written some years back, the consensus of the Admiralty Board at the time was that the Inspector General,

STARFLEET should start the second year of their two year term the same year an incoming Commander, STARFLEET took office. At that time, the CS term was also two years, so this fit. With the CS now going to three-years, in 2007 the CS' and IG's

going forward we need to amend the first paragraph of the article.

Both of these changes to the constitution require your vote of approval. Coming soon, to a mailbox near you, will be a ballot

show up in the new Membership Handbook due out around the beginning of 2004.

In other news from the Executive Committee, September 15th saw Denby Potts officially take over the reins as our Chief Financial Officer. Tammy Willcox had announced her pending resignation at the STARFLEET International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Her decision to step down comes on the heels of a career opportunity involving a work promotion that will leave her unable to devote all the time and energy that the position of CFO requires. Denby and Tammy have worked closely together within the CFO department, and the three of us have worked out a transition plan that will ensure that all key financial processes run smoothly while we move responsibilities and records from Tammy to Denby. The transition has been in the works since July and is progressing smoothly. Tammy has also agreed to stay on as Senior Vice Chief Financial Officer. The commitment that both of these women show towards STARFLEET and its fiscal health is evident, and I, like so much of SFI, am grateful to them both.

In times past, not too long ago, in fact changing the treasurer was a very scary proposition, and things haven't always gone well when that happened. But Tammy has spent over two and a half years looking after STARFLEET's finances, ensuring that they are accounted for properly, and she has recognized that continuity is a major part of the success of any program. That's why she has been so adamant on retaining the best people to work in the CFO department and I think that's evident today. All STARFLEET members owe her a great debt of gratitude - I know I do - and I'm going to miss her on the EC. At this time, I'd like to officially welcome Commodore Denby Potts to the EC as Fleet's new CFO!

I've also reluctantly accepted the pending resignation of STARFLEET's Chief of Computer Operations Sandy Berenberg. He is stepping down for much the same reason Tammy did - a career opportunity that will take up a lot more of his time and the additional time needed to go back to school. As with the CFO position, Sandy will be succeeded by his Vice Chief. Effective November 1st, Mandi Livingston will become Fleet's newest Executive Committee member. Mandi brings with her a wealth of both EC and CompOps experience and will transition smoothly into the role. Sandy's loss on the EC will be felt for quite a while but, fortunately for us, he'll be staying on as a member of CompOps, working with the database.

That about does it for me this issue. October sees me heading to Region 13 and my first ever trip to Canada. This should be a load of fun and I'm looking forward to partying in the Banana Republic.

Until then, I'll see you all in 60!



All that surplus cash 'Fleet has? Wallpaper.

Photo courtesy of Wade Olson

terms of office will both end on the same day, which would put the IG in conflict with the Constitution. Now I know this is a long way off, but it will still happen and will happen again down the road. Due to this and to avoid constitutional conflicts

containing both of these amendments for your vote. If you have any questions on these at all, please contact me with your questions so I can make sure everyone understands the importance of both of these amendments. Approved changes will



OFF-CENTER VIEWPOINT

VICE ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

After visiting lots of other regions' events, it was a nice treat to attend the recent Region 7 Conference, a mere four-hour drive from home! Hurricane Isabel, which had chased my friends and me off the Outer Banks early in our planned week-long vacation, also had some impact on the attendance and schedule of the R7 Conference, but happily, we were able to proceed with most of the weekend's planned functions.

There was minor storm damage to the hotel, but the dozens of electric company technicians using the hotel as their "home base" while repairing downed power lines throughout the area were a reminder that we were among the lucky ones.

In fact, a number of STARFLEET members sustained damage to their homes or workplaces, ranging from power outages to structural damage, and I hope by the time you read this, everything will be back to normal for these folks.

Great Feedback

The Region 7 Conference also provided a great opportunity to hear from STARFLEET members what they thought about the Diplomatic Corps and the Office of Accessibility Resources, announced in this pages last issue. While I've gotten lots of inquiries via e-mail and on IRC, it was nice to chat in person with some members

who are interested in the positions we're seeking to fill, or who are looking forward to such resources becoming available.

Several of the folks expressing interest in serving with the Diplomatic Corps, either as its director or as an assistant, have been involved with other fandom groups in the past, or are now. Some have helped to plan joint events or projects, which is one of the key goals of the Corps. I can see we'll have a fantastic program once the Diplomatic Corps is back up and running!

As for the Office of Accessibility Resources, several members have chimed in here, as well, with offers of help, as well as great ideas of what such an office could do.

One person I wish was still around to help is Ben Kokochak. I never met Ben in person, but he certainly made an impression on me before he died this summer. Ben provided good advice and suggestions as I started putting together ideas for the Office of Accessibility Resources, and what amazes me, even now, is that his own disability was hardly relevant.

Ben went about his life letting his disability define him as little as possible — which is to say, hardly at all. In STARFLEET, he participated online, as many people do. I wish I had a chance to meet Ben — but I'm

glad he was around for a while.

Charities

International Charities Director Troy Pharis is working on updating contact info for STARFLEET's various charity programs. Keep an eye out for updated contact info as well as program details on STARFLEET's web site, as well as here in Communiqué. In the meantime, congratulations and best of luck to Troy and family; they've moved into a new house and, more important, have a newborn baby! We're looking forward to pictures, Troy!

See some of you soon...

As I write this, Watkins Glen Weekend is just a week away, the rescheduled Region 13 Summit a couple of weeks beyond that, and United Fan Con is in mid-November, in Springfield, Massachusetts. Of course, there will be lots of Halloween parties and holiday parties in the weeks after you receive this issue, and I'll look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of the upcoming events.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy holiday season and new year!

FROM THE FDP YOUTH

By Robin Van Cleave • Director, FDP Youth

I am excited to be the new Director of the FDP-Youth Program and hope to make this department a one-stop shop for all of your youth needs. A couple of new projects are already in the works. The first one, is the re-editing of the Activity Book. I have had great success with several activities on the USS Joan of Arc in Corpus Christi, TX and I am incorporating those into the activity booklet. I hope that between Joe Brouhard and myself, we should have that up on the FDP-Youth website in September. If you have had success with a particular activity on your ship, please send it to me and I will be sure to incorporate it into the book.

The second one is with communications: re-editing the website to make it even more communication friendly, our own sfi.org mailing list, and staffing the #fdp-youth channel on IRC to make answering your questions faster. Feel free to send me e-mail with any of your questions, concerns, or comments you may have. If you need to discuss an issue I am always willing to help any way I can.

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EC/AB 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. These months are often fairly quiet, as much of the Fleet's business is accomplished at the IC (covered last issue).

At the request of the R15RC, STARFLEET's staffing methods and systems were discussed jointly by the EC and AB. The concern was over how much communication there is between the EC and AB when an EC member is hiring a member of any given region, and how much their should be. In the end, it was agreed that communication is a two way street and that the EC and the AB should always make sure they consult with anybody who might have legitimate input in to the skill level of a potential staff member.

It was proposed by the CS, and discussed by the AB, that at least two portions of the Constitution need to be

changed to reflect new STARFLEET policies or practices. The first of the proposed changes is an alteration in the STARFLEET fiscal year; this change would give incoming CFOs six extra months to prepare the tax forms for the IRS - that time is of vital importance during transition years. The second proposal involved altering the IG's term of office to bring it in line with the new CS election schedule. These issues have moved through the AB and are being sent to the membership for consideration.

The EC and AB are also forming a joint committee to work on updating the membership handbook. This project is just beginning, but it is hoped it moves quickly and that the 2005 membership packets contain the new handbooks as approved by the AB. As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, you should talk to your RC. Contact info for each RC can be found in the back of this issue.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US...

By Captain Jimmy Whatley • STARFLEET Morale Officer

October 24 is now STARFLEET Memorial Day. That observance, approved unanimously by Fleet's Executive Committee and Admiralty Board, allows us to honor our deceased STARFLEET friends, Gene Roddenberry — the man who made the Star Trek world possible and who died on that day — as well as the many Trek actors and supporters of science fiction who are no longer with us.

We are still working on proposals for this event, one of which is a memorial web page. If you know of anyone who you would like added to the web page, please provide the following information:

- A photo of the person to be honored
- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Date of Death
- Home Region
- Home Chapter
- Brief (one paragraph) writeup about the person you wish to honor

You can send this information to myself or to Morale Office Webmaster Dallas Vinson. The idea for this observance came from Andrew Gossett, a member of the USS Yorktown. Robin Pillow and Danny Potts presented the proposal before the EC/AB. To all of them, I am grateful.

Now for some other suggestions to boost morale: I challenge all chapters to make a pledge to either the Muscular Dystrophy Association, their local children's hospital, or both. If you make such a donation, please let me know so that I can mention it here in my Communiqué column. I would like everyone to know that we care.

My contact address can be found in the staff section of this CQ. Dallas Vinson can be found at the same postal address. Our email addresses are: jwhatley@bellsouth.net and dallaswv@bellsouth.net



Well, it's been pretty quiet in the dockyard here. A new program has been launched, have some new looks to some Ops favorites, and we welcome a new ship to the STARFLEET Family.

Welcome To the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations want to welcome the latest additions to the fleet:

USS William O. Darby

Region 4

James Monroe, Commanding Officer

Chapter Care Program

The Chapter Care Program has now been launched. This program, announced at IC2003, is designed to make sure the chapters of SFI are being fully taken care of to the best of the ability of Operations. The dedicated staff of the CCP will do their best to make sure any questions or concerns are taken care of and followed up on if necessary. Over the next month to three months all COs will be getting either an e-mail or snail mail letter from the CCP inquiring as to if they require any assistance. I ask that all COs please respond to the letter, even if it's to say "all is well, no problem." This way not only do we know you're ok, but we know we have a good contact point for you.

Currently, the staff of the CCP is:

Kandyleigh Provencher – Director, CCP
justkandys@metrocast.net

Guy Champagne – Assistant, CCP
gchamp@lamere.net

Mark Craft – Assistant, CCP
pudgnutt@metrocast.net

Any Commanding Officer having questions about the program can direct it to the new director of the Chapter Care Program by sending an email to Kandyleigh Provencher, at justkandys@metrocast.net or ccp@sfi.org.

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 MSR's are due May 5th for instance) and late MSR's are considered between the 6th and 10th of that month (April MSR's are

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

MSR REPORTING

Please note the following reporting rates for August, 2003:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	51	54	94%
R2	25	29	86%
R3	19	19	100%
R4	17	18	94%
R5	9	11	82%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	27	31	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	5	60%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	20	28	71%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	206	230	90%

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.

A note on the DB: for those of you that submit via normal e-mail, you may notice another e-mail come to you that looks like

about this are welcome, but hopefully this will clear up some confusion.

Vessel Registry

The September issue of the VR debuts a new version of the VR, redesigned by our own extraordinary Chris Wallace. The new VR has a brand new look and features the return of the years of service designations (thanks to Dave Pipgras for the graphics).

Consider downloading it and showing it off as a promotional tool as well as an informational tool. Also, I've decided to discontinue production of the RTF version of the VR. The text version is much easier to get information from and the RTF was basically the pre-PDF for the old VR. As the new PDF VR is being done on another platform it seemed redundant to have the RTF of the old VR since the new VR outshines it so much.

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 it 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 this for this one. Till next time...

It is my pleasure to announce the creation of a new position in the Morale Office. I have been so busy with my real world life that it has taken me a while to get out this notice.

To help with the task of keeping information flowing to the members, we are establishing a position of Public Relations Specialist.

In this way, we hope to increase participation and keep everyone informed about what is happening. We

STARFLEET MORALE OFFICE HELP NEEDED

By Captain Jimmy Whatley • STARFLEET Morale Officer

would like to have this position filled within 60 days. The position is open to any current STARFLEET member in good standing. You will need to have Internet access to help maintain communications. Listed below are the duties required for this position:

1. Make sure Morale supported events are widely publicized.

2. Prepare and distribute a Morale Newsletter

3. Assist in the preparation and submission of an article for each issue of the CQ.

4. Notify the Web-Master of updates for the web pages.

5. Other duties as assigned by the director.

If you are interested in this position, please e-mail a cover letter of interest along with personal and Fleet résumés along with any other information to either jwhatle2@bellsouth.net or sfi_morale@bellsouth.net.

Please indicate "Morale PR" on the subject line of your e-mail. Thank you in advance for your interest and I hope to hear from some of you soon.



COMM AS YOU ARE...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Hi, everyone! This time I want to talk to you about ways to keep your Communiqué coming to you! Now, I know that the vast majority of you get your CQ on time and without incident. However, when you're mailing 2500 copies of anything, there will always be some that don't get where they need to go. So, here are some tips.

Let us know when you move. Sounds pretty basic, but I have a stack of return forms on my desk that proves this bears mentioning. If you don't tell us that you've moved, then we'll send your CQ to the old address. Remember, periodicals like the CQ aren't forwarded for a full year like first class mail is, so don't count on it getting forwarded until you renew, intending to update your address then.

When a CQ is undeliverable, it comes back to us, and we get to pay the Post Office 70 cents. If the Post Office knows the new address, they will tell us. If not, they will simply inform us that it is undeliverable. Either way, SFI is still out that 70 cents. Multiply that by the few dozen returns we get back each time, and you can see that this is a drain on your membership dollar.

I will also point out that all undeliverable mail sent to US addresses should come back to STARFLEET Communications. I can tell you from experience that it doesn't always come back. So, we don't always know when a CQ didn't get there. And for our members outside the US, take special note. If a foreign address is undeliverable, they throw it away, or the postman takes it home, or it goes into a time capsule where,

in a hundred years, they open the capsule and try to deliver it again. To be honest, I can't tell you where they go, only that they don't come back here.

This brings me to our second tip: Tell us if you are missing a Communiqué. Now, again, this seems basic, but I can't tell you how many times someone has emailed us saying "I haven't gotten a Communiqué in the past year and a half." Clearly, if we don't know there's a problem, we can't fix it.

So, make sure to talk to your crewmates to make sure everyone is getting a CQ. You might find someone with a chronic CQ delivery problem that has just never said anything about it! Waiting doesn't help anyone and it's not fair to the member who isn't getting the CQs, and notifying us promptly about it will ensure that we will have sufficient stock on hand to get you the back issues you deserve. Don't be afraid to contact us when only one CQ doesn't arrive. We've seen more than a few cases

where we weren't contacted until two, three or even four CQs in a row never made it. Remember, these are your CQs, you have paid for them! You are entitled to six of these each year, and we want to make sure that you get every last issue.

Double-check your address. Anytime you ask us to remail you a CQ, let us know what your address is, so we can check it against the database and make sure that there isn't a problem there. Something I usually tell people to do is to find some magazine that you have delivered, or, failing that, even junk mail! Look at the address on those pieces of mail, and let us know what it says. Sometimes it can differ somewhat from the address that people give out as their own address. Just because your membership packet made it to you the way it was addressed doesn't mean that the CQ will.

The reason is that the membership packet is sent First Class, while the CQs are sent as Periodicals, or Second Class. We have to be a lot more precise on the addresses, and conform to the USPS addressing standard. If it doesn't match, then it may not get delivered to you. Our mailing company has software that can turn most addresses into ones acceptable by the Post Office, but it doesn't work 100% of the time.

So, when should you report a CQ lost? We recommend about three weeks after they are mailed. We announce this on the STARFLEET Announcements list. Also, if someone in your immediate area has received their CQ and you haven't within a week, go ahead and contact us. You can write to me at the address listed in the back, or (better yet) e-mail us at lostcq@sfi.org. That sends your request to a special part of the STARFLEET HelpDesk for these issues, and you'll receive an autoreply and a tracking number in a matter of minutes.

As always, let us know if you hear of a member who isn't getting their CQs. That's a problem we sure love to solve.



"Please don't name me CQ Editor, please don't..."
Dixie Halber proves that no good deed goes unpun...er..unrewarded.

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

With thanks to Mike Smith in Region 7, the Memory Alpha archive now has webspace again!

However, much work is to be done. For starters, I need images! That's right, I need you to send me anything that would not have been included when we last updated the archive (around 2001 or so).

Images should be in .JPG or .GIF format, or something that Adobe Photoshop can modify to include into the archive as a .GIF or .JPG. Please send them to rc@region4.org, and tell me the following:

1. What is the image? (give a brief description of the image in question.)
2. What area does it need to be in? (Currently, we have following areas: Region, Marine, Webimagery, Starship Development Project Logos,

THE RETURN OF STARFLEET MEMORY ALPHA

By Vice Admiral Ed Nowlin • Vice-Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

STARFLEET Logos, EC Department Logo or Miscellaneous.)

If it is a Marine Image, please name it accordingly (Say it was the image for the 170th Marine Strike Group in the 1st Brigade, the image name should be 1stbde170msg.xxx) I sort those image according to Brigade, so that makes the process a whole lot easier for me, and making it easier for me means it will get in the archive a lot sooner, as I generally back-burner images that I have to work on and save them for another update.

Also, just to touch on some areas:

1. If your chapter has an image that is up in the archive, and you don't want it up there, let me know.

However, I would ask that you don't ask me to take an image off just simply because "It is an old image and we don't use it anymore!" This is a ARCHIVE folks.

I have images there that I guarantee will never, ever be used again (Unless someone is planning to hold the 1999 International Conference again or if STARFLEET somehow manages to celebrate 20 years as an organization again!) In a way, it could be considered a historical look into the logos of STARFLEET's past.

2. If you don't recall if a logo was on the archive, send it anyhow! Better to send it and it be there than hold onto it and it **not** be there!

3. Alluding to one, I don't care if the

graphic is of an old event, **I want it!** I'd love to have logos from this years International Conference, previous years International Conferences, etc.

4. One big issue we had was with other organizations (Mainly Role-Playing Sims) that were taking chapter/regional imagery and using it for their own. We even had one person who represented the imagery as his own work to his group (Thankfully, me and the head of that sim layeth the smacketh down on his candy...well, you get the idea.)

I am working on a plan to password protect the entire archive so that only STARFLEET members would be able to have access to it, and I assure you, until we know for sure its working properly, we won't go live with it!

Anyhow, shoot me what you got and we'll see about getting this bad boy working!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

It was great seeing all the wonderful folks at the STARFLEET International Conference last month. While it was a long journey from the west coast, the trip was worth it. Not only did I catch up with many friends, I also had the great pleasure of meeting shuttle crews that graduated from the shuttle program this year. To top it off, we even managed to launch a new shuttle right at the conference. I want to thank all those members who attended IC and hope to see you again next year.

Onward to September. I am happy to report that we launched Shuttle Kerberos (R7) and commissioned USS William O. Darby (R4) this month. Based on the launch schedules of other shuttles so far, I expect a few more shuttles graduating later this year. If your chapter is one of them, be sure to send in a VRR so we can give you a proper commissioning.

Now that the International and most Regional conferences are over, it's time to get back to normal business. Let's take a look at what's happening in ShOC:

Existing Fan Club Program

Originally conceived to supplement the standard Shuttle Program, it is time to move the program into mainstream. To this end, we are going to merge EFCP activities with the standard ShOC program. This is aimed at providing better support, more direct



James Monroe, Chrissy Killian, Ed Nowlin and Jerry Tien at the commissioning of the USS William O. Darby.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Tien

management and more robust chapters. I believe the new system will ensure greater success rates.

DTS – Design Bureau

I am glad to see more and more chapters working on their ship schematics. If you need any help in this area, please feel free to contact DTS - the staff can provide lots of helpful information that can save you much research time. At the same time, we do have some openings in DTS. If you or someone you know is a talented schematic artist, be sure to contact Alex Rosenzweig for a chance to work in the exciting Department of Technical Services.

Publications

There will be some significant updates later this year. New web site layout, new documents available for download and more. As part of our ongoing quest to better serve the fleet, I would like to hear more shuttle experiences from the membership – What works or doesn't work, etc. This way we can incorporate your experience into the manuals to help future shuttles. Who knows – your stories might even inspire a new shuttle!

Finally, a subject of major concern to shuttles – the Monthly Status Report. The preferred reporting method is the online MSR form found at <http://database.sfi.org>. However, if you can't access that site, as a fall back measure, please e-mail a copy of your MSR to ShOC - shoc@sfi.org. This will keep your chapter in good standing and avoid delays toward commissioning.

Until next time, smooth sailing everyone.

HELP WANTED: THE CQ NEEDS YOU!

By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber • Vice-Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Last issue Greg outlined the changes that we will be implementing in the CQ production teams. To recap we're going to be developing three teams to work on the CQ, one that creates all the content, one that handles the layout and one that creates and handles the look of the CQ. To that end we are looking for people to fill those roles. We need writers and editors and graphic artists. While we already have several fine folks in these roles we are always looking for more.

We need writers to look for and report on stories that happen around the Fleet. This does not mean that we won't be still soliciting contributions from our members, but we want a top notch writing staff to pick up on things that may not be contributed. Qualified people should be detail oriented, able to write well and willing to contact (via e-mail) Fleet people around the globe to write stories.

We're looking for editors that can proofread and correct articles that are contributed and help with the overall consistency of the CQ. Interested parties should be well schooled in standard grammar and able to work quickly to turn around stories. Most submissions arrive right at the CQ deadline so we'll need people who can work quickly.

We're also looking for artists that can help create and maintain the graphics used in each issue. These folks will need access to graphic software such as Illustrator and PhotoShop. I'm also looking for someone who can handle photo editing and captioning.

Internet access is a must for all positions. If you are interested in contributing to the CQ then contact me at: dhalber@sigecom.net and tell me your experience, qualifications and how you'd like to contribute.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE CONTEST

By Sandy Berenberg • Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

2004 is the 30th Anniversary of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association. To commemorate this milestone, we wish to have a special Membership Certificate and ID and Chapter Assignment Cards made for all members. Here is where you come in. We are looking for one of our members to design these items.

The member who enters the winning submission will have their name printed on the certificate and ID card for all to see and also be awarded a one year membership to SFI.

We will only accept member submissions, so be sure your membership is current when submitting your entry.

All submissions must be full color. Certificates should be 8.5" x 11" and ID Cards should be standard business card

sized 2" x 3.5". Submissions should also include a Chapter Assignment Card.

Submissions can be in **any** electronic format. Please do not use images of ships or licensed graphics. Ask permission to use any artwork created by others that you may use in your design.

All entries are to be received no later than November 1, 2003 in order to be considered. **Remember: design a certificate and an id card.**

Send your entries to compops@sfi.org or mail CDs to:

STARFLEET Membership Processing
PO Box 460
Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0460
Email: compops@sfi.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in private.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

MAJOR GENERAL SANFORD BERENBERG
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

I am taking this time to write my last article to you as your Chief of Computer Operations. As of November 1, 2003, I will be stepping down from this position. Many factors have played out leading up to this decision. One of the main factors is the burn out that hit many of my predecessors. My drive could push me through, but the burn out from two and half years with MP and CompOps has taken its toll.

Lost in a sea of job searching, I spent the last five to six months feverishly looking for new employment after I was laid off at the end of March this year. During this time, I was able to get a lot of work completed for STARFLEET, knowing that my next job may require a far greater time requirement than past jobs.

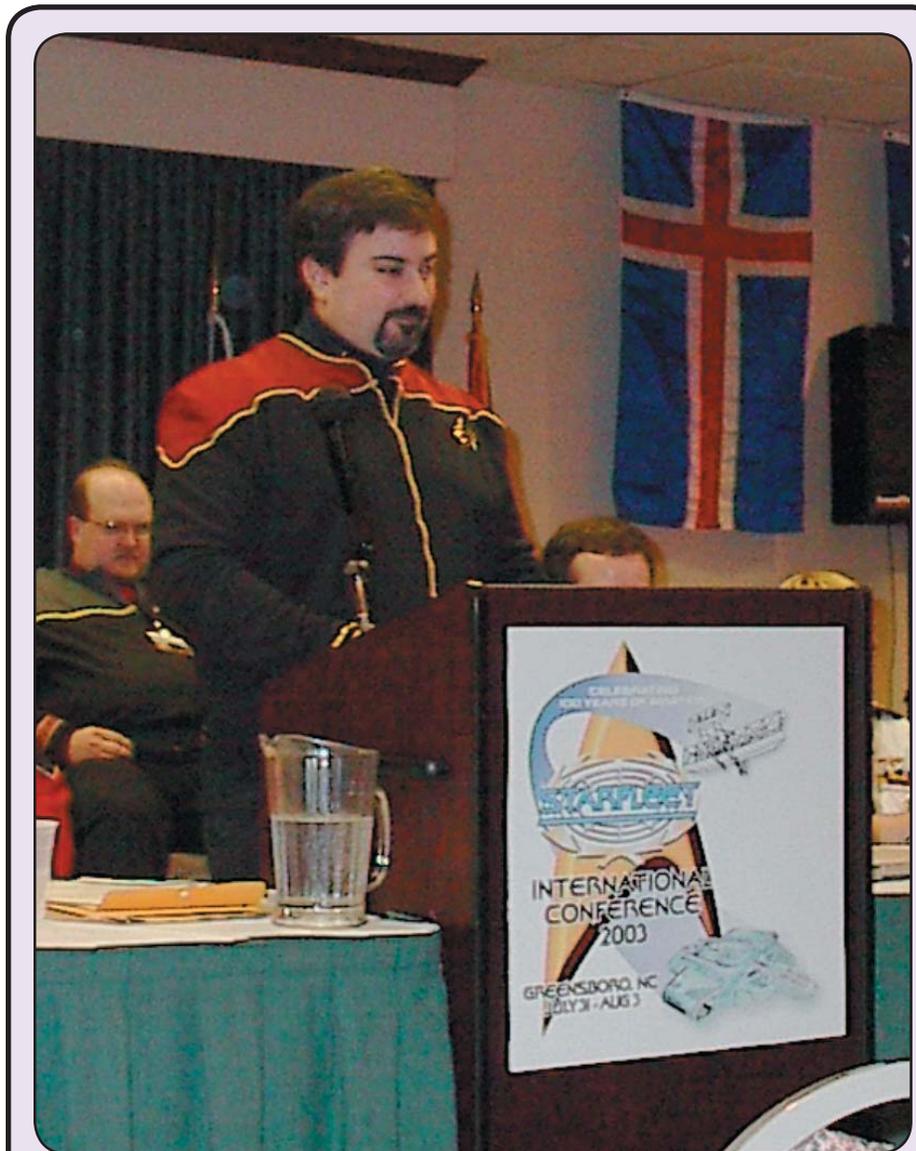
Faith in my skills and abilities helped me, while applying for jobs. I was passed over for no less than three jobs due to not having a Bachelor's Degree. One headhunter actually called me to verify that I didn't just forget to list it on my resume after my Associate's Degree. It became apparent in this difficult job market that I did not have what I needed to ensure smoother job transitions. Thus I did some research and decided to go back into college to get not only my Bachelors, but also, my Masters in Organizational Management.

In finding this new job, my fear came to fruition when I started working at Regulus in August just one month before all my funds ran out and I would have had to move out of my apartment. Regulus is a Remittance Process and Content Management Company. In layman's terms, they produce the bills you receive from many utility, government tax collectors and banks, and then also receive them when you mail in your bill payment.

The facility where I work located in

Greetings! As you have read in Mike Malotte's and Sandy Berenberg's articles, there has been a change in CompOps. I am your new CompOps Chief as of November 1, 2003. For those of you who don't know me, I formerly served as the Vice Chief of CompOps for Membership Processing back in 1997. Also, I served from November 1997 - March 1999 as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. Since January of this year, I have been Sandy's Senior Vice Chief in CompOps handling administrative tasks.

Let me first say I am truly going to miss Sandy's leadership in our department. He is indeed an asset to STARFLEET, and I'm sure many of you have recognized



Sanford "Sandy" Berenberg
Chief of Computer Operations, 2002.

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

Greenbelt, MD, processes 5.5 million remittances each month. My experience in membership processing has helped me understand, to some level, the remittance world. And yes, my accomplishments in MP are listed on my resume. It was part of what helped me get the job.

Leadership skills keep me afloat as I am now working an average of 60 hours a week, sometimes 6 days a week, in charge of as many as 100 employees. In addition I have started back in college. There is no way to manage all of these activities and give the necessary time to Computer Operations and SFI that you all deserve.

Mike Malotte and I have agreed upon my successor. Someone intimately familiar with the current Computer Operations set up and with Membership Processing to continue to support our current team. My successor is none other than my Senior Vice Chief, Mandi Livingston. Mandi will take the reigns on November 1st.

Providing a back up plan for such a situation was always something on our team's back burner, you deserve it. So as I step down, so will my Chief of Staff, Susan Fugate. Susan, I cannot thank you enough for your help and guidance over this last year. To replace Susan, Mandi has asked Martin Lessem to be her Chief of Staff. Martin has been working closely with me on numerous CompOps endeavors and is also familiar with the team.

STARFLEET will continue more robust than before I came into the International staff, and that I am proud of. As for the status of Computer Operations, we have been working on keeping a status quo while quietly negotiating a transition of email alias', list access, jobs, responsibilities, etc. And I will continue to lead the Database Project due to my familiarity with it, and spend a bit more time with my own chapter, the Edinburgh.

You have all given me the opportunity to serve, and I thank you for it. Be well.

FROM THE INCOMING CHIEF OF COMPOPS

By Mandi Livingston • Vice Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

that fact. It has been an honor and pleasure to have been working with Sandy for so long, and I am proud to call him my friend. The good news is that he will be sticking around to continue his work on the Starfleet Database project. Also, it is my privilege to have been asked to succeed him as Chief of Computer Operations. I thank Mike Malotte for the trust he has in me and the rest of the CompOps team. I have inherited one of the best and hardest working teams in Starfleet - Team CompOps. That's what is going to make this transition so successful.

As you read in Sandy's article, while some of us in CompOps are changing hats, the staff composition isn't changing too terribly much. As said previously, Sandy is staying with the Database project. He's been with it since the beginning, and as it turned a year old in October, it is necessary to have his steady hand guiding it into the near future. I'm looking forward to also working with Bran Stimpson as one of the CompOps Vice Chief. Bran took the Unassigned Member Program and ran with it at the beginning of this year, and his

enthusiasm and attitude will be a real help as we transition the Recruiting and Administrative side of CompOps. One other change at this time is that Martin Lessem will be my Chief of Staff. Martin brings a wealth of experience to the position, and his advice and listening ear will come in very handy!

I'm looking forward to serving the membership of STARFLEET for the rest of this team's term as Chief of Computer Operations. Sandy helped to raise the bar for Team CompOps, and I will endeavor to do likewise. I'm looking forward to that challenge. Please know that you are welcome to contact me should you need to.



FINANCIAL FINAGLING

COMMODORE DENBY POTTS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Greetings one and all. Allow me to take a few lines and introduce myself. My name is Denby Potts, and I am your new Chief Financial Officer for STARFLEET. I, along with my husband (Danny) and our son (Matthew), are members of the USS Hephaestus, based in Birmingham, Alabama. I have been a member of SFI for over six years, and have served in several Chapter and Regional positions over the years.

For the last four years, I served as Region 2's Chief of Treasury, under former Regional Coordinator Pete Mohny. I have served the Region 2 annual Summits for many years as the Registration Chairperson, where I earned my nickname: Momma. For some reason, people seem to think I have a knack for telling people where to go!

When I was first asked to serve STARFLEET's Financial Office as a Vice Chief, I knew the job would be a good one, because I knew Tammy Willcox had set the office up right. When I was approached to be her successor, I was both honored and humbled. I will do my best to continue the high level of integrity Tammy has brought to the position of Chief Financial Officer. However, while I may learn to do this job, I will never be able to replace Tammy.

I would like to thank Mike Malotte for his trust in me. Thanks also to the other EC/AB members for the overwhelming welcome and support I have received in the past few months. I would also like to thank the Treasury staff for staying on and working with me. This has also made things easier during the transition.

Now, moving on to real Treasury stuff! The transition is going as smoothly as it possibly can. We're not exactly on the timeline we had hoped to be on, but who could have predicted a hurricane would hit Virginia Beach (Tammy's home) during the transition?

Some, but not all, of STARFLEET's vendors have been notified that a new CFO is taking office. Currently, I am not a signature on the various accounts of STARFLEET, but that's underway. In the interim, Tammy is continuing to pay the bills, and she and I are in contact with each other, keeping advised on what both hands are doing.

My first major project has been taking over credit card processing, and getting up-to-speed with Dee Rickard on what the Loss Prevention Office does, and where it falls into the credit card cycle. Some of you have been hearing from me recently,

regarding an unforeseen issue regarding some credit card vendors, which I'd like to explain a little more about: the CVV (Card Verification Value) code/number.

CVV is a new authentication scheme established by credit card companies to further efforts towards reducing fraud for Internet transactions. It consists of requiring a cardholder to enter the CVV number in at transaction time to verify that the card is on hand.

If you've used the current STARFLEET credit card process, you are probably aware that there is currently no place to enter a CVV number, which has resulted in some transactions not being processed, which is when you've been hearing from me!

There are a few different ways of remedying this situation, and since we haven't finalized on any one of them yet, you'll just have to tune in again next month to see how we fix it! Until then, please be understanding when you hear from me, because I will call!

As Tammy mentioned, in the last Communiqué, we are working on changing our fiscal year. We are changing from the calendar year (January 1 - December 31) to starting it six months later (July 1 - June

30). This will allow for a smoother transition between administrations following elections. The Form 990 is due five months and fifteen days after the end of the fiscal year, which for STARFLEET meant May 15th.

With the new fiscal year, it means that the Form 990 will be due by December 15th of every year, which will give a new administration plenty of time to get established and prepare for filing it. This was presented at the 2003 International Conference EC/AB meeting and was overwhelmingly approved.

To complete the process of changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year, Tammy and I will be doing a six-month Form 990 to take us from January 1, 2003 - to June 30, 2003. Once this is completed, we will be up-to-date until next year.

As you can see, the Treasury Department has not slowed down at all. I look forward to working with each of you in any way I can. If you ever need the Treasury Department, or need to contact me. I can be reached at the address, phone number or e-mail below.

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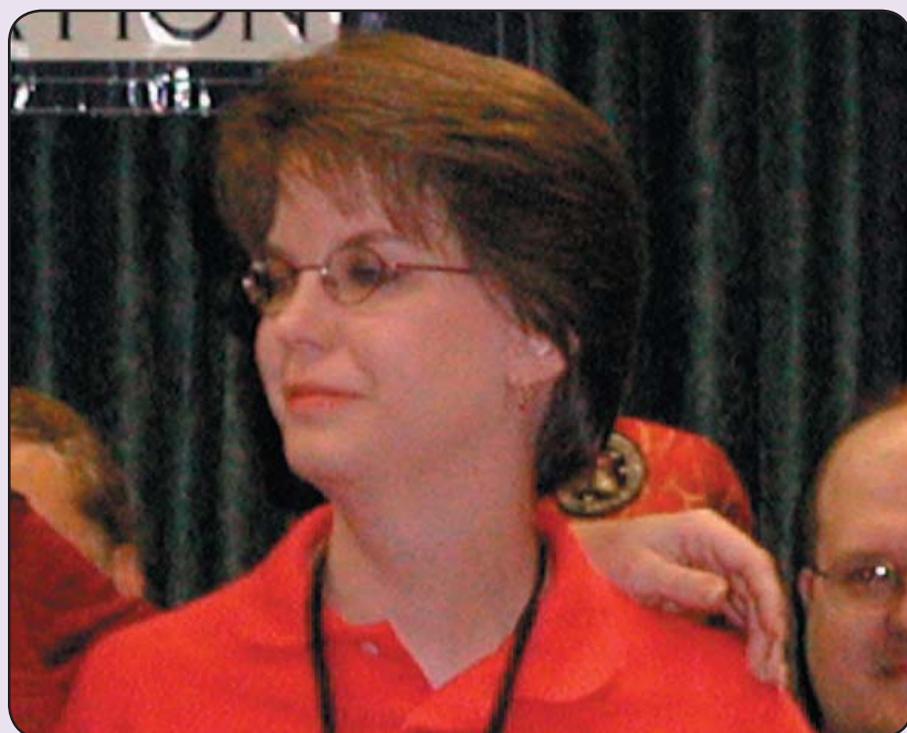
The e-mail contact address for the CFO will remain: CFO@sfi.org

See y'all in the next issue!



Say Good-Bye to: Tammy Willcox
STARFLEET Chief Financial Officer, 2002

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar



Say Hello to: Denby Potts
Our newest Chief Financial Officer.

Photo courtesy of Willy Smith

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — AUGUST/SEPT. 2003

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - AUGUST

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

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
8/1/2003	Marvin Galler	MP *	(\$95.00)	\$20,453.42
8/1/2003	Problem Solvers	MP	(\$348.80)	\$20,104.62
8/1/2003	M & M Engraving	Annual Awards	(\$393.33)	\$19,711.29
8/1/2003	Tammy Willcox	Treasury Expenses	(\$184.30)	\$19,526.99
8/1/2003	Kurt Roithinger	CQ Expense	(\$8.50)	\$19,518.49
8/1/2003	Allyson Dyar	ECAB Expenses	(\$88.30)	\$19,430.19
8/1/2003	Sanford Berenberg	MP	(\$72.73)	\$19,357.46
8/1/2003	Gerri Wampler	MP	(\$91.75)	\$19,265.71
8/3/2003	Carl Johnson	Quartermaster	(\$45.98)	\$19,219.73
8/3/2003	Sportsprint	Quartermaster	(\$1,256.00)	\$17,963.73
8/4/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$0.86)	\$17,962.87
8/4/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$45.42)	\$17,917.45
8/5/2003	First Virginia Bank	Banking Fee	(\$24.95)	\$17,892.50
8/7/2003	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	\$17,873.51
8/13/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$1,798.00	\$19,671.51
8/13/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$1,783.00	\$21,454.51
8/14/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$119.00	\$21,573.51
8/18/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$273.00	\$21,846.51
8/19/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$37.00	\$21,883.51
8/19/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$1,046.00	\$22,929.51
8/19/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$75.00	\$23,004.51
8/25/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$680.00	\$23,684.51
8/26/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$674.00	\$24,358.51
8/28/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$105.00	\$24,463.51

* MP = Membership Processing

Income above revenue: \$3915.09

Ending Balance: \$24,463.51

All transactions in parentheses, such as this (5.00) are deductions/expenses. All other transactions are additions/deposits.

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER

08/01/2003 through 09/30/2003
Opening Balance: \$24,463.51

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
9/2/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$294.00	\$24,757.51
9/2/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$366.41	\$25,123.92
9/2/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$210.09)	\$24,913.83
9/2/2003	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$15.00)	\$24,898.83
9/2/2003	First Virginia Bank	Ret. Check Fee	(\$5.00)	\$24,893.83
9/3/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$7.05)	\$24,886.78
9/4/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$244.00	\$25,130.78
9/4/2003	First Virginia Bank	Banking Fee	(\$24.95)	\$25,105.83
9/9/2003	Int. Mail Service, Inc.	CQ Mailing	(\$800.00)	\$24,305.83
9/9/2003	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$2,094.27)	\$22,211.56
9/9/2003	Tammy Willcox	Treasury Expenses	(\$18.40)	\$22,193.16
9/9/2003	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)	\$22,174.17
9/11/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$425.00	\$22,599.17
9/12/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$15.00	\$22,614.17
9/17/2003	MP	MP	\$94.94	\$22,709.11
9/18/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$314.00	\$23,023.11
9/19/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$31.00	\$23,054.11
9/19/2003	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)	\$22,579.11
9/24/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$518.91	\$23,098.02
9/24/2003	Best1Hosting	CompOps Expense	(\$210.00)	\$22,888.02
9/24/2003	Thawte	COMM Expense	(\$449.00)	\$22,439.02
9/30/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$22.00	\$22,461.02
9/30/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$486.00	\$22,947.02

Expenses above revenue: \$1516.49

Ending Balance: \$22,947.02

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$2,841.75

August:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
8/18/2003	Tuitions	Income	\$129.00	\$2,970.75
8/25/2003	First Viginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$31.00)	\$2,939.75
8/25/2003	First Viginia Bank	Ret. Check Fee	(\$5.00)	\$2,934.75
8/26/2003	Tuitions	Income	\$53.00	\$2,987.75
8/26/2003	First Viginia Bank	Deposit Correction	(\$1.00)	\$2,986.75

September:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
9/2/2003	First Viginia Bank	Returned Check	(\$4.00)	\$2,982.75
9/2/2003	First Viginia Bank	Ret. Check Fee	(\$5.00)	\$2,977.75
9/18/2003	Franklin Covey	Office Supplies	(\$79.95)	\$2,897.80

Ending Balance: \$2,897.80

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

08/01/2003 through 09/30/2003

Scholarship Account (\$4,004.40):

Interest Gained: \$2.10

Ending Balance: \$4,006.50

08/01/2003 through 09/30/2003

SFI Savings (\$5,655.61):

Interest Gained: \$2.89

Ending Balance: \$5,658.50

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

08/01/2003 through 09/30/2003

Opening Balance: \$1,185.24

Deposits:

8/12/2003

IC Auction, R3, & Donations:
\$2,332.00

Ending Balance: \$3,517.24

A REMINDER ABOUT RETURNED/BOUNCED CHECKS:

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



Fall is the season of passing, of change, and farewells. Eventually, spring will come again, and with it rebirth, but for now we watch the falling of leaves, the departure of the geese, and shortening of the days. Along with those departures, we must include farewells to two long serving friends of the Academy. First after over a decade of service, we bid adieu to Peg Pellerin, Admiral, Life-Member, and Friend.

Peg has given immeasurable hours of service and friendship to everyone in fleet, and her belief that every member matters, has become the basis of the Malotte Administration's vision in regards the Starfleet Academy. Sadly we lose her talents and hard work, both as the Director of Officer Training School, and as the Dean of the Institute of Leadership studies. Happily, she has agreed to stay on until we find her successor, and will stick around on the Academy e-mail list to give her advice and companionship.

The bad news does not end there, however. One of our most popular schools the College of Treknology, an exciting and challenging series of trivia exams, is losing its director as well. Alice Strange the founder of the College of Treknology has chosen to devote more time to her first love teaching of her community's Youth. With this, she has chosen to step down, rather than decrease the level of service she has provided for her students in the past. We will miss you as well Alice, and are sad to see you go.

Therefore, the Academy would like to open up the application process to the entirety of the membership of STARFLEET, for both the Director of OTS, and the Director of the College of Treknology. We will take resumes of whatever, you the member, think is important to tell us for those positions. Requirements for OTS Director will be membership in good standing, completion OTS and OCC, and the ability to correspond with members both by surface mail and electronic mail.

Requirements for the Director of the College of Treknology, are the same as OTS Director, but in addition, the applicant must have completed at least one track in the College of Treknology. Deadline for applying is November 15th, and we will announce the new Directors no later than December 1st.

Please send those resumes to:

Scott A. Akers
3024 139th Pl. SE
Bothell, WA 98012
chunone@nwlinc.com

We would next like to introduce our newest school The Graduate School of Xenology-Anthropology focuses on historical, cultural and physiological aspects of species throughout the Milky Way Galaxy.

Currently the school has courses covering the Alpha, Beta and Delta quadrants. The following courses are projected for this school: Alpha Quadrant Overview; Beta Quadrant Overview, Beta Quadrant: Andorian, Beta Quadrant: Romulan; Delta Quadrant Overview, Delta Quadrant: Kazon, Delta Quadrant: Vidiiian; Gamma Quadrant Overview, Gamma Quadrant: Jem'Hadar, and Gamma Quadrant: Vorta.

Source materials recommended for this course include: the Star Trek Encyclopedia or <http://www.startrek.com>, Star Trek: Star Charts -- The Complete Atlas of Star Trek, Various Star Trek episodes, and Medical Log Supplemental

This month's Spotlight will list the Red Squad Members who were nominated to the team, but not selected to its leadership.

Without further ado, your Red Squad Members and the Schools they were nominated for:

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP:

Officer Training School
Vicki Stewart

Officer's Command College
Susan Bolick *

Flag Officer's School
Glenn Overby

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES:

Klingon Warrior Academy
Charles Flowers *

The Gorn Academy
Thomas Pawelczak

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY:

Starfleet College of Medicine
Sean A. Meyer

Vulcan Academy of Science
Judy Waidlich **

Starfleet Officers Radio School
Nancy Hall

College of Computer History
Glen D. Martin

Ship's Counselor College
Darrell Carey

INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS:

BURPS-Culinary School
Todd Brugmans

College of Alien History & Culture
Donald Moran

College of Communications
Glendon Diebold

College of Federation Studies
Gary Ensey *

College of Liberal Arts
Wayne Killough

College of Mythological Studies
Scott A. Akers

College of Treknology
Wayne Killough

Delta Quadrant College
Lisa Owens

School of Europeya
Marie Wilson

School of Literature
Jennifer Kelley

* Signifies our Squad Assistant Leaders.

** Signifies our Squad Leader, as highlighted is CQ 118.

And let us not forget our Blue Squad (Cadets) Leader, which was Angel Avery from the USS Flying Fox.

Congratulations and Well done to you all, you are the students setting AND raising the bar, not only for your fellow students but also for the directors grading your exams.

So what's next, what is the future of the Academy?

Well we are growing and expanding so fast, that I have to make the following request. Can anyone interested in being a Director in any existing school, no matter how long or how new the current director is, please send my your resume, again put in it, anything you think is relevant to your potential service.

With so many people working in the Academy, with the primary goal to provide their fellow members an enjoyable experience, the odds are that an any one time, someone is going to be under the weather, having a job change, or some other real world situation that will crop up to prevent them from giving their fullest.

Rather then the school for months and

months, either to give the Director a Leave of Absence, or to find a new one, the Academy wants to try something different. If we can have a bank of resumes of people interested and qualified, we can appoint Assistant Directors to take up the slack, or Appoint a new director from that assembled pool, with a minimum if any disruption visible to the membership.

As our Membership Handbook guarantees, everyone is allowed to apply, and I dearly hope, that everyone does, it will make my job easier, and the finished result to the membership better.

Another development coming to the Academy in 2004 will be Interdisciplinary Degree Tracks. We will give certificates to STARFLEET Members who completed one of two programs. Completion of all Courses in an Institute (at the time of completion) will earn the Student an Institute Degree of Leadership Studies (or Military Studies, Arts, or Technology as appropriate).

Students who complete future courses in that Institute will receive Endorsements to add to their certificate. The second program will be the Degree Tracks, loosely based on the Vessel Readiness Certification Program created by Carol Thompson; only this program will be for individuals.

Each Institute will have a core curriculum of courses, and then a list of electives from the other three institutes. There will be four levels: Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorates available. As the student rises in level, the customization of the program increases to give the student both the maximum amount of fun, and the maximum exposure of what is available within the academy.

The possibility exists for a student to be awarded a Doctorate in Borg Archaeology or a Masters in Isolinear Technology -- the possibilities for students are boundless. It is my hope, that I will become so busy printing out these certificates for the members of STARFLEET, that I will not have time to watch any "Reality TV" (*Editor's Note: We're busy trying to sign Scott up for the second season of "Joe Schmo", just in case...*).

Following is the list of Graduates from the last two months, along with some OCC Students that got left off in CQ 118.

To close this issue out, I again want to thank Peg and Alice for their years of service, and to remind you all that as Starfleet enters its 30th year of existence, that each of you enjoy your membership to the fullest and take full advantage of its resources.

The Academy is here waiting for you, and the hallowed halls will echo with your footsteps and your laughter for years to come.

Until next time, I remain,

Scott A Akers

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – JULY/AUGUST 2003

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Serenity Allah	Robert H. McDonald	Michael Menish
Karyn Lloyd-Hontz	Sandi Waldrop	Brian S. Poplin
John Schulte	Jeffrey Harris	Carol Hubbard
Timothy L. Waldrop	Carl B. O'Daniel	Eric Livingston
Kenneth B. Hontz	Rhiannon Grey	Vincent Daniele
Nathan Leonard	Eric J ohannson	Mark Matsebeker
Felicia Schneider	Deborah Lubick	Robert M. Mink
Jonathan Chinn	Robert G. MacAlpin	Douglas Stanton
John T. Asbury, Jr.	Arnel Carigo	John Roberts
Brad Treloar	Marshall E. Lynch	Brian D. Brooks
Jeffrey Crumpley	Rolando Colon	Amber L. Coe
Raymond Lee Anders	Richard Graham	Christina Jones
Gabriel Beecham	David Paulson	Rita Comperatore-Lewis
David Sladky	Jamie Prine	Stephanie Morgan
Uriel Storm	Liz Reilly	Jonathan Oppeel
Bernard Doddema, Jr.	Dean Rogers	
Julie Gohlke	Scott Smith	
Richard J. Wagener	Carl D. Gordon	
Jeremy S. Harris	Larry Jones	
Crystal A. Layman	Lori Fanning	
Kathryn K. Johnson	Donald E. Jones	

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Kathy McCartney	John McIvor	Michael Bertolli
Ed Blankenship	Wesley Brandt	Daniel Chamberlin
Herbert Prewitt	Evan Darnell	Lea Drawdy
Domma Whitlark	Desyree Vaughn	Vincent Daniele
Donald Morin	Thomas D. Arnold	John Grigas
Christina Pavka	Jim Bellon	Jessica Hench
Susan Johanson	Anthony Hill	Eric Johannson
Robert Roush	Aileen Logan	Peter Yohe
Richard Logue	John Brown	David B. Phelps
Gavin Jeffrey	Lori Hines-Gillies	Norbert Bonilla
Christopher Johanson	Chris Knoblauch	David B. Phelps
Russ Garrison	Max Kirkland	Richard Fornash
Cynthia Tennery	Jilie Gohlke	
Karen Bellon	Michael Soucy	
Julianne Tanski	Alan Provo	
Tonya Martin	Arnel Carigo	
Fred Martin	Deborah Lubick	
Adrian Jones	Glenn Martin	
Richard Kendrick	Tim Sherrill	
Merri Whitaker	Donald Jones	
John Cook	John T. Asbury, Jr.	

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Jennifer Kelley	Glendon L. Diebold
David Kennedy	Glenn D. Martin
Tracy Andrews-Isquith	Arnel Carigo
Gary Ensey	Angel Avery
Thomas Pawelczak	Guy Blandford
Adrian Jones	Anbtonio Lopez III
Paul Williams	Jennifer J. Scott
Anne Miller	Alice Carey
Nancy Hall	

SCHOOL OF AUSTRALIANA

Carolyn Donner	Melody Stearns
Nancy O'Shields	Robin Smith
Elizabeth Worth	Alice Carey
Mavis Yates	Leah Eddy
Brian Sussman	Wayne Killough
Tim Barrington	

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Suzie Steger,	Kevin Faux
Mysteri Tullis,	Timothy Waldrup
Karyn Lloyd-Hontz,	Jennifer Stultz
Travis J. Littou,	

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE

Tracy Andrews-Isquith	Glendon L. Diebold
Jill Tipton	Steve J. Mirick
Darlene Harper	Michael Timko
Eric Johannson	Maud Freifelder
Shawn Gregory	Gary Hollifield

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Chris Knoblauch	Goerge Parker
Steve J. Mirick	Thomas Pawleszak
Carolyn Donner	Guy Blandford
Glendon L. Diebold	

COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY

Shirley Rodriguez	Tracey Andrews-Isquith
Darlene Topp	Marie Wilson
Steve J. Mirick	Russell D. Ruhland
Robin R. Smith	Glendon L. Diebold
Jonathan Hogan	Glenn D. Martin
Stephen Farris	Jim Bellon
Alice Carey	Nancy Rabel Hall
Eric Johannson	Julie Gohlke
Janice R. Graham	Raymond Burkhart
Pamela Michaud	Arnel Carigo

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Claire Halber	Dino Gravato
Karyn Lloyd-Hontz	Amber Leigh Cos
Joyce A. Fink	Steven P. Powers
Robin R. Smith	Edgar Torres
Arnel D. Carigo	Tracy Andrews-Isquith

FEDERATION STUDIES

Thomas Pawelczak
Dawn Jenkins
Darlene Topp
Glendon L. Diebold
Jason Davis
Mike Butwinick

LITERATURE SCHOOL

Claire Halber

LIBERAL ARTS

Judith A. Waidlich
Avery Angel
Anne Miller

CULINARY SCHOOL

Vicki Stewart
Dean Andre Rogers

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Alice Carey	Robert Hughes
Craig Wood III	Scott A. Akers
Darlene Topp	Sean Meyer
Dawn Jenkins	Shawn Gregory
Debbie Artrip	Tracy Andrews-Isquith
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr.	Richard Hewitt
Glendon Diebold	Walter Ewing
Glenn Martin	James Lee Smith
Greg Franklin	Arnel Carigo
James Lee Smith	Dawn Jenkins
Janice Graham	Michael Butwinick
Judith Waidlich	Kathy McCartney
Nancy Rabel Hall	

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Glendon L. Diebold	Darlene Topp
Alice Carey	Yvonne Hughes
Anne Miller	Joseph Gallagher
Marlene J. Miller	Carolyn M. A. Zimdahl
Dawne Franks	Karen Bellon
Robert G. Hughes	John Michael McCarter
Shannon R. Russel	Joseph White
Paula J. Kesler	Jill Tipton
Jennifer J. Scott	Amy L. L'Abbe
Debbie Reedy	Scott A. Akers
Zoe J. Scott	

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Raymond Burkhart	Chris Knoblauch
Steve Mirick	Eric Johannson
Terri Lotta	Leonard Provo
Matt Baillie	Amber L. Coe
James Royer	John Grigas
Stephen Farris	
Tracy Andrews-Isquith	

SFI RADIO SCHOOL

Craig Wood III
James Wilcox
Sheryl Petracek
Michael Edelson

STARFLEET IN CYBERSPACE

Guy Blandford
Craig Wood III
Wayne Killough, Jr.

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY

Cary Scherer	Scott Smith
Glendon Diebold	George Pimentel
James Royer	Michael Balewitz
Thomas Pawelczak	David Kennedy
Arnel Carigo	Kieth Stybol

COLLEGE OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Scott Grant	Felix Sanchez
Anne Miller	Gregory Franklin
Felix Sanchez	College of Survival Studies
Brett Price	Shawn McVay
Christopher Esquibel	Robert Hughes
George Pimentel	

SECURITY SCHOOL

Richard Fornash	Marie Anderson
Robert Hughes	Thomas Pawelczak
Gabriel Beecham	Rhiannon Grey
Uriel Storm	Glendon Diebold
Scott Grant	

THE GORN ACADEMY

Arnel Carigo
James Royer
Steven Bowers
Cary Sherer

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

USS Lone Star
Shuttle Vanguard

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

Mark Craft
Brian Swift
Michael Stein
Sean Meyer

Fleet Captain/Brigadier

James Pugliese
Gregory Fitzsimmons

Commo. / Brig. Gen.

John M. Sprouse
Denby Potts

Rear Adm. / Major Gen.

Joseph L. Podesta

Vice Adm. / Lt. Gen.

Robert J. Jackson

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPER PROMOTION REQUEST

As the coordinator for promotion requests for STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps, I see all of the requests for promotions that are submitted through the STARFLEET Promotions Department. These include nominations submitted through the online form, in e-mail and the US Postal Service.

Occasionally, I get requests for promotions to Commander and below. These are redirected to the appropriate Chapter Commanding Officer. Since Chapter COs are the ones who approve requests for Commander and below, it's not possible for me to track those. If you have any questions about promotion requests for the ranks up to and including Commander, please contact the appropriate CO.

Promotion requests for Captain/Colonel are forwarded to the respective Region Coordinator for consideration. I can track them if the RC informs me of the promotion to Captain. If you have any questions on promotion requests for Captain/Colonel, please contact the appropriate RC or send me an email at promotions@sfi.org.

I take all requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above and forward them to the Promotions List, where the Executive Committee votes on them. Contrary to rumors heard every now and then, I have absolutely no voice or vote on this decision. My function is to coordinate the process, not to do any actual voting.

The most common reason for being turned down is insufficient information in the promotion request. I've seen quite a few requests that list everything a person has done since joining Fleet - I mean EVERYTHING! While this is great for a Fleet resume, it's not what the Executive Committee is looking for.

The Nominee Qualification section requires you to document, in your own words, why you believe this nominee deserves the promotion at this time. Be specific, and comment about all contributions made by the nominee at the International, Regional, and Chapter levels of SFI. You can prepare this ahead of time and paste it into the "Nominee Qualifications" area on the online form.

When you submit someone for promotion, concentrate on what the individual has done SINCE his or her last promotion. Be specific, give details, and be sure to tell the EC every example of why the nominee deserves this promotion at this time. What has she/he done since then? What positions has she/he held and what responsibilities were required - SINCE his or her last promotion? How has she/he gone above and beyond the norm in her/his position? What is it that makes her/him stand out above all others in their duties? What has she/he done *since her/his last promotion* to make her/him eligible for the next promotion? These are the things the EC is looking for, along with the minimum Time in Grade, when they consider someone for promotion.

TIME IN GRADE:

Promotions are denied for two primary reasons: insufficient Time in Grade (TIG) or insufficient information. At the 2002 IC, the Admiralty Board approved a revised processes and guidelines for promotions. This revision changed the minimum TIG for the ranks. Under the old guidelines, eligibility was based on a combination of Time in STARFLEET (TIS) and a minimum 12 months Time in Grade (TIG). This has been changed to reflect a straight minimum TIG scale based upon current rank. Here is the new minimum TIG scale:

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

You'll 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, six months can be dropped from the minimum TIG requirements. This change went into effect on 1 January 2003.

Greetings and felicitations.

Fleet Business

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

Region Business

Region 09 And 20

Voting for Regional Coordinators was scheduled to conclude on September 30, 2003.

Region 01

The Election Process will commence the week of 12 October 2003. Commanding Officers will be notified by email with details as was done previously.

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.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

Logo by Ben Kokochak • USS Dominator

OIG Personnel

Here is a current list of personnel.

Lee Shamblin

Deputy Inspector General

Paul Wheeler II

Assistant Inspector General, Region 01

Joseph Perry

Assistant Inspector General, Region 02

Jess Neumann

Assistant Inspector General, Region 03

Michael Butwinick

Assistant Inspector General, Region 04

Andrew Rogers

Assistant Inspector General, Region 05

Ben Johnson

Assistant Inspector General, Region 06

Don Burke

Assistant Inspector General, Region 07

OPEN

Assistant Inspector General, Region 09

OPEN

Assistant Inspector General, Region 10

OPEN

Assistant Inspector General, Region 11

Ray Brown

Assistant Inspector General, Region 12

Rich Smith

Assistant Inspector General, Region 13

OPEN

Assistant Inspector General, Region 14

Rich DeMidio

Assistant Inspector General, Region 15

Chris Chontos

Assistant Inspector General, Region 17

Jay McPherson

Assistant Inspector General, SFMC

Glenn Overby II

Deputy Assistant
Inspector General - Governing Documents

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

Your most humble & obedient servant in Service to the 'Fleet,



September 16th 2003. This is a day most of us that knew Ben Kokochak won't forget. Around 9:00pm Central Time, I received a phone call from Ben's parents, Warren and Janette Kokochak. They called to inform me that Ben had died earlier that day from a heart attack. I could not believe it when I read the note my mother gave me (as I am deaf, she took the call). Ben was younger than I was, younger than most everyone that frequented #lounge, #starfleet, #corps on IRC. As a member of the SFMC Webteam, the WebTeam received this the night of Ben's passing from Brenda Sistler:

You have no clue who I am, but I'm contacting you on behalf of the family of Benjamin Kokochak, who dearly loved the time he spent online in "Trekkie" pursuits. I'm an old friend of theirs, and the worship leader at the church we all attend. Their ISP is down, so they're unable to access his email address book. However, he had a few addresses written down, and we found your group through sfi.org. If there's any way you could notify people who knew him, his family would be very appreciative. They've spoken to a couple of folks who spoke with Ben regularly by phone.

I believe it was a group of people from your site that had sent donations to Ben's family recently, as well. They were so very appreciative. Ben's Dad, Warren, had had three strokes since December, and is unable to work, and his social security disability still has not come through. Ben has been confined to a wheelchair since birth, and has had multiple physical problems and illnesses throughout his 21 years. Jeannie has not been able to work full-time for some time, due primarily to caring for Warren and Ben, and also for her mother, who has been experiencing serious seizures. Ben also has a healthy younger brother, Aaron.

Ben's Mom, Jeannie, took him to the E.R. last night, where they determined he had a kidney blockage. They determined this morning that emergency surgery was necessary to save the kidney. They completed the surgery, and Ben was awake and responsive. When they moved him, he had a massive heart attack (presumably because the infection had spread through his blood stream), and he died instantly. Ben was a precious young man who loved Jesus and loved his friends. He had spoken with his Mom a few days ago about feeling that he wanted to do something for Crisis Pregnancy Centers (also known as CareNet), so the family has asked that donations be made to local CPC's in Ben's memory in lieu of flowers.

With his passing, I thought it would be a good idea to get everyone's impressions of Ben Kokochak.

Cyndi Temple

Wow what to say Ben was truly a great guy, many times I've chatted with him and he was always so sweet to me. Always has something nice to say to every one. He was a member of Tracom of which he did so much for he will be missed within the Tracom Family. He was a member of SFI/SFMC he was a great guy. He will be deeply missed by everyone. My prayers are with him and his parents as they deal with this.

When I became OIC of the 4th BDE he was one of the first to send his best wishes. He was always such a sweet guy to me. I will deeply miss him.

IN MEMORIAM: BEN KOKOCHAK

By Colonel Joe Brouhard • Shuttle Proxima, Region 12

Artwork courtesy of Dino Gravato

Ben gave me many great ideas for graphics and such, he was truly wonderful and talented, and will be deeply missed. Not just by me but by everyone who knew him be it by e-mail, chatting, face to face you name it. I have many great memories of chats I had with him, all of them were great, he always made me feel good inside. I will miss him a lot.

Ben, what can I say but thanks for the GREAT chats we have had I will miss you.

Dennis Rayburn

I've been a minister for over 23 years now and this just gets harder and harder.

The news about Ben Kokochak's passing hit me tonight like a thunderbolt. Dear Lord, 21 years and you're just getting good and started on this piece of solar driftwood we call Earth. To see his light go out so young is absolutely crushing.

threw at him, he always came through with flying colors. We in SFSO will cherish that logo as a legacy from him to us.

One thing about Ben that speaks volumes about him is that when things were thrown at him and wrongs occurred against him, he kept on. He showed courage in the truest sense of the word.

When things were bad for him and his family, he turned to us and thankfully, STARFLEET came through again and aided one who gave unselfishly to us.

Now, he is gone, in the hands of the One who dries all the tears, heals the broken heart, and cares for every need and we commend his spirit and soul to the care of the Maker of All Things.

Today, STARFLEET mourns the loss of a very talented member.



In any project I took on, I could count on a private email from him, volunteering to help, and ready to start. Many times, he was a sounding board for me when I would come up with one of my famous (and some infamous) hair brained ideas. He was a patient soul, telling me when an idea was good, and giving it to me straight when it was not.

When the decision was made to start Corpschat, Ben was there, ready to help and serving as a list moderator, and as an op in the IRC channel with the same name. When things got tough for us, he was there, giving encouragement and help every step of the way. When things got the blackest and nasty for us in there, he stood with us.

Several have already commented on his talent with graphics. We in SFSO know about that so well, as Ben designed our logo for us, enduring a lot of change requests from me and the council members. However, whatever the change we

Me? I mourn the loss of some who bore a title I just don't bestow that often...I mourn the loss of a friend.

Steve Gordon

I cannot express in words here the pain that I felt when I came home tonight to find out that Ben had suddenly and unexpectedly passed away at a very young tender age. I had met Ben only online; yet I very clearly remember seeing him and talking to him on live IRC at the IC in Greensboro just last month. Ben looked very chipper and happy, knowing that he was able to share in the fun that is STARFLEET via the Internet. All of a sudden, *POOF*---gone. Taken from us in one quick moment. I cannot express the sorrow that I feel right now.

I wish to extend my condolences to the Kokochak family in this time of sorrow. I will remember him in my own way in the next days, and keep him in my thoughts and prayers. I urge all of you to do the same.

Ben: thanks for your friendship and kindness for all you have given us. Godspeed on your final journey, and may your seas be calm.

SEMPER FI BEN!

Wade Olsen

It was indeed a sad day for me to hear of the passing of Ben Kokochak. Ben was always there volunteering to help out in any way he could. It seems that every time a suggestion was made regarding new procedures or volunteer work one of the first people to speak up would be Ben. I personally heard from him monthly and sometimes weekly offering help and suggestions. I personally will miss his emails and the support he offered the members of this organization.

Pete Briggs

I'm not sure what to really say about Ben. I never actually met him, although I had always hoped to one day. I've only known him from chatting on IRC from time to time. But he told me one time in a sidebar we were having, that he was proud to know people that were actually in the military and that he wished he was physically able to serve as well. He seemed like a great guy that was able to look past his own disabilities and help others.

I think about my life and how fortunate I am to have grown up healthy and strong and how much we can take things for granted. Things that Ben overcame on a daily basis. He showed courage when it came to facing life that probably would have daunted the most seasoned soldier. And he went above and beyond to find ways that he could help others through his art or volunteerism. I hope that we can take away from this tragedy of someone taken away far too soon from us not just that life can be unfair and no one knows when it's their time, but to be like Ben...and fill our time with as much good as we can do for others.

May God bless and keep him.

Edgar Torres

Not only was he talented and friendly and caring but he was professional, inquisitive and he was the most all around nicest person that I had the pleasure to meet over IRC and IMs. We're that much poorer for his loss but I'm that much better for having known him. I'm so sorry that I was never able to meet him face to face.

Joe Brouhard

For myself, some words from Star Trek: The Next Generation rang true to me about Ben: A great man has been lost

Ben Kokochak was a great man in his own right. He, like myself, faced a daily challenge of living with a disability. His was greater than mine, and for the courage he showed, I salute him.

The Following people also express their condolences on his passing:

Kimberly Brooks, Bill Herrmann, Allyson Dyar, Kurt Roithinger, J.C. Cohen, Michael Mallotte, Deborah Butcher, J. William Robertson, Brandy Hallman, Johnathan Slavin, Rick Gale, Anthony Leopard, Dustin Williams, Glenda Ann Block, Dallas Vinson, Truman Temple, David Miller, Dino Gravato, Lauren Milan, Martin Lessem

Editors note: Examples of Ben's art grace the pages of the CQ each issue. Goodbye Ben, and thank you.

I was asked by the CQ staff to send a few comments as regarding my late friend and crewmate, Ed "Penguin" DeRuggiero.

I have read all the e-mails and heard all the condolences directed not only to the family but also to me. It took a while for it to sink in that people were concerned about me as well. I speak for both Ed and myself when I tell you that this is not what either of us were accustomed to, in terms of Fandom.

I can very easily repeat what has been said so many times about Ed. Yes, he was a tireless volunteer, hard worker, etc. But allow me to tell you something about the man behind the "Penguin" nick.

We first met in October '89 at a local Baltimore Star Trek Club meeting. It was little more than hello and welcome as I was busy planning my move to Los Angeles, and other future plans. From there I moved across the country. It was not until June of '99 that I returned to the Baltimore area. There was very little interaction between us as Ed had been told "all about me." So be it! It was not until a year later that karma hit and life took a twist.

It was at Shore Leave 21, in 2000, that members of the USS Enterprise CVN-65, Morale, Welfare and Relief (MWR), were at the convention. The MWR rep sought out Ed and asked for info about me. The idea was that I was going to be placed on a list to be invited to the upcoming "BIG-E Friends and Family Cruise". Despite what Ed had been told about me, he knew something was up, so he did his best to help.

I was on the list and about two weeks later, Ed called and told me that the Big E tickets were in. I told him that I would pick mine up in person, as I did not trust the USPS to not screw up something this important. The arrangements were made for me to meet him on his lunch hour. Ed worked for the department of Social Services in Cecil County, Maryland which was about an 1 1/2 hour drive. Well since I was going to a professional office, I left the jeans and tees behind. Hindsight being 20/20 I can now see the wheels of change turning. I could see the brain gears turning and realizing that what Ed had heard, and what reality really was, were two different things.

During this time those who had tickets for the Big E cruise were gearing up for the trip to Norfolk. It was a couple of days before I was set to leave for Norfolk that Ed called and asked to carpool with me. It seems that his car was leaking oil badly and there was no way do have it repaired in time.

Moogie looked at me and asked me if I really wanted to car pool with someone who thought so ill of me. To which I told her that I really needed to cut costs. I told her that I could handle whatever came down the pike. Having heard that, I was told very sternly by Moogie that I would need to take care to make rest and food stops at regular intervals, as Ed was diabetic.

And so moved the hands of fate. The morning before the cruise, Ed hit the house; we packed my car up and headed down the road. It was strained at first. I had the Triple A maps and tour books. Ed however suggested that we drive through DC instead. I said what the heck. The traffic can only get so bad! I found out in later years that it was my trusting Ed's suggestion that made him think.

IN MEMORIAM: ED DeRUGGIERO

By Lieutenant Gerry Sylvester • USS Highlander, Region 7

We traveled from I-695, to I-295, through Washington DC and from there we hit I-95. (For those of you outside the area, I-95 runs north to south all the way down to Florida.)

Around the exit for Kings Dominion, Ed finally told me that he wanted to talk to me about my reputation within STAT. (Star Trek Association of Towson.) He told me that all was not pleasant. I told him straight up that he would tell me who, what, where, when, and why, and I would in turn call the karma even. And we did as such.

Then Ed surprised me. He apologized! He admitted that he was wrong about me. Good thing I was not driving at the time. I was in a total state of shock. I realized that this was something that only happens a few times in a lifetime. And

mentioned above...That is the real Ed "Penguin" DeRuggiero.

In the ensuing years, we have had some interesting conversations to say the least. We spoke of the differences between the Baltimore area convention that we are both retired con chairs of, and SFI/SFMC. We spoke of the difference between the good 'ol, days and current times, there were no PC's, radios, cash registers or even metal art show grids then. It was Ed's dream that I would agree to become the con chair of Shore Leave again.

I have one wonderful gift from Ed that I will always treasure. When I retired from Shore Leave 7 as con chair, I was handed a mimeo cert. In recent years, Ed had an engraved plaque



*Ed DeRuggiero as the ConFather with Miss Gin
Photo Courtesy of The Media Desk (www.themediadesk.com).*

it takes a big man to admit to being wrong about such. When the shock wore off I told Ed that all is well with the universe. For who am I to say get lost when someone has admitted to and is apologizing for a lifetime mistake. This is the mark of a true gentleman and human being.

During the Big E cruise Ed was by my side as a gentlemen and escort. His wealth of knowledge about the Big E was outstanding to say the least. Ed went privately to the MWR rep and told him of my background in film and TV. Between the two of them, I was privileged to have a private tour of the Big E's on board TV station. This was in addition to being a private guest of the captain on the bridge of the Big E.

It takes a big man to admit that he was wrong. And to then do such kind things as

created for me. I plan to pass that along with my memories of him, to my progeny.

I had to pull hen's teeth to get Ed to join STARFLEET. He, like myself had already been burned to a crisp by the Baltimore area con. But as history tells, he did join. And he set SFI and SFMC ablaze.

He saw more than just a con committee. He saw an opportunity to make a difference. He recruited me to his Lions Club meetings with the idea to forge an alliance between SFI/SFMC and the Lions with the idea to collect eyeglasses. He totally respected SFI and SFMC. He had total respect for Sandy Berenberg. He always referred to Gerri/Batman Wampler as Commodore, and later Admiral. It was always Commandant Olson and Fleet Admiral Rickard/Malotte!

Ed was a staunch supporter of the Polar Bear Plunge. He knew he could not medically take the Plunge. However, when we asked him to run the SFI/SFMC booth and keep track of things, it was Ed who created the sign-in sheets and kept records at the Polar Plunge Auctions. He was a prime example that you do not have to be a plunger to make a difference and help out. Ed was our chief of staff, and as such he was the first on deck along with myself. Despite the bitter cold, Ed toughed it out. He is fondly remembered by the Maryland State Police.

I remember the night in January of 2001 that a fellow Highlander member was doing a midnight move. She was pregnant, and her husband was/is US Army Active duty. I was on the landline with her when Ed called my cell. I told him of the situation, and he somehow got dressed and traveled to South Baltimore in under 1-3/4 hours. All he had to hear was that a fellow Fleeter was in need, and he was there. The call was 10:30 PM and we both hit my house at 4:30 AM. Suffice to say he was dead asleep on the couch less than 5 minutes after we hit the door.

I spoke with Ed before his final surgery. He spoke of the eyeglass drive between SFI/SFMC and the Lions. The choice however is up to you as to what to finally do. He also spoke of his association with the USS Enterprise-CVN-65.

Ed had many conversations with his fellow Lions regarding his Trekkie endeavors. It was one thing for Ed to speak about his convention days and days of meeting with guest speakers. But when I was at the service I had a chance to speak with the Lions direct. They were, and still are impressed with the works of SFI. All this, thanks to Ed. It was a definite difference to see the Trekkies in their jeans and tees and the SFI members in suitable attire.

During the recent FarPoint and Shore Leave conventions, Ed made it a point to go to the guests and talked up the Polar Bear Plunge and the Toys for Tots. To which he obtained gratis autographed merch from the guests for charity fundraising purposes.

In recent times, some of you who attended the Shore Leave convention also attended the SFI Breakfast the Monday following the con. This was the brainchild of Ed. This came as a result of Ed standing up for a fellow fleeter after said fleeter was insulted by a con committee chair. He made the choice to not attend the Monday committee breakfast. To which Sandy Berenberg and I both told Ed that we would not allow him to be alone for Monday breakfast. From there the ideas started to roll, and hence the SFI Breakfast was started. In a way Ed was also a driving force behind the SFI BBQ at Shore Leave 25. Hey, when you have a good idea, run with it.

In memory of Ed, we will be really going to town for SL 26 for the BBQ and the Breakfast. The theme for the BBQ is "On The Beach". We already have a lot of tropical goodies in hand. If anyone has an idea for the SFI Breakfast theme, we with the USS Highlander are totally open.

To those who were guests at said cons, on behalf of Ed/Penguin, we at SFI/SFMC sincerely thank you.

Ed thought the world of the Highlander. He believed in the Highlander, He believed in SFI/SFMC, and the Lions International and we are all poorer with his untimely passing.

STARFLEET Sciences had a great time at the IC! In addition to giving a report during the General Session and hosting a science panel, the division ran an unofficial gaming room.

The games were run on Friday during slow times in the IC schedule. Risk 2210 A.D. was the most popular game played, followed by Star Trek Uno. Other games included Star Trek Monopoly, Star Wars Stratego, Lord of the Rings Risk, Star Wars The Game of Life, and 3-Player and 4 Player Stratego.

FADM Malotte provided the Fleet Division Chiefs with the opportunity to report on their activities during Saturday morning's General Session. I had the pleasure of announcing my selection of Nick Greene as our new Assistant Fleet Division Chief for Sciences.

CMDR Greene is currently the XO and CSO of the USS Rutledge. In real life, he has an impressive computer and scientific technical background, and has been ground electronics manager for the U.S. Antarctic Program at McMurdo Station and Amundsen Scott South Pole Station. Among Nick's immediate goals as AFDC are to focus our attention on developing a STARFLEET Sciences webzine newsletter and researching Trek SF becoming real science.

I also announced the winners of the first annual Science-Lab Science Trivia Question Award. Candidates for the award are those people who respond with answers to the science trivia questions that I post to the Science-Lab internet list.

During the period July 2002 through June 2003, 20 trivia questions were posted to the list with 14 people responding. The

SFI SCIENCE "RISKS ALL"

By Commodore Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief of Science

first-place winner was FCAPT Bill Downs, Region 3 Science RDC, who responded to 16 of the 20 questions, answering all 16 correctly.

The second-place winner was PO Denise Clark, CSO of the USS Jurassic, who answered 7 of the 20 questions, all correctly. Congratulations Bill and Denise! Details about the Science-Lab list can be found on the web at: <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/science> in starfleet.html or by writing to:

STARFLEET Sciences
P.O. Box 2072
Asheville, NC 28802

There were 12 people, besides myself, who participated in the Sciences panel Saturday afternoon. I summarized current STARFLEET Sciences activities and reviewed the purpose of the division, which is – to serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET.

In so doing, we hope to enhance interest and enthusiasm in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible.

Additional details can be found by writing to the address above, sending an email to AlaricRH@sprynet.com, or visiting the web page at: http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet_sciences.html.

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These science contacts are here for you, and they would be happy to hear from the Chief Science Officers and members in their regions.

Greensboro, NC is the home of the Natural Science Center (4301 Lawndale Drive, Phone: (336) 288 3769), a science museum for kids and adults. While in town for the IC, I spent a couple hours exploring the Center and enjoying its many exhibits.

The gem and mineral gallery, dinosaur and paleontology exhibit, Thomas Edison Gallery, and antique science instruments display were very nice. There were several exhibits and play areas specially geared to kids.

Perhaps the most exciting area for children was the Petting Zoo, where they could touch farm animals and more exotic critters. There were several science classes for kids and science labs where they could learn about science through hands-on experience.

In fact, while I was there, classes were in progress in the Geology Lab and the Nutrition Theater. Overall, this is an excellent science museum for children to have fun at and learn!

Until next issue!

I was asked to write an article about the web-based message forums recently established at <http://forums.region7.com>.

The web forums are a simple, yet effective way of communicating electronically with fellow members. Consider it, if you will the 21st century equivalent of the old BBS-style bulletin boards. Each topic is broken down separately from other topics; helping to reduce the time spent weeding through posts you don't wish to read.

I decided to establish the web forums as another way to help the members of Region 7 communicate with fellow members, since you can browse the forum topics via your web browser as opposed to sorting through topics sent through mailing lists. This is good for those folks who don't like e-mail, but like browsing the World Wide Web. It's also beneficial if you have time to web browse from work or on vacation, and can't access your normal mode of email while away.

Users can set topics to be watched,

REGION SEVENS WEB FORUMS ONLINE

By Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith • SystemAdministrator, Region7.com

and users who are watching topics will be e-mailed by the forums when posts are added to their group of watched topics.

In this way, users can read what topics they want, when they want, and still have the ability to browse other topics at their leisure.

Users can set up voting polls for users to vote on topics of interest simply by posting a message in a forum with a poll they have created.

The Forums also come with a Calendar feature where users can post events with dates attached. Users who access calendar

will then see when events are forthcoming.

Users can set file attachments to their posts, something that you can't do on normal mailing lists to save bandwidth and trouble for users that have dial-up connections.

Users can send other registered users private messages that are stored on the Forums.

Think back to the earlier example about being away from your normal mode of email. You can drop a registered user a private message and check back later to see if they've answered or not. Rather convenient tool for passing

along messages while not at home.

Users set their birth dates and the Forums will automatically send you birthday greetings, users have the ability to choose the Flag of your country of birth, and upload small avatars (pictures) of yourself.

I plan to add more features to the Forums as time goes on, so be sure to visit <http://forums.region7.com> and see for yourself, today!

The Forums currently have 55 members registered. While the Forums are primarily are for the use of Region 7 members, they are open to any 'Fleet member that wishes to register and use them.

I'm also open to establishing other forum topic areas as requested. We already have one chapter set up using a private forum area for their electronic communications!

Take the time to stop by <http://forums.region7.com> and take a look around for yourself!



THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: AN IMPORTANT PART OF SFI

We hear a lot about the launching of shuttles and the commissioning of chapters, but one of the things that I think is overlooked are the 'unofficial' memberships and the relationships we establish with members outside our own chapters, and in many cases, with people spread over a large distance. On average, the size of a chapter in STARFLEET will range from the 'bare minimum' of 10 members or so (at least we hope so for their sake!), to 40 or 50 members (I'd be curious to know what the largest chapter is, that is with the largest number of active STARFLEET members).

But what about the other 3900-4000 or so members that are spread across the country or the across the world? I'd like to talk about those relationships we make, particularly those 'unofficial' memberships we hold. What's the appeal of belonging in some way to another chapter, outside the official way delineated in Starfleet's Constitution and By-laws? Well, let's see:

- There's those people we meet either in chat rooms, AOL IM channels, and of course chapter, regional, and international events.
- There's the correspondence chapter aspect of STARFLEET.
- There's word of mouth and the discovery of people with interests similar to our own, but with individuals

By Commodore Dave Klingman • USS Jaguar, Region 1

who live in other parts of the country or world.

I belong myself in fact to eight chapters of STARFLEET in some 'official' or 'unofficial' capacity:

- USS Jaguar, Region 1, the 'official' chapter to which I belong, where I serve as the Chief of Operations and Fictional Coordinator.
- USS Draco, Region 2, whose relationship is based on my role as a 'Morale Officer' for STARFLEET which I have developed through friendships with people like Jimmy Whatley
- USS Haise, Region 2, whose relationship is based on a common interest in the works of JRR Tolkien which I share with Bethany Theilman.
- USS Victory, Region 3, whose relationship is based on a friendship with Steve Gordon that I've developed in the chat room and at fleet events
- USS Atlas, Region 12, whose relationship is based on a friendship with SFI Webmaster Mike Wilkerson
- USS Hadfield, Region 13, whose relationship is based on friendships with Dave Blaser and Matt and Alice Baillie.
- USS Magellan, Region 14, a beginning

relationship based on getting to know Joost Ueffing (hopefully the CO will let me on board).

- USS Endeavor, Region 15, based on a friendship with Fred McCarthy
- More importantly than just saying I'm a member of these chapters, however, I've taken the time to develop friendships and activities with the people on these chapters:
- USS Draco, as noted, through the Starfleet Morale Office.
- USS Haise, a (hopefully) ongoing discussion of JRR Tolkien and some common interests in Star Trek Science.
- USS Victory, a relationship of silliness I share with Steve, but also the possibility that I may find myself stationed in San Antonio in a few years.
- USS Atlas, the recent sharing of 'parental' interests with Mike, who as some of you know is going to be a father soon! (check out Gloria's photos at <http://www.gloriawilkerson.com/>).
- USS Hadfield, an ongoing contribution to R13's online newsletter 'Subspace Channels' (check that out at <http://www.region13.org/newsletter/index.php>).
- USS Magellan, a recent Internet

connection with Joost (and a selfish desire to someday visit Nova Scotia)

If there's a moral to this story, it's that the relationships we establish with other chapters and members in other geographic locations are just as important as those with the members of our local chapters. I also have a goal to belong as an 'associate' member to at least one chapter in every region in Starfleet and build a firm and lasting relationship with the people in those regions. So I guess I need to pound the pavement and visit Regions 4, 5 (now that Jaguar has moved to R1), 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 17, and 20. I'm off to a good start actually: I'll be happily continuing contributions of fiction and story writing to the Fifth Fleet Memo, and I plan to attend my second Watkins Glen Weekend this October in New York.

Who knows what I may find in the other regions? Maybe I should post a "Wanted: Chapter to be Occasional Home to Wayward Associate Member" classified ad to the Communiqué (come to think of it, the Communiqué is a great way to connect with *everyone* in STARFLEET. Wouldn't it be nice if something from every region appeared in every issue?)

And if someone could find out what the largest single chapter is based on current members in good standing, I think that would be cool! (I'll of course petition to be an associate member on that chapter if they can find something useful for me to do.)

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STARDATE?

By Commander James Cecil • Commanding Officer, Shuttle Commonwealth

Have you ever asked yourself what the current stardate is? I've come across a web site that shows what our current date in the Star Trek universe would be plus what the stardate would be in the 24th century.

The site I'm speaking of is the Java Script Stardate Converter by Stephen Pugh. It can be found at <http://steve.pugh.net/fleet/stardate.html>. This site shows you what today's date would be in the stardate format and also shows the current stardate for the year 2380 in trek terms. It will allow you to convert any month, date, and year to a Star Trek Stardate and back to its original form.

For example say you wanted to find out what the stardate for December 7th, 2023 would be. You would simply input the year into the year box above, the month would be entered as a numerical number and placed in the month box. Since I'm using December in my

example here the numerical number for December is 12. You would type in "12" in the month box. The day box is also numerical and you would type in the Day box "07", typing in "7" also works too.

You'll also notice that there are two more boxes there. These are for inputting the hours and minutes of the day. However, I'm not going to bother with that for now. By entering "12 - 07 - 2023" into the corresponding boxes and clicking on the Convert button we find out that December 7th, 2023 is converted to stardate 000930.88.

I find Stephen Pugh's Java Script Stardate Converter a very useful tool for those who are writing their own fan fiction in the Star Trek era. I myself use his site extensively with a play by e-mail game that I'm in. I give Java Script Stardate Converter two thumbs up and highly recommend this site to all Star Trek fans and inspiring writers of Trek fiction.

DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?

A Review By Lieutenant Patty Heany • USS Pathfinder

"We came back," Pris said, "Because nobody should have to live there. It wasn't conceived for habitation, at least not within the last billion years. It's so old. You feel it in the stones, the terrible old age..."

In his book, "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?", Philip K. Dick paints the image of a post-apocalyptic world where Earth is dying and the only things that can survive are the machines created as slaves to mankind. The novel is dark and almost cruel in its honesty of man's nature. The people struggle to survive, slowly being swallowed in the world damned by wars and complacency. Yet through it all, you have a very real connection with the characters. You believe them, they seem like decent people at heart. But in this book, not all hearts are real, and not all characters are truly alive. Or are they?

The book revolves around a group

of androids, a bounty hunter, and a "chickenhead," a man so consumed by radioactive dust that he has lost much of his mental abilities. All are forced to question their own definitions of life, and the bounty hunter seems to question whether the androids he hunts are more human than he is. Towards the end of the story, the androids are driven to question whether or not they have the right to live freely. The finale has readers questioning their own definition of life, stereotypes, and the rights of "inferior" life forms.

At no time is the reader allowed the luxury of receiving all the answers, and the greatest questions the story poses are left deliberately unanswered. I recommend this book to any mature reader with an open mind. The book contains some explicit content (nothing too bad), but will pose questions that many people don't want to consider. This is no novel for a casual reader, but is for the philosopher at heart.

Over the July 4th holiday, members of the USS Pioneer, USS Mir, USS Stormbringer, the Region 3 Shuttle, Hapsburg, and a few folks from the USS Anasazi converged upon Roswell, New Mexico to celebrate the 9th. Annual UFO Festival and to recruit in uncharted territory for STARFLEET.

Amina Kahlil of the USS Pioneer had suggested the trip to Roswell and, as interest in the event grew, stepped up to take the reins of coordinating the event. I want to thank Amina here for making this event possible and to embarrass her in front of you all by saying what a wonderful person she is.

Before the event, Region 17 procured special T-shirts in bright alien yellow with our mascot "Roswell Rocky" on the front and all of the Rocky Mountain Fleet's chapters printed on the back with their respective locations. We were hoping that these shirts would serve two purposes; to make us cooler in the July New Mexican heat, and to increase our visibility as a group to the estimated 15,000 others that would be in attendance. Never did we think that our shirts would attract so much attention. Just about everywhere we went throughout the weekend, folks were stopping us to ask what we were about. We still have about 10 shirts left in various sizes, so if you would like a really hot collector's item, please contact David Horst of the USS Pioneer at XO@usspioneer.net or go to the region 17 website at: <http://www.region-17.org>

Close Encounters of the First Kind:

The trip began promptly at midnight Thursday morning with members of the Pioneer and Stormbringer departing Denver. USS Pioneer XO David Horst used his superior cartography skills to find us a wormhole that saved us about an hour on the drive down.

Arriving in the UFO Capital of the World, we checked into our hotels and set out to explore the city and learned that Roswell is also the Dairy Capital of the Southwest. I guess that explains why extra terrestrials are so into cattle.

One nice surprise that occurred as soon as we arrived was the appearance of the Shuttle Hapsburg's XO, John Johnston, who made the trip up from El Paso to help recruit for his shuttle in Region 3. So what was once a little trip to the desert became an inter-regional event. We responded in kind by offering him someplace to crash other than his car or Mac Brazel's ranch where the infamous "Roswell Incident" occurred on July 4th, 1947. I am sure the Brazel family appreciated that. John brought with him a new scope to this project, making it a joint event between chapters in Region 17 and Region 3.

With a veritable plethora of recruitment tools, we took to task the challenge of spreading the word about STARFLEET.

ROSWELL AFTER ACTION REPORT

By Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, Region 17

These items included the now legendary "Roswell Rocky" T-Shirts, new regional recruitment cards and various and sundry items such as pens, flyers, posters, applications and other classified items that the GAO has no documentation on.

Close Encounters of the Second Kind:

Friday, July 4th was the 56th anniversary of the historical crash on the Brazel ranch in Roswell that sparked a generation of conspiracy theories and belief in the idea that We Are Not Alone. Isn't that why we're in STARFLEET, to someday put aside our petty human insecurities and pool our collective resources into getting off the Third Rock and seeing who's out there? It is for me and, oh, say about 4000 of my friends who also have SCC numbers. We celebrated our Independence Day by taking in the fireworks extravaganza, which was a choreographed display set to patriotic songs and some flat out rockin' tunes. The fireworks alone lasted over 45 minutes, which is longer than most other shows we had seen in the past. The Roswell Fire Department went all out to provide a safe and spectacular show.

Saturday contained the bulk of the programming for the UFO Festival. We started early

in the morning as I dressed up as Starbuck from Battlestar Gallactica and entered the costume contest. The contest was a mix of sweat and aliens and sweat and animals and sweat, as a lady dressed up her dachshund as a small gray alien sweating in a saddle. And lo and behold, when it was all over, the sweating daggit won first prize. Did I mention it was Roswell in July?

Shortly after the contest, we were greeted by members of the USS Mir and the USS Anasazi who arrived in a fashion reminiscent of a John Wayne western movie. Nancy Lynch and Everett Brooks of the USS Mir brought 100 CD-ROMs that they had created with SFI recruitment materials and the newsletters of as many chapters in the region that they could find. The crew of the Mir also made over 70 Grab Bags that contained buttons, candy, keychain flashlights and other SFI items that we handed out to interested parties. During the unloading of the recruitment cargo, Nancy and the crew of the Mir presented me with a birthday present befitting an admiral of my station: a ceremonial dress sword.

We departed the fairgrounds for lunch and went to a Chinese buffet that was simply fabulous. I guess jalapenos are the state vegetable of New Mexico because I have never had Moo Goo Gai Jalapeno before. As hot as it was, it was tasty. Perhaps Marco Polo introduced more to China than any of us learned about in school.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind:

A strange thing happened here. After discussing the options for lunch and deciding upon the buffet, we learned that the USS Anasazi crew had gone to Denny's instead. We had patronized that establishment the day before and were less than impressed with some minor things like food quality, the fetid smell and worse taste of the water, and the condition of the Texaco-like bathrooms. We expressed this to the fine folks of the Anasazi and thought we would see them at the buffet, but alas, they did not show up nor did we hear from them again. I guess the whole thing about alien abduction is true after all. I really should catch up on reruns of X-Files.

We went back to the fairgrounds after lunch to recruit some more. It was at this time that we learned that the table we had put our items on was the Roswell Chamber of Commerce table and that the lady who gave us permission to put them there did not have the authority to do so. I asked to speak with someone in charge and met John Trujillo of the City of Roswell. I quickly apologized for any miscommunication and explained who we were and why we were there. Mr. Trujillo was receptive to our plight and surprised all of us by pointing to a table and telling us that we were free to use it to recruit and hand out information on STARFLEET. He then told us the plans for next year's festival and told us that if we'd offer to volunteer, he would help us secure a vendor table in a high traffic area for a greatly reduced rate. Mr. Trujillo was as excited about us as we were about him, and it was at this point that we began planning to go all out for next year's festival. Amina & Gumby worked the table while the rest of the crew worked the crowd. By the time it was over, we had given away all but a few cards and flyers to the A&A (Attendees and Abductees).

After a long day of sightseeing, we retired to the Admiral's quarters to plan our strategy for the fairgrounds the next day.

Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind:

We retired to the hotel room for a few drinks with our friends from the Mir. Mir crew in attendance were: Nancy Lynch, Ethyl Lynch, Randy Lynch, Sharon Bloom and Everett Brooks.

We discussed the usual topics and set about to have our own share of the fun in the UFO Capital of the World. As luck would not have it, the congestion on the major highway to Las Cruces was severe, so Nancy and crew chose to take off early so that the drive home would be tolerable. The folks from the Mir came, saw, had a great Chinese buffet and brought wonderful things to pass out to the festival goers!

I want to say thanks to the Mirites for really coming through for us!

Sunday we went to the famous Crash Down Diner and partook of the delightful cuisine. If you ever get to Roswell, this is one place you MUST go. The food and the atmosphere were a fantastic mix of X-Files meets Mel's Diner, and the food was outstanding. They even have a small gift shop next door for all those last minute alien needs.

We said good-bye to John Johnston from the Hapsburg and began to make our way home to Denver. We stopped off at a local convenience store to get road drinks and munchies and were surprised to get a couple of Alien Amber Beer Posters and Coasters. Had it not been Sunday, we'd have gotten more beer as well! As it was, we almost did, until the cashier caught himself at the last minute. So we put the beer back.

The ride home was uneventful until coming back through Raton Pass. It was right as we were in the thick of the mountains that our transmission decided to go out. At first we lost overdrive and drive gears. We made it into Trinidad and pulled off the interstate to assess the damage. We decided to see if we could push it to Colorado Springs, where help would be easier to obtain than were we to leave the van sitting 250 miles from home. We lost second gear in Pueblo, and had a maximum speed of 25-30 MPH. We limped the van into Colorado Springs and left it at the home of Bob Bulkeley.

It took us a week and \$1400 Quatloos, but we did get the van fixed. YIPES!

In Closing...

All in all, it was a great trip. Next year's planning for Roswell has already begun.

We considered this a landing party more than anything else. We went into it knowing that there would be so much more that we could do. But, as it turned out, it went better than we expected.

We learned upon our arrival home that in the two days following the festival, our website got almost 600 unique visitors. Now, if only they will join STARFLEET!

Special thanks to members of the Stormbringer, Pioneer, Mir and Anasazi who drove a pretty long way to come out to help the region wave the flag!

If you are interested in attending the 2004 UFO Festival next year, please contact your CO or email Gumby at: R17RC@hotmail.com

The follow up pictorial we will do next year will be called:

THE ROSWELL REPORT: CASE CLOSED!

THE THRILL OF VICTORY AND THE AGONY OF THE FEET!

On Saturday August 23, 2003, athletes spanning from all over New England gathered to live the thrill of victory and the "Agony of the Feet" as Region 15 held its first annual Region 15 Lawn Olympics. The competition was fast and furious as competitors competed for the honor of bringing home the gold for their chapters.

The Spectacle began with the Procession of athletes as the hosts of the event Joe and Val Ruttar mounted on horses lead the athletes into Rigel Stadium to the sound of the wailing SFMC Bag Pipes. The cadets of the Region then displayed the Olympic torch as they did a lap around the stadium much to the delight of the frenzied crowd in attendance. The National Anthem was played, the Olympic torch was then lit and RC Garry Halverson announced, "Let the games begin!"

Begin they did in earnest, as each event was a nail biting, hard fought contest of brains and brawn. The events consisted of the Homerun Derby, Football Toss, Frisbee Throw, Golf Ball Run, Limbo, Croquet, Monopoly, Slip and Slide, Badminton, Balloon Toss, Three-legged Race and finally Three-on-Three Football.

By Rear Admiral Garrick Halverson • Regional Coordinator, Region 15



Corey Grant experiences the thrill of victory.

Photo courtesy of Garrick Halverson

When the smoke cleared and the bodies were carried off, the total medal count honor fell to the USS Endeavor, but the USS Atlantis came away with the highest gold Medal count and the USS Darwin won the honors for the most number of silver medals. Also winning medals were Space Station Ian Fleming, USS Hood and USS Nelson.

The closing ceremonies were an emotional one as each athlete bowed their heads in pride as the RC draped their well-earned medals around their necks. In a tearful snuffing out of the Olympic torch the RC announced the games were over, goodbyes were said and athletes went home.

The Olympic torch has long been snuffed out and the athletes have left, but one can still hear the echoes of the laughter and excitement rising up out of Rigel Stadium, Kirk Court, Sierra Field and the Trekkie Patio.

The Region 15 Lawn Olympics will go down in the annals of Olympic endeavors as one of the best times ever experienced by members of Region 15.

GOIN' BATTY IN REGION 1

By Lieutenant (JG) Patty Heany • USS Pathfinder, Region 1

Do you like malaria? West Nile Virus? Lyme disease? No? How about bananas, breadfruit, avocados, dates, figs, peaches, mangoes, cloves, cashews, carob, balsa wood, life preservers, or even tequila?

There is one animal that is both largely responsible for keeping these diseases in check, and for the production of hundreds of beneficial plants.

Bats.

These frequently misunderstood creatures are responsible not only for disease control and cross-pollination, but for reforestation and fertilizer production as well. But there's a problem. These creatures, which have existed for over 50 million years, are becoming endangered species by species. To make things worse; we know so little about them, that saving them will be a nearly impossible task.

For many people, this may actually seem like a good thing. Bats have long suffered from the stigma of being considered to be disease ridden vampire animals that attack in the dead of night. In truth, out of the 1,000 species known, only 3 feed off blood; and these live exclusively in Latin America.

In the United States, 70% of all bats are insectivorous (eating often harmful

insects like mosquitoes, ticks, and crop-eating beetles), with the rest feeding solely on nectar. Furthermore, the belief that bats are a major cause of rabies is absolutely false.

Each year, an average of 1 person is reported to have contracted rabies from a bat bite. The prevailing myth, that bats secretly bite people, causing them to contract this disease, was found completely false by a recent symposium of experts.

Bats have never been found to be major disease carriers for ailments that effect humans or animals. In fact, by eliminating countless mosquitoes nightly, bats actually help curb the spread of many deadly diseases, including West Nile Virus.

If none of this is enough to convince you of the importance of bats, lets talk about alcohol. Bats are the sole source of natural pollination for the plant that produces tequila. No bats means no Margarita night, folks. Let's save us some mammals!!

For more information on bats or bat conservation, please visit <http://www.batcon.org> or write

Bat Conservation International
P.O. Box 162603
Austin, TX, 78716

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: USS O'BANNON

By Kandyleigh Provencher • USS O'Bannon, Region 15

Once upon a time, there was a small unknown chapter in New England (Region 15) named the USS O'Bannon. In the beginning, the O'Bannon lived under the shadow of the USS The Sullivans. With Captain Tony Bonti in the center seat, we started to sever the umbilical cord and take our first steps alone. We participated in local parades and recruitment drives at book stores and local movie theaters. As the crew grew, new ideas came to the group: New England Deaf Camp, the Maine State Parade, local food pantry, and animal welfare chapters.

Like all First Officers, Mark had a vision of where he would like to see the chapter be in one year, three years, five years, and the more distant future. I also had these visions, and we joined forces to move the O'Bannon forward. A wide variety of activities were found and suggested by the group: Valentine's Day cards for Veterans, Feral Cats, Shelters for Battered Women/Men/Children, Maine Model Club, movie nights, pot luck dinners, train trips to Boston, and several walk-a-thons for MS and March of Dimes.

During these activities, a strange thing happened. We found that we actually liked spending time together. Deep friendships and a sense of family were born. We are there for each other through sad times like relationship problems,

medical conditions, and deaths. We are there to lend a helping hand to build fences, paint walls, and clean yards. And, we are there for good times like promotions, graduations, and birth of grandchildren.

In 2000, our fun was rewarded with Region 15's Chapter of the Year. What an emotional time that was! To have repeated this honor in both 2001 and 2002 is just amazing to me and to the chapter. We are very proud and very honored to have won three years in a row. Yes, we are very active in the community, and above all we have FUN. To us we are not doing anything all that special – It's just who we are.

Never in my wildest dreams did I think the O'Bannon would have won STARFLEET's Chapter Of The Year. It was a twist of fate that Bran Stimpson was able to attend the IC. It would have been a shame to have won this award and to have no O'Bannon member there to receive the trophy. My pride for this chapter and my warm feelings for the members and my friends fills my heart.

So to each member: pat yourself on the back, shine with pride, pat each other on the back, sit back for a few and enjoy the moment, then get back to work. The crew of the USS O'Bannon send our warmest congratulations to all the award recipients at this year's IC.

KLINGON COOKING

By Commander Mike Balewitz • USS Avenger, Region 7

The Klingon are a very diverse and infamous people known throughout the galaxy for the unusual food choices. People think of it as small animals (which are usually alive) or chunks of barely alive (or dead) animals thrown together with many odoriferous herbs, but in order to properly cook Klingon it takes a significant amount of study, practice and often the right touch. When preparing Klingon food one must never be careless or you'll have very angry warriors on your hands (or heads). A warrior who is well fed is ready to battle the enemy and bring glory to the empire. A warrior who is displeased with the meal often looks to the cook for retribution, often with deadly results.

Quite possibly the most famous food known outside the empire is qagh, serpent worms served with ghevl' (sauce). In order to properly prepare this dish, prior to preparation, the worms are fed 'lw puj or weak blood. The worms find it very unappetizing and only consume it when they are nearly starving. The type of blood used has a great deal to do with the eventual flavor of the qagh. Each cook and eater has their own preference. The final step is to pour the qagh in a bowl and pour in the ghevl' which contains pellets of a strong but flavorful herb which the hungry worms quickly consume. The herb is highly toxic to them and usually kills them within minutes after they eat it. So, it is best that the ghevl' is kept out of the qagh until ready to serve. Qagh is always best served live. The Klingons enjoy two other types of worms. Racht is one and just like qagh it's best consumed while

still alive and wriggling, but if cold, recently dead racht is the only food available the warrior won't throw it out into a disposal unit. The second is vermicula which is native to Antede 3. Worf, like many other Klingons have acquired the taste for it. Klingons serve it as a change of pace from the thick worms of qagh. Vermicula worms are much lighter and thinner.

TlhombuS, another popular dish is nothing more than a block of tlhagh (fat) coated with ngat (herbed granulated cartilage) and tlr (grain) which is then immersed into a pot of boiling fat until the coating hardens. Boqrat chej qevlu' pu'bogh (stewed bokrat liver) is taken from the animal which was killed only minutes before preparation. Apparently there is a major difference to a Klingon between fresh and nearly stale liver. Blood from the animal is also taken in which to cook the liver.

Qul Dlr or fire skin is also popular. It is pieces of skin soaked in a strong liqueur and set on fire prior to serving. It's often consumed while it's still aflame.

PipyuS pach (pipus claw) is yet another popular dish known outside the empire. This is one dish that Riker tried to acquaint himself with prior to his temporary assignment on board the Pagh in 2365. Bregit lung is one dish that Riker enjoyed aboard the Pagh. This is the lungs of the animal which is also stewed. Ah, to breathe the air of battle.....um.....yeah.

Rokey blood pie is the entrails and organs of an animal baked in a pie shell. Klingons are taught to like this even before they can hold a bat'leth.

Marzionian buds in krasie juice is just that. The buds of the marzionian flower boiled in the sap of the krasie tree. This is one of the few plant-based foods of the empire. Gladst, a leafy vegetable, is another.

Klingon skull stew is basically the skull of an animal with the meat stewed off the skull served on a bed of entrail. Yum! Skull stew was once thought of as a myth until the Khitomer Accords and the alliance between the Federation and the Empire. This dish is not for the fainthearted.

Klingon organ stew is a unique Klingon tradition. It's a wild game-hunters stew in which the tlq (heart); chej (liver); qogh (ears); jat (tongue); burgh(stomach); tlhuQ(tail); and often the luH (intestines) which are all stewed in a pot. There are also several other dishes such as zilm'kach, a Klingon fruit; Qaj tlhuQ (kradge tail); Toqvlr lung (eggs from the tokvirian skink) which are usually eaten by the handful (and often with the shells intact) and well as an assortment of bugs called ghew.

After fine dining in the empire what would be a better way to wash this all down? By far, the most popular beverage known outside the empire is 'lw Hlq or bloodwine which is the fermented blood of an animal.

It's served warm to hot often porgh hat or body temperature (whose body, I have no idea). It should be dark-red in color and usually is accompanied by song or toasting. Baghol is yet another beverage enjoyed by the Klingons. It is served heated and in small glasses. 'Awje or rootbeer as it has been translated though not accurately, is a non-alcoholic effervescent drink which is black in color which is made from the marrow of the teghbat. It's a very mild beverage even by Klingon standards. Even though its not native to the empire, Klingons have found a way to make qa' vln or coffee which is both strong in flavor and its effect as a stimulant. It's consumed plain or black but some Klingons have been known to further enhance its flavor by adding a liquor to it which is called ra'taj. Through the interaction with the federation a new version of this beverage was founded. It was called raktajino. It's Klingon coffee with a nut-like flavoring added then topped with cream. Dargh (tea) is a common beverage in its own right. The Klingon people observe a very solemn tea ceremony in which the tea is somewhat toxic for a Klingon but very deadly for a human. The dargh is both prepared and consumed according to certain ritualistic procedures. During the tea ceremony, two friends consume the poisoned tea partly as a test of bravery and partly as a reminder of the Klingon maxi,"death is an experience best shared." The final beverage I wish to cover is the warriors drink or prune juice. This was dubbed by Worf quite possibly due to the harsh taste and harsh reactions which readies a body for battle.

AIN'T IT FUN? — A NEWCOMER'S VIEW OF STARFLEET

By Claire Halber • USS Flying Fox, Region 7

I recently attended my first Regional Conference. I had hoped to take part in many seminars and learn all about STARFLEET. Unfortunately, the Conference was not as structured as I had hoped. The schedule was not a full one, with a limited number of discussion groups and too much down time.

Of course, I did get to meet many of the people that I had gotten to know from the R7 List. But the turnout was low and I did not get to meet as many people as I had hoped to.

One of the issues that was discussed at the Conference was recruitment and retention of members. Here are some suggestions by a lowly PO3 on what could be done.

Provide more background information to new members at events. I attended a meeting and nearly drowned in the acronyms. Don't assume that every member can translate the alphabet soup. Be patient and explain what you are talking about in Standard English for us neophytes.

It also would have been helpful if someone had been designated as my mentor.

Then I would have been able to ask that person any question that I had about what was going on instead of having to fend for myself. I even had to approach staff members and introduce myself because no one approached me. Is this the way to make new members feel welcome? I even ate lunch by myself!

Do not ignore new members. Make them feel wanted!

Maybe it was just a bad day. Or, maybe it was typical behavior. Either way, is this the impression you want to make? I had a similar experience the first time I participated in the R7 List. I got on in the middle of a VERY bad day when people were being unkind to one another. The negativism and apathy will lead to atrophy. In order for the organization to be viable, the members must care more about each other and less about themselves.

At the Conference this question was raised, "What can STARFLEET do for me?" As a member of a service organization, shouldn't it be the other way around? What can I, as a member, do for the good of the organization?

One thing that can be done is to stop the petty infighting. The politics and egotism may prove fatal. As in most organizations, 10% of the people do 90% of the work.

You must get the new members interested and involved. You need to make them feel welcomed and wanted. You must make a good impression. If you appear disorganized or bored, you will not attract the kind of people that you need to survive.

I did get a chance to pick some people's brains and got answers to some of my questions. But the leaders should have sought me out in an effort to get me involved rather than the other way around.

What I did learn was that there are many different activities available in STARFLEET.

As a member I can participate in the ones that best suit my own individual interests. I will probably continue to take STARFLEET Academy courses and write articles for the CQ. I plan to attend chapter and Regional events and attend IC next year.

I am lucky that there are a lot of members who will answer my ignorant questions. But, I am not intimidated by the jargon or the organizational structure. Some new members may be. STARFLEET may be overwhelming to someone new. Try to remember how you felt at your first meeting.

Be more supportive of new members. Provide structure and direction. The new recruits will appreciate your help and work harder for the organization. Give praise, not only to the new members, but to each other. Communicate. Find out the concerns of the new members and address those concerns. And please, treat each other in a manner befitting a STARFLEET member.

"With my arms wide..."

MALOP! A KLINGON BONDING RITUAL IN REGION 3

Words and Pictures courtesy of Lt. Gene Adams • USS Lone Star, Region 3

Picture, if you will, a group of large, loud, ferocious looking men, intimidating everyone in sight and in general angrily running amok. No, it's not the defensive line of the Green Bay Packers converging on a hapless quarterback. Rather, it is a company of Klingons who have descended upon the Hilton Hotel in College Station, Texas during the June 20-22 Region Three Summit to witness the Klingon bonding ritual joining Dykar of the house of Devos (FCAPT John DuBose, CO of the USS Spiritwolf) and Norja of the house of Spovak (CDR Norma Bess, Communications Officer of the Spiritwolf). And this is what would pass for good behavior for Klingons!

John and Norma, who originally became acquainted in an on-line chat room, then met and got to know each other over a considerable period, had decided in January of this year to join in wedded bliss and thought it would be tres cool to do it at the Regional Summit. They approached Region Three Coordinator, ADM Brad Pense, and tossed the idea at him. Admiral Brad approved, and VADM Michelle Fanelli, the Vice-Regional Coordinator (South), having overheard the conversation, volunteered to handle the arrangements (obviously having never served in the military and learning that there can be drawbacks to volunteering). However, as the Summit date approached, John and Norma found themselves too impatient to wait, and they hid themselves down to their local Weddings R Us combination chapel and bagel shop and tied the knot early. They still thought that they wanted to do something meaningful regarding their union at Summit however, so VADM Fanelli, in coordination with FCAPT Jim Wilson, the CO of the Summit-sponsoring ship the



Bride and Groom Norma Bess and John DuBose pose with some Klingon friends (L to R): Scott Fredericksen, Jim Wilson and William Ashley, all of the USS Intangible.

USS Intangible, decided that a Klingon Bonding Ceremony, known as the R'uustai, would be appropriate. Many of the USS Spiritwolf's crew have adopted alternate alien personas, and John's alternate persona was as a Klingon, while Norma's was as a half Klingon, half human. Adding to the flavor was the fact that FCAPT Wilson had a contingent of Klingons aboard the Intangible who were spoiling for something to celebrate (or fight).

The ceremony was arranged and conducted beautifully, and kudos have to go to VADM Fanelli and FCAPT Wilson for the outstanding preparations. Mercifully, no pain sticks were involved. John and Norma repeated their bonding vows in Klingon as the phrases were read to them, and all went well, until Norma encountered one particular phrase which was beyond the capabilities of her tongue and vocal cords. Thinking quickly, she uttered the universal all-occasion response, "whatever."

One of the party favors provided to the onlookers was a vial of bubble solution, and, at the end of the ceremony, the guests filled the room with tiny bubbles in the air. Wouldn't you know it, the Klingons couldn't resist getting in some combat practice and, pulling their d'ktahg's, ran around the room slaying bubbles. Order was ultimately restored before any fatalities occurred and the blood wine was broken out. When last seen, the Klingons were headed to the Challenge-a-Klingon arm wrestling booth to see how many inferior species they could smash.

Great show John and Norma, but what do you have in mind for next year to top this?



Today is a good day to "pop": William Ashley and Scott Fredericksen of the USS Intangible attacking...bubbles?!?



The Wedding (L to R): Maye Orem (mother of John DuBose), Norma Bess, John DuBose, Michelle Fanelli, Robert Graham and Jeanette Fanelli.

I wanted to let you all know that for those that didn't make it to the R4 conference, you missed out on a great time. I arrived at the Visalia Radisson on Friday at about 5:30pm. It took me about 3.5 hours to go a total of 210 miles from Sacramento to Visalia. I checked in, then went downstairs to check the place out. Nice hotel! I wandered out to the pool about 6pm, and there were several STARFLEET types lounging around, waiting for the Friday night 7pm pool BBQ to start. At about 7pm they opened up. I bought a glass of wine, well actually it was in a plastic cup, they don't trust adults with glass near the pool and socialized with everyone for awhile.

The BBQ was not much in the way of selection, but oh well. This was about the time hospitality suite was opened, which meant it was time for the customary alcohol run! I, Ed Nowlin, Jerry Tien and Larry Barnes hopped in Larry's new car with him at the helm, and we hit the nearest 7-Eleven store and picked up beer. I personally purchased a 6-pack each of St. Pauli Girl, a good German beer and Sierra Nevada Pale Ale which is made just up the road from where I went to college in Chico, CA.

We were also hungry, so we hit the Jack In The Box drive through for some grub and headed back to the hotel. Once we were all situated, it was time to set up the VCR and the LCD projector. We watched Mel Brooks in "High Anxiety." Classic stuff! After that we chatted and in general made a lot of noise until about 2 or 3am. Then it was time for bed, for the conference was to start the next morning at 10am.

2003 REGION 4 CONFERENCE

By Fleet Captain Boyd Harmon • USS Onizuka, Region 4

Ah yes, Saturday. After assaulting the alarm that went off at 9am, I determined that the first order of business was to find the nearest Starbuck's Coffee. What I would do without my much needed Venti white chocolate mocha in the a.m. is anyone's guess. Anyway-- Starbuck's happened to be two blocks away in downtown Visalia. I made my purchase and got back by 10am. Finally about 10:30am the general session started. I found the General session quite informative, and the "How to Make a Prop" panel with Mark Andrews in the afternoon 1-2pm hour was my favorite. He had all kinds of stuff. He proved that you could make anything from anything. Really!

Later in the afternoon, after the last panel ended at 4pm, a good lot of us ended up at the pool. The pool was not very warm as the heater was not functioning, however since the high for the day was 98 degrees, I was not worried about it. A number of us ended up in the luke-warm tub (it should have been hot, but wasn't) sat around, and generally took up space. After that I took a short nap, and then at 7pm it was time to change into the ol' uniform and go to the banquet dinner.

The dinner was excellent-- tri-tip, chicken, rice, and dinner roll. For dessert we had coffee and some excellent

cheesecake. I honestly think that the Greensboro Holiday Inn could have taken a few notes from these guys. After that we had a raffle. I bought 25 tickets for \$20 and managed to win twice-- a ST:TOS font pack and a ST:VOY - Homecoming book.

Next came the regional awards. I was both happy and very surprised to hear my name called for Region 4 Officer of the Year. It actually took more than a second or two to register in my head that it happened. To whoever nominated me and I know you're out there somewhere, thanks!

Our VRC Larry Barnes got Member of the year. Congrats! After the rest of the awards were given out, the DJ music and dancing began. That went on for an hour or two, and then it was time to head up to the hospitality suite. It was quite hospitable! We took turns on IRC, and also watched "Under Siege" on the LCD projector, which was hooked up to a laptop this time. After the movie ended it was late, and there was Sunday to contend with, so we all went to sleep.

Sunday introduced itself to me in the form of an alarm going off at 9am. The problem is that I went right back to sleep! Something about going to bed at 3am didn't help. Finally about 10am I decided

to wake up and stay wake. I had some coffee, packed my stuff, then checked out about 11:45am. I filled up with gas and headed down to Plaza Park, just about three or four miles away. Other STARFLEET types were already there, getting ready for a horseshoe tournament and BBQ! I had never thrown a horseshoe before in my life (though when I was little I watched grandpa throw a few on motorhoming trips), however since I was the only member of the USS Onizuka in attendance,

I decided to give it a shot. I was shut out 9-0 in the first round by Charlie Werner of the USS Peacekeeper. As the various rounds of horseshoes were being played, the rest of us watched on while scarfing on hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, and chips. The final match got down to a "battle of the Charlies," Charles Flowers of the USS Highroller, and Charlie Werner of the USS Peacekeeper. Oddly enough, one person emerged as the tournament winner: This illustrious feat goes to Charlie Werner of the USS Peacekeeper, the host chapter of the weekend. I think someone has been practicing!!! At any rate--congratulations sir!

After the match was done the BBQ crew broke camp, stowed all the cooking gear and what was left of the food and prepared to head for home. There were many hugs and handshakes to go around, and finally, reluctantly, everyone went their separate ways.

Until the next 'Fleet event!

Commander Heather Stern bid farewell to the Engineer. "I'll expect your report on the new silicate life forms bay when we're back from our rendezvous." Chief Engineer 'Dillo always had a half dozen projects in hand; the silicate life forms research bay was quite rightly the pride of the ship. Universal translators were rarely up to the strange languages that silicates spoke, but 'Dillo could deal with them like a native.

Entering the turbolift, she headed for the low decks - "Captain's Launch." The doors opened and she was about to step out, but Jim Dennis, Fleet Intelligence, was stepping in at Deck 20. This was certainly fitting; it was against regulations for both of the ship's commanders to leave the ship without escort. Unicorn Escobedo, past captain of the long lost Atreides and ranked among the Soma Guardians, had the conn. 11 decks to go... arriving, Captain David Benfell was already there. He took the helm with well practiced confidence, released the docking clamps, and slipped easily into warp.

Previously an able helmsman, his time estimates were just about perfect. It was not often that all the vessels from this sector of space were called to conference, and subspace calls, being one to one by their nature, would not cut the ether. Plus,

AN XO'S REGION 4 CONFERENCE

By Commander Heather Stern • USS Augusta Ada, Region 4

it would be a chance to once more to trade barbed wit with Lt. Moragh, one of our Klingon allies and a fellow combatant against the Borg menace.

Beaming down to the planet, desert winds and bright sunlight met them. The transport coordinates probably should have placed them inside the nearby building... ah well. They entered the spacious lobby, and were cheerfully greeted by fellow Fleet members. Now that they were within 'Fleet controlled space once more, Jim relaxed and settled to shop talk with the crew of other ships while his XO and CO headed up the turbolift for an early private chat with Chrissy of the USS Peacekeeper. Mainly this was idle chatter and an opportunity to tour the facilities. Quite spacious, nice view. Are my pips on straight? Looks like.

Time to head back down and get settled in. The USS Peacekeeper's able mess hall staff had prepared a fine repast, but were prolonging the enjoyment by serving drinks of choice first. Anything, except Romulan Ale, that is. At least one Klingon warrior

was there beyond their ally Moragh, and his human mate Kathy. On display was an incredible artist's rendition of Picard and the recently defeated Romulan tyrant, spanning a full wall. Heather was far more fascinated by a considerable collection of ship's symbols. The USS Augusta Ada's symbol was not among them - but she wouldn't have expected it to be. Hospitals normally bore the caduceus and this innocuous looking vessel hadn't been much like a hospital, except for silicate and energy based life forms, for nearly three years.

Perhaps it's for the best that the USS Augusta Ada wasn't out looking for glory, for as the meals were set and the presentations went on, it was revealed who would get the acclaim as ship of the sector, and congratulations were also showered on the shuttle whose flight crew had handled themselves best in a year's worth of missions. Surely one among that crew would be promoted to Captain soon. The Officer of the sector for this year was announced. But for the representatives for the NCC-55011, the

real moment was Dave's, accepting two awards on behalf of his able crewmen. The Helping Hands award went to Unicorn Escobedo, for his efforts against the dread and presently incurable disease AIDS, and clothing collections to be held at starbase for resource stricken hospitals whose replicator energy is far better spent on medical formulae than clothing to furnish the wounded they often rescue. The Enlisted Crewman of the Year award went to Stephen Okay - 'Dillo, the Chief Engineer - for his advances in wireless transmissions, particularly under low technology conditions, such as the jungle world of Laos IV.

The meals excellent and the libations flowing freely, it wasn't long before the gathered 'fleet and allies turned their attention to an amusement prepared by one witty Klingon - a collection of somewhat random planetary-class radio and video-band signals likely to raise one's eyebrows even if they are held down by brow ridges. This was to be followed by a holodeck trip into a 20th century singing contest entitled "karaoke" - but time had run out for this trip. The Augusta Ada didn't want to remain too long in the nebulaic cloud it was presently studying, and so it was time for a return. Perhaps the next regional calling would happen during a less sensitive experiment.

It had been a nerve-wracking time, that last week before the Region 7 Conference. First Tropical Storm, then Hurricane, Isabel was barreling toward the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, threatening rain and winds and imperiling the Region 7 Conference.

Amazingly enough, by the time Friday, 19 September arrived, the storm had shifted inland after crossing over North Carolina and Virginia, and was fast losing its power, so all that was left near the conference site on the south side of Philadelphia was a bit of rain and gray skies. The Region 7 Conference had dodged the bullet.

So it was that, through the afternoon and evening of that Friday, most of the Conference's 55 attendees gathered at the Philadelphia Airport Renaissance Hotel. (A few would join us on Saturday, as well, but most were there for the duration.) As with most such events, there was the usual routine of greeting folks as they came in, but that didn't really get into full swing 'til the late afternoon. I was there by 1430 or so, and my first meetup was with the attending crew of CO 3092 Osiris. (I knew CAPT Lauren Milan of PA 1069 Archer was there, too, but didn't see her 'til later.) I soon found myself in the Osiris room, merrily chatting away with Edgar Torres and his officers. Eventually, we decided to go see who else was around, and soon found ourselves in the midst of meet-'n-greet, as folks from many ships were arriving: CH 75000 Sovereign, FH 1860 Avenger, CG 63543 DeBraak, BB 1703-C Lexington, and more.

Friday evening was informal, with many of us finding ourselves at the party hosted by CH 1647 Asimov in honor of their 5th Anniversary. One five-year mission down, who knows how many yet to come? Congrats to the crew of the Asimov! The evening was capped-off with a showing of what's sure to be a "cult classic," "Shaolin Soccer." A mix of sports, martial arts, high fantasy, and really outrageously bad subtitling, it kept us laughing and entertained the whole time. Following the movie, people scattered off, some to their beds, and some of us to the lobby, where I found myself enjoying conversation with various members until nearly 0600!

After barely a couple of hours of restorative sleep, I was back up to participate in the Opening Ceremonies/General Session. It was here that the first of three occurrences happened that underscored why it is that a conference is a good thing. The regular business having been taken care of, the floor was opened to the membership at large, to raise any questions/comments they might have. A discussion ensued on ways for both STARFLEET and its chapters to deal with the changing climate of both Trek fandom and SF in general. What was notable wasn't so much the subject, but rather the fact that the discussion was almost completely participatory. Just about everyone, from senior ranking officers to brand-new members, got involved and contributed. It was a rewarding feeling, I have to say.

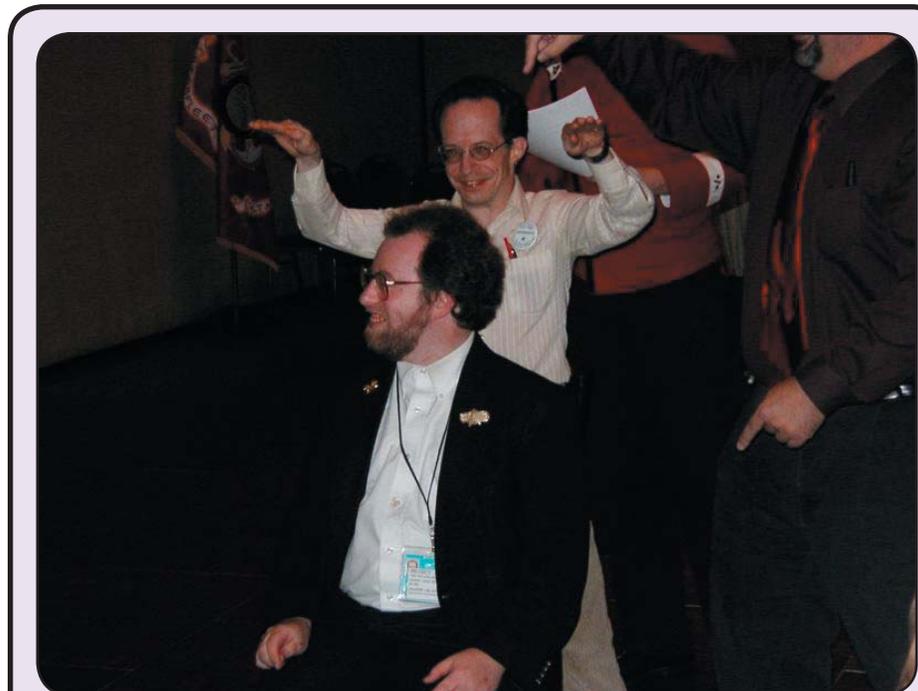
2003 REGION 7 CONFERENCE

By Admiral Alex Rosenzweig • Regional Coordinator, Region 7

This happened again at the Captain's Call. It took a bit of time to get rolling, but once it did, the productive discussion and ideas came rolling out. It was, again, the sort of thing that happens best when a group of people are sitting together, not merely sitting in front of computer screens.

of thing exciting, and I never seem to tire of it.

The afternoon panels proved an intriguing experiment in flexibility, setting multiple tables in the same room, but spread out enough to still be separate.



He's worthy: Doc Kinne worships at the Altar of Alex.

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder



Arr, Matey: Kris Klufas, Angel and Raven Avery and Pam Fernsler

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

The ideas flowed, and even when folks were being silly, and there was plenty of that, there were also ideas, and good ones, being expressed. It really is watching the expressions on people's faces as a good discussion gets going that makes this sort

This allowed people to either sample the topic of a panel and move on to the next, or stay and join the discussion more fully. For those not intrigued by the panels, or by the recruiting workshop, Marine events, or Academy options held next door, it was a

period of down-time and R&R, and as far as I could tell, people took advantage of all the possibilities.

After a bit of pause-time to get ready, we went a-banqueting, with the usual hotel banquet fare offset by the auction for the Conference's official charity, Philadelphia Reads. Amidst the signed photographs and posters and other cool stuff came a quite unexpected and unique auction.

And when I say unexpected, I mean it! There I am, sitting quietly, eating my dessert and occasionally bidding on stuff to keep things interesting (and only the fact that I already have three copies of the Franz Joseph Star Trek Technical Manual kept me from winning that one), when suddenly, my chair is lifted up, with me in it! It was set down in the front of the banquet seating, whereupon my services as chauffeur to a R7 event were placed on the auction-block.

A furious bidding-duel ensued, to my astonishment, between VADM Mark Anbinder (VCS, STARFLEET and CO, FT 1842 Accord) and CAPT Judy Waidlich (XO, FH 1860 Avenger), and in the end, Mark stood victorious, with the charity total having been raised by a jaw-dropping \$265!!! So at some point or other, I'm going to Ithaca. I'm not sure when yet, but eventually. And that's on top of having been to Watkins Glen Weekend.

The banquet and auction were followed by the dance, a pleasant if somewhat low-key affair this year, and the rest of the evening was spent in conversation and "hanging out" with friends and fellow members of the 7th Fleet.

On Sunday, the sector meetings and closing ceremonies sort of merged into one long chat, and yet again, the value of putting a group of people into one room to chat about issues on their minds was proven out, as the topics of communication and future regional conferences came to the fore, and a whole variety of innovative and intriguing ideas were raised and discussed. I have to commend all involved for the positive nature of that discussion.

Finally, the meetings and ceremonies and official-type stuff were over, and we began to slowly say our goodbyes and head for home. Another Region 7 Conference was finished, and while we knew we'd be seeing our friends soon at the parties and other events to come in the next few months, there was, as there always is, that sense of closure as we ended the weekend and returned to the everyday grind.

I'd like to take a moment and commend the conference staff, especially COMM Martin Lessem, RADM Sandy Berenberg, VADM Mark Anbinder, and the members who supported them and brought this conference to Region 7.

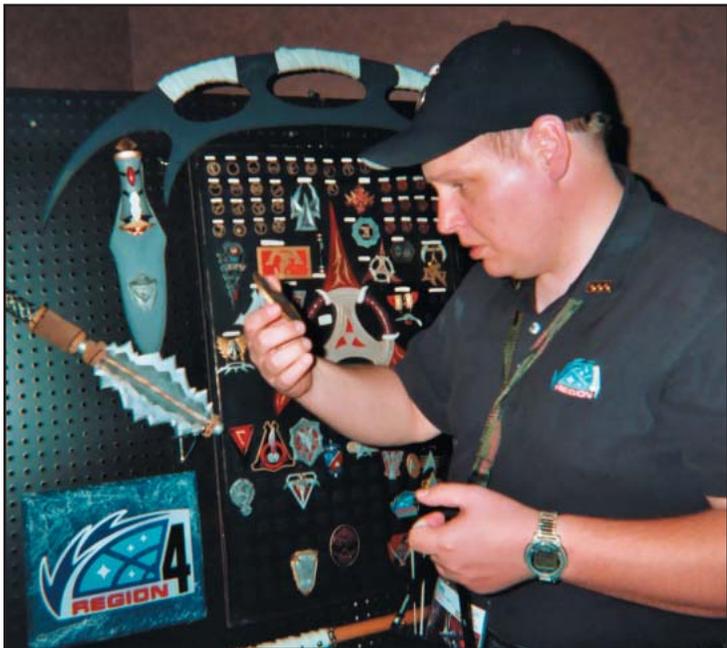
We appreciate the hard work!

And here's looking forward to the next Region 7 Conference.



SCENES FROM THE 2003 REGION 4 CONFERENCE

All Region 4 Photos courtesy of Pete Briggs and Glenda Werner



"Computer? Oh, computer?": RC R4 Ed Nowlin has an encounter with "quaint" 21st Century communication technology.



James and Kellie Coulter of the USS Peacekeeper



Bob & Wendy Fillmore of K'Ehleyr Station



Mark Andrews of the USS Peacekeeper and Fleona Dysastar of the USS W. O. Darby



Front (Left to Right): Adam Bernay, Scott Sommer, Steve Machado, Fleona Dysastar. Back: Michael Knight and Bruce Sommer.



Jim Dennis and Heather Stern of the USS Augusta Ada



"If three's company..." Back Row: Pete Brigg (Shuttle Gallant), Chrissy Killian (USS Peacekeeper), Front: Mark Andrews (USS Peacekeeper), Fleona Dysastar (USS William O. Darby) and Jolynn Brown (Greywolf Station).

THE USS RUBICON 11th Anniversary

By David Lee Kania

On the second Saturday in September members, family, and guests joined together to celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Rubicon. We had an outdoor beer and child dog party with wonderful weather.

As attendees arrived starting around 2 PM the afternoon started with tasting the keg and a lot of fun. A pool was available for the kids and the adults competed in "What's My Line?", a contest to put the best caption on different pictures, "Klingons, Romulans, Jem'Hedrah oh my!", and "Test Your Trek Knowledge". After a group photo a great dinner with the main course of child dogs was served. During the anniversary meeting promotions,



The crew of the USS Rubicon. Picture By Bobby...

SCENES FROM THE 2003 REGION 7 CONFERENCE



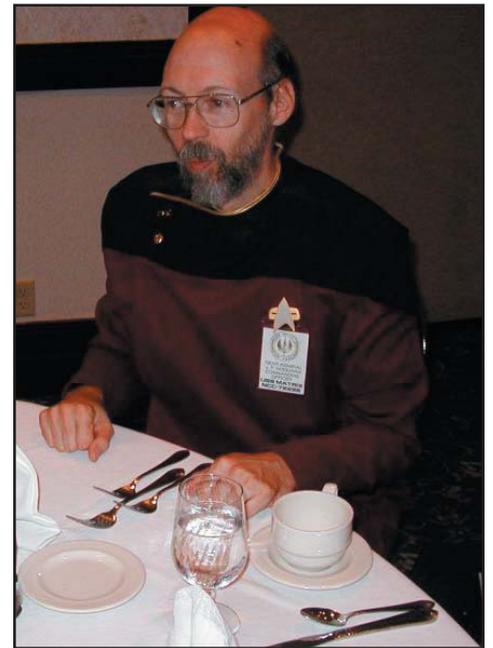
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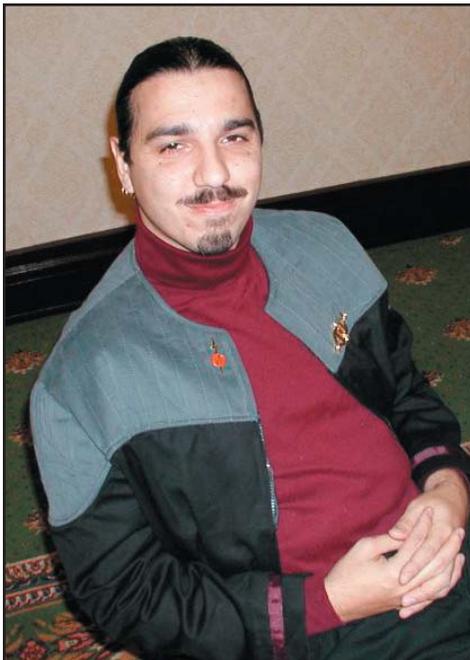
The Color Guard presentation at the 2003 Region 7 Conference



Beryl Washington, Alex Rosenzweig, Angel Avery and Mike Klufas



Joe Hoolihan of the USS Matrix



Dino Gravato of the Shuttle Kerberos



Edgar Torres of the USS Osiris



Peter Miller of the USS Lexington



Mark Hanford of the USS Lexington

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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the USS Rubicon and Jan Barnette-Robbins

awards, and commendations were presented, followed by anniversary cake and a toast to the ship by the CO Jan Barnette-Robbins.

We continued the celebration and reviewed the yearend video, the Region 5 video and watched the premier of Star Trek: Enterprise for this season. The last guest left around 1 AM.

The next morning everyone was invited to breakfast at a local buffet for a final visit and departure. It is fun being in STARFLEET. Our next big event will be the Region 5 summit at RadCon in Pasco, Washington February 13-15. Watch for more info and come join us for a great time.



Raven and Angel Avery of the USS Flying Fox



Parker Gabriel of the USS Sovereign

STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2004

By Pete Mohney, Chairman

The STARFLEET International Conference returns to Region 2 for the first time in nine years, in 2004. The IC will be held at the Birmingham Marriott on July 29 through August 01 of next year. The theme is "A Journey to the Land of Vulcan." Birmingham has a statue of the god Vulcan, the largest cast iron statue in the world.

The host chapter is the USS Hephaestus, and as all of who know some mythology will know, Hephaestus is another name for Vulcan. The ties to Star Trek are, of course, that the first and most famous Star Trek alien is a Vulcan. The year 2004 is also the 30th anniversary of STARFLEET, the one 100th anniversary of the erecting of the state of Vulcan, and the 15th anniversary of the USS Hephaestus.

The staff of the 2004 IC has more than a 100 years of experience in STARFLEET amongst them. Chairman Pete Mohney has been a member of STARFLEET since 1990, first serving as his chapter CO for seven years. He followed that by working on regional staff for a year, then as Regional Coordinator for Region 2 for four years, and is now back to serving as his chapter CO and as a consultant to STARFLEET Headquarters Computer Operations.

Danny Potts, who was Pete's partner in making the bid for the IC, is the current Regional Coordinator for Region 2 and served as his chapter CO for four years prior to that. The rest of the staff of the IC 2004 is made up of many of the most talented and long-standing members of Region 2. Other chairmen include James Muench, Richard Trulson, Rosa Jackson, Kristi Fell, Sue Ellen Mohney, Larry Morris, Michelle Muench, Freddy Heller, Denby Potts, Bill Hart, and Anthony Spotts.

The site of the IC is the Birmingham Marriott Hotel. The hotel has more than enough meeting space for our needs. The main space is a ballroom that can hold 900, which can be broken down into two large rooms and four smaller rooms.

There are also eight separate meeting rooms, some of which we will be adding for panels or meetings. The hotel has almost 300 guest rooms, of which the majority have a work space with desk, two-line telephone and data port. The room rates we have negotiated are almost half off the standard room rate. The hotel has a pool and exercise room, free parking, and is within a ten-minute drive of the airport.

There are more than 50 restaurants within five miles of the hotel, almost all of them on the same highway as the hotel. Choices range from the fastest



The Birmingham Marriot Hotel, Home of IC 2004.



A typical room at the IC 2004 Hotel.



The atrium of the Birmingham Marriot.

Photo courtesy of Pete Mohney

of fast food to several kinds of fine dining, including steak, seafood, and Asian dining. A map will be provided with your registration showing all the restaurants. In addition, the River City Grille, the hotel's own restaurant, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and the hotel also has a lounge.

Registration is \$30 until 2004, and registration for kids six to twelve years old is half that. Kids under six are free, and there will be kids' activities and child care for most of the weekend. Kids can attend a trip to the McWane Center, a nationally famous interactive science museum, and a trip to see the Vulcan Statue, the world's largest cast-iron statue.

The Saturday festivities will include a sumptuous banquet, with a menu that will have options for numerous tastes. Every effort will be made to allow for vegetarian and other special needs. There will be a pizza party for the kids during the banquet, allowing the younger attendees to avoid the adult activities if that is their preference.

There will be a large Quartermaster and store area, with space for the STARFLEET Quartermaster, Marine Quartermaster, IC 2004 promotional items dealer, and a number of other spaces. A few spaces will be available for retailers, so if you have an interest in having a table, please contact the staff with questions.

The panel selection will include many of the very successful panels of years past, with some additional panels that have worked as informal events, or have been popular at regional summits. We have located two members of Region Two who are proficient in signing for the hearing impaired, and expect to have enough signers on hand to meet our needs for the weekend.

Birmingham is fortunate to have two potential guests living in the area that will probably be available for panels, one with Star Trek connections and one with a fascinating science background. Neither is the type to demand star treatment, we can count on them to add substantially to the enjoyment of the weekend. Names and other details will be announced after we have confirmed the availability of the guests.

Please check the IC web page at <http://www.ic2004.org/> for more information and regular updates, downloadable registration forms, and online registration via credit card through our PayPal account.

We hope to see you all in Birmingham for a little southern hospitality and a lot of fun!!!

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Name: Smith, Robin
Rank: Captain

Assignment: XO, USS Dragon's Cub and STARFLEET Announcements Coordinator

We see announcements from Robin: all the time and yet, we really don't know anything about her. So I thought that it might be a good idea to remedy that. Robin lives in Region 4. In the real world, Robin is a Programming Consultant, which means if you are lucky, and you can find her, then you can hire, the ANNOUNCER!

Gumby: Welcome Robin... and thanks for taking the time to chat.

Robin: Hi! It's my pleasure

Gumby: Tell our readers a little bit about yourself

Robin: Well, I'm pretty much your typical computer geek. Night Owl to a fault and passionate about my interests, friends and family.

Gumby: How did you hear about STARFLEET?

Robin: Actually, I was looking for something to do and found the old STARFLEET Academy website. The classes looked kind of interesting, so I started looking into STARFLEET as part of my interest. The rest, as they say, is history.

Gumby: When did you join up?

Robin: January 2002

Gumby: New members bring fresh ideas to STARFLEET, like the database, you work on the Database Team for STARFLEET, don't you?

Robin: Yes I do. I was impressed with the new version when it was released and offered my services to further the cause.

Gumby: Can you tell us a little bit about what you do with the database, or is that classified?

Robin: Well, without getting too complicated, I'll be taking over support of the Database from Dino Gravato beginning in December. That means I'll be the team leader for all database development and support. The short version is, if it's broke, I fix it.

Gumby: Wow, a troubleshooter.

Robin: Among other things

Gumby: What would you say to folks that are trying to use the database for the first time?

Robin: Be patient. There is a lot of information there; it can be very daunting. We attempt to make things as straight forward and simple as possible, and we

accept all suggestions to help us in that.

Gumby: Let's say that I don't know what my login and password are, who do I contact to get that?

Robin: That's an easy one, send an e-mail to helpdesk@sfi.org, give them your full name and SCC number and they'll get you the information you need.

Gumby: Excellent! As RC, I get that question a lot.

Robin: You aren't the only one.

Gumby: Another "hat" you wear (what is it with R4 and the hats?) is the one for Announcements Coordinator for STARFLEET. What does that entail?

Robin: That's far less interesting, but still vital. I read all of the posts to the STARFLEET mailing list, then I forward any post of interest to the STARFLEET membership as whole to the announcements list. I also keep an archive of those posts as well as make them available from the sfi.org website.

Gumby: You read *ALL* the posts on the STARFLEET Mailing List?

Robin: Yep, it's a daunting task, but somebody has to do it. <bg> especially if it means others don't have to.

Gumby: My Stars! The horror... the Horror! :-)

Robin: *laughing* It's really not that bad.

Gumby: So let's say I wanted you to announce something, do I just post it to the list, or do I e-mail it to you separately?

Robin: Everything MUST go through the main list first. A note at the top along the lines of 'for widest distribution possible', usually helps get my attention, but isn't strictly required. The other big requirement is that the post must be of interest to ALL STARFLEET members, not just those in a particular area.

Gumby: The Announcements list and the STARFLEET list are two different lists, then?

Robin: Yes. The Announcements list was

created to provide the highlights version of the STARFLEET list. No replies, nothing off topic, just the bare essentials.

Gumby: Sounds like something each chapter should have access to. How would one go about subscribing to the announcements list?

Robin: All one needs to do is visit <http://lists.sfi.org/mailman/listinfo/sfi-announce-l> and follow the instructions. Access to the Announcements Archive is available from that page as well, if you are a subscriber.

Gumby: So you can go back and see all the announcements? That would help other chapters know how to write an announcement for their activities. That's great to know!

Robin: Yes, the archive can be a great resource.

Gumby: Another job you do is that of OCP Webmaster. So you maintain all the totals of donations and the like?

Robin: That's correct. I maintain the database of donors, donations and base adoptions. We then dynamically display that information on the OCP website at www.ocpnet.org to show up to the moment contribution totals and base assignments.

Gumby: Sounds like your personal motto should be: "So many databases... so little coffee!" :-)

Robin: Not really a coffee fan, but roll up the Coca-Cola truck and I'm certain I can do anything!

Gumby: So you have just joined us in the last year or so and you are doing all this for STARFLEET on a Fleet-Level. What about around your hometown, local chapter stuff?

Robin: My ship, the USS Dragon's Cub, is a correy chapter out of Shafter, CA. I've never actually met my CO in person, but we've had some great chats. As for local activities, I have a strong tendency to be very hermit like, so outside of the occasional outing with one or two R4 members all my STARFLEET activities are usually electronic.

Gumby: Wow! I know that feeling. I was the XO of the USS Stormbringer and served my CO (who is now my XO and will be CO again next year) for years and finally met him at DinkyCon 2000!

Gumby: And you took a trip to Region 17 over the summer, so when you do get out, you really get out! :-)

Robin: Yeah, it's actually one of the great things about the Internet. I can socialize and work with people from all over and never leave my home. Talk about expanding your horizons.

Gumby: Isn't that what STARFLEET is all about?

Robin: I think so

Gumby: Expanding one's horizons. Never heard it put quite that way. I like it! Mind if I quote you on that?

Robin: Not at all, I'm sure I'm not the first to have used it.

Gumby: So since you have a fresh outlook and are so active in STARFLEET... is there anything you'd like to see more of?

Gumby: Or less of?

Robin: Hmmm, well that's a tough one.

Gumby: I always like to keep my audience RIVETED!

Robin: I have noticed a lot of discord between some groups, and it would be great if we could get rid of that. However, I have to acknowledge that a lot of that is just human nature. I suppose I'd just like to see us all try harder at playing and be a bit more forgiving about everything else. Then again, I can be a real idealist sometimes.

Gumby: So was Gene Roddenberry, you're in good company.

Robin: Aren't we all?

Gumby: Yes, we are. As long as folks are willing to communicate, then there are always, as Spock said, possibilities.

Robin: Exactly! Our ability to communicate is truly our greatest resource. We just need to learn how to use it effectively.

Gumby: In closing, is there anything you'd like to say to STARFLEET?

Robin: Besides 'Play Nice, Don't Fight' ... 'Make Love, Not War' ... 'Where'd those Klingons come from?' That's probably it. I just think we should all have fun and leave stress in the real world.

Gumby: Hehehehe! I love that!

Robin: That's me, the source of pithy expressions!

Gumby: Robin... thanks for all that you do for STARFLEET and us members! I certainly look forward to more pith down the road! And thanks for the chat!

Robin: My pleasure! Anytime! My internet connection is always on!



Robin Smith

Photo courtesy of Robin Smith

Joe Horton is a Philadelphia chef who is not only a member of STARFLEET's oldest Philadelphia-area chapter, the USS Sovereign, but has also appeared as a guest in 2002 and 2003 at the USS Challenger's Intergalactic Food Festival, which is held annually in Seaside Heights, New Jersey. This is the first of Joe's recipe columns. These recipes – which you can try at home – are named after Star Trek items seen on the television episodes and in the feature films.

The first item (Bajoran Hasperat) was part of a cooking demonstration that was held at Shore Leave 25, a popular convention that takes place each year in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The demonstration was filmed by the documentary cameras of *Trekies II* and may appear in a segment of that production.

Bajoran Hasperat (Shrimp Burrito)

8 ounces salad shrimp (frozen), or raw shrimp and blackened seasoning
1 can refried beans
1 jar hot peppers
8 10-inch wraps
8 ounces pepper jack cheese
1 jar salsa
8 ounces sour cream
8 ounces guacamole

1. Either thaw out frozen shrimp or sauté raw shrimp in blackened seasoning

- until done.
2. Spread refried beans on wraps.
3. Sprinkle about an ounce of cheese on each wrap.
4. Add shrimp, then top them off with peppers and salsa.
5. Roll each wrap as you would a burrito, or just fold up the ends and roll the wrap tightly.
6. Place each wrap in aluminum foil that has been sprayed with PAM, or a similar non-stick spray, and freeze them up to a week or put them in the refrigerator for a few days.
7. When you are ready to cook the wraps, put them in a 350-degree oven for about 10 minutes or until hot.
8. Serve with salsa, hot peppers, sour cream and guacamole.

Uttaberry Crepes with Ferengi Yak Sauce (Blueberry Crepes with Raspberry Sauce)

10 pre-made crepes, purchased at a gourmet market
16 ounces Cool Whip
3 ounces Jell-O, any color (blue is preferred for this recipe)
1 bag of frozen blueberries
8 ounces cream cheese

IRON TREK CHEF

By Joe Horton • USS Sovereign, Region 7

8 ounces frozen raspberries or 8 ounces raspberry purée
1 ounce brandy (optional)
4 ounces sugar
8 ounces powdered sugar
4 ounces hot water
fresh mint

The Crepe:

1. Dissolve Jell-O in the hot water.
2. Blend cream cheese (softened), sugar, 8 ounces (one-half of the container) of Cool Whip until smooth. Refrigerate.
3. Defrost crepes and blueberries.
4. Pipe or spoon the filling into the crepe, adding some blueberries for color.
5. Roll the crepe and place it in an airtight container. Then either freeze it up to a week or serve it as soon as you're ready.

The Sauce:

1. Heat the raspberries or purée until warm. (Then, if you choose, add and flame the brandy.)
2. Add the powdered sugar to the heated raspberries or purée and cool until smooth, using a blender if necessary.
3. Put the sauce in a container. You may also freeze it if you choose.

4. Warm the sauce when you're ready to serve it with the crepes. As you do this, defrost the crepes by placing them in the refrigerator or letting them sit out for about 10 minutes.
5. Pour some sauce on the bottom of the plate, then add the crepe. Add remaining Cool Whip to the crepe and garnish with blueberries and fresh mint.

Wild Bajoran Chicken (Orange Chicken)

8 ounces chicken breast
1 ounce brandy
3 ounces chicken stock
2 oranges
Seasoned flour for dredging (enough to cover the breast)
1/2 ounce oil
Sticky rice or any other starch (pasta, potatoes) you desire as needed

1. Dredge the chicken in the flour.
2. Heat the oil in the pan until the pan is really hot.
3. Sauté the chicken. After two or three minutes, turn then chicken and add a zest of orange.
4. Add the brandy and flame it.
5. Add the chicken stock and cover, or put in a 350-degree oven for 5 to 10 minutes.
6. Serve with rice (or other starch). Pour additional sauce around the plate and garnish it with orange slices.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE R7 HOLIDAY PARTY

By Members of the USS Sovereign, USS Malverne and USS Richthoven • STARFLEET Region 7

As the curtain rises on the 30th Anniversary of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association Inc., the USS Sovereign, USS Malverne and USS Richthoven cordially invite you to the Region 7 Holiday Party as we celebrate the season and the continuance Gene Roddenberry's Dream.

On December 6, from 7 to 11 PM, Region 7 will be gathering at the Village of Cottage Green, 9001 Ashton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136 for this annual event. The theme for this year's holiday party is "Hollywood Opening Night," as we start the celebration of STARFLEET's 30th year a bit early. We are encouraging our guests to "put on the Ritz" and dress to impress in evening gowns and tuxes!

The tables will feature a movie, and the celebrants who correctly guess their table's theme, and know the most about it (story, actor, actress, songs) will win a prize. There will also be a movie trivia contest, door prizes, and much much more!

The USS Sovereign, USS Malverne, and USS Richthoven will be conducting a

Tomato and Gift drive to Benefit St. Vincent's Home for Children during the Holiday Party.

St. Vincent's Home - Tacony has a long history of meeting the needs of children. In collaboration with The Department of Human Services, they provide a comprehensive emergency shelter and a family preservation program for some of the neediest children in Philadelphia.

For the children in the neighboring communities, they provide a Day Care Program and Early Childhood program. St. Vincent's operates under the auspices of Catholic Social Services and has been administered by The School Sisters of Notre Dame for nearly 150 years.

We are asking for donations of new unwrapped toys appropriate for ages infant to 12 years old (including new, unworn clothing).

The buffet will include an olive bar, tossed baby green salad, jumbo stuffed shells with ricotta cheese, flounder with lump back crab meat, roast sirloin of beef and chicken tenders with fresh

tomatoes, sautéed spinach in a pesto cream sauce. And most importantly, a dessert table featuring fresh fruit bowl, mini-danish, mini-cannolis, asst. cookies, mini éclairs, mini cream puffs, strawberry shortcake, assorted cheesecakes and pies.

Seating is limited, so we do encourage you to RSVP early. The cost is \$35 a person for a night of feasting, merriment, dancing, and surprises!

Please send your check or money order (made payable to the USS Sovereign):

Region 7 Holiday Party
c/o USS Sovereign,
P.O. Box 50685
Philadelphia, PA 19132

All Reservations MUST be postmarked by November 24, 2003.

This information is also posted on the Holiday Committee's web site at: <http://www.ussredbaron.org/holiday.htm>.

We hope to see you there!

STARFLEET HELPDESK: HERE TO HELP YOU!

By Joan E. Pierce • Helpdesk Maven

Have a question and you don't know who to ask?

Ask us at the Helpdesk!

We'll answer 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 and we'll get right on it!

For those who do not have access to e-mail, we have a voice-mail/fax.

If you do have e-mail access, we strongly recommend that you use helpdesk@sfi.org. But for those of you who don't, you 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 enough information so we know how to contact you!

Any questions? Answers are just an E-mail away from helpdesk@sfi.org!

We're here to help!

"My job is to protect the inflatable cows and the plastic piggybanks," Commodore Edward Tunis III, of the USS Justice, said recently.

You may not think protecting inflatable cows and plastic piggybanks is a very important job, but in a paintball game, it could be a matter of life or death.

Or, it could result in 20 minutes in the penalty box, called the Dead Zone, plus points for the opposing team if the players or the cows or piggybanks are "marked." What does that mean? It means the cows were hit by one or more paintballs spewing from the markers (guns) of the Raiders, the Justice's rivals in a massive paintball game. It seems that the cows are worth 50 points to anyone who can hit them. And on Labor Day weekend, Tunis, Captain Jonathan Kus and Captain Michael Stein, were up to the job of protecting them. No Raider would be allowed to hit or steal the inflatable livestock if the trio had their way.

Edward Tunis and six members of The Justice, accompanied by a USS Richthofen member and a USS Flying Fox member, got to test, and for some, try out for the first time, paintball battle skills and tactics. On August 29-31, the group participated in William Shatner's Spplat Attack II, an eight-hour scenario paintball game. The game was held at EMR Paintball in New Milford, Pennsylvania.

Team Justice, led by Tunis, consisted of Kus, Stein, Lt. J.G. Gene Hendricks, Lt. J.G. Michelle Hendricks, Lt. Commander Daniel Swift, Lt. Commander Alycia Gerben, Fleet Captain Trisha Tunis and Lt. Phil Avery.

Spplat Attack is a charity paintball game that supports the Hollywood Charity Horse Show, Shatner's own charity, which he has been running for 11 years, according to williamshatner.com. The charity uses horses therapeutically to work with disadvantaged and handicapped children.

Team Justice and 700 other paintballers were on hand at the 122-acre field and raised over \$100,000 for the charity. For \$100, players received team jerseys and three days worth of paintball, culminating in Sunday's big game. People from all walks of life participated, from kids to a grandmother in a wheelchair and from novices to professional players. Several vendors set up booths and sold paintball gear throughout the weekend.

And the best part of all was that the guest of honor and captain of one of the paintball teams was non other than the former Captain James T. Kirk, 72-year-old actor William Shatner. Shatner was also the headlining guest at a Creation Entertainment mini-convention held on Saturday in Binghamton, NY (see the sidebar on page 32).

THE SCENARIO OF THE GAME

The year was 2112. Wild Bill Shatner received news that the outlaw Omar Tartan had escaped from his cryogenic cell and had traveled back to the year 1875. Wild Bill and his Magnificent Seven were sent back in time to retrieve Tartan. The Magnificent Seven are professional paintball players.

Due to inaccuracies with temporal traveling, Tartan arrived in the year 1875, a few months earlier than Shatner and assembled a team of Raiders. Wild Bill allied himself with the

STARFLEET GOES "SPPLAT!"

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Calvary of 1875 to retrieve and capture Tartan and his band of Raiders.

PREPARATION FOR THE BIG GAME

The Justice, of course, chose to follow Wild Bill Shatner's leadership and joined the good guys, the Calvary team. To prepare, Tunis and the crew practice by shooting into the woods across the street from his front yard.

In order to stand out, Tunis decided to have Justice members create Calvary costumes. Tunis and Swift found some black neckerchiefs. Swift designed a yellow Justice logo, which was printed via computer onto tee shirt iron-ons and transferred on to the neckerchief. A one-inch piece of plastic tubing served as a clasp.

Tunis ordered a Calvary officer's hat and already owned a saber. He stood wearing the hat out in a thundershower and several rainstorms in order to mold the hat into the proper shape, according to Trish Tunis, his wife.

The Calvary jerseys were a bright electric blue with a printed yellow bandana in front and yellow stars and buttons on the sleeves. The Raiders' shirts were gray with a red bandana and a Pancho Villa style bandoleer. On both shirts, several sponsors' logos were listed over the chest. The sides of the shirts were made of black mesh to provide ventilation for the players. To complete the look, Tunis purchased two flags, called gideons. The flags were replicas of the Seventh Calvary's F Troop and General George Custer's personal flag.

The reason Edward Tunis and crew decided to go to all the trouble was that Spplat promoter JJ Brookshire hinted that Team Justice might serve as Shatner's Honor Guard. And when Tunis described the costumes to Brookshire, that possibility became a reality.

As a last minute preparation, Team Justice practiced marching in costume on Saturday night in the narrow hallway of the motel where they were staying, much to the amusement of some of the motel's other guests. "At

and spent time with him as he posed for promotional photos for a paintball magazine and prepared for battle.

"We lined up at the top of a hill and watched as Shatner posed for some paintball pictures on top of a boulder," Gene Hendricks recalls. "He was told to "strike a macho pose," putting Michelle [Hendricks] in hysterics."

For 45 minutes, while waiting for the ceremonies to start, Shatner posed for photos with the crew and answered a few questions. The crew was a little intimidated at first to approach him.

"After a little while I worked up the nerve to ask if we could take some pictures with him. So I got an individual shot and we also had a few group shots taken. I think that was the highlight of my day," Phil Avery said. "I didn't get his autograph, but I got my picture with him."

Responding to a question, Team Justice told Shatner about the Star Trek paintball scenario games that the group participates in twice a year in the Pocono area. Shatner was impressed and questioned why there weren't more Starfleet members playing at Spplat.

"One thing that Bill mentioned was that he was surprised there weren't more members from Starfleet attending this paintball event," Michael Stein commented. "We assured Bill that we would certainly do our best to ensure a more active participation in next year's event."

Shatner was impressed with Team Justice's neckerchiefs and asked for extras for himself and his wife to wear during the game.

"We had extras prepared just in case," Tunis said. Shatner also noticed Tunis' Calvary officer's hat and asked, "What size do you wear?" Tunis loaned him the hat and his saber for the opening ceremonies.

Borrowing Tunis' hat though, while an honor, ended up being a double-edged sword. Tunis became Shatner's unwitting body-double as other players thought Tunis was Shatner and tried to shoot him.

"I didn't know what to expect. When I ran back to the car to retrieve the bandanas, I must have been excited because I locked the keys in the car," Edward Tunis said.

"You were a goofball," Trish Tunis said. "It's thrilling to meet a man, someone who made an impact on our lives. I wouldn't have met Ed without Star Trek fandom."

"To tell the truth, he is a very nice and relaxed man, when not on stage in front of an audience," Gene Hendricks said. "He told us how he appreciated our efforts and admired our outfits, especially Ed's hat."

Finally, Justice members lined up and, along with three U.S. Army recruiters, escorted Shatner's Humvee to the stage. Shatner rode on top of the Humvee and waved Tunis' sword into the air. On the stage, his co-captain, Chicago DJ Eric "Mancow" Muller, joined him. The Raiders were led by paintball industry legend Tom Kaye, owner of Air gun Designs and Glenn Palmer, owner of Palmer Pursuits.

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Team Justice with "Wild Bill" Shatner

Swift and other Team Justice members scoured Army-Navy stores to find infantry hats, called kepi, in blue and black. Calvary Cross saber pins were fastened to the hats. Army pants in black or blue were used, with a yellow stripe sewn or taped down the side seam.

Some of the female Justice members chose to wear skirts, which Michelle Hendricks dyed light blue. The women wore black leggings and yellow plastic flowers in their hair. Black boots with ankle supports were also required.

In addition, there were Spplat designed team jerseys, which had been made for the event by a company called Paintball Junkies.

least they were Union troops," one passerby commented.

THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Team Justice arrived at the field at 7 A.M. and while waiting for instructions, the crew was approached by other paintball players. Most were civil and asked for photos. But one group challenged Team Justice's abilities by yelling out, "Yes, they look pretty, but can they play?" A resounding and forceful "yes" and "just wait and see" were among the varied responses, especially from Team Justice's females.

Before the opening ceremonies, members of The Justice personally met Shatner

Once there, testosterone wafted through the crowd (which was 95% male) as the battle of the captains began. Each side tried to psyche each other out by insulting each other during “trash talk.” Taunting Shatner, Kaye gave him a care package, a big pack of Depends undergarments, Centrum vitamins and a six-pack of Ensure vitamin shake.

Before going on the field, protective gear had to be donned, including masks neck protectors, knee braces, hats and gloves. Water bottles needed to be filled, paint put into hoppers. Lastly, guns had to be chronographed, measuring the velocity at which the paintball leaves the “marker” (the gun). If the gun chronoed at 280 feet per second or less, the player was allowed on the field. If not, the gun had to be adjusted before the player was allowed on the field. As people completed their tasks, they walked to the insertion point to the fields, which doubled as the Dead Zone. Players were inserted every 20 minutes.

TEAM JUSTICE ON THE FIELD

Most of the Team Justice crew has fond memories and funny stories about their time on the field.

Michelle and Gene Hendricks played for the first time. Once on the field, the Hendrickses and Jon Kus headed up to a castle where they were ordered to reinforce the front line. Gene Hendricks and Kus joined the action but Michelle Hendricks stayed back a little.

In this scenario game, if a person is hit and a medic finds him and “heals” him within a minute, the player can rejoin the game. If not, the player has to get off the field and go to the Dead Zone, and wait until the next reinsertion. The referees time the medics.

“I was hit in the first 15 minutes but I got to a medic,” Gene Hendricks recalled. “I rejoined the fight and was hit in the face in short order. So I went out to relax a little and gave Michele a tap on the shoulder as I passed her.”

Michelle Hendricks was then hit. She lay in the grass on her back and screamed for the medic while a referee stood over her, watching the clock ticking. A medic found her with just seconds remaining before she would have been out of the game.

Michelle Hendricks’ gun is a Custom 98 Sniper, a flatline that is good for straight shooting and shoots 100 yards beyond a standard paintball gun. Once healed, Michelle Hendricks then hid behind a tire. Because of her type gun, she was ordered by another player to shoot into an 18 x 18 window of an enemy bunker about 150 yards away. The gun was accurate and hit its mark, marking eight other players and covering them with paint.

“Oh my God,” Michelle Hendricks thought at the time. “What’d the hell’d I do? I didn’t even realize that I hit somebody. He told me to shoot through the window and I did.”

Then she continued to hide behind the tire for about five minutes. But her luck ran out. She advanced from behind the tire to behind a little hill and could not find Gene Hendricks or Kus but found inflatable barriers. At the time, she was following another player, the grandmother in the wheelchair. As soon as she got near the barriers, she heard a quick retreat behind her from other players.

“Suddenly I was alone. I heard a bunch of guys say “there she is” and I was shot in the cup,” Hendricks said.

This was ironic because earlier in the day, she and Trish Tunis had been taunting several male paintball players, announcing that they were going to shoot to find out which players were wearing protective cups. Michelle Hendricks was wearing a female protective cup herself.

Stein and Avery had the most stamina, being the first members onto the field and playing most of the day.

Avery was Shatner’s bodyguard on the field. He accompanied Shatner when Shatner had to sign flags at a pond. Shatner was then to return to base to complete the mission. But that didn’t happen.

“We came under fire just after he signed the flags and instead of leaving right away he decided to join in the battle, so there I was shooting side by side with Captain Kirk,” Avery said. “It was great.”

“Then,” Avery said, “Shatner decided to swipe a golf cart that belonged to a TV crew to return to base camp instead of hiking to the camp.” They were located at the bottom of a

Calvary. The three guarded the back gate and a pen full of inflatable animals, including the blowup cows and plastic piggybanks. The objective was for the Raiders to steal or shoot the animals. Stein said he was at the castle for about two hours.

“And during our shift, we didn’t lose any animals,” Stein said.

At one point during their time at the castle, Kus was walking on the upper level of the fortress when he spotted an enemy scout on a hill just diagonal and at the same elevation from where he stood. Kus was unprotected on a catwalk with a bare minimum of cover.

“We just kind of stopped and stared at one another for what seemed minutes,” Kus said. “Of course it was only seconds, but as I turned and shouted an alarm for my fellow guards I began to trade shots with the intruder. We each managed to miss our opponent; I guess my adrenaline got the best of me. That’s what I get for letting my guard down.”

After replacements arrived, Kus and Tunis moved up to higher ground towards a depot which was worth points toward the final scoring. The enemy did not get to the depot quickly, which caused each player to let his guard down again.

and he was unaware until I unleashed about a half dozen shots into his ‘personal space’. I had taken him out, but his buddy learned quickly and made a dash for the depot, which was no longer in our possession.”

Kus then spent the next five to 10 minutes in a firefight with two Raiders who had nailed the other three Calvary players in the group. He only had a tree stump for cover, and he was hit in the head for the second time that day. That headshot sent him to the Dead Zone.

“I had to go over and shake his hand afterward because neither of us expected to last as long as we did,” Kus said. “He told me that he didn’t think they were going to make the play, he was impressed with our perseverance.”

Team Justice kept in touch on the field with talkabouts, a form of walkie-talkies that are no bigger than a cell phone and can be fastened onto gear and used with earphones. After lunch, Swift, Avery and Gene Hendricks decided to try to find and help the rest of Team Justice on the field. They headed toward the castle, but were stopped by Pacman, Shatner’s right hand man, who was giving a lot of the orders that day.

Swift said that Pacman leaned over the railing on the fort wall and yelled to the trio, “You guys want a mission? “Go over to that town and see if the yellow flag is, indeed, still yellow.”

The town was about 50 feet away and was empty. After checking and double-checking every building, the three did not find any flag and Swift doubted that a flag existed. They reported back to Pacman. When Pacman was told that the settlement had been searched and no flag existed, he was puzzled because the settlement was supposed to be Mancow’s main base and he had not been seen there since the game began.

Swift said, “Pacman then turned to us and said, “Do you want to get into the fight? Yes? Good. The main fight is on the field. But I need you to defend Kansas Settlement. The Raiders are sending sorties out along the right side of the field. If enough of them get through, they could take the Kansas flag. And then we’ll lose points.”

So the trio headed up a hill to the Kansas settlement and tried to stop the Raiders from getting close. As they trekked, they met several other players who were looking for missions and they ended up with a sortie of about 10 people.

“We walked over the hill and down the other side. The popping sound of paint markers was always in the distance. We followed the road until the popping sound became clearer,” Swift said.

The trio saw a pair of Calvary troops in a firefight, Gene Hendricks said, continuing the story. He knelt down behind a boulder and Swift and Avery hid behind trees. The group exchanged fire with the enemy and then had to split fire to two sides when the Raiders came up the ridge on the left.

Avery was hit and had to head for the Dead Zone since no medic was available. Then Swift ran out of ammunition and acted as a spotter for Hendricks until he was hit.



Team Justice leads the charge!

very steep hill with mud and fallen branches on the road.

“At one point the cart got stuck in the mud and at least five guys got behind to help push him out. I felt sorry for the guy in the middle,” Avery said. “When the cart finally started to move, he fell flat on his face into mud at least a foot deep. It took two other guys to pull him out and he was covered. Meanwhile, Bill was rocketing his way up the hill like a maniac, running over any rocks or trees in his way with reckless abandon.”

After lunch, Edward Tunis, Stein and Kus were in the castle, called Fort Courage. Fort Courage was the headquarters for the

“It took a while for the enemy to reach the depot and as a matter of fact, we were caught by surprise again,” Kus said. “This time the depot was in the middle of an open field and the attackers failed to notice a few of us off to the side, just beyond the tree line.”

He continued, “My fellow Justice officer, Mike Stein ran into the fray to try to save Commodore Ed, who had gotten pinned down in the open near the wall of the small outpost. I was determined not to lose my advantage, so I held still until I had a definite shot. Mike was drawing their fire and one of the enemies circled an Evergreen to try and outflank him.

This brought him directly into my field of fire

Swift headed back to the Dead Zone and was hit again by his own team. Hendricks was then hit again on the leg and shoulder and had to walk across almost the entire field, including some hills to get out. He decided he was finished for the day.

Edward Tunis' favorite moment of the day came when he was off the field. He was taking a break after being tagged out on the left elbow. Two Raiders came up to him.

"They asked me what was I doing with Shatner's hat?" he said. "I explained to them, saying, no it's my hat. The question should be what was Shatner doing with my hat?"

Edward Tunis said the Raiders gave him a puzzled look. One of the Raiders said he was playing at the ammo dump on the field a few minutes earlier, where Tunis was tagged out.

The Raider said his heart rate began to increase when he saw the hat and he thought he had Shatner in his sights. I told him, "No, it was me you got, but you can feel free to tell all your friends that it was Shatner, but I'll know the truth," Tunis said.

At 4:30 p.m., the game was called to a halt to prepare for the one-hour final battle in Tombstone. Avery, Kus, Edward Tunis and Stein decided to participate. The objective was to take the two-story center building. The Calvary took the building. Tunis' gun was hit in the stock and he was out of the game. Kus and Stein returned only when they had run out of paint. Avery was on the second floor of the building with Mancow. As he looked out of the window, he was hit by paint.

Stein described entering the field for that last battle as a wall of paint.

"It was like a Civil War reenactment. You're coming in and all you saw was a wall of paint coming at you and I was in the back," he said.

CLOSING CEREMONY

In the end, the Calvary proved resilient, winning the game by a huge margin, 1,666 points to the Raiders' 1,195. The closing ceremony ended with the paintball vendors giving away thousands of dollars in prizes including gear, such as markers, loaders, hoppers and holsters. While everyone came away with something small, Stein was the big winner, grabbing several prizes including a nitro tank.

During the giveaway, Shatner told the story of nearly being betrayed by one of his Calvary teammates. Raider Tom Kaye coerced the teammate, Batman, to bring Shatner to the Raider's camp in exchange for a new, expensive paintball marker. Instead, Batman went to Shatner and told him about the plan, double-crossing Kaye. Shatner let himself be taken to Kaye's camp but he came armed. He faked a heart attack, even scaring his right hand-man Pacman. He then knocked Kaye out of the game when he tapped him on the shoulder, breaking a paintball in the process.

The giveaway was followed by an auction for Shatner's charity. Mancow offered \$650 to have Shatner paste a ladybug temporary tattoo on his behind. Shatner obliged, but went a step further and autographed Mancow's butt with the words "Shatner was here." In addition, a biker offered \$650 to do the same thing. Mancow very reluctantly

obliged. Another auction highlight took place when Fox news channel's Colonel David Hunt auctioned off a Taliban hat with a bullet hole through it. The entire event was filmed by Outdoor Life Network and will be shown as part of a paintball documentary that will be airing in October.

SPPLAT ATTACK III

Team Justice is looking forward to next year, especially because the team received a big surprise. Mid-afternoon, while Tunis, Stein and Kus were on the field; Promoter JJ Brookshire came up to the resting crew with good news. Brookshire said Shatner was impressed with Team Justice's efforts and wanted the crew to take an active role for next year's charity event, including presenting Spplat to STARFLEET and Star Trek fans to get more participation.

"JJ told us that Shatner had asked that we, the crew of the USS Justice, spearhead the movement to get more Star Trek fans involved in the sport of paintball," Gene Hendricks said. "Needless to say, we were impressed and very much honored."

"We're very excited to participate next year," Trish Tunis said.

In a boisterous mood after the good news, Team Justice hid the information from their Captain and XO and surprised them at dinnertime. Tunis, despite being exhausted, was shocked.

"I was floored and daunted at the task before us," Edward Tunis said.

Kus, a veteran player, said he found the Spplat game to be a lot of fun. He noted that his workouts at the gym had paid off as well.

"Playing paintball that day turned out to be one of the most satisfying games I've played," he said. "The extra time at the gym paid off as the fields I patrolled were uphill from the pavilion and the insertion area. We saw some good firefights. I was happy to be with my Justice crew members in the early skirmishes."

He added, "The whole event was surreal. I never thought I'd get to see Bill Shatner at a convention, never mind meeting the guy at paintball!"

Avery can't wait to return for next year's game despite being hit in the head three times and twisting his knee. By the end of the day, Avery was limping and in a lot of pain.

"I would gladly do this again," he said. "I had a fantastic time and it is even better to know that what I paid to play went to help children in need. It's a win-win situation. Unfortunately, there were not that many ships from our region that participated. This is an annual event that will happen next Labor Day. We do not know where yet, but spread the word and get more STARFLEET members involved. It's fun and it's for a good cause. I know I'll be there!"

For more information about the Spplat Paintball III, see www.williamshatner.com or www.spplat.com. For additional photos of the event, see www.ussjustice.org.

Contributors included Daniel Swift, Gene and Michelle Hendricks, Michael Stein, Phil Avery, Ed and Trish Tunis and Jonathan Kus.

OF MUFFINS AND MEMORIES...

By Alycia Gerben and Trish Tunis • USS Justice, Region 7

What do you get when you mix an English muffin, a toaster, a man afraid of losing his memory, and a practical joker? You get just another day on the set of Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country, according to the actor who played Captain James T. Kirk on Star Trek for three years, actor William Shatner.

Shatner was the main attraction at a Creation sponsored convention held at the Forum Theater in Binghamton, New York on Saturday, August 30, 2003.

Shatner was promoting his charity paintball game, Spplatt Attack II, an 8 hour massive paintball game which was scheduled for the next day at EMR Paintball in New Milford, Pennsylvania. Spplatt Attack II was created to raise money for Shatner's own charity, The Hollywood Charity Horse Show. This philanthropic organization uses horses therapeutically to help disadvantaged and handicapped children.

Shatner spoke for about 50 minutes and then autographed pictures and posed for photos, for a fee of \$60 per photo! The crowd of about 200 paid \$90 for gold seats (which included seats close to the stage, an autograph of Shatner and a few free gifts from the vendors, \$35 for reserved seating, or \$20 for general admission).

During his talk, Shatner related the tale of Deforest Kelley vs. the English muffin. Shatner said that Kelley was always afraid of losing his memory.

So, Shatner decided to take advantage of the fear and play a practical joke on him. Kelley loved his breakfast of a toasted English muffin. At the craft services table, Kelley would stand over the toaster, waiting patiently for the muffin to pop up. Well, Shatner got the makeup artist to distract Kelley by pretending Kelley's makeup was smudged. Shatner then snatched and ate the muffin. Kelley returned from makeup and waited patiently for the muffin, but no muffin popped up. Shatner said Kelley seemed very puzzled. He put another muffin in the toaster. Shatner again got the makeup artist to distract Kelley.

Once more, Shatner grabbed the muffin, stuffing it into his face. Kelley returned to the craft table, and again the muffin was missing. Shatner said Kelley was confused and livid because he thought he was losing his mind. Then he started interrogating folks about what had happened to his English muffin. When he turned around, and saw Shatner choking and laughing, about ready to pass out, he knew who the culprit was.

Shatner was then asked about what role he was most proud of, other than Star Trek. He said it was not so much what role, but moments that clicked for him.

Responding to fan questions, Shatner

also said that he liked the immediacy of acting and getting feedback from an audience. The worst part was learning the lines and the blocking.

Would Shatner do a Broadway play? He said that he had received an offer to do Urintown, which is currently running on Broadway, but declined. He said it was a tough call; 51% to 49%, but his life is in Los Angeles with his wife, and he did not want to uproot it.

Next a man in his 30's wearing a Captain Kirk uniform several sizes too small came down the aisle to the front of the stage to ask a question. The man's question started out in a rather geekish rambling fashion as an ode to Shatner's greatness, and ended with the inquiry of, "What does it feel like to make love to a woman?" The person asking the question was Eric "Mancow" Muller, a Chicago DJ, and one of the other captains for the next day's paintball game. After the audience exploded with laughter, Shatner's answer was, of course, "Wonderful."

The sticky subject of Shatner's relations with other TOS actors was the next topic. Shatner said that he does not understand the animosity because he loves his costars.

As for his feelings about the new series, Enterprise, Shatner has never watched Enterprise or any of the other series but he did watch the most recent movie, Nemesis. Shatner's opinion as to what is wrong with the other series is that Paramount and/or the production team has forgotten what drove TOS, which was the relationships between the people and their commitment to each other.

Then Shatner announced a bit of information regarding Enterprise. Shatner was approached by Rick Berman, Enterprise's executive producer, to play James Kirk's distant ancestor, his great-great grandfather. He would have to use heavy prosthetics, so he was unsure as to whether he would do it. The crowd's reaction was "No. We want the real Kirk!"

Regarding Kirk's death in Star Trek: Generations, Shatner described the process he used in developing the death scene. He thought Kirk would be rather shocked and wonder at it all. "Unfortunately," Shatner said, "the first take was the best one, but the camera was at a wrong angle." The second take, the one that was used was, in Shatner's opinion, just not as good.

Lastly, Shatner addressed the issue of technology. When the question came up as to whether he surfed the internet, including looking at other Star Trek related sites, Shatner said that he did not surf the internet because he is not that familiar with how to use a computer and that the technology is not user friendly.

Additional contributions by Lt. J.G. Gene Hendricks.

In the aftermath of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy, NASA is putting an increased emphasis on space flight safety. This approach is emphasized in the area of hypervelocity research.

While Earth has been continually bombarded by meteoroids from outer space, an orbiting layer of man-made debris – including spent rocket fragments and exploded satellites – now join the meteoroids in their location outside the atmosphere. These objects travel at hypervelocity speeds, which are defined as in excess of 6,600 feet per second, and are a noteworthy threat to spacecraft during launch, orbit, and reentry operations.

At a remote location northeast of Las Cruces, New Mexico; at the White Sands Test Facility, also in New Mexico; and at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, NASA teams conduct hypervelocity research studies. Many of the tests use the “Guns of NASA” – one-inch light guns that determine the strength of materials used in the space program and their resistance to high-velocity impacts.

A “HyperVelocity Impact Testing Program” analyzes the damage to products tested by firing a light gas gun at them. NASA’s light gas guns are capable of firing projectiles at speeds ranging from 8,000

HYPERVELOCITY RESEARCH

By Commodore Bill Herrmann • USS Rutledge, Region 1

-24,000 feet per seconds, which replicates the speeds of meteoroids and other debris in space.

NASA’s light gas guns use a special igniter to enhance the velocity of test projectiles. After the gunpowder is ignited and hydrogen gas is used, the launch package accelerates down the barrel with little loss of energy from firing point. The typical launch package is fired by a gunpowder charge that can equal anywhere from 2.6 to 4.1 pounds.

Consider that the velocities of space debris can exceed six times the velocity of the fastest rifle cartridge, and it becomes evident that this research can protect not just the lives of the astronauts, but the spacecraft themselves from imminent destruction and critical damage. In fact, upon impact, these projectiles vaporize. Therefore, for safety reasons, the firings are conducted from underground control bunkers.

In preparation for the shooting, the firing range is secured, with TV surveillance ensuring further security. Then extraordinary safety measure are activated, including red

warning lights and bunker blast doors. Then a pump tube is remotely backfilled with high-pressure hydrogen and a firing circuit is turned on in preparation for the test.

There is a brief countdown and the “fire” button is pressed. In microseconds, this strong, violent shot has been taken, but the documentation for assessment and analysis is considerable. High-speed video, high-speed camera and flash X-ray photography document each test. The cameras – still and moving – can capture millions of frames per second.

In addition to the actual impacts upon target shields, including both Kevlar and Nextel cloth, the shock waves from the impact are also observed and analyzed, as are common multi-shock debris patterns. Laser equipment, light detectors and other scientific equipment provide accurate and reliable diagnostic tools.

The HyperVelocity Impact Test Teams have not limited themselves to tests involving the space shuttle and astronauts who make spacewalks.

The teams have also helped with research pertaining to the other space vehicles, including the extravehicular mobility unit, the Long-Duration Exposure Facility, the Russian Space Station MIR, the X-38, and the ISS-proposed Crew Return Vehicle, which would be the next generation Space Shuttle.

The future of space flight will likely include manned missions to Mars as a preamble to deep-space exploration. NASA has evaluated the velocity of some meteoroids outside Earth’s atmosphere at upwards of 230,000 feet per second. Objects in deep space objects have been clocked at upwards of 780,000 feet per second.

Therefore, the “Guns of NASA” will certainly have a vital and important role in helping the space program to venture into that great undiscovered country – the Final Frontier.

For further information about HyperVelocity Research, visit NASA’s website: <http://www.wstf.nasa.gov> or <http://www.hitf.jsc.nasa.gov>.

You can also find an outstanding technical write up on the subject of Hypervelocity Research in the August 2003 issue of American Rifleman.

CLEANING THE SOLAR SYSTEM

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

The USS Accord is many things to many people, and odds are that it’s something at least slightly different to each of its members. One of our roles is that of a community service organization, and something we’ve been doing often in the last several years is cleaning and checking the ten sun and planet stations that make up the Carl Sagan Memorial Planet Walk in Ithaca, New York.

The Planet Walk, developed and built by Ithaca’s Sciencenter, is a one to 5,000,000,000 scale model of the solar system that stretches the 1,200 meters from the Ithaca Commons (the downtown pedestrian shopping district) to the Sciencenter building just off Route 13 at Third Street. (Longtime Watkins Glen Weekend attendees may remember breakfasts at Andy’s 3rd Street Café, an eatery that once graced that corner.)

Dedicated in December 1996, almost a year after Dr. Sagan’s death, the Planet Walk serves not only as a memorial, but also as an educational tool for young and old that helps put the massive scale of the solar system in perspective. In fact, the scale is such that our nearest stellar neighbor, Alpha Centauri, would be situated in Hawaii if the Planet Walk included such a station.

This July, the Accord’s “Meal and a Mission” event saw us back on planetary patrol duty. Several members met at the Sciencenter to pick up supplies and then began our cleaning effort with Pluto, the

outermost planet station — although not always the outermost planet! (We even had a brief discussion as to whether Pluto would retain its planet designation.)

Our responsibilities during a Planet Walk Cleanup include cleaning the sun-sized, transparent plexiglass — which contains a scale model of the planet in question — at each planet station, as well as the informational plaque affixed to the front of each monument. We’re also tasked with reporting back to the Sciencenter on the condition of each station. Unfortunately, in a few cases we had to report serious damage. Neptune’s station was probably worst off, with red paint stains, as well as scratches and dings where it was used as for rock-throwing target practice.

The Accord crew meandered from station to station, winding up at the final station, which represents the sun. I should note that, toward the center of the solar system, the planets are very close together, so the first few stations are arrayed within a handful of steps of the sun and each other. Once we’d finished, we proceeded to a local deli for lunch, which made the day’s events, technically, a “Mission and a Meal,” not the other way around as usual.

If you make it to Ithaca this October for Watkins Glen Weekend, I encourage you to take an hour or two to explore our solar system by traversing the Sagan Planet Walk. You can find out more about the Ithaca Sciencenter and the Sagan Planet Walk at <http://www.sciencenter.org/>.

THE LINE IS DRAWN HERE!

Words and Picture courtesy of Tracey Isquith • Region 15 Public Relations Office

Captain Picard wasn’t the only one to say those words in the face of daunting and seemingly insurmountable odds. Region 15’s own Joe Ruttar, while working as the shift manager at the Millstone Nuclear Power plant in CT, came up against one of his greatest real-life challenges ever: the night of the great blackout.

It was during his shift that the rippling effects of the blackout were felt as one

power plant after another failed to stop the onslaught. When it reached the Millstone plant, Joe’s quick thinking and creative problem solving stop the blackout in its tracks and thus spared New England from losing power.

A special thanks goes out to Joe and his team for their outstanding service to tens of thousands of people throughout New England and beyond. Well done!



In case of a nuclear emergency, just say “Joe”.



FROM THE DEPUTY 'DANT

By Brigadier Aaron Murphy • Deputy Commandant, SFMC

S-3 and S-4

As many of you have read on the SFMC List, I have now filled both the S-3 and S-4 positions under the Office of the Deputy Commandant. I would like to congratulate COL Sean Niemeyer (S-3) and BGN Dennis Rayburn (S-4) on their appointments. I am sure you both will do excellent jobs. I would also like to thank the other applicants for both positions.

Manuals

A topic of interest for many Marines has been the mentioned face-lift of the MFM and the additions of the Uniform/Awards Manual and the Drill and Ceremonies Manual. With the appointment of COL Niemeyer, these projects will be focused on heavily. The current target date for the MFM revision is 31 Dec 03. The Uniform manual will be in-design at the same time. The D&C manual is targeted for late first quarter 04 or early second quarter 04. More information will be issued as it becomes available.

Toys-For-Tots

On 07 Oct 03, BDR Linda Olson, SFMC Chief of Staff, announced the kickoff of the 2003 Commandant's Campaign program... Toys-For-

Tots. I urge you all to participate as much as possible in your local TFT campaign.

The US Marine Corps Reserves work hard every year, collecting, sorting, and delivering toys to needy families. They can use all the help they can get. If you can volunteer your time, they can put you to good use. For more information, or to find a unit near you, go to <http://www.toysfortots.org>. Also, if any units need a copy of the TFT logo for your newsletters or flyers, e-mail me at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

US Marine Corps Birthday

10 Nov 2003 marks the 228th anniversary of the founding of the US Marine Corps. I know that several units in the Corps celebrate the USMC's birthday as well as our own. For those units wishing for more information on the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, including scripts, the letter from the USMC Commandant, General M. W. Hagee, and the Marine Corps Hymn and Prayer, go to <http://www.usmc.mil/comrel/120day.nsf/MCBA11>.

See you again in 60 and have a safe and happy holiday season.

TRACOM REPORT

By Brigadier John Roberts • CO, TRACOM

It is that time again, and here is the current status of the SFMC's Training and Doctrine Command.

I would like to start on a rather sad note. As many of you know Ben Kokochak died recently of heart problems. This is the first death of a serving staff member to hit the TRACOM team and I am not sure exactly how to proceed. Ben was a very good guy and did his best to help everyone he could when ever he could. There were some very tough times for him in his "real" life and he could not dedicate as much time as he wanted to helping us here at TRACOM or others around the SFMC and SFI.

Farewell Ben. There are many here who will miss you and your kind spirit. May you rest in a well-deserved peace.

I would also like to thank my fellow members of the general Staff and Commandant Olson for their idea and support in naming the White Award ribbon (used for the Initial Training, marine Proficiency, NCO Development and Professional Development Awards) the Ben Kokochak Ribbon.

And now on to other TRACOM news:

The recently announced re-organization of TRACOM is now in effect and we are starting to move forward again in meeting the ever changing needs of the members of the SFMC. If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can help meet your needs and enhance your time as a member of the SFMC, please let me know and I will help in any way possible.

Staff Openings:

Aside from the newly created Brigade Training

Officers, we have the following openings on TRACOM Staff:

- Professional Development Director
- Xeno-Studies Romulan Director
- Aerospace Branch Director: I have regretfully accepted Greg Fitzsimmons' resignation for personal and time constraint reasons.

If you are interested in any of the three positions above, please contact myself (jcroberts2@hotmail.com) and Jill Rayburn (jazdan@wk.net). The requirements are:

- Completed OTS (OCC is recommended)
- Completed PD-10 (PD-20 is recommended)
- Completed all applicable courses in the area you are applying for the directorship (the -30 requirement can be waived for appointment, but must be completed within 60 days of your appointment)
- Have regular and reliable email access.

We are working on several new courses for the various Branches and school within the SFMCA... have an idea? Let us know!

If you are interested in helping with our manual revisions and updates, please contact me and I'll put you in touch with the proper people to work with. We will be happy to accept any input, ideas or feedback you may have.

Until next time, my inbox is always open and I will be happy to chat with anyone about whatever issues they may have pertaining to TRACOM.

See you next month!

SERGEANT MAJOR

By SGM Scott Grant • Sergeant Major, SFMC

For those of you who do not know my name is Scott Grant. I am the new Sergeant Major of the STARFLEET Marine Corps (SGM/SFMC). As you read the article, I would welcome your suggestions and recommendations to help make your SFMC an even better organization.

As the Sergeant Major of the Corps, I feel that I my duties are as follows:

1. To create a level of communication within the enlisted side of the Corps.
2. To act as a liaison to the General Staff (GS) for the enlisted side of the house.
3. To act as an impartial mediator between Marines.
4. To work with the Commanding Staffs of each Brigade and Battalion to promote retention within the Corps.

One of the biggest objectives that I think that we can all work on is our communication with each other both up and down the Chain of Command (COC). If we can get everyone talking to each other and do not let things fester about possible problems within the Corps, then the issues can be dealt with in a timely manner. Not that there aren't any problems, but I would rather head them off before they become problems. One of my jobs as the SGM/SFMC is to be an ombudsman for the Corps. Formally, that means: a man who investigates complaints, reports findings, and mediates fair settlements, especially between aggrieved parties such as consumers or students and an institution. So, if you are having a problem you can feel free to contact me and I will endeavor to solve the problem.

There is a Yahoo! group for the SFMC Non Commissioned Officers that you can feel free to join and there is where we can discuss issues pertaining to the Corps and FLEET. The address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfmcnco/>. I would encourage all members to come on by and have a chat. My virtual door is always open for you.

Another item that I wish to address is the Training side of the house. Regardless of your unit's specialty, but especially for the Officers, I would suggest PD-10, 12, and 15. For another example: if you are an infantry unit then I would suggest IN-10, 15, and 20. These courses will help give everyone a better overview of the Corps. And most importantly, almost all of the SFMCA courses are interesting and worthwhile. From my own assessment, and the opinion of many Marines, I do not feel that the time and effort that went into creating these courses, manuals, and exams nor your time and effort in taking the courses and exams would be considered a "waste of time."

As a non-commissioned officer, I feel that the NCO is the first line of defense and attack; we need to strive for unity within the Corps. I know that there are a good number of you out there. You have done some great work in the past and I look forward to working with you.

Greetings to you from my corner of the Universe. I have been very busy with real life issues, so I am a little frazzled and behind on some things. If you are awaiting something from me, please bear with me, as I will get to you as soon as I can. I hope to have the backlog cleared in the next couple of days.

Open Positions: I regret to announce the resignation of Steve Idell, the 5th BDE OIC. I would like to thank Steve for the hard work he has done as 5th BDE OIC, and wish him well in his future endeavors. As of 1 September, Norman De Roux is acting BDE OIC. I will be accepting applications for the post of 5th BDE OIC until 30 September 2003. I will then announce the new BDE OIC on the Corps Listserve and in my next report.

**State of the SFMC
(as of 25 August 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 (22):

Maud Freiberger
Tim Clark
Connie Clark
Ashleigh Clark
Joseph White
Evan Darnell
Daniel Long
Kristi Long
Victor Quintanilla
John Adams
Adrian V. Nunenkamp
Steve Eizenberg
Aaron Halverson
Jason Mertz
Leo Rogers
Serenity Allah
John Schulte
Ken Oziah
Bernard Doddema Jr.
Adam Copple
Dakota Copple
Greg Copple

Discharges (7):

Charles White
Jason Braaten
Shawn Braaten
Timothy Taber
Franz Bruyere, Jr
Chris Knoblauch
April G. Schroder

Current Membership Reported:

Last Period: (Active and Reserve) 645
This Period: (Active and Reserve) 679
Increase of 5%

Brigades Reporting:

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

FORCECOM REPORT

By Col. Mark West • CO, FORCECOM

Brigades Listed:

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

100% BDEs Reported

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

Last Period Reported: 105
Last Period Listed: 125
Report Rate: 84%

This Period Reported: 102
This Period Listed: 110
Report Rate: 93%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 7

100th MSG
182nd MSG
318th MSG
82nd MEU
832nd MSG
201st MSG
926th MSG

Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 7

16th MSG
33rd MSG
66th MSG
505th MSG
200th MSG
272nd MSG
293rd MSG

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.)

112th MSG
122nd MSG
169th MSG
615th MSG
616th MSG
650th MSG
33rd MSG
505th MSG
203rd MSG
225th MSG
269th MSG
282nd MSG
477th MSG
95th MSG
882nd MSG
378th MSG

**Awards Received:
(As reported to FORCECOM)**

Corrections: In my post to the Corps List earlier this month, I made a couple errors on some of the names. Gee imagine that, I lived up to the human pedigree after all.

The Legion of Arms award I announced

for Russell Garrison was in fact to go to David Lee Kania. I apologize for the error.

The Good Conduct Award I announced for Bruce Sommer was in fact to go to Scott A. Sommer. When I goof, I tend to do so quite well.

Now for the reported awards:

1st BDE:

Leadership Commendation:

James Cecil, John Reavis, Dave James, Nancy Fields, Harrison Tolley

2nd BDE:

Marine Honor Guard:

Raye Crews and DJ Allen

International Service:

Richard Graham, Raye Crews and DJ Allen

Leaders Commendation:

Raye Crews and Richard Graham

Communication Service:

Raye Crews

3rd BDE:

Cross of Valor:

Jared Fielder

Sword of Valor:

Kyle Schugart

Shield of Valor:

Mark West

Legion of Valor:

333rd MSG

Brigade Service Commendation:

Bill Downs, Mark West

Meritorious Unit Citation:

Tommy Holman

Legion of Arms:

Tommy Holman

Leaders Commendation:

Don Williams, Jay Jones, Danny Pitman, Kyle Schugart

4th BDE:

Star of Valor:

SGM Paul Anthony

Legion of Valor:

1st MSG

Sword of Valor:

BDR. Truman Temple

Cross of Valor:
BGEN Bruce Sommer

Shield of Valor:
Peggy Slayer

Community Service Citation:
Roy Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Jesse Duckett and Eileen Duckett

Joint Service Ribbon:
Roy Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Jesse Duckett and Eileen Duckett

5th BDE:

Initial Entry Training Award:
Arlene Sickels, Jeff Bragg, Rick Ervans, Joel Housworth

Marine Proficiency Ribbon:
Patrick McAndrew

Embassy Duty:

Shawn McVay, Bill Frazer, Nate Martin, Bobby Robbins, Norman DeRoux, Stephen Idell

Great Barrier Expedition:
Norman DeRoux, Stephen Idell

Marine Honor Guard:
Patrick McAndrew, Shawn McVay, Bill Frazer, Nate Martin, Bobby Robbins

Meritorious Unit Citation:
565th MSG – LTC Russell Garrison, OIC

Brigade Achievement Award:
Norman DeRoux

Brigade Service Commendation:
Norman DeRoux, Russell Garrison, Vicky Mock, Chris Wallace

Legion of Valor:
565th MSG – LTC Russell Garrison, OIC

Star of Valor:
1SGT Rick Ervans

Shield of Valor:
MAJ David Kania

Sword of Valor:
LTC Russell Garrison

Cross of Valor:
LTC Russell Garrison

12th BDE:

Meritorious Unit Citation:
Joseph N. Brouhard, Matthew G. Copple

Leadership Commendation:
Joseph N. Brouhard, Matthew G. Copple

To all SFMC Unit OICs, DOICs, and Members: to ensure that this report is accurate as possible, please ensure that all information is as up to date as possible. IF there are errors, please contact your Unit/BN/BDE OICs to make sure the corrections are taken care of. Thanks, and we will talk again next time.



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Jan 29-Feb 2 **Further Confusion**, San Jose, California; Info: PMB #236, 105 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/> info@furt herconfusion.org Guests: Larry Niven, Heather Alexander, Grant Freckelton

Jan 30-Feb 1 **Creation**, Burbank, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com

Feb 13-16 **Gallifrey One**, Los Angeles,

California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/> info@gallifreyone.com Guests: Janet Fielding, Yee Jee Tso

Feb 21-22 **Alternative Press Expo**, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comiccon.org/> cciweb@nucgen.com Guests: Daniel Clowes, Chynna Clugston-Major, Howard Cruse, Jhonen Vasquez, Robert Williams

Feb 27-Mar 29 **ConDor**, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://www.condorcon.org/> Info@ConDorCon.org Guests: Robert Silverberg, Karen Haber

Mar 26-28 **Creation**, Pasadena, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com

Apr 3-4 **Hollywood Collectors Show**, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

Apr 24-25 **Creation**, Burbank, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com

Apr 30-May 2 **WonderCon**, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comiccon.org/> cciweb@nucgen.com Guests: Adam Hughes, Bill Morrison

Colorado

Apr 16-18 **Chosen Con 2**, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 2333, Fairfax, VA 22031 Ph: 414-333-1295 <http://www.chosenentertainment.com/cc/staff@chosenentertainment.com>

Apr 16-18 **Starfest**, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 24955, Denver, CO 80224-0955 Ph: 303-757-5850 <http://www.starland.com/> starland@starland.com

Connecticut

Mar 19-21 **ConnCon**, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: PO Box 444, Sherman, CT 06784-0444 <http://www.conncon.com/> Willi@ConnCon.com

Florida

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

Dec 6-13 **Sci-Fi Seas Cruise**, Miami, Florida; Info: PO Box 936135, Margate, FL 33063-6135 Ph: 800-683-7447 x77626 <http://members.aol.com/SFCruise/> WhoCruiser@aol.com Guests: Nicholas Courtney, Wendy Padbury

Dec 7-14 **Seatrek**, Miami, Florida; Info:

13931 SW 108th St, Miami, FL 33186 Ph: 800-326-8735 or 305-387-1701 <http://www.scifi-cruises.com/> Guests: Garrett Wang, Casey Biggs, George Takei, Eugene Roddenberry Jr

Jan 10-11 **Florida Extravaganza**, Orlando, Florida; Info: 2141 47th St, Sarasota, Florida 34234 Ph: 941-360-6666 x102 <http://www.fxshow.com/> bzalkin@aol.com Guests: Pete Best

Mar 5-7 **MegaCon**, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 1056, Safety Harbor, FL 34695-1056 Ph: 727-712-8700 <http://www.megaconvention.com/> info@megaconvention.com

Mar 18-21 **Sleuthfest**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 6619 Roxbury Lane, Miami Beach, FL 33141 <http://www.mwa-florida.org/sleuthfest.htm> Sharonpotts@aol.com Guests: Robert B. Parker, Dr. Michael M. Baden

Mar 24-28 **IAFA**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 10416, Blacksburg, VA 24062 <http://www.iafa.org/> Guests: Daina Chaviano, Marcial Souto, Elizabeth Hand, Brian Aldiss

Georgia

Jan 9-11 **Gafilk**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PMB 150, 890-F Atlanta Street, Roswell, GA 30075 <http://www.gafilk.org/> registration@gafilk.org Guests: Mich Sampson, Mary Crowell, Rand Bellavia, Adam English

Apr 2-5 **CostumeCon 22**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 656, Decatur, GA 30031 <http://www.costume-con.org/> georgialei@hotmail.com

Apr 8-11 **Fantasm**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 67 Gail Drive, Athens, GA 30606 Ph: 706-369-1561 <http://www.fantasm.org/> info@fantasm.org Guests: Michael Manning, Andy Lee, Lyn Gaza, Mark Jackson, Mike Weaver

Idaho

Mar 19-21 **Anime Oasis**, Boise, Idaho; Info: 420 9th Ave North, Nampa, ID 83687 <http://www.animeoasis.org/>

Illinois

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 Guests: Colin Baker, Frazer Hines, Anneke Wills, Yee Jee Tso, Michael Sheard

Dec 5-7 **SMOFCon 21**, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 707 Sapling Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015-3969 <http://www.smofcon.org/> info@midfan.org

Jan 29-Feb 1 **Capricon XXIV**, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/> info@capricon.org

Mar 13-14 **Chicago ComicFest**, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 33228 W. 12 Mile Rd, PMB #286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/chicago_comic_fest/ info@motorcitycomiccon.com

Apr 24-25 **Creation**, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com

Indiana

Nov 28-30 **Slanted Fedora**, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com

Maryland

Nov 21-23 **Capclave 2003**, Silver Spring, Maryland; Info: PO Box 7203, Silver Spring, MD 20907 Ph: 202-726-4396 <http://www.darkovercon.com/> Jaelle@darkovercon.com Guests: Diana Paxon, 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

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 Paxon, 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

Feb 13-15 **Farpoint**, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.farpointcon.com/> trekcontact@home.com Guests: Bill Mummy, Brad Dourif

Massachusetts

Jan 16-8 **Arisia 04**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Building 600, PMB 322, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/> info@arisia.org Guests: Arthur Ganson, Tim Powers, Kim Van Auken

Jan 30-Feb 1 **VeriCon**, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Info: Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association, c/o 4 University Hall, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA 02138 <http://www.vericon.org/> conchair@vericon.org Guests: Patricia C. Wrede, T Campbell, Julie E. Czerneda, Rob Daviau, Greg Eatroff, Henry Jenkins, Mike Kunkel, Matt Pearson, Sarah Smith, Catherine Asaro, Adam Golaski, Alex Irvine, Ellen Kushner, Delia Sherman, Stephen Mulholland, Jeff Paris, Philip J. Reed, Charles Vess

Feb 13-15 **Boskone 41**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> info@boskone.org Guests: Stephen Baxter, Richard Hescoc, Betsy Mitchell, Bill Sutton, Brenda Sutton

Feb 19-22 **Total Confusion**, Mansfield, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 70585, Worcester, MA 01607 Ph: 603-644-0437 <http://www.totalcon.com/> info@totalcon.com

Apr 16-18 **OurCon**, Amherst,

Massachusetts; Info: c/o Game Hobbyists' League, RSO 178 - 416 SUB, UMass, MA 01003 <http://www.ourcon.org/>

Michigan

Jan 23-25 **ConFusion 30**, Troy, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/> cons/2004/ confusion@stilyagi.org Guests: Bruce Sterling, Julie Bell, Ron Westrum, Geri Sullivan, Robert J. Sawyer

Apr 16-18 **Penguicon 2.0**, Warren, Michigan; Info: PO Box 131225, Ann Arbor, MI 48113 <http://www.penguicon.org/> info@penguicon.org

Minnesota

Jan 23-25 **Supercon**, Austin, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 6123, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://come.to/supercon/> supercon@impsec.net

Feb 6-8 **Con of the North**, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 18096, Minneapolis, MN 55418 Ph: 651-698-8565 <http://www.conofthenorth.com/> info@conofthenorth.org

Mar 5-7 **Marscon**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://marscon.org/> 2003info@marscon.org Guests: Doctor Demento, Richard Biggs, Baron David E. Romm, The Great Lukeski

Apr 9-11 **Minicon 39**, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnsth.org/minicon/> request@minicon.mnsth.org Guests: Walter Jon Williams, Sharyn November, Deb Geisler

Mississippi

Apr 2-4 **CoastCon XXVII**, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: PO Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 Ph: 228-435-5217 <http://www.coastcon.org/> coastcon@coastcon.org

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/> Shaun/Shاون21.htm RPGKC@aol.com Guests: Aaron Williams

Feb 20-22 **Visioncon**, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/> junior@visioncon.net Guests: Gary Bedell, Mary Capps, Fred Gorham, Eugene Roddenberry, Mike Strain, Al Turner, Mike Worley

Nebraska

Mar 26-28 **Willycon 6**, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787 <http://www.wsc.edu/student/activities/clubs/sfclub/willycon/> scifit@wsc.edu Guests: Eric Flint, John Debnam

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Nevada

Dec 5-7 **Klingon Feast**, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 165 Horizon View Dr., Henderson, NV 89015 <http://www.klingonfeast.org/benuh3@cs.com>

New Jersey

Dec 5-7 **WGP: Svaha: Cosmic Encounters**, Piscataway, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

Jan 2-4 **Slanted Fedora**, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

New York

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

Jan 16-18 **Genericon XVII**, Troy, New York; Info: c/o Rensselaer Student Union, Attn: Cameron McLean, 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180 <http://genericon.union.rpi.edu/info@genericon.org>

Mar 19-21 **Lunacon**, Rye Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-3566 <http://www.lunacon.org/info@lunacon.org> Guests: Storm Constantine, Michael Whelan, Lucy Schmeidler, Pete Abrams

Mar 26-28 **I-Con 23**, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/info@iconsf.org>

Apr 16-18 **EerieCon VI**, Niagara Falls, New York; Info: PO Box 412, Buffalo, NY 14226 <http://www.eeriecon.org/info@eeriecon.org> Guests: Larry Niven, Brian Lumley, Anne Bishop, Hal Clement, Carolyn Clink, David Clink, David DeGraff, Lynn Flewelling, Charles Gannon, James Alan Gardner, Mark Garland, Sephera Giron, Lois Gresh, Paul Levinson, Derwin Mak, Will McDermott, John-Allen Price, Robert J. Sawyer, Darrell Schweitzer, Josepha Sherman, David Stephenson.

North Carolina

Mar 19-21 **Stellarcon 28**, High Point, North Carolina; Info: 5701 Running Ridge Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.stellarcon.org/info@stellarcon.org> Guests: Fred Saberhagen, M. Wayne Miller, Aaron Allston, dgk goldberg, Julie Anne Parks, John Ringo, Michael Stackpole, Timothy Zahn, James Roberts

Ohio

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 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> Guests: Walter Koenig, Andy Hallett, Brad Dourif, David Carradine, Michael Jai White, June Lockhart, Yvonne Craig, Kathy Garver, Robyn Griggs, Angela Melini, Helena Antonaccio, Charlotte Kemp, Alan Davis, Brian Michael Bendis, David Mack, Christopher Golden, Mike Avon Oeming, Mark Waid, Mark Verheiden, Kevin Eastman, Bill Willingham, Jim Mooney, Mike W. Barr, Guy Gilchrist, Heather Ashley, Robb Bihun, George Broderick Jr., Bob Corby, Joe Corroney, Jan Duursema, Chris S. Fason, Franchesco, GW. Fisher, Brendon Fraim, Brian Fraim, Bob Ingersoll, Tony Isabella, Justin, Leonard Kirk, Lisa Lubera, Logan Lubera, Tom Mandrake, Sean McKeever, Gonzalo Mayo, Nupopia, Don Pedicini Jr., Andrew Pepoy, Eric Powell, Robin Riggs, Alex Saviuk, Ethan Van Sciver, Chris Sprouse, Paul Storrie, Dan Taylor, Mark Wheatley, Chris Yambar, Thom Zahler

Dec 5-7 **Dark X-Mas**, Youngstown, Ohio; Info: 1485 North Rd, Warren Ohio, 44484 <http://www.darkxmas.com/travforever@aol.com> Guests: Conrad Brooks, Alana Curry, Virginia Hey, Mike Quinn, Michael Sheard, Julie Parrish, Marina Sirtis, Chase Masterson, Chris Yambar, Amy Lynn Best, Len Lies, Stanlee Houston, Don Pedicini Jr.

Mar 19-21 **Millennicon**, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-659-2258 <http://www.millennicon.org/millennicon@mvfl.org> Guests: Harry Turtledove, Tom Smith

Apr 2-4 **Frightvision**, Westlake, Ohio; Info: PO Box 547 Ravenna, OH 44266 Ph: 330-297-5441 <http://www.frightvision.com/FrightVisionInfo@aol.com>

Oregon

Nov 20-12 **AmberCon Northwest**, Troutdale, Oregon; Info: 8047 N. Syracuse St, Portland, OR 97203-4939 <http://www.wyrdrune.com/acnw/simone@wyrdrune.com>

Mar 5-7 **Gamestorm**, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/chair@pdxgames.com>

Pennsylvania

Dec 12-14 **PhilCon**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3, Orelan, PA 19075 <http://www.philcon.org/info@philcon.org> Guests: Jack McDevitt, Greg Hildebrandt, Tim Hildebrandt, Peter David, Harry Harrison

Apr 30-May 2 **Pittsburgh Comicon**, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsbu>

rghcomicon.com/ pcomicon@nb.net Benefits: Make A Wish

South Carolina

Apr 16-18 **Roundcon**, Columbia, South Carolina; Info: 1119 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5222 <http://www.roundcon.org/Roundcon@aol.com>

Tennessee

Jan 2-4 **Shadow Con VII**, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: 5310 Hungerford Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118 <http://www.shadowcon.org/Kane1lissa@aol.com> Guests: PN Elrod, Melanie Simmonds

Jan 16-18 **Chattacon XXIX**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 <http://www.chattacon.org/info@chattacon.org> Guests: Mark Tiedemann, J. Gregory Keyes, Alan M. Clark, Andy Duncan, Charles Grant

Mar 19-21 **Galacticon**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 6636 Shallowford Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421 <http://www.thewebfool.com/galacticon/galacticon@vei.net>

Mar 26-28 **MidSouthCon 22/DeepSouthCon 42**, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/info@midsouthcon.org> Guests: David Brien, Todd Lockwood, C. J. Cherryh, Glen Cook, Jane Fancher, Selina Rosen, Stephen Pagel, Joy Marie Ledet

Apr 2-4 **Middle Tennessee Anime Convention 4.01b**, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 290423, Nashville, TN 37229-0423 <http://mtac.animenashville.org/>

Texas

Nov 21-23 **Millennium 6**, Austin, Texas; Info: 3017-B Burleson Road, Austin, TX 78741 <http://www.millenniumcon.com/bradyseverns@earthlink.net> Guests: John Kovalic

Nov 21-23 **Wizard World Texas**, Arlington, Texas; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/texas.cfm> Guests: George Perez, Kurt Busiek, Talent Caldwell, Paul Dini, Paul Jenkins, Michael Lark, Jim Lee, David Mack, Joe Quesada, Darick Robertson, Marc Silvestri, Peter Steigerwald, Mike Turner, Skottie Young, Guillermo del Toro, Peter Mayhew

Dec 14 **JMV Entertainment Collectibles Show**, Killeen, Texas; Info: PO BOX 151, Temple, TX 76503 Ph: 254-771-4238 jmventertainment16@yahoo.com

Jan 3 **Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show**, Richardson, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Feb 20-22 **ConDFW**, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2183 Buckingham Road #282, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/> Info: info@condfw.org Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold

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Mar 25-28 **AggieCon 35**, College Station, Texas; Info: Memorial Student Center, Box J-1, Texas A&M University, TAMUS 1237, College Station, TX 77844-1237 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/baldeagle@tamu.edu>

Apr 3-4 **Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show**, Richardson, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-2647 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Vermont

Apr 23-25 **Bakuretsu Con**, Burlington, Vermont; Info: PO Box 44, Vergennes VT 05491 Ph: 802-877-2647 <http://www.bakuretsucon.org/info@bakuretsucon.org>

Virginia

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, Christopher Patton, Steve Bennett, Jan Scott Frazier, Mark Brooks, Clayton Brown, Christina Chen, Jo Chen, Austell Callwood, Danimation, David Dandorf, Sanford Greene, Kurt Krol, Pop Mhan, David Newbold, Nick Nix, Patrick Strange, Shawn the Touched, Terry Tymczyna, T Campbell, Greg Eatroff, Jamie McGonnigal.

Feb 13-15 **Katsucon 10**, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 62424, Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2424 <http://www.katsucon.com/katsucon@katsucon.com> Guests: Fred Gallagher

Feb 27-29 **SheVaCon 12**, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 Ph: 540-248-4152 <http://shevacon.org/> Guests: Jim Butcher, Charles Keegan, Stephen Pagel, Alan Siler, Warren Lapine, Mark Pederson, Catherine Twohill, James Emery Barnes, Christopher Howard

Mar 19-21 **Technicon 21**, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 <http://www.technicon.org/info@technicon.org>

Washington

Jan 16-18 **Rustycon 21**, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591 <http://www.rustycon.com/> Guests: Octavia Butler, Todd Lockwood, Deby Fredericks

Feb 6-8 **Creation**, Seattle, Washington; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Feb 27-29 **Potlatch 13**, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 31848, Seattle, WA 98103-1848 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/> Info: info@potlatch-sf.org Benefits: Clarion West

Apr 8-11 **Norwescon 27**, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-

270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/info@norwescon.org> Guests: Mike Resnick, Ben Bova, Joe Haldeman, Jim Baen

Apr 23-25 **Sakura Con**, Seattle, Washington; Info: 800 5th Ave, Box 142, Seattle, WA 98104 <http://sakuracon.org/Lorna@shadowydreamer.com>

West Virginia

Jan 23-25 **Marscon**, Williamsburg, West Virginia; Info: PO Box 6143, Yorktown VA 23693 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net>

Wisconsin

Mar 5-7 **Congenial, Racine**, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 542911, Chicago, IL 60654 <http://www.congenial.org/info@congenial.org>

Apr 2-4 **Odyssey Con**, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.venture-1.com/~odddcon/> oddcon@venture-1.com Guests: Joe Haldeman, David Weber

Australia

Australian Capital Territory

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.

Apr 23-26 **Conflux: 43rd Australian National Science Fiction Convention**, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 903, Belconnen, ACT 2616 Ph: +61 0 418 540 160 <http://www.conflux.org.au/info@conflux.org.au> Guests: Greg Benford, Sean McMullen, Karen Herkes

New South Wales

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 Guests: John Rhys-Davies

Western Australia

Apr 8-12 **SwanCon 29**, Perth, Western Australia; Info: GPO Box G429, Perth WA 6841, Australia <http://www.swancon.com/>

Canada

Ontario

Nov 28-30 **IceBreaker**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 122 St. Patrick Street, Suite F24/130, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 2X8 Ph: 416-698-6052 <http://www.rigelgroup.org/info@rigel.xc>

Nov 30 SFX: **Toronto Sci Fi**

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Con, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, L6M 4N4 Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://www.hobbystar.com> info@hobbystar.com Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Mike Edmonds

Feb 20-22 **Pandemonium 21**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Ken Barton, 1975 Memory Lane, #22, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, L1V 3M3 Ph: 905-839-2182 <http://www.realmsquest.org/pandemonium/> pandemoniumcon@rogers.com

Mar 20-21 **TransformersCon**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, L6M 4N4 Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://www.transformerscon.com> info@hobbystar.com Guests: Scott McNeil, Pat Lee, Brad Swaile, Kirby Morrow, Chris Sabat

Apr 2-4 **Orion**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 122 St. Patrick Street, Suite F24/130, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 2X8 Ph: 416-698-6052 <http://www.rigelgroup.org/> info@rigel.cx

Apr 2-4 **Ad Astra 23**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station "A", Toronto, ON CANADA M5W 1X9 Ph: 905-

305-0827 <http://www.ad-astra.org/> info@ad-astra.org

Germany

Nov 22-23 **German City Con**, Nuremberg, ; Info: 90513 Zirndorf, Albrecht-Duerer-Str. 58 Ph: +49 911 9658758 <http://www.germancitycon.de> info@germancitycon.de Guests: Amanda Tapping, Christopher Judge, Peter Williams, Jr Bourne

Ireland

Mar 5-7 **Mecon**, Belfast, ; Info: 12 Hopefield Avenue, Belfast, BT15 5AP <http://www.mecon.org/> mecon@qubscifi.org.uk Guests: Ian McDonald, Paul J. Holden Benefits: Ulster Cancer Foundation

United Kingdom

England

Nov 15 **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: Peter Davison, Matthew Waterhouse

Nov 22-23 **Autographica**, Coventry, England; Info: Highfield Business Ctr, 1 Simmonds Rd, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3RA Ph: +01959 573 792 <http://www.autographica.co.uk/> Garry@Autographica.co.uk Guests: Sir John Mills, Sir Richard Todd, Mawell Caulfield, Juliette Mills, David Hedison, Tanya Roberts, Martine Beswick, Caroline Munro, Gloria Hendry, Lana Wood, Suzanne Lloyd, Billy Gray

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: Trevor Martin, Wanda Ventham, Donald Pickering, Christopher Tranchell, Nicholas Courtney, Stephen Thorne, Bob Baker

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-Elbery

Jan 9-11 **Creation**, London, England; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> tickets@creationent.com Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Robert Beltran, Nana Visitor, Robert Duncan McNeill, Warwick Davis

Feb 13-15 **Starfleet Ball**, Bournemouth, England; Info: 6 The Street, Sutton Waldron, Near Blandford, Dorset. DT11 8PF, United Kingdom <http://www.starfleet-ball.com/> info@starfleet-ball.com Guests: Celeste Yarnall, Michael Dorn

Mar 12-14 **Mount Olympus**, Bristol, England; Info: PO Box 3250 Glastonbury, Glastonbury, BA6 9WL United Kingdom <http://www.kumara.org.uk/> Benefits: The Kevin Smith Memorial Fund

Mar 14 **Invasion 4**, 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/invasion/> sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Sarah Mowat, Sylvester McCoy, Lalla Ward, Peter Purves, Mary Tamm

Apr 9-12 **Eastercon/Concourse**, Blackpool, England; Info: 63 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge, United Kingdom, CB5 9QH <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/concourse2004eastercon/> membership.concourse@ntlworld.com Guests: Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Danny Flynn, Sue Mason, Christopher Priest, Philip Pullman

Apr 24-25 **Star One**, Bedford, 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/starone/Star%20One%202004/staroneindex.htm> sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Paul Darrow, Jacqueline Pearce, Janet Lees Price, Gareth Thomas, David Jackson, Stephen Grief, Lynda Bellingham, Glyn Owen, Glynis Barber

STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compiled By Robin Smith • Announcements Coordinator

SEPTEMBER 2003

2003.09.30 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander, STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced that he has reluctantly accepted the pending resignation of STARFLEET's Chief of Computer Operations Sandy Berenberg.

2003.09.29 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), requests that all past and current students of the College of Temporal Physics contact him privately at chunone@nwlinc.com.

2003.09.28 : Ed Nowlin, Keeper of the Archive (Among other things), (rc@region4.org), announced that the Memory Alpha archive is back online. He also requests that anyone with an image which was not included in the last archive update, around 2001, please send him a copy. Please reference the entire message for more information and submission requirements..

2003.09.25 : Carol Thompson, SFA Vice Commandant, (betazoid@mosquinet.com), requests that all members with lost voucher codes or with questions about which voucher codes are still "good" her so that she can give you the necessary information.

2003.09.24 : Jill Rayburn, (jazdan@wk.net), announced that Nancy Lynch is stepping down as the Medical Branch Director of TRACOM. Applications are now being accepted.

2003.09.23 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca), announced that the September version of the VR is available for download at

<http://documents.sfi.org/>.

2003.09.22 : Joost Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (web.warrior@ns.sympatico.ca), announced that STAFLEET Operations is now starting up the Chapter Care Program.

2003.09.22 : Dennis Rayburn, (stoncold@wk.net), announced that the distinguished service award, has been retired and the award will henceforth be known as the Ben Kokochak Distinguished Service Award.

2003.09.22 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. William O. Darby, NCC-12474.

2003.09.21 : Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), announced the opening of a new Public Relations position in the Morale Office.

2003.09.15 : Michael W. Malotte, (cs@sfi.org), officially welcomes Denby Potts to the EC as Fleet's new CFO.

2003.09.04 : Jerry Tien, ShOC Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Kerberos in Region 7.

2003.09.01 : Johnathan Simmons, (gumbysan@hotmail.com), announced PetFleet, a new dimension in the Fleet experience.

2003.09.01 : COL Mark A. West, SFMC COFORCECOM, (sfmc333rdmsg@lycos.com), announced that he is now accepting applications for Officer in Charge of the 5th BDE SFMC.

AUGUST 2003

2003.08.31 : MGN Jill Rayburn, SFMCA Professional Branch Director, (jazdan@wk.net), announced that the SFMC COTRACOM is now accepting applications for the position of Professional Development Branch Director, SFMCA.

2003.08.28 : Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that Helen Pawlowski, Director of the Flag Officer School and Ship's Counselor College, is experiencing correspondence difficulties. He asks for your indulgence while she gets caught up.

2003.08.26 : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that CQ 71 has been rebuilt and is now available for download from the CQ archive at <http://cq.ussatlas.org/>.

2003.08.24 : Jenn Colpitts, (jcdolphin@cablone.net), announced the creation of a new mailing list for parents.

2003.08.24 : MGen Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, (compops@sfi.org), announced that a new Database Tutorial on the Member Tools is now available at the CompOps Website, <http://compops.sfi.org/>.

2003.08.19 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that the August VR is now available for download.

2003.08.16 : Cmdr Robin Van Cleave, Director fdp-youth, (RVA_

JOA@hotmail.com), announced that two Youth oriented channels are available on the Fleetchat IRC Network.

2003.08.14 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org), announced Lotsa good news about IC 2004.

2003.08.13 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chairman, (pdmohny@aol.com), announced some of the major high points for the upcoming 2004 IC.

2003.08.11 : Admiral Marlene J. Miller, (marlene@cboss.com), announced a new project for IC 2004, the Fleetwide Patch Afghah. Please reference the entire message for all the details.

2003.08.08 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (pdmohny@aol.com), requests that IC 2003 attendees please provide some feedback to the IC 2004 team so that next year's IC can be better.

2003.08.02 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced this years Starfleet Academy Awards.

2003.08.02 : General Scott A. Akers, STARFLEET Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that Fleet Captain Gregory A. Franklin has accepted the position as the new Director of the Starfleet Academy College of Engineering,

2003.08.02 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announced that Commodore Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET's Chief Financial Officer,

announced her resignation today at the STARFLEET International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

2003.08.04 : MGen Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, (compops@sfi.org), announced that Computer Operations is seeking submissions for a special Membership Certificate, ID and Chapter Assignment cards to commemorate STARFLEET's 30th anniversary.

2003.08.04 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Hell's Fury.

2003.08.04 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. North Carolina, NCC-75019.

2003.08.04 : MGen Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, (compops@sfi.org), announced a new program for members who have babies or adopt children into their families.

2003.08.03 : Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Vice Commander STARFLEET, (mha@ussaccord.org), announced the reconstituting of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps within the Office for the Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

2003.08.02 : Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), announced that starting this year, October 24th will be designated STARFLEET Memorial Day. I would like to thank all the members of the AB/EC board for voting.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber

Summary notes: As a reminder, if you're filing your 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:

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REGION 1

USS Aeon, NCC - 75022 Memphis, TN

The Crew celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling efforts continue. The ship sponsored an open house to celebrate its 21st anniversary.

USS Appomattox, NCC - 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic that was a little soggy. An away team traveled to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.

USS Asgard, NCC - 72402 Lancaster, OH

An away team attended a local baseball game. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. Crewmembers enjoyed movies and plays. An away team participated in a car wash to raise funds for a local humane society.

USS Athena, NCC - 51896 Reston, VA

The ship sponsored a recruitment event at a local library that was well attended. The Crew volunteered at Shore Leave and the ship had a successful fundraiser for the Julien Flemming Memorial Fund.

Bennu Station, SFR - 119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended the IC.

USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A Greensboro, NC

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers attended a local convention.

USS Carolina, NCC - 74222 Greenville, SC

Crewmembers participated in movie nights and flea markets. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Charleston, NCC - 71813 Charleston, SC

Collection efforts for OCP continue. The Crew enjoyed movie events.

USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887 Richmond, VA

An away team enjoyed a trip to a local theme park. Plans underway for the ship's 14th anniversary celebration.

USS Columbia, NCC - 75017 Wooster, OH

An away team toured the USAF Museum in Dayton. Crewmembers continue to help the search for extraterrestrial life via the Seti@home project. Crewmembers enjoyed barbecue after the monthly meeting.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

Crewmembers attended the monthly meeting. Afterwards an away team visited with ill members in a nearby nursing home.

Shuttle Commonwealth Richmond, KY

The shuttle is sponsoring a space and science fiction raffle.

USS Dark Wolf, NCC - 75002 Blountville, TN

An away team attended a nearby concert. Crewmembers attended FunFest.

USS Dominator, NCC - 18076 N. Charleston, SC

Crewmembers celebrated July 4th with a cook in. An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers hard at work on the Region 1 fall conference.

USS Francis Marion, NCC - 2006 Greenville, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. Away teams traveled to Shore Leave, to Gatlinburg and to Winston-Salem. Crewmembers collected school supplies for needy children.

USS Gallifry, NCC - 81631 Elryia, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights and role playing events. An away team visited several local haunted sites

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a lake outing aboard a member's houseboat. The ship sponsored a successful bake sale. The ship sponsored its annual crew auction and raised over \$500.00 for its annual Christmas charity.

Shuttle Hell's Fury, NCC - 71874 Simpsonville, SC

An away team traveled to IC. Recruitment efforts continue. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D Charlotte, NC

Crewmembers hard at work on Vessel Readiness Certification. An away team attended the IC. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Intrepid, NCC - 74655 Mansfield, OH

Plans for fall events are underway.

USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750 Kingsport, TN

An away team attended the IC. The ship's MSG was restarted in the First Brigade.

USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D Hampton, VA

Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers volunteered at the Virginia Air and Space Center. Plans for a haunted house are underway.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Hamersville, OH

Website revisions are underway. Work on the Afghan project continues. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual amateur radio field day. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

Shuttle Kingfisher Hickory, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Recruitment efforts are underway.

USS Kitty Hawk, NCC - 1659 Raleigh, NC

A small away team attended Shore Leave. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. An away team attended the 2003 SFI International Conference.

USS Lagrange, NCC - 3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Crewmember participated in a 4th of July parade. The ship collected food for a local food bank.

USS Liberator, NCC - 75008 Akron, OH

Crewmembers volunteered at a local pet store. Work on the ship's web page continues.

USS Maat, NCC - 1794-A Virginia Beach, VA

An away team attended Shore Leave. Crewmembers volunteered at a local amphitheater.

USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218 Hertford, NC

An away team attended Shore Leave and other conventions.

USS Nebula, NX - 61800 North Royalton, OH

Shuttlecraft mockup in the works. Online recruiting continues.

Space Station Nikola Tesla Puryear, TN

An away team attended the 2003 SFI International Conference.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Correspondence

An away team attended the IC. Another away team attended a local air show.

USS North Carolina Hickory, NC

Crewmembers attended the 2003 SFI International Conference. Crewmembers celebrated their commissioning.

USS Ohio, NCC - 75007 Barberton, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team attended a local air show with other area ships.

USS Pathfinder, NCC - 2121 Lima, OH

Recruitment efforts continue. Work on Seti@Home continues.

USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

An away team attended Shore Leave. Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party.

USS Providence, NCC - 71796 Jackson, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Trek video at the regular meeting. A small away team attended the 2003 International Conference.

USS Questar, NCC - 75435 Louisville, KY

An away team attended an air show in Ohio with other STARFLEET ships. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an indoor picnic.

USS Renegade, NCC - 2547 Youngstown, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Reprisal, NCC - 1896 Kingsport, TN

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers attempted a viewing of the Perseid meteors but the weather hampered efforts. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Richmond, NCC - 2003 Covington, VA

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers collected items for a local animal shelter. An away team attended the wedding of a former member.

USS Ronald E McNair Columbia, SC

Collection efforts for Ronald McDonald House and OCP continue.

USS Rutledge, NX - 72415 Ladsen, SC

An away team attended the IC.

USS Star League, NCC - 2101 N. Augusta, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner with the captain at a local restaurant.

USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122 Fayetteville, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and a pool party.

USS Tycho, NCC - 59325 Toledo, OH

Plans for fall activities are underway.

USS Tristar, NCC - 71829 Knoxville, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual family picnic. Plans for a Halloween zoo event are underway.

USS Wasp, NCC - 1721 Bristol, VA

Work on the ship's website is continuing. Away teams enjoyed a stargazing event.

USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008 Charlestown, WV

An away team attended a wedding of one the ship's members. Rain cancelled out the annual pool party.

USS White Eagle, NCC 2302 Jacksonville, NC

Soup label collection efforts continue. Crewmembers continued to clean the ship's adopted highway spot.

USS Yeager, NCC - 61893 Bluefield, WV

Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A York, SC

Plans for fall and winter activities are underway.

REGION 2

USS Blackstar, NCC - 75003 Miami, FL

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Recruitment efforts continue. The ship sponsored a garage sale. Crewmembers planning a trip to Disney.

USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

Shuttle Dark Phoenix Pascagoula, MS

An away team attended a 4th of July party at another ship. Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. Recruitment efforts continue. Commissioning plans are underway.

USS Dark Silence Station Florence, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual pool party.

USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA

The ship sponsored its annual 4th of July party and hosted visitors from all over the region. An away team attended the 2003 SFI International Conference.

USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL

An away team attended a 4th of July party. Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party.

USS Dräkenfire, NCC - 71822 Odenville, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet summer though are still in contact frequently.

USS Gasparilla, NCC - 74400 Tampa, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf outing. An away team had a dinner outing.

USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

An away team attended a show starring Kate Mulgrew.

USS Haise, NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic with their meeting. Work on the Region 2 Summit continues. The ship sponsored a Mars party with movies, food, and Mars watching.

USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL

The ship sponsored its annual cookout and it was attended by members from all over the region. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299 Mobile, AL

An away team attended a Star Trek Card game tournament. Another away team attended a 4th of July cookout.

USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000 Tallahassee, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed poker nights. Away teams cleaned a local bike trail.

Shuttle Myrddin Clearwater, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

Shuttle New Hope, NCC - 50335 Montgomery, AL

An away team attended a 4th of July cookout. Crewmembers in the process of completing OCC. Cadet corps is very active in regional events.

USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A Hattiesburg, FL

An away team enjoyed a zone picnic.

USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695 Collins, MS

An away team attended IC.

USS Paegan, NCC - 1755 Orlando, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July party.

USS Parallax, NCC - 74657 Middleburg, FL

Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers are working on an e-mail based RPG.

Shuttle Pleiades, NCC - 430 Elwood, GA

Crewmembers enjoyed an online chat. An away team attended a party thrown by a local Klingon group.

USS Relentless, NCC - 81001 Madison, FL

Crewmembers spent many hours volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event.

USS Republic, NCC - 1371 Atlanta, GA

The ship sponsored a party at a local convention.

USS Rogue Phoenix Savannah, GA

The ship sponsored a flea market. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. An away team attended a movie night. Another away team attended a local convention.

USS Shadow Hawk Opilika, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097 Decatur, AL

Contributions to a local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Triumph, NCC - 26228 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Werner Von Braun Huntsville, AL

An away team attended the IC. Members attended an astronomy lecture on concepts seen in Trek.

USS Yamato, NCC - 71087 Pinson, AL

An away team attended the regional cookout. Plans for fall activities are underway.

REGION 3

USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622 Georgetown, TX

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with gaming and a barbecue. An away team attended the region's pool and darts event.

USS Aurora Vulcanus Houston, TX

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended the IC. An away team attended the region's pool and darts event and enjoyed the company and the steak.

USS Bexar, NCC - 71718 San Antonio, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and ice cream outing. The ship celebrated its 10th anniversary. Collection efforts of stuffed animals for the Trauma Buddy program continue. An away team attended the Regions pool and darts tournament.

USS Comanche, NCC - 71809 Fort Worth, TX

The ship sponsored a casino night as a fundraiser for an animal sanctuary.

USS Firebird, NCC - 74662/1 Houston, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed barbecue and card events.

SS Freedom Station III Eules, TX

An away team attended the 2003 SFI International Conference. Crewmembers attended the region's pool and darts

tournament.

USS Intangible, NCC - 65421 Bryan, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a laser tag and movie event.

USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289 Corpus Christi, TX

Crewmembers celebrated the captain's birthday with a potluck dinner.

USS Lone Star, NCC - 73628 Lubbock, TX

Crewmembers participated in a local 4th of July parade. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. The ship sponsored a garage sale. An away team attended the 2003 STARFLEET International Conference. Another away team attended the region's pool and darts tournament.

USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914 Amarillo, TX

Planning for the Ronal McDonald House annual fundraising activity is underway.

USS Panther City, NCC - 74917 Fort Worth, TX

An away team attended the horse races. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July cookout. An away team attended the region's pool and darts tournament.

USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892 Austin, TX

Crewmembers donated to a local food pantry.

USS Spirit Wolf, NCC - 74300 Houston, TX

Plans underway for the ship's 5th anniversary.

USS Tejas, NCC - 9756 Vernon, TX

Collection efforts for OCP and a local humane society continue.

USS Texas, NCC - 74207 Killeen, TX

Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Victory, NCC - 74208 San Antonio, TX

An away team attended the region's pool and darts tournament.

REGION 4

USS Angeles, NCC - 71840 Los Angeles, CA

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a barbecue and fireworks. Away teams toured

nearby caves, attended a convention, and enjoyed a picnic.

USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025 Phoenix, AZ

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Marines enjoyed laser tag events. An away team traveled to the Grand Canyon.

USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011 San Francisco, CA

An away team attended the Region 4 conference. Work continues on the ship's bylaws.

Shuttle Battleborn Carson City, NV

An away team went to a Mars viewing at a local observatory.

Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003 Redding, CA

Crewmembers participated in a highway cleanup. Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary are underway.

USS Centurion, NCC - 74801 Moreno Valley, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed a laser tag competition.

USS Dragon's Club, NCC - 81003 Shafter, CA

Collection efforts for St. Jude's Ranch continue. An away team visited Region 17.

USS Eagle, NCC - 1719 Fremont, CA

An away team attended the IC. Plans for fall activities underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie premier and party.

Shuttle Gallant, NCC - 1950 Fresno, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and games.

USS Highroller, NCC - 23104 Reno, NV

Collection efforts for a local food pantry continue.

USS K'ehkeyr Station Las Vegas, NV

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Northern Lights San Jose, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed the meeting and a game night. Ship sponsored a stargazing party.

USS Oberon, NCC - 71820 Citrus Heights, CA

Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary party are underway.

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Crewmembers participated in a miniature golf tournament with other area ships. Crewmembers celebrated the birth of their newest member.

USS Palavara, NCC - 2021 Chula Vista, CA

Crewmembers participated in a local fair.

USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300 Visalia, CA

The ship sponsored a Christmas in July party to raise money for Toys for Tots. Crew hard at work on the Region 4 Conference.

USS Pegasus, NX - 9755 Las Vegas, NV

Pop-top collection efforts continue.

USS S L Heya, NCC - 1604 Fresno, CA

Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Tikopai, NCC - 1800 San Jose, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie marathon.

Camp Wendell Fertig, SFR 401 Fresno, CA

Fundraising efforts for charity continue. Ship sponsored a successful food drive for a local food bank.

REGION 5

USS Carson, NCC - 0592-A Weiser, ID

Collection efforts for OCP continue. In addition working with two other groups to have them collect coupons as well.

USS Crusader, NCC - 74711 Spokane, WA

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 6th anniversary with a potluck dinner.

USS Destiny, NCC - 97301 Salem, OR

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended a movie.

USS Kensington, NCC - 75016 Meridian, ID

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary.

USS Pendragon, NCC - 2005 Kirkland, WA

Crewmembers enjoyed a party with barbecue and cake.

USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816 Richland, WA

Crewmembers celebrated Patrick Stewart's birthday with a movie and cake. The ship sponsored a movie night fundraiser. An away team attended the IC.

SS Unisus, SFR - 502 Newport, WA

The Crew enjoyed a quiet summer and are preparing for fall activities.

REGION 6

Shuttle Cimarron Waukesha, WI

The ship co-hosted a picnic attended by many local groups. An away team attended a fundraising gaming event.

USS Czar'ak, NCC - 1798-A Minneapolis, MN

Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual picnic. An away team attended a local convention. An away team attended the IC.

USS Fox River, NCC - 81002 Appleton, WI

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary.

USS Imperium, NCC - 2125 Fargo, ND

Crewmembers volunteered at a pledge drive for public television.

USS Saint George, NCC-63541 Saint Paul, MN

Plans underway for the ship's 1st anniversary party.

USS Thunderchild, NCC - 3122 Rapid City, SD

Crewmembers participated in a highway cleanup.

REGION 7

USS Accord, NCC - 1842 Ithaca, NY

An away team traveled to Maryland for Shore Leave. Crewmembers enjoyed a hike at a state park for their meal and a mission. Plans for Watkins Glen Weekend underway.

USS Adamant, NCC - 3029 Valley Forge, PA

Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie night. The ship celebrated the 4th of July with a barbecue and fireworks. An away team traveled to Shore Leave. The ship hosted the Region 7 picnic. An away team toured Ellis Island.

USS Albany, NCC - 587 Scotia, NY

Crewmembers enjoyed a golf

outing. The ship sponsored its 15th annual picnic. An away team attended a baseball game. Collection efforts for OCP continue. The ship sponsored a recruitment booth at an air show.

USS Alpha Centauri, NCC - 71812 Washington, DC

The crew attended Shore Leave.

USS Ari, NCC - 1723 Buffalo, NY

An away team attended a nearby county fair. An away team toured a local zoo.

USS Archer, NCC - 1069 Mantua, NJ

Redesign of the ship's web page underway.

USS Ascension, NCC - 2520 Lehigh Valley, PA

An away team attended a dinner and movie night. Crewmembers traveled to Maryland for Shore Leave.

USS Asimov, NCC - 1647 Yardley, PA

An away team attended Shore Leave. An away team also attended the IC.

USS Avenger, NCC - 1860 North Brunswick, NJ

Crewmembers attended Shore Leave. An away team visited local caverns. An away team traveled to the IC.

USS Challenger, NCC - 1767-D Dover Township, NJ

An away team attended Shore Leave. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

Shuttle DeBraak, NCC - 63543 Frederica, DE

Crewmember celebrated the ship's commissioning at Shore Leave.

USS Edinburgh, NCC - 77930 Gaithersburg, MD

Crew attended Shore Leave.

USS Flying Fox, NCC - 3116 Philadelphia, PA

The ship hosted the 2nd annual Chocolate Party at Shore Leave. An away team took a trip to local caverns. Crewmembers enjoyed a bike and hike. An away team traveled to IC.

USS Highlander, NCC - 10530 Frederick, MD

Crewmembers attended Shore Leave. Ship sponsored a Barbecue at Shore Leave and

plan to do it again in the future.

EFC Inferno, (NCC Pending) Pittsburgh, PA

Plans for upcoming events underway.

USS Justice, NCC - 556 Florham Park, NJ

Work continues on the ship's video project.

USS Lexington, NCC - 1703 - C West Point, NY

An away team attended Shore Leave. The ship hosted a private party for one of the Con's stars.

USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214 Ocean City, MD

Recruitment efforts underway in a major way.

USS Malverne, NCC - 2205 Upper Darby, PA

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and collected used cell phones for a women's shelter. An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Matrix, NCC - 72296 Correspondence

Crew continues to participate in Role Playing Game. An away team traveled to Shore Leave.

USS Niagara, NCC - 75634 Buffalo, NY

Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party. Ship sponsored a table at a local convention.

USS Northstar, NCC - 10462 New York, NY

Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise night. Crewmembers attended a local convention.

USS Osiris, NCC - 3092 Bronx, NY

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended a fireworks display for the 4th of July. Crewmembers enjoyed a role-playing game. A large contingent traveled to the IC.

USS Prevailing Wind Harrisburg, PA

Crewmembers working on a novel for the ship.

USS Richthofen, NCC - 73286 Correspondence

An away team attended the Justice's picnic and a renaissance faire.

USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000 Philadelphia, PA

Crewmembers attended Shore Leave.

USS Starlord, NCC - 74225

Ramsey, NJ

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a party. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming events.

USS Sun Tzu, NCC - 5373 Chester, NY

Hosted Tribble party at Shore Leave, movies, Enterprise nights, craft night, crew went to Shore Leave.

USS Thagard, NCC - 652 Philadelphia, PA

An away team went camping. Crewmembers enjoyed a craft night. Crewmembers attended the monthly poker night.

USS Thor, NCC - 2549-A Parkton, MD

Plans for future activities are underway.

USS Titanium, NCC - 72385 Horsham, PA

An away team went white water rafting.

USS Triton, NCC - 71819 Glen Burnie, MD

Crew attended Shore Leave.

Shuttle Vanguard, NCC - 72296 Dallas, TX

Crewmembers enjoying internet crew meetings.

REGION 9

USS Europe, NCC - 74668 Lisboa, Portugal

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning with a variety of parties all over Europe. Ship introduced its web page.

REGION 10

USS Astra, NCC 04 Calgary, AB

Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention.

USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160 Anchorage, AK

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. Crewmembers participated in a parade. An away team volunteered at a blood drive.

USS Majestic, NCC - 78601 Victoria, BC

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team attended a VW rally.

USS Sol, NCC - 1733 Fairbanks, AK

Crewmembers participated in a parade.

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REGION 11

USS Southern Cross Sydney, NSW Australia

Crewmembers working hard on the academy's Australia campus.

REGION 12

USS Adjudicator, NCC - 73707 Kansas City, MO

Crew enjoyed a movie night.

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva Wildwood, MO

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers continue fundraising events for the SFI scholarships. Crewmembers enjoyed a wide variety of 4th of July celebrations.

USS Atlas, NCC - 75013 Bridgeton, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and restaurant nights.

USS Bortas, NCC - 74211 Urbana, IL

Ship sponsored a fundraiser for a leukemia patient. Ship also sponsored a reading event at a local library.

USS Celt, NCC - 75018 Fayetteville, AR

Crewmembers attended Klinton games sponsored by another regional chapter.

Shuttle Claymore Midwest City, OK

Crewmembers volunteered for the MDA drive. The ship donated several bags of clothing to various organizations.

USS Discovery, NCC - 1308 St. Louis, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed a camping event. An away team attended and volunteered at a local convention. The ship held a 4th of July party.

Shuttle Firestorm Wichita, KS

Crewmembers hard at work on the 2004 regional summit.

USS Flying Fortress Tulsa, OK

An away team attended a local convention. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone Emporia, KS

The ship published its first fanzine.

USS Hexum, NCC - 2199 Belleville, IL

Away teams enjoyed movie nights.

Crewmembers participated in a literary event by creating and reading Vogon and Klingon poetry.

USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B Columbia, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed the sector barbecue. An away team attended a theatre outing.

USS Jeannette Maddox Wichita, KS

Collection efforts for the local humane society continue. An away team visited a local space center. Plans underway for the ship's anniversary party.

USS Marko Ramius Fayetteville, AR

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly movie and dinner night.

USS Morning Star, NCC - 4126 Lawton, OK

Collection efforts for OCP, the humane society and RMDH continue. An away team toured a local cave. Crewmembers enjoyed a Mars viewing.

USS Nomad, NCC - 78500 Leavenworth, KS

An away team attended the 2003 SFI International Conference. Plans for fall activities are underway.

USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155 Columbia, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Trek viewing night. Recruitment plans are underway.

Shuttle Proxima, NCC - 73707/1 St. Joseph, KS

Crewmembers enjoyed a LAN party. An away team is helping local schools by doing computer work.

USS Royal Sovereign Shawnee, KS

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and attended a 4th of July fireworks display.

USS Sunflower, NCC - 74679 Augusta, KS

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Thunderbird, NCC - 71845 Oklahoma City, OK

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Titanic, NCC - 75015 Lawton, OK

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed movie events.

Shuttle Titan, NCC - 72303 Kansas City, KS

The ship sponsored a bake sale and car wash to benefit an ill member. An away team enjoyed a bowling event.

USS Umiak, NCC - 3142 St. Louis, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed online gaming.

USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006 Harrison, AR

Planning for the 2004 regional summit continues.

REGION 13

USS Banting, NCC 17220 Guelph, ON

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual miniature golf tournament. An away team enjoyed a picnic and a railroad museum. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Empress, NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, MI

Crewmembers enjoyed a variety of picnics.

USS Hadfield, NCC - 75020 Georgetown, ON Canada

Crewmembers attended a mini-golf tournament. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's first anniversary.

USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658 Dearborn, MI

Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual picnic and barbecue.

USS Whitestar, NCC - 71012 Port Huron, MI

Crewmembers enjoyed a Mars viewing.

REGION 14

USS Magellan, NCC - 72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec

An away team attended the IC. Plans for fall activities are underway.

REGION 15

USS Anubis, NCC - 586 Boston, MA

Crewmembers voted to approve a change of ship class.

USS Ares, NCC - 26291 Boston, MA

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July party. Crewmembers enjoyed the Regional mini-golf tournament.

USS Atlantis, NCC - 71803

Brockton, MA

An away team participated in the region's mini-golf tournament. Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and games.

USS Avalon, NCC - 74914 Standish, ME

Volunteer efforts at a local food pantry continue.

USS Darwin, NCC - 1116 Brockton, MA

Crewmembers enjoyed the region's mini-golf tournament and the lawn Olympics.

USS Endeavor, NCC - 1716 Baltic, CT

The ship sponsored a rocketry day and the regional lawn Olympics.

USS Galaxy, NCC - 70637 Springfield, MA

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the monthly meeting. Plans for fall activities are underway.

USS Hood, NCC - 1707 Nashua, NH

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and cookout. An away team participated in the region's rocketry day. Away teams participated in the regional mini-golf tournament and in the region's lawn Olympics.

Space Station Ian Fleming Newburyport, MA

The ship hosted the region's mini-golf tournament. An away team attended the region's lawn Olympics.

USS Nelson, NCC - 74804 Northampton, MA

Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372 Sanford, ME

An away team attended a Renaissance faire. An away team participated in the mini-golf tournament. Collection efforts for local food banks continue.

USS Omar Khayyam Watertown, MA

An away team attended the IC.

REGION 17

USS Alioth, NCC - 72383 Orem/Provo, UT

Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night. An away team attended a nearby convention. Plans for future events underway.

USS Anasazi, NCC - 62001 Albuquerque, NM

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual 4th of July barbecue. An away team attended the Roswell UFO Festival. Plans for the ship's 2nd anniversary are underway.

USS Arc Royal, NCC - 63546 Colorado Springs, CO

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July cookout.

Shuttle Hapsburg El Paso, TX

Plans for the shuttle's commissioning party are underway.

USS Mir, NCC - 73281 Las Cruces, NM

Crewmembers attended the UFO Festival in Roswell. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Omega Glory, NCC - 26197 Denver, CO

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 6th anniversary. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights, gaming nights and meet and greets.

USS Orion, NCC - 74915 Colorado Springs, CO

An away team enjoyed the 4th of July with another area ship. Crewmembers attended the RC's birthday party.

USS Pioneer, NCC - 5280-D Westminster, CO

An away team attended the UFO Festival in Roswell. Crewmembers enjoyed movie events. The ship sponsored its annual picnic and enjoyed outings to a comedy club and a Renaissance Faire.

USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213 Englewood, CO

The ship hosted a regional birthday party for the CO. An away team attended another ship's anniversary party.

Shuttle William O'Darby Grand Terrace, CA

Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Wind Spirit, NCC - 14110 Colorado Springs, CO

An away team attended a Renaissance Festival. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual mini-golf tournament.

REGION 20

USS Britannia, NCC - 5311 Stevanage, UK

Plans for an official commissioning party are underway. Crewmembers are investigating online role-playing games.

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EPISODE TEN

KORAL III

YOU ASKED TO SEE ME, PROFESSOR?

INSPECTOR VIN!
YES! PLEASE, COME IN!

AS YOU CAN SEE, INSPECTOR, YOUR *NAYSAYING* WAS ALL FOR NAUGHT. WE'RE ALMOST READY FOR OUR FIRST LAUNCH.

MMMM...

YOU STILL DOUBT? COME NOW! THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR M'RAZ!

PERHAPS...

...BUT I REMAIN CONVINCED, PROFESSOR PHO, THAT, IN YOUR ZEAL TO HAVE YOUR DREAM REALIZED, YOU HAVE MADE FAR TOO MANY **COMPROMISES...** PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO SECURITY.

YOU ONLY SEE THE **POSITIVES**, BUT THIS IS A TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD UPSET THE BALANCE OF THE **GALAXY!**

OH, NO YOU DON'T!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU BRING ME DOWN! NOT TODAY!

BESIDES, WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

WE'RE A TINY RESEARCH FACILITY FROM A NON-ALIGNED WORLD ORBITING A GAS GIANT THAT'S NOT EVEN ON MOST NAVIGATION CHARTS.

NOBODY EVEN KNOWS WE'RE HERE!

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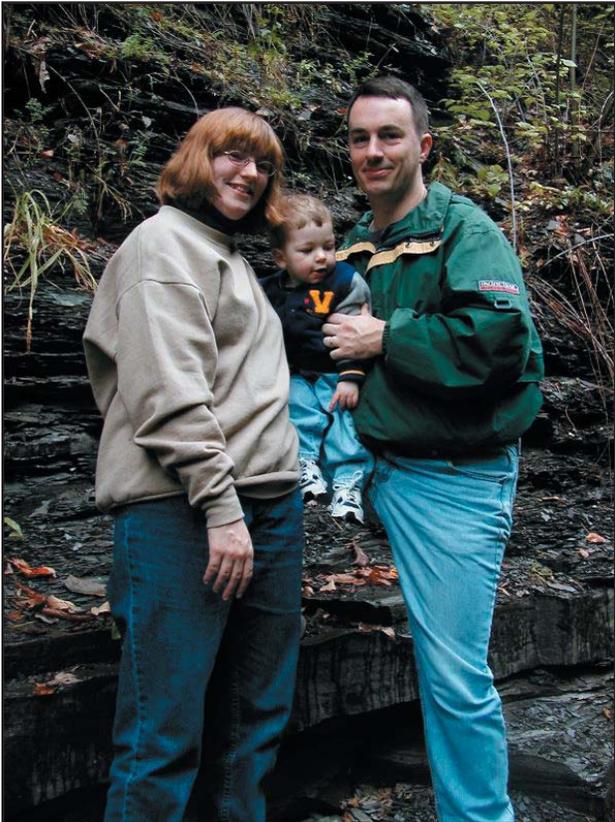
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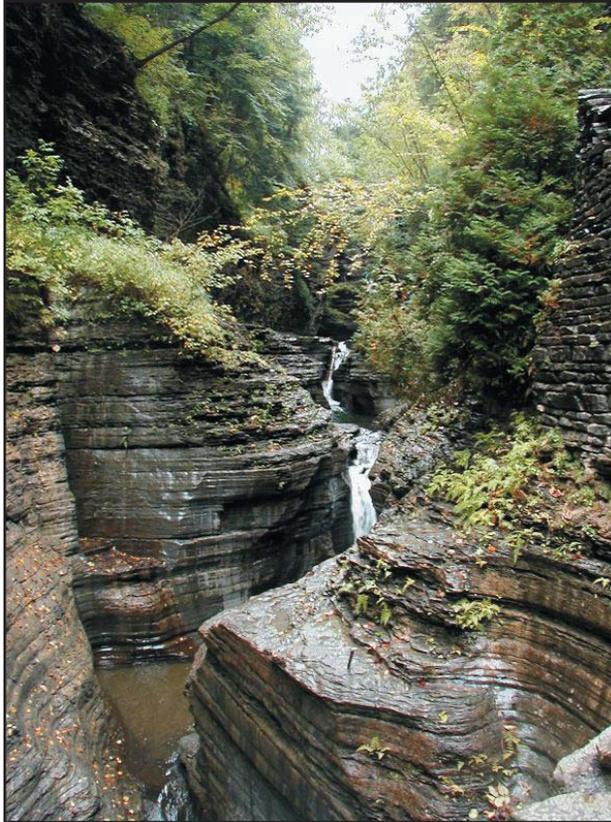
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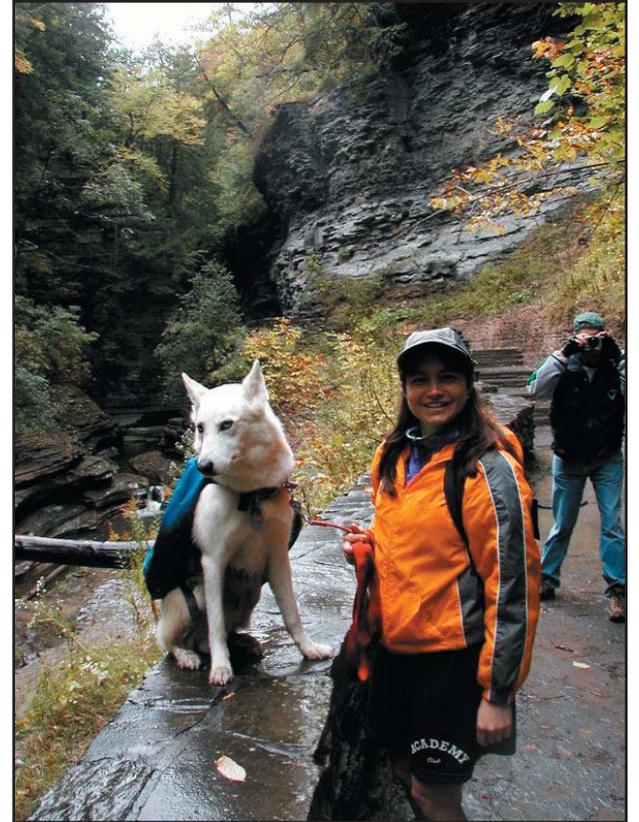
Chris Wallace (who came all the way from Region 5) and Susan Fugate (from slightly closer Region 1).



Former Chief of Computer Operations Teri Smith and former RC R7 Jesse Smith present their son, Kevin.



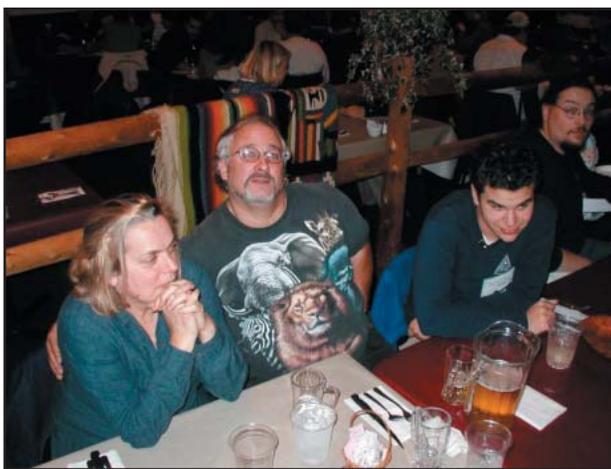
Water, Rocks, and Trees – Oh, My!



Fleet Canine Corps member Asimov and his person, Lisa Mueller, with David Klingman in the background.



Todd Brugmans, Doc Kinne and Chief of Operations Joost Ueffing get ready to head out.

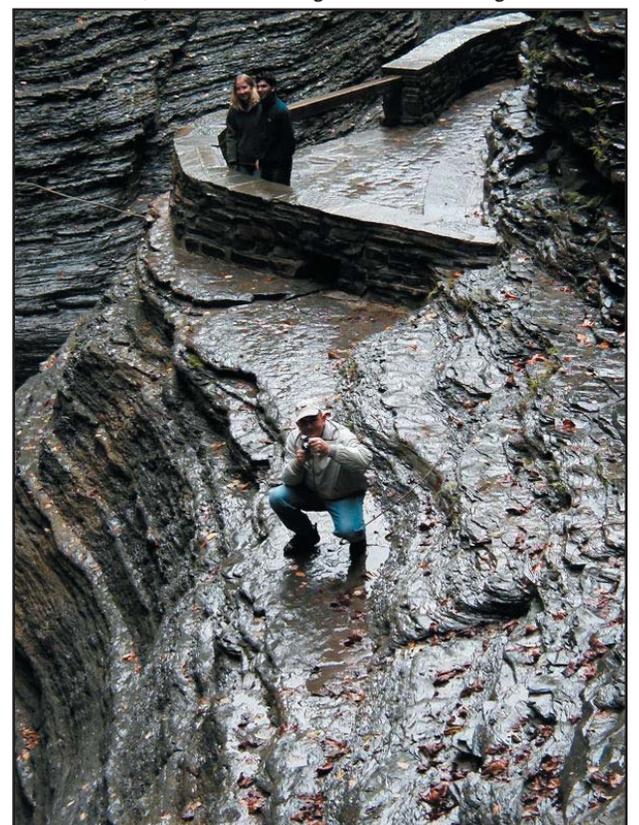


Emma Mason, David Anonymous, and Brandon Douglas.

WATKINS GLEN WEEKEND 2003

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USS Accord's 14th annual Watkins Glen Weekend drew over 60 attendees from six different regions of STARFLEET to help celebrate the 10th anniversary year of Accord's commissioning. As always, the weekend featured not just a relaxing hike on the gorge trails of Watkins Glen State Park, but also lots of good food and a chance to catch up with friends.



Peek-a-boo: Tom Bouchard takes a snapshot while random bystanders look on.