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# HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY TO THE USS WERNHER VON BRAUN!



SFI congratulates the crew of the Wernher Von Braun on 10 years in Fleet! *Story on p. 3*

*Left: The crew of the Wernher Von Braun at the "Salute to Star Trek."*

## REGION 7 WELCOMES 2004!



As always, the members of Region 7 can be counted upon to celebrate the holidays in style! *Story on p. 5*

*Right: The crew and guests of the USS Thagard give a cheer at midnight at their New Year's Eve Party.*

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***"If we knew there was gonna be a costume contest, we'd have dressed up!" The USS Wernher von Braun joins a "Salute to Star Trek!" Story on p. 35***

*Photo courtesy of Richard L. Trulson*



***They're engaged! Congratulations and best wishes to Joost Ueffing and Susan Fugate! Announcement on p. 20***

*Photo courtesy of Joost Ueffing*



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# USS WERNHER VON BRAUN TENTH ANNIVERSARY

By RADM Richard L. Trulson • USS Wernher von Braun, Region 2

The USS Wernher von Braun held our Tenth Anniversary party on Saturday, October 25 from 12 noon till about 7 P.M. We also combined it with our Aerospace Day activities, since scheduling conflicts had postponed our plans in July. All activities were held at the CO's family home and business in Ardmore, AL. As a result of being held at an actual airport (Ardmore Aviation), participants were able to view and sit in real airplanes. Festivities included lots of food, crafts, and videos.

The main event though, was the launching of model rockets. One rocket launched beautifully in the clouds, but we never saw it land. We suspect it reached escape velocity. We saw another land, but never did manage to find it. A third was recovered the next day. It should be noted that the most successful launches and recoveries were done by four year old Cadet Gabriel

Vaughn. The failed launches were by me, CO Richard L. Trulson. Scary, isn't it?

Speaking of which, the most anticipated launch involved the *Enterprise*, NCC 1701-E. I won this rocket in the auction held at the 2002 STARFLEET International Conference in San Jose, California. I was determined to walk out of the auction with this prize, since I had neglected to buy the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary model rocket of the *Enterprise* from Estes several years ago. We took pictures with the rocket before launch, since we weren't sure how well it would fly.

However, the *Enterprise* rocket flew beautifully. It had the most graceful arch trajectory of the day. Unfortunately, the parachute didn't deploy, so it crashed nose first into the ground. The damage report: a broken nacelle, a lost stabilization fin, and major fissures throughout the

entire foam hull. It looked like the Borg had visited. Fortunately though, the damage should be repairable after a few months in space dock. Like the TV counterpart, the *Enterprise* will fly again.

Other crewmembers in attendance included the Zuckerman family (Ron, Dawn, and son Christopher), Don and Joanie Daniel, Catherine "Kit" Ramsey, Laura Peterson, the Vaughn family (Henry, Jennifer, sons Gabriel and Jonathan, and Henry's mother), and Stephan and his friend. We've always enjoyed the camaraderie that exists among our crew members, and we were able to reaffirm that throughout the day.

Kit, the ship's first CO, brought non-alcoholic champagne for toasting. She led the first toast, and I followed with one of my own. Having our first CO present

at our tenth anniversary was especially important to me as the current CO.

Overall, it was a rather quiet affair compared to last year's Aerospace Day, but it was a more enjoyable affair. And while it may not have been as large or as well attended as our Fifth Anniversary Party, we still had a wonderful time. And that, in the end, is what matters most.

This party was the pinnacle of a year long celebration of our tenth anniversary. Our shuttle launch was on December 24, 1992 and our chapter commissioning was September 25, 1993. We're chartered in Huntsville, Alabama. We plan to boldly go another ten years, and beyond. Hopefully, a picture gallery will eventually be posted on our web site ([www.uswvb.org](http://www.uswvb.org)). If you have further questions, feel free to contact us at [info@uswvb.org](mailto:info@uswvb.org).



The USS Wernher von Braun crew celebrate their Tenth Anniversary and Aerospace Day on October 25, 2003. Standing from left to right: Jennifer and Henry Vaughn, the Zuckerman family (Ron, Dawn, and son Christopher), and Don and Joanie Daniel. In front: Gabriel Vaughn, Catherine "Kit" Ramsey, and Laura Peterson.



Ron Zuckerman and son Christopher watch Henry Vaughn and son Gabriel prepare to launch their model rocket.



Cadets Gabriel Vaughn and Christopher Zuckerman race back from recovering one of the model rockets.



CO Richard L. Trulson displays the Enterprise NCC 1701-E model rocket before launch.

Photos by Richard L. Trulson



# R7 HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

By LCDR Greg McDermott • Chief of Security, USS Malverne

The night of the Region 7 Holiday Party, my first SFI event, turned out great and I had a wonderful time. The people I met were enjoyable and made pleasant conversation. I finally got to meet Kimi Brooks for the first time. It was certainly a pleasure along with her great smile.

Due to weather condition and personal detainment, we arrived to the Village of Cottage Green a little bit late. There was a red carpet waiting for us to walk through with grace and honor. Everyone there appeared in high great fashion and looked very elegant. I met with one of my crewmembers, superior officer, FCPT Paul Greene. I hadn't seen him in a couple of years.

We exchanged pleasant conversations

and caught up with current events. I also met crew from the USS Sovereign, USS Challenger, USS Flying Fox, USS Thagard and USS Avenger.

The entrees were delicious, the tables decorated beautifully. I noticed that amongst the other music there was always a Star Trek theme playing all night and it added a nice touch to the party's theme. We played the movie trivia, and boy, was it tough! I had to think real hard for the first time in six years since I graduated from high school. Feels like a long time.

I departed with the Shuttle Blazer, the Admiral's personal shuttle. I have noticed his pilot skills are still in good shape with great anticipation and speed. I arrived home safe and sound.

*Photos submitted by Bob Vosseller*



Beryl Washington and Traci Georgianni of the Sovereign, and Kimi Brooks of the Malverne.



The crew of the Sovereign enjoying the Region 7 Holiday Party.



Bob and Emily Vosseller on the dance floor.



Writing a novel for the answers...



Members of the U.S.S. Thagard made the best of the 2003 holiday season by doing what we do best – partying. Whether individuals were celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Yule, Kwanzaa or just the change of the seasons or the coming of a new year, Thagardians went out of their way to have a great time.

December's festivities began on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with the first major snowstorm of the season putting a damper on attendance at the Region 7 holiday party sponsored by our friends on the Sovereign, Malverne and Richtofen. Despite the miserable weather, Thagardians Esther & Glenn Summers and I braved the snow-covered streets (although I had a little help from the Malverne!) to join our Region 7 friends for a night of glamour, elegance and fellowship at the Village of Cottage Green in Philadelphia. The red carpet was indeed rolled out, and, after braving the paparazzi, we were treated to a fun-filled night featuring fantastic food, fun contests (I won one of the movie trivia games) and funky music that encouraged us to dance away the extra calories piled on from sampling all of the decadent delights on the dessert table. We had a great time visiting with friends, old and new, from other Region 7 ships, including the Sovereign, Malverne, Flying Fox, Avenger and Challenger. It was also heartening to see the large pile of toys that had been donated for the toy drive, despite the small size of the group attending. And when the time came for the evening to end, I was sorry to have to leave this fun group, but I was pleasantly surprised by the surprise gift pack of holiday candies handmade by Sovereign chef Joe Horton.

## CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS, STARFLEET STYLE

By CPT Susanna Reilly • U.S.S. Thagard, R7

It was a very special evening, and my deepest gratitude goes out to Tony Rowley and Kim Brooks of the Malverne who were kind enough to give me a ride despite Kim's own problems getting there - her Friday night flight from Tennessee was grounded in Romulus, Michigan overnight, leaving her scrambling for a flight on Saturday that would get her there in time for the party. I'll never forget us arriving at the airport and seeing her waving from the doorway wearing an elegant evening gown and surrounded by luggage, since she'd had to change into her gown in the ladies room. That's dedication to partying!

The next opportunity for holiday fun came on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> when Chris Horrocks hosted the Thagard's Holiday Party/Lord of the Rings Extended Edition viewing party. The premise may have sounded a little strange – mixing a holiday party with watching LOTR – but it turned out to be a fun-filled day full of good conversation, fabulous food and lots of drooling over Legolas and Aragorn. Besides movie viewing in the main room, Chris' apartment was spacious enough to accommodate a Christmas tree decorating area (the tree looked very beautiful by the end of the evening) and quiet space for conversing. Chris' legendary turkey was truly delicious, as well as all of the side dishes and desserts prepared by him and his friends (stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, etc.) The gift exchange was a lot of fun (I got a really cute mini tote bag with a Thomas Kinkade scene on it). It was

especially nice to meet some of Chris' non-'Fleet friends, and to see some old friends and visitors from other ships, as well. I was especially delighted to hear that Chris is already thinking about doing this again next year when the Return of the King extended edition DVD comes out (just think, almost 11 straight hours of Legolas and Aragorn!)

As if we hadn't had enough holiday fun yet, Pam and Vaughn MacDonald opened their home for the Thagard's annual holiday movie/show marathon. A wonderful time was had by all -- despite the fact that Pam's niece and nephew were the only ones watching the shows! The rest of us were too busy talking, laughing, singing holiday songs and stuffing ourselves with the fabulous feast Vaughn cooked up for us. (Here's an event idea for next year – have a turkey cook-off between Chris and Vaughn – it's a win-win situation for everyone!!)

The holiday season came to a fabulous end with the New Year's Eve party held at Thagard member Francis Barron's new home. While it started out being a joint Thagard, Adamant, Ascension event, enthusiastic responses were received to the invitation extended to other Region 7 chapters to join the fun, and it was wonderful to be able to spend New Year's Eve with so many STARFLEET friends, including members of the Thagard, Adamant, Ascension, Flying Fox and Archer. It was especially delightful to see several 'Fleeters who had driven several hours from out of state (including Lea Abiera, Cheri Rosen

and Shelli Caville of the Thagard and Lauren Milan of the Archer) to join the fun, as well as a few folks we don't get to see very often because of their work schedules.

It was an evening full of fun, friendship and lots and lots of food. The fun included Thagardian Lea Abiera creating beautiful henna tattoos for anyone who was willing to sit still long enough, Thagardian Loretta Painter displaying the pair of Patrick Stewart's jeans she had won at a charity auction, and lots and lots of good music and dancing. As for food, guests took the entrance fee of a dish that would feed at least three people very seriously so that by the time 11:00 rolled around there were so many appetizers, snacks, entrees and desserts piled up on the buffet tables, we could have fed all of the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Friendship was a mainstay throughout the night as all sorts of interesting conversations went on, but at midnight it was especially evident as we toasted each other with champagne, wine, sparkling cider or any other drink we could lay our lips on, then exchanged hugs and kisses as we welcomed the new year. The talking, dancing and carousing continued until almost 4:00 in the morning, when our exhausted host finally managed to push the last stragglers out the door.

I hope all of you had as good a time as I did this holiday season, and I look forward to many more fun times for all of us in the future. Happy New Year to all, and remember to let friendship thrive in 2004!



Happy New Year! The *Thagard* crew and their guests toast 2004!



Chad Casey shows off his body art to his wife, Laurie, and Adamant CO, Jim Pugliese.



# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE  
COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Greetings STARFLEET!

The holidays are over and we've started what is going to be a very busy year in Fleet. Looking ahead, we've got a number of things in the works and a lot of events coming up.

February will see a couple of due dates come up. The first is February 14<sup>th</sup>, when the Amendment ballots are due. Once STARFLEET's Inspector General Robb Jackson tallies up the votes, he'll let me know. I'll be announcing the results on the Fleet list and following that up in my article in the next CQ. I really hope we have a strong turnout for this. If you don't vote, you've given up your voice in the decision-making process. When that happens, everyone loses. Please, don't miss any opportunity to participate in this organization. February 15<sup>th</sup>, the next day, is the final day for my Chief of Staff Allyson Dyar to receive any bids for the 2006 International Conference. Once she receives them, she'll package them up and send them to the Executive Committee for deliberation and voting. The results will be communicated to all the bidders no later than the end of March and will be formally announced during the General Session at the 2004 IC in Birmingham, Alabama. February is also the official start of the Summit Season. Region 5 kicks it off this year the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Pasco, Washington.

I'll also be heading down to Oklahoma City for the commissioning of the USS Claymore on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Carl

Johnson, Region 12's Region Coordinator, and I will be making the trip down and it sound like it is going to be one heck of a party.

March sees the Commander, STARFLEET's annual trek to Region 2. This was definitely one of my high points for 2003 and I'm looking forward to it this year. If you've never made it to a Region 2 Summit, you owe it to yourself to experience one. This year, it's in Gulfport, Mississippi on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Rolling into the end of April is Region 1's annual Summit. Running from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2nd in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, this is usually a great party. I've made the last couple (and hope to make this one) and have had a good time when I'm there. May brings Region 12 on to the scene with their yearly get-together. Joplin, Missouri is the location of this year's R12 Summit, going on the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is their "Survivor Summit" so come on down and get tossed off the island.

June is going to be one busy month when it comes to Summits this year! The first weekend, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, is Region 15's Annual Summit in Seabrook, New Hampshire. I was unable to make this event last year. It conflicted with Region 12's Summit and I had already committed to attending it so I promised Gary I'd be there in 2004. I've never been to Region 15 and am looking forward to the trip and meeting the folks up there. The next weekend is

Region 3's Summit. This event, always a good time, will be held in Lubbock, Texas the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Immediately following that, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June, is Region 6's Summit. Set this year in Appleton, Wisconsin, this is a laid back event that's fun to attend.

The end of July bears witness to Fleet's biggest party of the year – our Annual International Conference. Hosted deep in the heart of Region 2 in Birmingham, Alabama and chaired by Pete Mohny, this is shaping up to be THE party of the year. There will be the normal EC meeting on Thursday, the EC/AB Meeting on Friday and all the rest of the activities starting Friday evening. For more info, go to [www.ic2004.org](http://www.ic2004.org).

Probably one of the biggest things we have coming up this year is going to be the election for our next Commander, STARFLEET. While I'm not running, I am looking forward to participating in this process. I can't begin to tell you how important it is for every one of you to be informed and involved in this election. The choice for our president is one of the most critical decisions we, as the membership, make. There are so many responsibilities and duties that need to be considered, things that go far beyond the fandom side of this organization. There is paperwork to be sent to the State of North Carolina. There are financial forms to be sent to the Internal Revenue Service. Failure to comply with any of these business requirements can and will threaten the

legal existence of our association. So, not only does the Commander, STARFLEET need to be aware of what is going on with the club, they also have to be aware of what is going on with the corporation. This is not a job to be taken lightly and the individual who is willing to take on this role needs to fully understand this. Almost as important is the rest of the Executive Committee on the slate. As tempting as it is, don't vote for friendship or personality - choose the team who can do the best for STARFLEET.

As mentioned in the last CQ, Carl Johnson had to tender his resignation as STARFLEET Quartermaster due to time constraints. After going through the applications, I'm very happy to welcome Pat Spillars to my staff as Fleet's new QM. She brings a world of experience to the job, both Fleet-based and real life. I'm looking forward to her contributions to the department.

Before closing this out, I'd like to take a moment and thank Jennifer Scott and Max Khaytus of Region 17's USS Omega Glory for a wonderful evening this last January. They were cruising through this area on the way back to Colorado and stayed the night in Kansas City. Greg and PJ Trotter and my wife Deb joined me, Jenn and Max at Parker's BBQ in Parkville, Missouri and had a great time. Not only was the BBQ excellent, the company was even better. I even got to meet the famous Stormy and Summer Marmot! After all the time I've spent in Fleet, the simple pleasures of getting together with fellow members and kicking back for the evening is still one of my favorite things.

That about does it for me this time... I hope to see a lot of you this year as I travel through the Regions. See ya in 60!

## EC/AB NEWS

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

Greetings, members of STARFLEET. As always, here is the summary of the AB discussions over the months of December and January.

It was determined that, over the years, as RCs have changed over time, copies of the RC handbook - a guide to the legalities of being a member of the board of directors of an organization such as STARFLEET - have not always made it to the new RCs. This situation was remedied. It was also suggested that this handbook could be expanded upon by the RCs to include more information about the day-to-day running of a region, in addition to the aforementioned legalities.

There was also a discussion amongst the RCs of how the various regions handle their finances. Amongst other topics was a discussion of EINs

[employer ID numbers - for tax purposes] for the regions and not-for-profit status.

The AB also confirmed Robb Jackson once again as IG for another term, as appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET. This nomination was passed with little discussion except positive comments on the service Robb has done for 'Fleet over his term.

A new member of the AB, Greg Franklin, the new Regional Coordinator for Region One, was welcomed aboard towards the end of the reporting period.

As always, if you have any questions about any of these issues raised, they can be addressed to your representative on the AB, your Regional Coordinator. There is a complete listing of the RCs in the back of every issue of the CQ.

## Ed DeRuggiero Memorial Eyeglass Drive

*The USS Highlander presents  
The first annual joint Starfleet International-  
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL eyeglass drive.  
This will take place during the month of March.*

*Join The USS Highlander as we honor the  
memory of one of our fallen brethren.*

*Donate your old Eyeglasses to the Lions so  
they may have a second life and bring the future  
into focus for a another person.*

## Beware the Eyes of March



# OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

VICE ADMIRAL MARK ANBINDER  
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Since my last column, which announced the appointment of Jeff Higdon and Claire Halber to new posts within the office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, I've had the pleasure of working directly with both of them. Claire and I have exchanged a stack of e-mails as she began to get the hang of being a STARFLEET staff member, and Jeff and I supplemented our e-mails with a wonderful, long phone call that also gave us a chance to catch up with one another. We haven't seen each other since the 2001 International Conference in Kansas City, but that needn't get in the way.

Both Claire and Jeff have put a lot of effort into building their new offices from scratch, and their energy is infectious. Claire is even establishing a new course within STARFLEET Academy, and has begun conducting needs assessments among members of STARFLEET who need various accessibility accommodations due to a wide variety of disabilities. Jeff has announced some assistants within his office, and has been communicating on a DiploCorps mailing list. If you're interested in taking part, get in touch with either of them using the contact info in the STARFLEET Staff Directory, just a few pages away.

You'll be able to read more about the goings-on with the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps and the STARFLEET Office of Accessibility Resources, under Jeff and Claire's respective guidance, elsewhere in this issue.

## Another new staffer needed!

At the same time that Claire and Jeff are getting settled in their new SFHQ-issue swivel chairs, we need to seek applications for another staff position within the Office of the VCS. STARFLEET's International Charities Coordinator, Troy Pharis, has done his best to keep one eye and one finger on that job despite the several changes in his life over the last several months. But, between a new baby (born last year), a new house (moved into last fall), and a promotion at work (bringing with it more work, of course), Troy's understandably overloaded, and asked me this month if he could hand the Charities program over to someone else.

So, I'd like to thank Troy for all of his efforts for STARFLEET's charities programs, and wish him and his newly grown family all the best.

## International Charities Coordinator

Many of STARFLEET's chapters participate in charity activities of one kind or another, and for the most part, do so on their own. One of the things the International Charities Coordinator does, to the extent possible, is collect chapter reports of money raised/donated or volunteer hours worked, to summarize into a Fleetwide total such as "Last year, STARFLEET members did 422,000 collective hours of volunteer work!" or "In the 1990s, STARFLEET chapters collected a total of \$4,000,000 for charities!" (Yes, I just made those numbers up!)

The International Charities Coordinator also organizes a small staff who keep track of, or support, specific charities that have been "adopted" on a wider level, i.e. charities that many chapters support together. For example, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, the STARFLEET Stampede Program, and the Overseas Coupon Program are all handled on a Fleetwide level, with information and other resources available thanks to volunteers who help out the International Charities Coordinator.

I will welcome applications from around the Fleet for the position of International Charities Coordinator. This will be a staff position within the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, and will report to me as the VCS. Please send applications in the form of a letter expressing interest in the job, as well as your qualifications for the job, and a casual résumé of your STARFLEET-related and/or real-life experience that you consider relevant. Feel free to include references if there are folks I should talk to about your past work!

I will accept applications until 30 March 2004; send them to me:

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By all means feel free to get in touch with me in the meantime if you have questions about the job or what it will entail.

## Travel season, anyone?

My central New York town of Ithaca has had an extraordinary cold stretch, barely getting above freezing for the month of January. We've been fortunate not to have gotten too badly socked with snow, though this past weekend, I shook my head as I saw the lake-effect snow measurements a couple hours' drive north of us. Lake Ontario had dropped anywhere up to a meter of snow on those areas, while we got just a dusting below the lake-effect path. (Cold air passing over large bodies of water tends to pick up lots of moisture, and then drop it on the other side in the form of snow, even when there's no storm system in sight.)

The result is that it's hard to imagine that the annual STARFLEET travel season is not so far away! As the hockey season winds down, I know the Region 2 and Region 1 Summits are coming, with loads of other events coming down the pike.

By the time you read this, Farpoint, the annual winter convention in Hunt Valley, Maryland, will be in the past. I'm not going to make it this year; I've actually only been there once, two years ago. Luckily, I should be able to see most of the same folks in mid-July, when Shore Leave 26 rolls around. I'm sure it'll be here before we know it. Not long after, STARFLEET's own International Conference will bring many of us to Region 2 for a fun summer weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

It's never too early to start spreading the word! USS Accord's 15th annual Watkins Glen Weekend is the first weekend of October this year. Join us on 1-3 October 2004 as we gather, relax, hike the gorge trails of Watkins Glen State Park, and enjoy some good food! See the USS Accord web site at [www.ussaccord.org](http://www.ussaccord.org) for more information about this wonderful weekend that always draws folks from all over the country.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MHA".

# THE NEW STARFLEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS

By Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon •  
Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

After a long stretch of inactivity, the Starfleet Diplomatic Corps is now open for business.

The mission of the DiploCorps, as we affectionately call the department, will be changing to one of research as well as one of cooperation. In the next few weeks and months we will be starting a project to collect names, addresses and other information on other fan associations and clubs from each region, in order to establish a database. This database will then be available to the membership for their inquiries on other fan associations and clubs. This is only part of our mission. The DiploCorps is still investigating and growing as you read so keep an eye on the CQ or the STARFLEET electronic mailing list for more information.

I am honored that Admiral Anbinder has selected me to again lead this very important department within his office. This is my second tour of duty as Director and the DiploCorps has evolved into something that neither the Vice Commander nor I expected. Thus we are, as the Admiral stated in his announcements on the DiploCorps, reconstituting our department not only to fit the need of the members of STARFLEET but also to define our mission into something that is more in line to the needs of this association. We will start this mission by establish this database of associations and large clubs, not only in Trekdom, but also in the science fiction fandom community in general.

To accelerate this mission we will be establishing our DiploCorps Researchers (DRs) in each region. These officers will be collecting information within their regions for addition to the proposed database. Other duties to these positions will be added as the need arises. They will be answerable to the Vice Director and the Director.

There will be eight researchers: seven for the different geographical areas and a one 'At-Large' researcher to cover areas where there are no STARFLEET Chapters. These regions are: Northeast US, Southeast US, Northwest US, Southwest US, Canada/Alaska, Europe, and Pacific/Hawaii. You can find a map with the geographical borders of the US areas on our website.

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## THE NEW STARFLEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS (cont. from p. 7)

These positions are now open. You may apply for a particular Diplomatic position by sending Real-life and Fandom Resumes, along with a cover letter stating what you see as the duties of the DiploCorps Researcher, or any position that you maybe interested in assuming. We will be asking assistance from various officers, our Regional Coordinators and the Admiral Anbinder in the selection of these researchers.

By the time you read this article I will have announced that several positions within the Director's Staff will have been filled. However I'd like to announce again that several members of the fleet have agreed to assist the DiploCorps in our efforts to reconstitute. Fleet Captain Christopher "Whiteknight" Esquibel, who served as the second Director of this department, as agreed to come aboard as the Deputy Director. Captain Esquibel's job will be to coordinate our efforts in the field and with our Regional Diplomats in their efforts to assist in building a database of other Trek fan clubs and associations. You may reach him at whiteknight1a@earthlink.net.

Assisting me directly as the new DiploCorps Chief of Staff is Captain Pamela Fernsler of the USS Sovereign. Captain Fernsler will be assisting Chris and I in the smooth running of the department, assisting me in our incoming and outgoing correspondences and reports and advising the Director in various issues in fandom. She can be reached at pfernsler@ucwphilly.rr.com.

Lieutenant JG, Neal Fischer, also known as one-half of the hosts of the Radio Starfleet show "Stardate: The

Unknown", will be assuming the duties of Communications Director. His primary duties will be Moderate both the DiploCorps Mailing List and our new IRC Channel, #sfdc. He will also be assisting me in the development of the new DiploCorps webpage, which is currently located at <http://diplocorps.sfi.org>. He may be contacted at burghman@comcast.net.

Fleet Captain Karen Higdon, Executive Officer of the USS Black Hawk, will be assuming the duties of Special Administrative Assistant. Her duties will include assisting the Director in correspondences and help with his physical offices. She can be reached through the Director's Office.

Other positions within the Director's Offices will be announced as needed. Right now the position of Record Officer is open but maybe filled by the time you read this. Please keep an eye on Starfleet-L for any announcements.

You may send your resumes and letters to as an attachment to fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com. Or you may send them to the following address:

**Jeffery Higdon  
STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps  
2803 Ridgeway Avenue  
Rockford, IL 61101**

I will be accepting applications effective immediately and the positions will be open until the positions are filled. Preference will be given to those who were with the DiploCorps when the department was placed on hiatus, provided that they held that position at the time. I look forward to working with Admiral Anbinder and for you as we go forth in our endeavors.

*Per Legatio Nos Pervenire Ad Astra  
– Through Diplomacy We Reach to the Stars!*

## ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

By PO3 Claire Halber • Accessibility Resource Coordinator

Welcome to the office of the Accessibility Resource Coordinator. This is a new department, and its charge is to make STARFLEET more accessible to members with disabilities.

I would like to extend thanks to Mark H. Anbinder for appointing me and also to Jamie Delantonas, Mary Stacks, and Cheri Rosen for providing me with ideas and suggestions.

We have two accomplishments to report so far. We sent out a Needs Assessment survey via the Disabilities List, and the consensus of that survey is that the office should function as a resource for information at the state and local level as well as an advocacy agency for the members. There are probably additional members of STARFLEET who could benefit from the information that is available. Please let us know who you are.

I have also contacted Todd Brugmans at STARFLEET Academy about developing a course on Awareness of Accessibility Issues. The initial proposal has been accepted. I'll keep you informed of developments.

Now, you may be wondering, "Who is Claire Halber and where did she come from?"

I am a member of the USS Sovereign in Region 7. As a new member of STARFLEET, I was both surprised and honored when I was appointed to this

position. I have worked for 25 years as a Special Education Coordinator and as an advocate for adults with disabilities.

If you have any questions on how this office may be of assistance to you, please contact me at [chalber@comcast.net](mailto:chalber@comcast.net). Thank you very much.

### Needs Assessment

Please e-mail your responses to the following questions to me at [SOAR@sfi.org](mailto:SOAR@sfi.org). All information will remain confidential.

Information will be used for program planning and to establish policies and procedures to make STARFLEET more accessible for all of the members.

Include the following:

- Name
- Address
- Age
- Chapter
- Region
- E-mail address
- Occupation
- Disability
- Would you like this office to serve as:
  - an informational resource
  - an advocacy agency
  - a combination
  - other (Please specify.)
- Comments or suggestions

Thank you for your time and interest.

Every International Conference offers events and attractions for members across the range of interests in STARFLEET, from the old-timers who have done and seen it all, to the newest newbie who can use basic introductions to the things you need to know to get ahead in STARFLEET. For 2004 we plan to expand the menu still more, to encourage a fast-growing group of our organization to attend and have fun. This group is our large cadet population, and, by extension, their parents.

You may have stayed away from previous International Conventions because it would be difficult to have all the fun you wanted to have while lugging around your kids; or you might have stayed away because you didn't want to disrupt an adult event with your spirited toddler or infant. This year's event has plans made just for you! Bring your kids along, of whatever age, and see all of the events and attractions we've

set up to make their weekend as much fun and memorable as yours. We have a department chair whose only job is to plan and prepare events for the kids, and the weekend is already shaping up to be a busy one for the teens, tweens and even younger kids. On Saturday, an all-day trip to the McWane Center, an interactive hands-on science exhibit, and the statue of Vulcan, the world's largest iron statue, will involve all kids 6 to 12 for a single charge of \$25. This will include admission, lunch, and a special tee shirt to identify our group.

The McWane group will leave during the general session, and will be accompanied by the cadet chair and staff. More information on the McWane Center can be found at [www.mcwane.org](http://www.mcwane.org). On Friday and Saturday, kids' activities will be available in a room set aside for that purpose. There

will be toys, games, snacks and supervised activities. Parents must provide any special needs, such as diapers or meals. Children will be checked in and out by persons with photo identification only. This room is intended for children up to 12 years of age.

On Friday, there will be games for cadets from 1 until 6. Board games, card games, and possibly computer games will be provided. On Saturday night, during the banquet, there will be a kid's pizza party, which will include food, drinks, games and entertainment. A kid's banquet will also be available at a reduced price, if your kids would prefer to take part in the formal banquet experience. On Sunday, there will be a room for childcare so parents can drop off their children while they are packing and checking out, to help ease the process of leaving. We are also planning

or looking into the possibility of other events like a scavenger hunt, game tournaments, a supervised pool party, group skits, game shows geared toward their age group, and similar events.

We will provide wristbands for the kids to wear while they are checked into the cadet room, so they can be identified for checkout. Parents will be asked to show photo identification to check their children in and out, for the safety of your children. In addition to the volunteer staff who will be helping with these activities, we will be hiring one or more childcare professionals to staff this room during the weekend.

The staff of IC 2004 wants to make the weekend as enjoyable as possible for everyone, whether you'll be bringing your family or not. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to our cadet chair at [cadets@ic2004.org](mailto:cadets@ic2004.org). See you in July!

## STARFLEET IC2004

By Pete Mohny • Chairman, IC2004



# 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**  
**Stacy Noelle Meyn**

**Fleet Captain/Brigadier**  
**Tonea Morrow**

**Commodore / Brigadier General**  
**Truman Temple**

## 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 email and the US Postal Service.

Requests for promotions to Commander and below are redirected to the appropriate Chapter Commanding Officer. Chapter COs approve the requests for Commander and below, so 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 Regional 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](mailto:promotions@sfi.org).

All requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above are forwarded 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.

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

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

### 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 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

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

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. 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 Executive Committee is looking for, along with the minimum Time in Grade, when they consider someone for promotion.

Once promotion requests are approved by the Executive Committee, I print certificates for those who have passed. I sign them, Fleet Admiral Mike Malotte signs them, and I send them to the appropriate individual. If the certificates are being presented at a function that Mike is attending, he brings them with him to the event in which they are being presented.

### Some TIPS to help:

**Use the online form at <http://promotions.sfi.org> for the fastest results.**

I can forward your Nomination to the EC Promotions email list immediately after receiving it if you use the online form. You can request an email form also—just send an email to [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) and ask for a blank email Nomination form. This method takes a bit longer to process.

### Nominee Name

Enter in the nominee's name exactly as it should appear on the certificate. Please note that the promotion certificate will be printed with the name exactly as it is given on the Nomination Form for the promotion request. So unless "Big Tater Tot Billy" really does like to see his name displayed as "Big Tater Tot Billy" instead of William, please use his proper name. Otherwise, he may be disappointed with his new promotion certificate.

### Double-check everything:

Double-check all addresses, names, numbers, and proofread the Nominee Qualifications.

### Give your contact info:

Make sure you supply a phone number and/or email address for yourself, in case the EC needs to reach you regarding your

Nomination. This can save weeks or more of time.

### Filling out the Nominee Qualification section:

"She is a wonderful person." "The chapter would not have survived without him." "She is an incredible asset to the region." "He promotes STARFLEET every chance he gets." These sentences are nice compliments for the nominee, but do not add any weight to the nomination for the EC's consideration. They do not give specific details on the contributions the nominee has made. Remember, you are trying to CONVINCE others (the EC) that this person truly deserves this promotion at this time. I can't stress this enough. Be specific. Give details. Point out every reason the nominee deserves this promotion and back it up with WHY s/he is an asset to the region, HOW s/he promotes STARFLEET, etc. ONLY include details of contributions the nominee has made since her/his last promotion. The EC only wants information about the nominee's contributions since the last promotion.

### Endorsements:

Enlist the help of the nominee's CO, XO, or others who may know some of the nominee's contributions. Ask others to send an email to me at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) including the reasons why the nominee deserves this promotion. I will add these as endorsements to the original promotion request.

### Nominee and Nominator must be different individuals

Nominating yourself is not allowed for any reason. Occasionally a member will submit a self-nomination. These are promptly returned to the member and not accepted as a valid promotion request.

One last thing to remember - if someone you have nominated is turned down for a promotion, that person will not become eligible again for promotion for 6 months. If you need to know when someone can be resubmitted for consideration, or if you have any other questions, drop me a note at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) and I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Best Wishes to everyone for a Safe and Happy 2004!



# OPS CENTER

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings 'Fleet!

Well, a new year has come, year two for this chief of Operations. I hope that 2004 will be as good as 2003. I certainly know that this year for myself is going to be a very exciting year with a lot of changes in my personal life (see sidebar). But for now, on to business.

## Welcome to the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations welcome the latest additions to the fleet:

**USS New Hope, Region 2,**  
**Captain Capt. Nancy J. O'Shields**  
**commanding.**

**USS Proxima, Region 12,**  
**RAdm. Matthew Copple** commanding.

**USS Shawnee, Region 12,**  
**Capt. Chris Knoblauch** commanding.

**USS Titan,**  
**Capt. Jocelyn Giles** commanding.

## Chapter Care Program

The Chapter Care Program 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. I ask that all COs that when you are contacted to please respond to the letter, even if it's to say "all is well, no problem."

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 CO having questions about the program can direct it to the new director of the Chapter Care Program, Kandyleigh Provencher, at justkandys@metrocast.net.

## Monthly Status Reports

Please note the following reporting rates for November and December:

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

## MSR REPORTING

Please note the following reporting rates for November and December, 2003:

### NOVEMBER 2003:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	52	53	98%
R2	25	29	86%
R3	18	20	90%
R4	19	19	100%
R5	8	9	89%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	24	30	80%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	4	4	100%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	17	28	61%
R13	4	5	80%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	201	227	89%

### DECEMBER 2003:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	52	53	98%
R2	29	30	97%
R3	19	20	95%
R4	18	19	95%
R5	9	9	100%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	28	30	93%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	4	4	100%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	15	28	54%
R13	4	5	80%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	208	228	91%

Just to review Ops policy on reporting: reports are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the next month for the month you're reporting for (April MSR's are due May 5<sup>th</sup> for instance) and late MSR's are considered between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of that month (April MSR's are late between May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> for instance). Four failures to report (FTR) 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 a MSR from the DB, this would be the staff of Operations inputting the MSR into the DB and the DB spitting out a "record" for Ops, your RC, and you. So if the submitter has listed as someone other than the CO or designate, no worries. Any questions about this are welcome, but hopefully this will clear up some confusion.

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## Vessel Registry

The latest version of the VR is available for download at <http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf>. Any changes for requests can be sent to [chapterinfochange@sfi.org](mailto:chapterinfochange@sfi.org) or to [ops@sfi.org](mailto:ops@sfi.org) directly.

And as a reminder, if anyone wishes a printed copy sent to them, please contact me with your name and address.

## 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 below strength. Don't let the opportunity for help pass you by.

## Correy Operations

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

## Reminder

Please remember that when you use the Change of Command tool on the DB to make sure your passwords are as correct as you can get them. If there is a wrong p/w I will reject the CoC and ask you to resubmit.

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

Stay warm everyone!

Till next time...



# COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS  
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY



Well, another turn of the wheel, and a lot has been going on in the Academy and in STARFLEET. First, I would like to talk about our new personnel.

I would like to welcome the following new personnel to the Academy:

## DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT COMMANDANTS

We would like to once again express gratitude and welcome to Commodore JC Cohen, who has agreed to stay on as the Deputy Commandant for Administration, as Brigadier General John Adcock has had to step back from the Academy due to both personal and military responsibilities. John, thank you very much for year of service and for covering for me at the 2003 International Conference.

In addition, last month we announced that Dave Blaser would be moving on, and he is being replaced by Matt Baillie who will be serving as the Assistant Commandant for International Campuses. Matt, who had been serving as Canadian Campus Dean, brings years of experience with the Academy, and even more as a Canadian.

## DEANS

Admiral Kurt Roithinger has declined to stay on as Dean of Leadership, though he is staying on for the revamping and directorship of OCC. We only had ONE applicant for the position, though none of

us can question this officer's qualifications to run this institute. Please join me in welcoming Fleet Admiral Les Rickard to the help of the Institute of Leadership Studies. Because of Les's proven track record, I'm going to let him flesh out the rest of his staff on his own, which of course frees me up to work with the rest of the Academy. Les will take over after the end of the December reporting cycle.

## DIRECTORS

I would like to announce a few appointments at the Director Level:

Succeeding Deb Kern at Klingon Warrior Academy (since she could never be replaced) is Mike Balewitz of the USS Avenger. Mike is an Honor Graduate of all the KWA courses, and a Member of Martok's Honor Guard. Mike can be reached at [dymonddust@netzero.net](mailto:dymonddust@netzero.net).

Sergeant Major Scott Grant has been selected to lead the Officer Training School. The veterans out there will recognize the tradition of having senior enlisted personnel used to train the future Officer Corps, and Scott has been around a long time, even serving as XO of a chapter, all the while maintaining his Enlisted Status. Scott has plenty of ideas how to expand and improve OTS, so stay tuned.

At Security will be Scott Smith, also of the Avenger. Scott has completed all the Security School courses available, as well

as doing comparable work while in the US Army. (Go Navy, Beat Army). Scott is also a fan of Louisiana State University, so football season isn't a complete loss for him. Scott can be reached at [gss359@yahoo.com](mailto:gss359@yahoo.com).

At College of Communications, Julie James is stepping down at the end of January. Fortunately, this is one of the places where people have answered my call for applications for school of interest, so following Julie will be Mark Vinson of the USS Panther City. Mark has spent a lot of time doing award winning newsletters and web pages in Region Three, and he brings that experience with him to the school. Mark can be reached at [mavrck17@swbell.net](mailto:mavrck17@swbell.net).

Finally, Michael Timko will be taking up the mantle of Director of College of Treknology. Michael has some nifty ideas on how to reduce workload AND get the materials to the students faster. Look to his school for ideas for your own. Michael can be reached at [sgc\\_cyberwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:sgc_cyberwolf@yahoo.com). Read elsewhere in this issue a report by Michael on the change at the College of Treknology.

A reminder about ownership of Academy materials and the agreement for Academy usage of those materials: because of past misunderstandings, I have amended the use agreement, that materials developed for use for the Academy, once used within the framework of the Academy, give the Academy in perpetuity free use of same

materials, and the right to amend an alter same for its own purposes. HOWEVER, the original creator retains ownership of the original materials, and may allow others to use them.

What this prevents is:

A. The dictatorship of the Academy, denying a creator the right to his/her own creation.

B. The dictatorship of the Creator, deciding to take his/her toys and go home.

So far no one has had a problem with it; however, I am reiterating this policy to avoid confusion, especially with all the new directors.

In regards to future endeavors, we are still working on the interdisciplinary certificates, as with all of the personnel changes, we have been a little tied up, but be happy, it's coming.

Following is the list of graduates for the November/December timeframe. Please take time to congratulate your shipmates for work well done, and if you see one of the Directors, let them know as well that you appreciate the time and effort they have given to our club.

All of us at SFA Headquarters wish you the best for 2004, we hope your favorite team won the Super Bowl, your college made it to the NCAA tournament (Go DUKE) and that your dreams for the future are all met. Keep reaching for the stars, and remember:

*Fleet Matters...*

*Scott A Akers*

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michael Timko and I am the new Director for the School of Treknology. I joined STARFLEET at my local theater promotion of *Star Trek: Nemesis* in December of 2003. I am currently serving as the Operations Officer of the USS *Nebula*.

Shortly after joining STARFLEET, I started taking courses from this school. When the announcement came that Fleet Captain Alice Strange would be stepping down as Director, I immediately contacted Commandant Akers about this school to see what the qualifications would be for the next Director. After trading a few emails and a resume later, I was selected by the Commandant to take over the School of Treknology.

## FROM THE SCHOOL OF TREKNOLOGY

By Michael Timko • Director, School of Treknology, SFA

What are my plans for the school? The first big change to the school was the addition of a web site. Students can now download all course materials as well as submit exams by going to this url: <http://treknology.ussnebula.org>.

The next project is a full review of all questions asked. Part of this has already been completed with the elimination of the essay questions asked on the *Star Trek* Movie exams. Elimination of these questions paved the way to add questions about *Star Trek: Nemesis*, as I did not want to eliminate the other questions asked at this time.

As the question review process continues, we will need your help. As questions are eliminated, we will need questions to replace them. At this time I would like to open the floor to all STARFLEET members to submit question ideas.

Anyone, who submits a question and answer we can use will receive a writing credit on the exam where the question is used. Questions may be submitted via email to [mjtimko@treknology.ussnebula.org](mailto:mjtimko@treknology.ussnebula.org) or via the web.

Finally, new courses are coming to the College of Treknology. Soon you will be able to take courses based on the shows *Star Trek: Enterprise* and *Star Trek: The Animated Series*. These exams will become available as soon as questions are completed.

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud to be the next director to this Academy School. I hope to see some of you take courses for the first time. And for those of you who have taken courses from this school, I hope to see you back for some continuing education that we are planning to offer.



# SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2003

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

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### VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

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### STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)

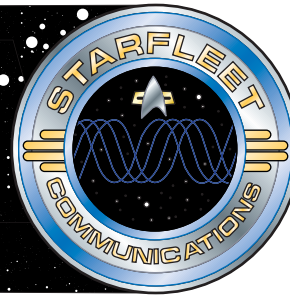
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## COMM AS YOU ARE...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Time to get back to work!

I had a good time off, and the Communications office didn't burn down while I was gone, although it seems that my ghost-written column last issue was a little more interesting than normal.

Well, there's a lot going on at Comm HQ, not the least of which is a changing of the guard in this publication. Kurt Roithinger, who stepped in last year to reprise his position as Editor, has done a fabulous job. I want to thank him, and the rest of his team, for being there when I - and you - needed him.

So, let's welcome Lauren Milan as our new Communiqué editor. Many of you are familiar with her for her work in Region 7 and for many websites she's designed.

Now, I'd love to be able to say that's all that's going on here, but there is a lot more. And I am glad that Dixie has everything under control with the publications, because it's that time of year, a time when

Communications Chief's thoughts turn to - elections.

Yes, this is an election year, and I'm constitutionally charged with being your election coordinator, or as I like to call it, your "Election Cruise Director." So I wanted to take this opportunity to go over the election procedures.

The election season really starts in earnest on June 1. That's when nominations will be accepted, and when prospective candidates can start soliciting nominations. The nominations are received through July 15. That's when we'll know who the candidates are.

In order to be a candidate for Commander, STARFLEET, you need to meet the requirements of Article 4, Section 11 (that is, you need to be at least 25 years old), and you need to be nominated by at least five qualified nominators - those being Commanding Officers of ships (not shuttles), and Regional Coordinators. It's worth mentioning that the nominee needs

to be a current STARFLEET member.

So, anyone meeting the above criteria and accepts their nomination is a candidate for Commander, STARFLEET and will be on the ballot. The ballots will be in the mail to the members by September 1, and need to be back to our CPA by November 15. Note that that doesn't mean that it has to be postmarked by November 15 - it has to be in the CPA's possession by that time, so don't delay in getting your ballots mailed.

Now, here comes the trickiest part of any STARFLEET election - campaigning. When you can do it, what you can say, and what constitutes campaigning. The STARFLEET Constitution states that campaigning begins on June 1. There is a long-standing taboo within STARFLEET against "early campaigning." To my knowledge, no candidate has ever been disqualified from an election because of early campaigning, and certainly nobody wants to be the first.

The flip side of that, of course, is that it can be very hard to put together a team,

plan and platform if you run the risk of being accused of early campaigning. I am going to attempt to clarify things here; the rules and precedents aren't meant to hinder the candidates, but rather to ensure a predictable window of campaigning and to prevent the near constant campaigning that some fear would arise without these restrictions.

If a prospective candidate (or a representative of a prospective candidate) wants to make an announcement on a mailing list or other venue announcing an "intention to run" or announcing an "exploratory committee," then this would not be considered a violation of the "early campaigning prohibition" as long as the announcement was a one-time event (you can't announce your intention to run every week - that's crossing the line). Also, keep in mind that you will need to get permission from the owner of the venue (mailing list, chat room, wherever) as well.

If anyone has any questions about the process, just contact me. I will be happy to let you know if something is permissible or not.

In the next issue of the Communiqué we'll have the information on where to send your nominations.

See you in sixty!

## DOLLARS & SENSE

COMMODORE DENBY POTTS  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET



I hope this article finds you all healthy!!

I'd like to expand a little on something Mandi mentioned in her article, membership statuses in the Database, and how the CFO's office comes into play with them.

Everyone's aware of what 'Active' means. That's the classification of a member that is up-to-date and current with STARFLEET International. 'Expired' is easy also. That's what happens to your membership when you don't renew before your expiration date.

There is, however, another status that may not be well-understood that Mandi talks about: Pending. As Mandi states, it's the same as 'Active' membership, only the financial transaction hasn't cleared yet. Let me explain a little what can happen to a financial transaction, once a membership is placed in 'Pending' status.

Several times throughout a month, membership renewals come into STARFLEET in different ways. About twice a week, I gather all the transactions that have been posted to the database and process them. Most types of renewals move directly to 'Authorized' status at these times (which makes the member 'Active', or continues them as 'Active').

Credit Cards, however, follow their own path. At this point in time, all Credit Cards have to be processed manually with a Credit Card vendor, which introduces a small delay into the renewal process, to get the vendor to authorize the charges. Once authorized, they are then moved to 'Authorized'.

Sometimes, however, the cards will not return authorized for various reasons. Sometimes the credit card number entered into the system is miskeyed. Sometimes,

the expiration date is miskeyed. Some credit card companies have an additional security number (called the CVV number) that they require before allowing charges to post to the account.

[Editor note: the CVV number is a three-digit code that can be found on the back of your card. It follows the final four digits of your card number.]

All of these issues require me to contact the member in question to request the correct information. Usually, I get the information quickly, and can process the transaction and clear the issue up. Don't be scared when you hear from me (or Dee Rickard, STARFLEET's Loss Prevention Officer) on the phone or through email :) We're just trying to help get your membership renewed.

We're taking some steps to help clear

some of these problems in the future. Soon, the credit card renewal screens will ask for a CVV number to process transactions, and we are still trying to come up with an eCommerce vendor (which would clear all these issues up automatically). However, in the meantime, please be patient with us as we try to resolve these issues. After all, we all want our memberships to be handled as quickly as possible.

Some, but not all, of STARFLEET's vendors have been notified that a new CFO is taking office. Currently, I am not a signatory 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. 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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*Cents-cerely,*



# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — DEC. 2003/JAN 2004

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - DECEMBER

12/01/2003 through 12/31/2003  
Opening Balance: \$23,835.28

12/1/2003	NPC	Refund of overcharge	\$1.31
12/1/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(- \$57.57)
12/2/2003	NPC	Discount Fee	(- \$2.80)
12/3/2003	Paypal.com	MP	\$248.91
12/4/2003	Megatoners	MP Expenses	(- \$349.75)
12/4/2003	Marvin Galler	Comm Expense	(- \$95.00)
12/9/2003	Stamps.com	Stamps.com	(- \$18.99)
12/19/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$45.00
12/20/2003	Postmaster	CQ Expense	(- \$2,000.00)
12/20/2003	EPC, Inc.	Web Hosting	(- \$119.40)
12/20/2003	Signature Printing & Graphics	Election Expense	(- \$1,082.55)
12/20/2003	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(- \$1,350.37)
12/22/2003	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	(- \$10.00)
12/31/2003	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$1,431.00
12/30/2003	Membership Processing	MP	\$1,255.00

Ending Balance: \$21,729.87

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JANUARY

01/01/2004 through 01/30/2004  
Opening Balance: \$21,729.87

1/2/2004	Credit Card Processing	MP*	\$273.00
1/2/2004	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$136.00
1/5/2004	NPC	Discount Fee	(- \$90.33)
1/5/2004	NPC	Discount Fee	(- \$3.96)
1/5/2004	Stamps.com	Postage	(- \$475.00)
1/7/2004	Deborah A. Malotte	Promotions	(- \$257.76)
1/7/2004	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(- \$18.99)
1/12/2004	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(- \$19.90)
1/14/2004	Membership Processing	MP	\$1,002.00
1/14/2004	Paypal.com	MP	\$655.00
1/20/2004	Academy Checking	Transfer to Academy Checking	(- \$3.00)
1/21/2004	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(- \$475.00)
1/22/2004	Megatoners	MP Expenses	(- \$349.75)
1/22/2004	Marvin Galler	MP Expenses	(- \$118.75)
1/29/2004	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$1,690.00
1/30/2004	Credit Card Processing	MP	\$86.00

\* MP = Membership Processing

Ending Balance: \$23,759.66

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

## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

12/01/2003 through 1/31/2004

### Scholarship Account:

No transactions this period.

### SFI Savings:

Opening Balance: \$5659.82

Interest Gained: \$1.24

Ending Balance: \$5662.22

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

12/01/2003 through 1/31/2004

Opening Balance: \$4,007.43

### Deposits:

None.

Interest Gained: \$1.10

Ending Balance: \$4,009.13

## STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$2,859.80

### December:

No transactions.

### January:

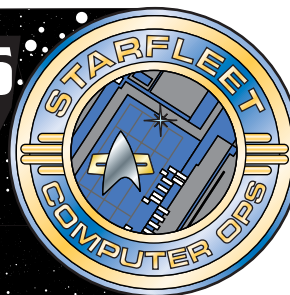
1/5/2004	Tuitions	Other Income	\$58.00
1/20/2004	Starfleet General Account	Reimbursement	\$3.00
1/27/2004	Tuitions	Other Income	\$27.00

Ending Balance: \$2,947.80



# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANDY LIVINGSTON  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET! I can't begin to tell you how quickly time passes between these CQ articles. I feel like I just wrote my last article, and again, it's time for the CQ staff to get the next one. And, of course, I want to get this article in on time so that they don't send the CQ Posse after me. Trust me, they aren't always in the best of moods! Or, heaven forbid that we have JC Cohen ghostwrite another EC article. No telling what he might say!

One of the most fulfilling aspects of my job as CompOps Chief is interacting with you, the member. I know that it's probably said over and over by anyone who's on the EC or the AB, but really, I mean it. In the past few months that I've been working helpdesk cases, answering the multitude of emails, and chatting on the phone or the net, I've made a lot of new friends, and it reminds me just why I enjoy being a STARFLEET member so much. And, from all the suggestions that I've gotten, it also shows me that we have a very keen and insightful membership!

Because of the many good suggestions and feedback I've been receiving in the past few months, it gave me an idea! Don't be too afraid, it's not that crazy! I've read

on the email chat lists and heard privately that many of you would like to help or like to make a suggestion, but don't feel qualified, or think nobody will listen because you don't have a fancy rank or have only been in Fleet for a year or two. Well, that's just plain silly! I know that many of you do have good ideas. And I'd like to encourage you to at least share the ideas you have about CompOps.

So, without further ado, I'd like to announce the "If I Were CompOps Chief" essay contest. What I'd like you to do is either email me or send through the postal mail any ideas or suggestions or comments that you might have about the Computer Operations department. Currently, CompOps handles Membership Processing, the Database we affectionately call Dynee, Recruiting, Unassigned Member aids, and all that goes along with those areas. I don't care how crazy they are. All the submissions will be reviewed by the CompOps Team. Those that have unique or practical or breakout ideas will have their submissions as part of a future CompOps article in the CQ and featured on the soon-to-be redesigned CompOps website at <http://compops.sfi.org>. You can find my contact information on the website

as well as in the staff listing of this CQ. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Now, on to a few quick housekeeping items. We continue to have "Office Hours" in the #CompOps IRC channel. You can find myself or a staff member there on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9pm - 11pm EST. Also, we're glad to assist you via postal mail or email. You can email [CompOpsHelp@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHelp@sfi.org) for assistance. Also, we have some Forums on the CompOps website that are just waiting to be used! Just click on the Forums link that is on the CompOps webpage and start using them today!

On a database note, I'd like to quickly explain what "Pending" means on your membership. When you submit your application for membership or renewal, it goes first into a Queue awaiting processing. The MP Corps verifies that all the information needed is on the record and it is then when your membership packet and such is created and mailed. Your record will then show a "Pending" status. This is the same as being "Active," it just means that the financial transaction is pending. So, don't be afraid when you see the Pending status that something

is wrong. It does take the 6-8 week time period for everything from submission to financial transaction to be complete. If you have a pending status for longer than that time period, please contact myself and the CFO's office to inquire about it. Anyway, rest assured that "Pending" status means that you will receive your CQ's, be able to take Academy courses, and access the database, among other membership rights.

Finally, the 30th Anniversary of STARFLEET 2004 Membership Certificate Design for the contest started by my predecessor Sandy Berenberg is now complete. The printer has done an amazing job with these certificates. I'd like to thank Sandy for initiating the project and seeing it through to the end. Also, I'd like to thank the few people who submitted certificate designs. You made our job tough in selecting which design to use. Several people reviewed each submission, and the winner, David Pipgras of Region 5, did an excellent job. Thank you all!

Well, I don't want to take up too much space in this issue. I could go on and on about all the many things that the members of the CompOps team are doing every day. This is indeed one of the best groups in STARFLEET to work with. I appreciate them all and their hard work. It is my pleasure to work with them for you, the membership!

See you next issue!

*Mandi Livingston*

## MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING INFORMATION

Attention all STARFLEET Personnel!

It has come to my attention in the last few days of January 2004 that we are experiencing some problems with the STARFLEET Membership Processing PO Box in Maryland. The person previously tasked with checking the PO Box has found himself unable to do so. That has led to a recent backlog of mail-in memberships dating back to mid-December. In fact, I have found out from some research that some were even returned to sender due to sitting too long at the PO Box.

I want to assure you all that this is NOT standard operating procedure for STARFLEET Membership Processing. As you know, Membership Processing has continued to improve turnaround times for new and renewal memberships.

While we do have a temporary measure in place to check the PO Box on a weekly basis (weather permitting), we are taking steps to ensure that this does not happen again.

The CompOps management team is working together to formulate a better arrangement for the PO Box duties. This will include that the PO Box be checked at least twice a week and checks/money orders will be sent to the CFO's offices for deposit every two weeks. We hope to have this in place by mid-February.

If you mailed in a membership application or membership renewal since mid-December 2003 and are still awaiting renewal, please contact me at [CompOpsHelp@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHelp@sfi.org) via email or through my mailing address listed in the CQ directory. This will create a helpdesk ticket for you that will enable Computer Operations and Membership Processing to ensure we are tracking each and every problem. CompOps and Membership Processing wants to make sure that no services or privileges are delayed due to this issue.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Take care,  
Mandi

## COORDINATED RECRUITING

By Pete Mohny • Computer Operations Recruitment Coordinator

As I mentioned in the previous Recruiting article, this article will deal with the third group of people that chapters need to work on recruiting. However, first I'd like to make an announcement.

Between now and just prior to the STARFLEET International Conference 2004, I will be tracking Regional strength. I have divided the Fleet into two groups; those Regions with fewer than 100 members, and those Regions with more than 40 members.

Each month, I will record the number of members in each Region. Just before the IC, I will average the number of members in each Region for the period between now and then, and Regions with the largest increase will each win an award to be presented at the IC.

And now, we'll discuss that third group, who they are, and how to recruit them. The first two groups were current members and former members. This leaves, obviously, people who aren't

members and never have been. That's the bad news. There is no evidence that they are interested in STARFLEET.

The good news is that there are about 300 million of them in the USA alone! What this means is that while it may be difficult to convince them to join STARFLEET, if you blanket the public with information, you'll still haul in a few new members.

How do you accomplish this? Lots of ways, and the subject of recruiting the general public has been addressed in not one, but two manuals published by STARFLEET. I'm going to steal liberally from them, because both have done a good job on the subject.

You can, if you want to divide this audience a bit, consider them to be two groups, fans and not fans. The fans are the people who involve themselves in science fiction by attending conventions, going to movies or watching television, **(cont. on page 16)**



## COORDINATED RECRUITING

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buying books, hanging out in shops, belonging to other groups, or surfing the web. The not fans are going to be a harder sell than the fans, but there are more of them, so it should pretty well even out your recruiting successes, if you plan carefully. Since we are all, by definition, already involved in fandom, I'll start with that group.

Each of the venues I listed that can get you labeled as a fan can also be thought of as a recruiting tool. Do you attend conventions? They can be used to recruit in many ways, wearing uniforms or tee shirts, distributing flyers, working as staff, advertising in program books, hosting panels or games, having a recruiting table, or even hosting your own convention. You have a captive audience of devout fans. Use that!

One of the most powerful tools used by job seekers is networking, building and maintaining relationships with others in the profession that

you are interested in. This works just as well for fandom, join with other sci fi clubs for events, meetings, parties, publications, civic events, you name it.

Note that the important word is with not in competition. Don't just troll the other clubs to try to take their members, work with them to double your reach! You will help each other, and more than likely you'll gain some members for each other.

Most fans can be counted on to catch the latest books, movies, and television shows about their favorite subject. You can reach a lot of fans by developing a relationship with bookstores, movie theaters, and television stations, and by using them to promote your chapter. You will probably have to reciprocate with the publicity.

Put the businesses in question on the flyers you give out, mention them in your newsletter, and so on. These businesses will consider this free publicity, and they will generally be glad to have you in their places of business, especially if you are in uniform. You will attract attention to them.

Finally, fans are among the most intense users of the Internet, publishing web pages

by the million, and surfing around to look at pages that relate to their interests. Create a nice, high-quality, attractive and informative web page. Update it regularly! Trade links with the groups and businesses you have built relationships with, and be sure to submit your page to all of the major search engines.

All right, you've covered all your fan bases, and now you're ready to reach out to the non-fan general public. What are some good ways? There are probably a thousand ways to get publicity, but what you have to consider is that only a very tiny percent of this group of people will give your pitch a glance, so you have to reach a lot of people to make your effort effective.

This means that a lot of ways that might seem cheap and easy are actually a waste of your time. What are some ways that will reach a lot of people? They generally fall into two categories; methods that are seen by a lot of people but only for a short time, and methods that are seen only by a small number of people but are out there for a very long time.

Examples of short time methods include advertisements in various media like television and newspapers. Many television stations have public service announcements or community bulletin boards where you can place an ad on for free. The not for profit status of STARFLEET makes us a good candidate for such methods, as does the fan association label.

Most newspapers have a community calendar section, where you can place a notice of your group's meeting for free. At the other end of the spectrum are ways that are only seen by a few people, but which are in the public eye for a long time.

Examples of this include listing your club with your city's Chamber of Commerce, having a listing in the Yellow Pages, and setting up web links with other charitable and civic organizations in your area.

In the next issue, I'll discuss a few of the dozens of ways that you can gain members by what I call passive recruiting, some of the easiest ways of all!

## THE SHUTTLEBAY

### COMMODORE JERRY TIEN

### CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS,

### STARFLEET



What an exciting year for Shuttle Operations Command!

Despite the holiday season, folks went ahead with shuttle plans and ship commissions. Since ShOC remained open through the holidays, we were able to process the vessel registration requests as soon as they arrived. I am very glad to see 2003 ended on a high note with several launches and commissionings, as well as kicking off 2004 with a strong beginning at ShOC.

These were launched / commissioned recently:

Shuttle Hathor (R7)  
Shuttle Independence (R7)  
Shuttle Kasimar (R15)  
Shuttle Pride of Scotland (R1)  
USS Gunslinger (R3)  
(formerly Shuttle Hapsburg)  
USS Inferno (R7)  
USS New Hope (R2)  
USS Proxima (R12)  
USS Titan (R12)

During the course of last year, I noticed a few things that can affect prompt shuttle launches or commissions. Here is a list of the common problems and suggestions:

1. Payment issues: If paying by credit card, be sure to double check the account number and expiration date against what appears on the VRR.

2. Crew strength: Make sure all crew members on the VRR have sufficient time left on their memberships. Some launches and commissions were delayed due to insufficient crew strength, which might be related to one of the following:

- New membership applications not yet processed
- Existing memberships expired
- Renewal problems

The best way to avoid this type of delays is making sure all members on the crew rosters are at "ACTIVE" status in the STARFLEET Database before sending in

the VRR. You can check that by visiting <http://database.sfi.org>.

3. Member eligibility: Be sure both the CO and XO passed OTS for shuttles, as well as OCC for ships/stations. Again, this can be checked at <http://database.sfi.org>. Since these tests are free and can be taken online, there's every reason to take them as soon as possible.

4. VRR errors: Please download the latest VRR form before you start gathering signatures. This ensures ShOC gets all the relevant information to process your VRR as quickly as possible. (More on the VRR form below.)

Of course, we are on a continuous quest to provide the best service possible to 'Fleet. Toward that end, we have updated some important documents. These include the Vessel Registration Request form and Shuttle START manual. They can be downloaded from <http://www.pcisys.net/~biff/downloads.html> or <http://documents.sfi.org>.

Many thanks to Adm. Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, our incredible Publications Manager for updating these documents. The START manual in particular received a major overhaul to reflect the recent advances in STARFLEET Online Database. I think you'll find it extremely helpful.

I have also assigned additional personnel to handle ShOC issues at STARFLEET Help Desk. I hope this will further reduce the turnaround time on shuttle problems. Let me know how well things are working.

On a slightly different note, if you have some expertise with the technical aspect of Trek, then the Department of Technical Services may have some opportunities for you. You may want to prepare a portfolio of your previous work. Please contact Adm. Alex Rosenzweig at [dts@sfi.org](mailto:dts@sfi.org) for more details.

Until next time, Shuttle On, Xena! :)



# FROM THE 'DANT

By LGen. Wade Olson • Commandant, SFMC



## ATTENTION ON DECK

# SFMC

THE OFFICIAL NEWS AND INFORMATION RESOURCE OF THE STARFLEET MARINE CORPS.

Greetings, Marines:

If you haven't already reported your participation with the Charities listed in the Commandant's Campaign for 2003, now's the time. For the US, they were the Toys for Tots program, the Polar Bear Plunge, or any activities designed to benefit the Special Olympics. For Canada, they were Hospital for Sick Children Foundation and Children's Wish Foundation. For England, they were Salvation Army and the Army's National Charity. Anyone living in other countries who wish to have a charity considered for the Campaign should send the list along with a description.

While we're on that subject, I would like to talk about new projects concerning the Campaign for different levels of the Corps. Back in 1998, the Commandant's Campaign offered the authorization of Streamers for completing criteria for the Campaign on the Unit, Battalion and Brigade levels. I would like to bring back the Streamer idea, at the same time promoting more of a fun atmosphere for the Corps. On the Unit level, Streamers will be authorized for Units of the Corps in the area of participation. These will be judged by the number of Great Barrier Expedition, Embassy Duty and Joint Service ribbons issued to members of the units during the year, with consideration to number of awards issued and percentage of members participating in the unit. Streamers will also be authorized for recruitment. Units, Battalions and Brigades that are up in membership from the first report period of the year by at least 25% will be authorized to display a Streamer for their accomplishment.

At submission time for the last CQ, we were still taking applications for the position of COForceCom. Since then, we have made our appointment. We would like to welcome BDR Linda Olson to the position. She brings much real life experience to this position as well as some hands-on experience working as a Battalion OIC and as Chief of Staff, SFMC.

She hit the ground running and is doing an excellent job doing data entry of all the members' information into the database. She has streamlined the report forms and created a comprehensive database of her own for reporting histories, awards, contact information and other information that is good for the General Staff to have available.

The web team has gotten the Wall of Honor up on the site for those who wish to view it online. Just go to <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org> and follow the dropdown "awards" menu, then click on "Wall of Honor". By clicking on a Panel it will expand to show a bigger view.

If you have submitted names to the Wall, you can view where those names are by checking the database and getting the location of your honoree. This is a personal ongoing project of mine and Linda's and we accept new names at any time. Just email us with the name and information of the person you want added ([captwho@tallynet.com](mailto:captwho@tallynet.com) or [ST\\_DragonLady@msn.com](mailto:ST_DragonLady@msn.com)).

Recently we added a new panel called the "STARFLEET Memorial Panel" to remember those STARFLEET members we've known and loved who have passed on. You may submit names for this at anytime as well. Just send us their names and SCC numbers.

We still have some of the special patches available. You can view it at the URL listed below. They are the normal \$6.00. Contact me to make sure I still have enough before you send payment. Once these are gone there will be no more. They can be seen online at <http://www.nettally.com/captwho/patch2.jpg>.

We have plenty of the 20th Anniversary ribbons in stock. This award is authorized to be worn by anyone who was a Marine at any time during the 20th Anniversary year of the SFMC between the ICs of 2002 and 2003. They are the same cost as the other ribbons at \$0.85 each. It is worn between the Good Conduct Ribbon and the International Service Ribbon on the ribbon bar.

Though the deadline has passed for submissions for the Wilderness Challenge for 2004, we will still accept bids for Brigades that have not had a Challenge awarded for the year. Contact me or Linda Olson for details on what is required for a bid and the possibility of getting one set up for your Brigade.

I sent out three Financial Reports since the last CQ, November's, December's and a Year End. Here they are:

### November

We started the month of November with \$1103.38. There were four deposits made during the month. The first was on 11/3/03 for an order received in the mail in the amount of \$15.00. The second was on 11/4/03 for merchandise orders received in the mail in the amount of \$126.00. The third was on 11/5/03 for a merchandise order received in the mail in the amount of \$18.00. And the fourth was on 11/18/03 for a merchandise order received in the mail in the amount of \$10.05. The Service Charge on the account for the month totaled \$0.76. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1271.67.

We started the month of November with Petty Cash owing the Commandant \$20.10. We had four expenditures for postage during the month: one on 11/3/03 totaling \$2.15, the second on 11/4/03 totaling \$1.89, the third on 11/5/03 totaling \$0.49, and the fourth on 11/18/03 totaling \$4.10. This leaves the SFMC owing the 'Dant \$28.73.

We still have the funds that were earmarked for the Columbia Families Fund in the amount of \$80.17. Dennis Rayburn found the URL for the fund for us and we have contacted the organization about donations.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds in the amount of \$1242.94.

### December

We started the month of December with \$1271.67. There were two deposits made during the month. The first was on 12/19/03 for orders received in the mail in the amount of \$21.20. The second was on 12/31/03 for a merchandise order received in the mail in the amount of \$18.00. The Service Charge on the account for the month totaled \$0.60. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1310.27.

We started the month with Petty Cash owing the Commandant \$28.73. We had one deposit of cash on 12/19/03 in the amount of \$20.00. We had two expenditures for postage, one on 12/19/03 in the amount of \$0.98 and the second on 12/31/03 in the amount of \$1.20. This leaves petty cash at the close of the month owing the 'Dant \$10.91.

We still have the funds that were earmarked for the Columbia Families Fund in the amount of \$80.17. As far as I know we have not heard back from the organization in regard to concerns we have about where these funds actually go. If we don't hear very soon we will find an alternative recipient for this donation.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of the month in the amount of \$1299.36.

### Yearly

We started the year of 2003 with \$603.52 in the Corps bank account. We had 34 deposits during the year totaling \$2205.22. We had 20 expenditures during the year totaling \$1498.47. This leaves a final total in the account at year's end of \$1310.27.

We started the year with \$28.24 in Corps Petty Cash. We had 5 deposits during the year totaling \$56.30. We had 38 expenditures during the year totaling \$95.45. Thus, the final debt owed to the Commandant is \$10.91.

Total cash assets of the Corps as of closing date of 12/31/03 is \$1299.36.

These complete records, along with the records of Corps merchandise inventory at year-end are being filed with the office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET for verification.

Incidentally, we never heard back from the Columbia Families Fund so the General Staff is discussing other possibilities.

In Service to the Corps,

Lieutenant General Wade Olson  
Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps



The Force is With YOU!

My name is Linda M. Olson (used to be Oakley). I began my career with STARFLEET in 1994 on the shuttle LeConte, later to become Bennu Station in Region One. I have attended several International Conferences, a couple of Region 2 Summits, and worked on every Region One Summit ever held in one way or another. I was most recently the OIC of the 6th BN in the Fightin' First, and have served as the Chief of Staff to the Commandant for the past 3 years. I am currently the Treasury Officer for Region One and a member of the Region One Space Camp Committee. I will not go into the various offices that I have held or currently hold on my own Chapter.

I have found the Marines to be a bit more to my liking than the regular' Fleet and have certainly enjoyed my tenure in the Corps. I tend to lean more to the charities and service side of the 'Fleet work than the games etc. (although I do have a fun side as you will see.) I believe that we are all here to make this a better world for everyone, and if you can't be part of the solution, get out of my way.

In real life, I have held positions in Management, both retail, and amusement. I have served as a data entry clerk, Secretary, Administrative

# FORCECOM REPORT

By Brigadier Linda Olson • CO, FORCECOM

Assistant, Manager, and General Manager. Currently I am a Vault teller for BB&T in Gatlinburg.

I have also worked for many years with volunteer groups such as the Scouts, both Boy and Girl, as troop leader, den leader, Pack leader, Council member, awards officer, and adult trainer. I am a certified AYSO [soccer] coach and referee (retired).

My hobbies, aside from 'Fleet include needlework. (Yes, I made the infamous Region One quilt that sold at auction a few years ago.) I did most of the needlework on the current Wall of Honor. I do knit, crochet, embroidery, etc. Wade taught me to cross stitch a couple of years ago and I enjoy it immensely. I also enjoy wood working, painting, reading, hiking, skiing (until my knees gave out) and dancing. (By the way, Wade doesn't dance much, so if you see me at an event and you want to dance, let me know, I will more than likely be available.) I have been known to haunt craft fairs, yard sales, and any other place where the odd and unusual can be found. I also spend a lot of time helping Wade with the photographs that he loves to take. He is trying to get me

to learn all about restoring a 1969 GTO, but so far I am resisting.

I have two children from my previous marriage, Dominique and Jonathan Both are in their 20's now. Dominique is getting married in July and we will probably be pretty much involved with that in the next few months.

I married Wade Olson in a small ceremony here in Tennessee in 2002 but we still live in separate states. Wade resides in Florida and I am still here in Tennessee. We spend a lot of time on Interstate 75. If anyone knows of a really good M-F 9 to 5 job in the Valdosta area please let me know.

I am really looking forward to working with Forces Command. I have already discovered that it is a challenge and since my Klingon name is quDmaw' (Challenge Crazy) I think I am finally in the right spot. I do have multiple personalities, T'Ver (name given to me by Vulcan Academy Commandant Marlene Miller) is my vulcan/betazed character, quDmaw' is Klingon/Romulan, and my assimilated trill is still unnamed. I find that one of these

generally fits the mood that I am in at the moment.

I hope I haven't frightened you all away by now. My main focus at this point is to get the database up and running, and work has already begun in this area; get the Chain of Command working properly; revise the report forms to bring them more in line with each other and what we actually need them to include; and to make the Officer's Code of Conduct more visible in the Corps everyday life. I welcome suggestions from any Marine out there. My door is always open and my mind is NOT made up in advance.

Since I am really new to the office, I am still discovering where things are located. Some things I haven't actually found yet, such as the clipboard with the notes from the previous administration. So please be patient while I get my ducks in a row. (I know, I know.) This is not the kind of Forces Command Report that you are accustomed to, but hopefully I can do better next time.

**Open Positions:** Two new Brigade OICs were named. I want to congratulate the newest Brigade commanders: Travis Littou for the 12th BDE and Kevin Burke for the 15th BDE. The 9th BDE will remain open for the time being, and my successor will see to that post.

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.

### Recruits (10):

Sandy Waldrop  
Tim Waldrop  
Kevin Cozart  
Bryan Jones  
Deltan Wilson  
Mark Wallace  
Conell Osborne  
Patrick Cook  
Paul Fest  
Fred McCarthy

### Discharges (0 ):

Willie Maughan  
Tammie Maughan  
Heather Maughan  
Ken Oziah

### Current Membership Reported:

Last Period: (Active & Reserve): 578  
This Period: (Active & Reserve): 640  
Decrease of 10%

### Brigades Reporting: 11

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15, 17, 20

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### Brigades Listed: 14

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20

Report Rate: 78%

### Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

Last Period Reported: 84  
Last Period Listed: 102  
Report Rate: 82%

This Period Reported: 85  
This Period Listed: 105  
Report Rate: 81%

### Marine Strike Groups Formed: (2):

75th Darby's Rangers  
736th MEU to 736th MSG

### Marine Strike Groups Deactivated (5):

683rd  
5th  
66th is on stand by  
75th  
899th

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 135th 145th 188th 625th 695th  
650th 54th 755th 201st 203rd 218th 225th  
237th 252nd 269th 276th 282nd 862nd  
875th

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

**Legion Of Arms**  
1st Brigade, Carl Blackburn  
5th Brigade, David Kania

**Gold Nebula**  
2nd Brigade, Raye Crews  
15th Brigade, Scott Grant  
**Communications Service Award**  
15th Brigade, Fred McCarthy

**Professional Development Award**  
12th Brigade, Alan Dawson

**Initial Entry Award**  
15th Brigade, Fred McCarthy

**Academic Excellence Award**  
15th Brigade, Scott Grant (3 awards)

**Community Service Award**  
**1st Brigade**  
Jason Schreck  
Mike Romero

**5th Brigade**  
Norman DeRoux  
Stephen Idell

**15th Brigade**  
Thomas Carroll  
Fred McCarthy  
Kevin Burke  
Bob Chin  
Seth Isquith  
Bran Stimpson  
Larry Henderson  
Paul Fest  
Tom Guertin

**17th Brigade**  
John Roberts  
Earl Beighley  
David Reustle  
David Cerame  
Susan Cerame  
Phillip Dillard  
Kristoffer Strithers  
Allen Johnson  
Mike Dethlefs  
Richard Eseke  
Craig Cheairs  
David Gomez

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## Great Barrier Expedition

### 15th Brigade

Thomas Carroll  
Bob Chin  
Scott Grant

### 17th Brigade

Earl Beighley  
David Cerame  
John Roberts  
David Reustle  
Susan Cerame

## Leader's Commendation

### 3rd Brigade

Russell Schnieder

### 4th Brigade

Roy Henderson  
Carolyn Henderson  
Jesse Duckett  
Eileen Duckett  
Robert Temple  
Kimberly Temple  
Cyndi Temple

### 15th Brigade

Kevin Burke  
Fred McCarthy  
Bob Chin

## Disaster Relief Ribbon

4th Brigade  
Roy Henderson  
Carolyn Henderson

## Brigade Achievement Award

### 15th Brigade

Thomas Carroll  
Bob Chin  
Seth Isquith  
Bran Stimpson  
John Grigas  
Shawn Levesque  
Tom Guertin  
Scott Grant

## Joint Service Ribbon

### 17th Brigade

Nancy Lynch  
Debra Kern  
Jack Kern  
Randy Lynch  
Everett Brooks  
Earl Beighley  
David Cerame  
John Roberts  
David Roustle  
Susan Cerame

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.

# STATE OF TRACOM

By Brigadier John Roberts • CO, TRACOM

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you in the SFMC! I hope to see many of you taking courses through the SFMCA this year.

Things are just now picking up again at TRACOM after the holidays. If you have ideas or comments for us to work on, please feel free to contact me at jcroberts2@hotmail.com.

We currently have the following posts open in the SFMCA:

- **Xeno-Studies: Borg**
- **Xeno-Studies: Romulan**
- **Maritime Operations**

The qualifications for all of these posts are:

- Completion of OTS (OCC is recommended, but not required)
- Completion of PD-10 (PD-20 is recommended, but not required)
- Completion of all courses in that particular School/Branch (-30 need not be complete at time of appointment but must be completed within 60 days of appointment)
- Regular and reliable access to email
- A desire to see the School or Branch grow
- The ability to create/update and revise the School/Branch Manual as necessary.

If you are interested in any of these posts, please contact the DCO-Academy, Jill Rayburn, at jazdan@wk.net for more information or to apply.

Please welcome LTC Shane Evans to the post of Special Operations Branch Director. Shane can be reached, in his official capacity, at mrshaneevans@yahoo.com.

Please welcome BDR Brett Price as the Brigade Training Officer for the 12BDE. Brett can be reached at royalklingonhighlander@cox.net.

In order to reduce staffing needs and, since the two are closely linked anyway, we are merging the PD and LD Schools under one staffer, Jonathan Wilson. Jonathan is also working on a revision to the PD manual that will include the required materials from the Army FM for the Leadership courses. This will help us get away from the outside source materials.

TRACOM itself also has an opening for a new E-certs Coordinator. Please

contact our DCO-Admin, Chris Esquibel, at tracom-admin@sfi-sfmca.org and he will be happy to let you know exactly what will be required of you and the requirements necessary for this post.

After recovery from a computer crash and with special thanks to General Scott Akers, the Advanced Studies School of Military History is now open for business once again.

I am also pleased to announce the creation and opening of a new School:

School of Xeno-Studies: Jem'Hadar  
Director: BGEN Greg Franklin  
EMAIL: ReprisalOIG@aol.com

## XJ-10: Introduction to The Jem'Hadar

This course will give the student a basic understanding of the Jem'Hadar and allow them to begin appreciating the threat posed by this species. Pre-requisite: PD-10, Marine Basic Training.

## XJ-20: Intermediate Studies of The Jem'Hadar

This course builds upon the knowledge and information gained in the Introduction to the Jem'Hadar (XJ-10) and helps the student gain a greater understanding of this species. Pre-requisite: XJ-10.

## XJ-30 Independent Study in Jem'Hadar Culture:

The student will select a topic pertaining to Jem'Hadar Culture, weapons, tactics, etc. and submit it to the XJ School Director for approval. If approved, the Student will write a paper covering the topic/subject matter in detail and submit it to the School Director for scoring. Students who successfully pass this course will receive a Bachelor of Military Science Degree specializing in Jem'Hadar Studies. Pre-Requisite for this Course is XJ-20.

Please join me in welcoming Greg Franklin back to the TRACOM staff. I hope you enjoy the XJ courses he has created for you.

For those of you who need access to the out of print Army Field Manuals (FM) for some of our courses, INFOCOM has now uploaded them to the website for your download. They can be accessed at: <http://www.sfi-sfmca.org/tracom/fm.shtml>.

Until the next time, my inbox is always if you have questions or comments. Please remember, we are here to serve you.

# FROM THE SGM

By SGM Scott Grant • SGM, SFMC

Greetings to all,

The Summit season is fast approaching and I know that all of you are getting ready for another great year in the Corps as well as STARFLEET.

I would like to lay out a challenge to the Non Commissioned Officers, especially, and to all the members of STARFLEET. See if throughout this year and for always you can do the following:

- **Know yourself and seek self-improvement**
- **Be technically and tactically proficient**
- **Develop a sense of responsibility among your subordinates**
- **Make sound and timely decisions**
- **Set the example**
- **Know your people and look out for their welfare**
- **Keep your people informed**
- **Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions**
- **Ensure assigned tasks are understood, supervised, and accomplished**
- **Train your people to act as a team**
- **Employ your command in accordance with its capabilities**

Please remember that the most important thing in this organization is her people. Things can be replaced but to get someone that is willing to go out and be a part of something is hard to replace.

So take a minute and take a look at your ship, region and Brigade and ask yourself. How can I help?

Semper Fidelis,

*SGM Scott Grant*



# STATE OF INFOCOM

By LGN Wade Hoover • CO, INFOCOM

Greetings from the office of Information Command. It's been a busy couple of months for the webteam. Several new features to the site have been rolled out, including a new layout for the Wall of Honor, new test request scripts, and new scripts for awards and reporting. New features are in the works, including a redesign of the site for better functionality, automated MSG updates, and other surprises that I can't even get into now. We are here to serve the commands, as well as the membership.

There seems to be some confusion about how to request changes and report errors on the site. This is accomplished by sending an e-mail to [webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org). In your bug report, please include the following: what the error is, exactly what page(s) the error is on, and your name and e-mail address. Failure to include at least the error and the exact page will result in delays in updating the page, as we have to find the page and the problem. Failure to include the request information may result in your being contacted for further information. Currently, there are 1511 files located in 77 folders on the 'fleet server. As you can guess, it could take us quite a while to find an error, if we can find it at all. With that said, we are always here to answer

your questions about the site.

I still have openings in my office. The SFMC web team is still hiring. If you have a good working knowledge of HTML, are able to work in a team environment, and work under deadlines, then this job might be for you. The web team is hiring for a general site maintenance coder. This position would be responsible for assisting in updating the SFMC site. If you are interested, please send your 'Fleet/Real resume to [webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org). Include in your resume examples of your work. You must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET, have reliable internet access, and reliable e-mail access.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the web team for their hard work. Without them, I couldn't do half the job that I do. I would like to thank Matt Copple, Joe Brouhard, Bruce Sommer, and Lauren Milan for their hard work on behalf of Infocom. I would also like to offer a special thank you to Kurt Roithinger for his efforts in producing the Attention on Deck section from the *Communiqué* for publication on the SFMC site. Until next time, see you in cyberspace..

## A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

By BGN Joost Ueffing • Chief of Operations, SFI

Everyone's life is blessed by events that shape and mold their lives: birth, first drive in a car, graduation. Some are more blessed and shaped more than others.

I'm engaged.

As some of you know, I've been dating Susan Fugate, CO of the USS Jaguar (R1), for the last 7 months. Between me flying down to Tennessee, USA and she coming to Nova Scotia, Canada, we have been having a \*very\* long distance relationship. Even though the miles have been long (about 1200 miles or so [1900 km] as the airlines fly) our love for each other has grown with each day. So in December, while she was visiting me for Christmas, I decided to do something about it.

I proposed to her on Christmas Day. My family and cousin Fred Ueffing (visiting from the Netherlands) were

in attendance when she opened the last present under the tree. Inside was a little bear with a wedding shawl holding a ring box. Inside the box was a diamond solitaire. :) After she confirmed if I was serious about this or not, I asked, and she said yes!

The wedding is going to be held this fall in Kingsport, TN. Yes, my family and I will be traveling to TN for this. Everyone's pretty excited to say the least. My mother is especially happy that, after 28 1/2 years, she finally gets the hope of grandkids! :)

I still can't believe sometimes that I actually when through with it and she said yes to me! It seems like a wonderful dream. Then I wake up and realize it isn't, and that feeling is going to keep me going 'til September, and the rest of my life.

## A STARFLEET MARINE'S VIEW OF THE PAST — THE MOVING WALL

Story and photo by Marine Colonel Patrick McAndrew •  
USS Rubicon, Region 5

Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and 9/11 are days that will live in our memory. But an event that occurred in the Tri-Cities area of Washington State during the week of November 2, 2003 will live long in my memory as well.

That was the occasion when some of the crew of the USS Rubicon had the opportunity to visit "The Moving Wall," which is a traveling replica of the actual Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. What an experience it was, and what a wave of emotion came over me. I felt as though I knew every one of the people listed on this structure, and I suppose, in a sense, I do. Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity to serve in the actual U.S. military, but I serve as a STARFLEET Marine, and some of my fellow Marines have done so. In just a short time I have learned a lot from them about what it's like to be a real soldier. You can understand how great an experience it was for me to have the chance to see a piece of history such as the Viet Nam Wall.

Over 50,000 people from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho came to visit this monument while it was on display here. One person from California just

happened to be in the area, found that this wall was being displayed, and came to pay his respects. I met many people who have relatives, friends, or fellow soldiers listed on that wall. Someone had deposited a poem describing what one of persons on the wall had missed since he had died in 1967, and I couldn't help but shed a tear or two whenever I visited there and saw it. The week was filled with the music shared by people who had served their country in Vietnam and survived to come home. But at the end of week, as the event closed, the music that was played was "Taps."

This traveling memorial reminds us that we must honor those who serve our country today in Iraq. I was recently informed that some members of the crew of the IKV Kahless's Revenge had fallen in the line of duty while serving their country in Iraq. May they be remembered for their courage. And not just those soldiers, but every one of our troops. May they be returned to their families and the safety that they know and love. Freedom is not free. Freedom is bought with blood, sweat, tears and sacrifice.

Semper Fi to those who have fallen. May they not be forgotten.



Patrick McAndrew at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.



## REGION 01

The election process commenced the week of 03 November 2003 with the official nomination announcement to the chapter Commanding Officers. It concluded on 17 January 2004 after a two-day extension.

With a plurality of the 47 votes, 82% of the Region, Commodore Greg Franklin was announced as the winner of the election and officially appointed as the Regional Coordinator of Region 01. "May God have mercy on our souls."

## REGION 103

The nomination phase of the RC election process commenced the week of 07 January 2004 with the official nomination announcement to the chapter Commanding Officers. It is scheduled to conclude 07 February 2004.

## REGION 10

The nomination phase of the RC election process commenced the week of 26 January 2004 with the official nomination announcement to the chapter Commanding Officers. It is scheduled to conclude 26 February 2004

## REGION 17

The nomination phase of the RC election process commenced the week of 19 January 2004 with the official nomination announcement to the chapter Commanding Officers. It is scheduled to conclude 20 February 2004.

## REGION 20

While the ink is barely dry on the recent Regional election for Regional Coordinator, the more recent addition of a new shuttle and future chapter will apply a little used and barely known portion of the FLEET Regs, Constitution/ MHB/OIG Ops Manual.

When the new shuttle, *King Arthur*, reaches chapter status, the following regs will apply:

- STARFLEET Constitution. Article 3, Section 2: Admiralty Board
- STARFLEET Constitution. Article 4, Section 3: Regional Coordinators
- Member Handbook. Section 3, STARFLEET Organization; Subsection 4, Regional Coordinators
- Operations and Organization Manual, Office of Inspector General. Section 04, Elections

The following resolution, as established by the Admiralty Board states:

AB99-01, Section III, Subsection B.

Once a second full chapter has been firmly established within a single chapter Region, the CO of the first full chapter in the new Region will continue to act as Acting Regional Coordinator until an election for the office of Regional Coordinator commences at the earliest

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

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convenience of the members and chapters within said Region. This shall take place no later than sixty days following the establishment of a second full chapter within the Region.

AB99-01, Section IV, Subsection A

A vote for the office of Regional Coordinator will commence once a second full chapter has been firmly established in a new Region. This vote shall involve all members within said Region who are paid members of STARFLEET at the time the vote shall commence, be they attached to the two chapters in said Region, associate members, or members assigned to chapters outside said Region. Only members within said Region will be allowed to participate in the election.

Typically, the COs of the two chapters shall be the candidates for Regional Coordinator. However, the nomination of candidates shall be a choice made from each chapter within said Region. A chapter may choose to abstain from nominating a candidate.

## OTHER ISSUES

### Unscheduled Vote of Confidence or Sanctioned Coup?

Recently, there have been some comments about what is officially known as an unscheduled VOC, but to some seems to be the FLEET version of a coup d'etat. Images of furtive figures meeting secretly in dark places; flashes of steel before being plunged in the figurative back of an unsuspecting Regional Coordinator; the phrase, "*E tu, Brute*," uttered in the fading light.

While overly dramatic, that comparison is far from the actual truth and does an incredible disservice to those that need to utilize this FLEET regulation, under the Constitution, in an effort to improve their Region.

While the Office of Inspector General's Operations Manual describes the process, SECTION 05:04 -NON-SCHEDULED VOTES OF CONFIDENCE, the actual description of this much-maligned FLEET regulation is better left to the actual text found in the Constitution.

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Article 6, Section 1: Regional Coordinators  
If any Region's Commanding Officers (COs) become dissatisfied with the performance of their RC, after first exhausting all avenues to reconcile their differences with said RC, the COs shall petition the Inspector General, STARFLEET, to initiate a process to remove said RC from office. Upon receiving

the petition signed by at least 25% of the Region's COs, the Inspector General, STARFLEET will orally interview and/or request written statements from any and all parties involved. The Inspector General, STARFLEET, may recuse himself and his staff from the matter only if he believes that his/her office's participation in the matter would create a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety. In this case, if there is no one on the Inspector General's staff who may assume jurisdiction over the matter, the petition shall be sent to the Commander, STARFLEET for further action.

After giving all positions due consideration, the Inspector General, STARFLEET, or the investigator who assumed authority over the case, in consultation with the Commander, STARFLEET, must decide whether to submit the petition to the Admiralty Board (AB) for further consideration or call for an immediate Vote of Confidence by the Commanding Officers of the Region the RC represents.

If the petition is submitted to the Admiralty Board, the AB shall first deliberate on the matter and then by a majority vote of all Regional Coordinators holding office, excluding the RC who is the subject of the removal petition, vote on whether to request a Regional Vote of Confidence in the affected Region. No voting proxies shall be accepted in this balloting process.

If the petition to remove the RC is accompanied by the signatures of more than 50% of the Region's COs, the Vote of Confidence process shall be initiated automatically by the Inspector General, STARFLEET.

If the Regional Vote of Confidence is in favor of removal, the CS shall promote the senior-most sitting Vice-Regional Coordinator to serve as Interim Regional Coordinator to serve until an RC election can be held.

As you can see, the process is very involved, and, to be quite honest, very difficult to achieve. Which is only right, as this is not a position that should be easily unseated due to hard feelings or personal vendettas. So, let's break down the process:

#1: "after first exhausting all avenues to reconcile their differences with said RC".

Okay, what does that mean? Communication, Communication, Communication. I constantly hear that FLEET and the Regions don't communicate enough with the membership. The reverse can be true. So differences can't be worked out. The Region may or may not be suffering, but a number of Commanding

Officers decide that bettering the Region's condition depends on removing the Regional Coordinator. What's next?

#2: "Upon receiving the petition signed by at least 25% of the Region's COs, the Inspector General, STARFLEET will orally interview and/or request written statements from any and all parties involved."

This part is actually divided into two phases. The first is to receive a petition from AT LEAST 25% of the Regional COs. The petition can be a signed form, or individual letters, but should always be sent together to avoid confusion and to insure there are enough signatures. Someone should be point man on this and that person has the most difficult part in this as some may label him for this service to the Region. And remember, we need at least 25% of the Region. AT LEAST. Our largest Region has 57 chapters. That's 14 Commanding Officers that feel a change needs to be made. That's quite a few, and discredits the idea of meetings in the dark. For smaller Regions, obviously the number is smaller, and smaller Regions could be prone to this reg. if there wasn't more to do. Next?

#3: "*the Inspector General, STARFLEET will orally interview and/or request written statements from any and all parties involved.*"

Fairly self-explanatory. The IG or designate will speak to or ask for written statements concerning the need for an unscheduled VOC. This can be done in the original petition letter(s) or after the requisite 25% is received. And all parties means the Regional Coordinator, possibly defending his position against the accusations. Next?

#4: "*After giving all positions due consideration, the Inspector General, STARFLEET, or the investigator who assumed authority over the case, in consultation with the Commander, STARFLEET, must decide whether to submit the petition to the Admiralty Board (AB) for further consideration or call for an immediate Vote of Confidence by the Commanding Officers of the Region the RC represents.*"

The next big step. After receiving the requisite 25% and written statements, the IG or designate confers with the Commander, STARFLEET and presents said materials. Here is where it can go two ways, to the AB for further consideration or directly to a vote. And that will depend on the materials received. That's why it's always important to document issues as much as possible. So, say the CS decides the materials read and reasons given are adequate to call for a vote. Then we have a vote of the Regional COs as described in SECTION 05:03 - SCHEDULED VOTES OF CONFIDENCE. So far, we have 4 steps that must be done before an unscheduled vote can be taken. Difficult? Yes, very and rightly so. Impossible? No, and again, rightly so. But it's not just a few figures lurking in the dark to overthrow the RC.  
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Others, not involved in the Region become involved.

And if the CS decides to send this to the Admiralty Board?

#5: "If the petition is submitted to the Admiralty Board, the AB shall first deliberate on the matter and then by a majority vote of all Regional Coordinators holding office, excluding the RC who is the subject of the removal petition, vote on whether to request a Regional Vote of Confidence in the affected Region. No voting proxies shall be accepted in this balloting process."

Again, the process has been difficult, but here again, others outside the Region can determine the course of action if necessary. A plot? Hardly.

So, what's next? Well, Art 6, Sec1 speaks to that as well:

#1A: "If the petition to remove the RC is accompanied by the signatures of more than 50% of the Region's COs, the Vote of Confidence process shall be initiated automatically by the Inspector General, STARFLEET"

Clear cut. 50% of the Commanding Officers have decided there are irreconcilable issues with the currently seated Regional Coordinator. Again, the size of the Region decides this number and it could be anywhere from 26 to 2. But you have to agree that if half the Region decides there needs to be a change mid-stream, there's definitely something that needs to be addressed.

And Article 6, Section 1 of the FLEET Constitution guarantees all Commanding Officers the right to decide if their Regional Coordinator should remain seated.

Is this a pretty process? No. Hard feelings, personal agendas and vendettas will always float to the top, but that doesn't taint the basic process or those that genuinely wish to better the Region.

There are sufficient checks and balances in this process to insure its objectivity, despite how it is perceived.

As always, I or any of the Assistant Inspector Generals are here to answer your questions and to hear your comments and concerns.

## OIG PERSONNEL

Here is a current list of personnel.

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-Deputy Inspector General  
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-Assistant Inspector General, Region 01

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- Assistant Inspector General, Region 02

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- 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

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- Assistant Inspector General, Region 09

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- Assistant Inspector General, Region 10

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- Assistant Inspector General, Region 11

Ray Brown  
- Assistant Inspector General, Region 12

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- Assistant Inspector General, Region 13

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- 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 read the OIG Ops Manual to understand the duties, and, if qualified, send a Fleet/Real Life resume to my attention.

Your most humble & obedient servant.

In Service to the Fleet



**Lieutenant General  
Robert J. Jackson, SFMC  
Inspector General,  
STARFLEET  
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It has been a busy new year for me and it has just started. The Cadets of the Lady "J" have been excited about a fun book that I received in the mail the other day. Back in October of last year, I was searching the web for fun projects that the kids could do and would keep their interest. Since Star Trek is set, for the most part, in space, I thought that would be a good topic to start on. So I logged into [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) and went to their kid link. They had some interesting articles on the International Space Station.

I browsed around a bit more, not really finding anything that was getting me excited and just started following links for the hay-day of it. I soon found myself at the ESA website (ESA stands European Space Agency). They had a cool link for their Committee for Education. Now granted, NASA's website was cool, but this one offered something that made my fingers itch to hold, an educational book about the International Space Station. Space, education, and FREE!! (My three favorite words all in the same paragraph!) I kept on following the links till I came to the one in which I could request my own copy of this book. I diligently sent in

## GREETINGS FROM YOUTH SERVICES

By Robin van Cleave • Director, SFI Youth Services

my request and promptly forgot about it.

Several weeks later, I received an email from the ESA. It stated simply that they were sorry. Due to the fact that I lived in the United States they would be unable to send me the book and that I should contact my local space program education committee. There were also some comments in there about the fact that the United States spends several billion dollars a year on education and therefore our children should be more educated on space.

Okay, parents, you can stop laughing now. That's it. Wipe the tears away. No need to get upset, I gave them my full, ah, opinion of that statement. I also explained to them that I was not part of any school system and that I independently ran a youth group that is very much into space and space exploration. Even gave them web site addresses and my home phone number. Once again, I promptly forgot about the correspondence as my youngest son, Christopher amazed me with his latest

feat - hauling a cat that is much larger than he is around the house by her tail.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approached, the United States raised its terror alert level to High. I had done some traveling to take care of family business in other parts of the country. Spent more time than I care to imagine at the Children's Hospital as both of my sons were struck down by pneumonia. Survived Christmas and New Year's. Arrived home in one piece.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The mailman knocks at my door and hands me this box that only has my name on it. I think if he could have delivered it to me while in his truck driving away very quickly, he would have. There was NO return address on the box. Being the self-preserving kind that I am, made him stand by while I opened the box. (Short-term memory lapse, didn't remember ordering anything.) I opened the box with EXTREME caution and was delighted to find the marvelous Education Kit for the International Space Station (ISS).

This made for an extra special first meeting of the Cadets in January. Not only were they going to be discussing walking in space and making rocket packs out of recycled soda bottles (see activity elsewhere), they now had a cool book with more information on the ISS. The fun didn't stop there. Due to some re-arranging of scheduling due to a majority of the kids being sick, the adults also got to paw through this book. It is very well done, including full color transparencies of the space station and several of its components.

Everything is broken down into sections and suggestions are given for tailoring the information to different age groups. The book also has recommended activities and discussions. I highly recommend to all Cadet/youth leaders to go to the ESA website and request a copy of your own. If they are unable to get you a copy, please let me know. They have given permission for parts of the book to be copied and I will see what I can do.

The direct link-up to the ESA:  
<http://www.esa.int/export/esaED/teachers.html>



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ART CONTEST - LIVING IN SPACE

In co-operation with EURISY and UNESCO, the Norwegian Space Centre is inviting children from all over the world to take part in an international art contest. To take part in the competition, all you have to do is to make a drawing of what you think it will be like to live in space.

All children from six to ten years of age can take part in the contest. Draw a picture about living in space. It can be on a space station, on another planet, on a spaceship, or another place in space. It can be now, in the future, or in the past. You decide!

The size of your drawing must not exceed 30 by 22 centimeters. For A4 paper, the dimensions are 29.8x21 centimeters. For letter paper, the dimensions are 12x8.5 inches. It is preferable that you choose to draw in 'landscape' format (long edge of the paper towards you). Note that if you want to be eligible for inclusion in the UNESCO calendar for 2005 your drawing must be in landscape format.

The easiest way to participate is to submit your drawing over the internet as a digital file in the JPG format. To do this, you need a scanner, a computer and scanner software. Please seek the help of an adult to make sure you do everything correctly! Before you save your file to your hard disk, please make sure that the image meets the following requirements:

Maximum size: 1000 pixels width or height

Resolution must be set to 72 dpi (dots per inch)

You must export the file in JPG format (.jpeg or .jpg file ending)

Go to <http://www.spacecentre.no/barnero.m.cfm?aid=44&bid=95> and follow the links for web entry.

Unable to scan your drawing? If you do not have access to a scanner, you may send your drawing in an envelope to EURISY at the following address:

**EURISY**  
**3-5 rue Mario Nikis**  
**75015 Paris**  
**France**

Entry forms for postal entry can be downloaded from the same site as web entry.

**Important!** If you choose to send your drawing by post, you must make sure it reaches the EURISY offices between the 1st and 15th of each month. Drawings which are received outside of this date window will not be scanned.

# CRACK THE CODE FOR A MESSAGE FROM MARS!

PASADENA, CA:

Solve a Martian mystery! Puzzle-lovers around the world can try cracking the code on a Planetary Society and LEGO Company mini-DVD mounted on *Spirit*, the first of NASA's twin Mars Exploration Rover spacecraft to land on Mars. An image of the DVD assembly, just released, depicts the coded message encircling the DVD: [https://planetary.org/redrover-dvd/dvd\\_spirit.html](https://planetary.org/redrover-dvd/dvd_spirit.html)

*"The Planetary Society's mission is to engage the public in the excitement of exploring other worlds, and cracking a coded message from the surface of Mars is great hands-on involvement," said Planetary Society Director of Projects, Bruce Betts. "This appeals to the Sherlock Holmes in all of us!"*

The LEGO Company partnered with the Planetary Society on the Red Rover Goes To Mars project to help stimulate children's interest in science and technology through NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission.

*"The early days of space exploration stimulated the creativity of an entire generation, expanded our imagination, and encouraged us to push our limits, making us better and braver human beings. With this project, the LEGO Company wants to help bring part of that magic back" said Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, President and CEO of the LEGO Company. "With the success of the Spirit landing, the magic is back!"*

When people go to The Planetary Society's web site, they will be shown the image of the DVD and encouraged to submit the decoded message. Every two days, new clues will be released to help people decode the message. Once they have decoded the message, they will be able to input it at the Society's web site and will be able to print a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment. Also, all who successfully enter the decoded message before the correct answer is released will be entered in a random drawing that will award LEGO and Planetary Society prizes to a subset of these cryptographers.

On the web site, they will also have access to a wealth of information about Mars, the Mars Exploration Rovers, decoding, and planetary data encoding. The activity will be challenging for hobbyist code-breakers, but with clues, will enable the general public and especially kids to have a great time with it.

The Planetary Society, in cooperation with the LEGO Company, provided the DVDs to carry to the surface of Mars the names of four million people collected by NASA. The DVD assembly is mounted to the lander that protected

*Spirit* during its landing on Mars. When *Spirit* rolls forward onto Mars, it will leave the DVD behind as a time capsule.

In addition to the four million names carried on each DVD, the DVD mounting structure includes magnets to collect dust, colors to study color appearance under a Martian sky, and representations of robotic LEGO minifigures that have been personified as Biff Starling on *Spirit* and Sandy Moondust (who will be landing on January 24). Biff and Sandy's entertaining mission reports are called the Astrobot Diaries and appear on The Planetary Society's website at <http://planetary.org/rrgtm/astrobots/>.

*"We hope that the fun aspects of the DVD will interest kids and members of the general public who may not otherwise have followed the Rover missions, as well as those that would have anyway," Betts said. "Once engaged, we think they will learn and get excited about the mission and space exploration in general."*

The DVDs are part of The Planetary Society's Red Rover Goes to Mars project, an official part of the Mars Exploration Rover mission and the first educational experiment selected for a planetary mission.

The DVDs are constructed from silica glass to withstand the high temperatures required to sterilize them of Earth microbes prior to their launch for Mars. Silica glass also enjoys a far greater lifetime than the plastic from which regular DVDs are made, perhaps lasting as long as 500 years - a time capsule on the Martian surface.

The entire DVD and mounting assembly weigh 69 grams and were subjected to a battery of tests designed to simulate the extreme environmental conditions of their journey to and arrival on Mars: temperatures cycling from -125 to 60 degrees Celsius, exposure to vacuum, high-speed random vibration, and shocks of 4,000 times the acceleration of Earth's gravity.

The Planetary Society, in collaboration with the LEGO Company, provided the DVDs to NASA for the Mars Exploration Rover mission. Visionary Products, Inc. implemented the DVD mounting assembly, Plasmon OMS donated the silica glass DVDs and data etching, and the magnets were donated by Jens Martin Knudsen and Morten Bo Madsen, heads of the Danish team who also built the magnets mounted to the Mars Exploration Rovers.

The second Mars Exploration Rover, *Opportunity*, will land on January 24 carrying another DVD with a different code and a different coded message.

### THE PLANETARY SOCIETY:

Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray and Louis Friedman founded The Planetary Society in 1980 to advance the exploration of the solar system and to continue the search for extraterrestrial life. With members in over 125 countries, the Society is the largest space interest group in the world.

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The LEGO Company, based in Billund, Denmark, and family-owned and privately held since 1932, is a world leader in providing quality products and experiences that stimulate children's creativity, imagination and learning. For more information visit <<http://www.lego.com/>>.

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Fact sheets and images are available online in an electronic press kit at <<http://planetary.org/rrgtm/press.html>>

### WEB LINKS:

DVD Code  
[https://planetary.org/redrover-dvd/dvd\\_spirit.html](https://planetary.org/redrover-dvd/dvd_spirit.html)

Astrobot Diaries  
<http://planetary.org/rrgtm/astrobots>

The Planetary Society  
<http://planetary.org/>

Online Press Kit  
<http://planetary.org/rrgtm/press.html>

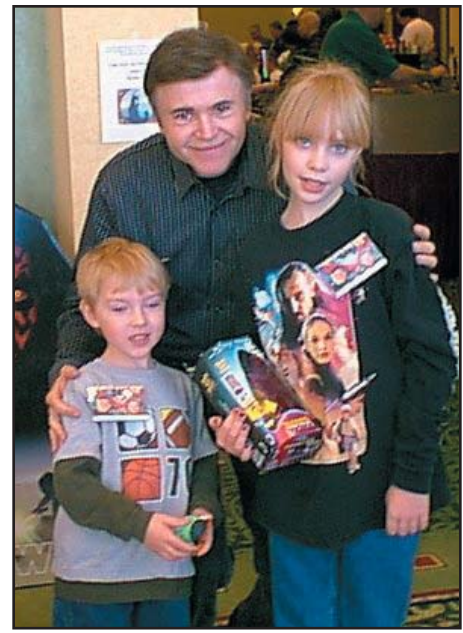




Ed Nowlin and Boyd Harmon taken at the Cascade Station/USS Onizuka Annual Holiday Gift Exchange in Chico, Dec. 6, 2003. Submitted by Buster St. John



Region 6 RC Vice Admiral Mike Urvand at a ValleyCon panel with with Walter Koenig. Submitted by Mike Urvand



Cadets Mackenzie and Allie Urvand with Walter Koenig. Submitted by Mike Urvand



Former Wernher von Braun CO Catherine "Kit" Ramsey helps serve the "alien" food at the Salute to Star Trek. Submitted by Richard L. Trulson



FCAPT Doc Kinne, LTJG Jenna Duerr, and a right whale skeleton at the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca, NY. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



Crew of the USS Hornet, after we had assembled 84 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Submitted by John "Kiwi" Kane



It's the Queens of PAIN!



A snow hobbit! Can it be?!?





Nathan Shumway found his way into one of Saddam Hussein's castles and posed for these photos. Nathan was activated in Feb. 2003 and hopes to be home in May of 2004.  
Submitted by Kiera Strong



SFI/SFMC tent on site at the Maryland Polar Bear Plunge. Icicles (l-r) Mike Allen of the DeBraak, and Dan Steenburg & Terri/Moogie Sylvester of the Highlander. Submitted by Kimberly Brooks



Crew of the USS Avalon celebrate the opening of "Lord of the Rings." Submitted by Trey Isquith



USS Rubicon at the Luminaria/Walk for The Needy. Members lit candles, participated in the walk and attended the lighting of the Christmas tree. Submitted by David Lee Kania



Two Junior Rubicon Cadets, Jena Robbins and McKenzie Kania, even got to visit with Santa. Submitted by David Lee Kania



# FUN WITH CONES AND ANTENNAS

By BDR Mysteri Tullis • Shuttle Claymore, Region 12

## Make a Super Sound Cone!

Make a simple sound cone to pick out tiny sounds your ears can't hear by themselves.

### What you need:

A big piece of tag board or poster board, about 18 x 24 inches

Transparent tape

### What to do:

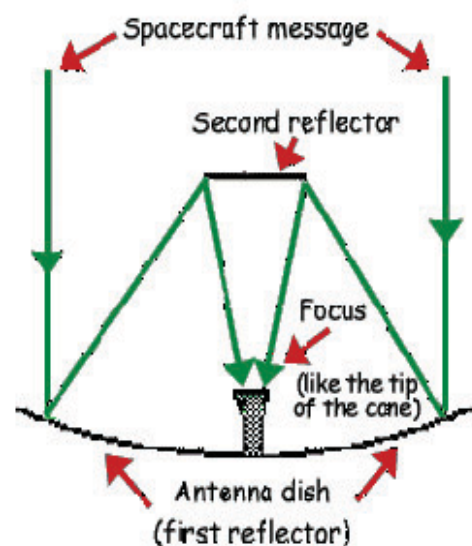
Roll the poster board into a cone shape, leaving a small hole (about 1/2 to 1 inch across) at the pointed end. Leave the big end as wide as you can. Then tape the edge into position.

Take your cone outside. Put the small end in your ear. Point the cone in different directions and listen carefully. Notice how different the world sounds with and without the cone to aid your hearing.

What tiny sounds did you notice with the cone that you didn't notice before?

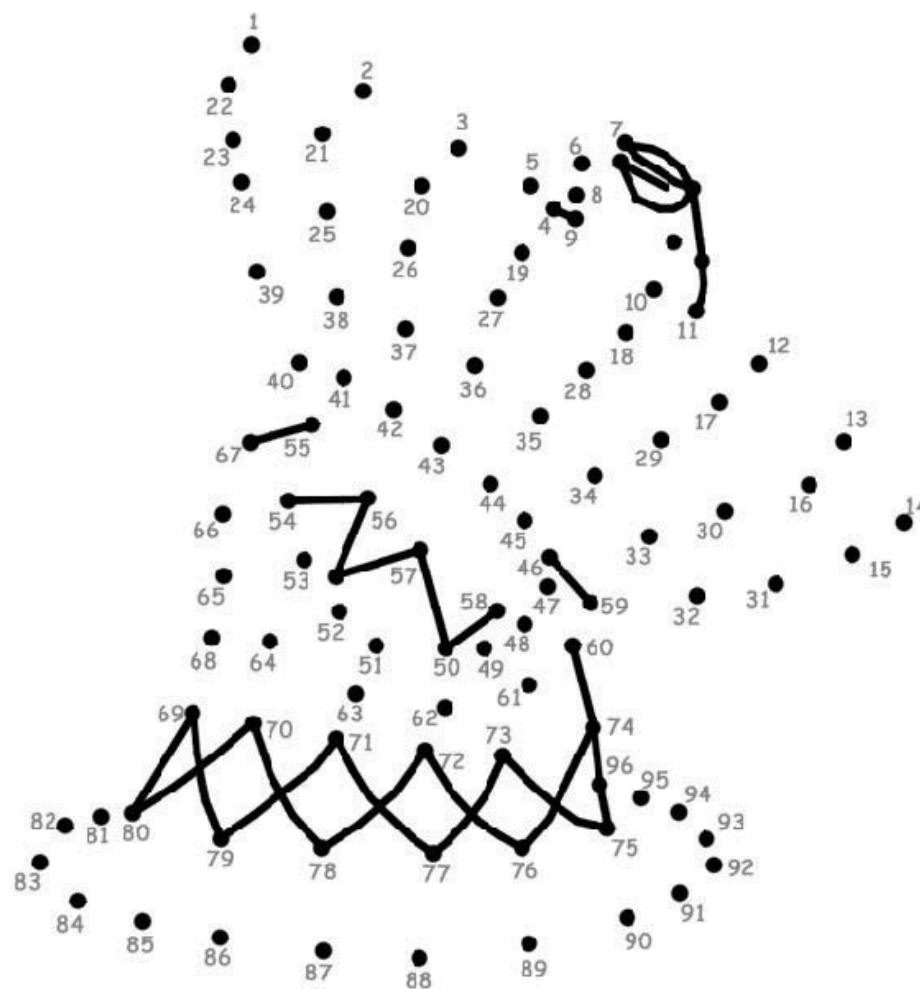
### What does your sound cone and NASA's giant dish antenna have in common?

Sound makes air jostles back and forth and creates waves in the air. These are called sound waves. If you put something in the path of the sound wave, it will also vibrate. If you give this surface the right shape, the sound waves will be funneled to a point. So your super sound cone is a sound funnel. This is basically how NASA's giant dish antennas work. These antennas listen for signals from the planetary spacecrafts. Spacecraft's don't actually communicate by sound since sound waves can't travel in the vacuum of space. But spacecraft's do send out radio waves, however, radio waves spread out and get weaker and weaker the farther.



they travel. But the path the radio signals take once they hit the dish is like a folded up cone. Once the signal hits the focus (like the small end of your cone), electronic instruments take over to turn up the volume even more.

If you completed all the dots, you should have a drawing of an antenna. NASA has many of these huge antennas in three different countries around the world so that we can send and receive messages to and from NASA's spacecraft exploring our Solar System. Some of the antennas have dishes almost as big as a football field, 70 meters, or 230 feet across.



Then we can begin to decode the message and figure out what the spacecraft has to show and tell us!

When you have completed connecting the dots 1 - 96, you will need to draw lines connecting the following lists of numbers:

- 1, 22, 23, 24, 39, 40, 55
- 2, 21, 25, 38, 41, 56
- 3, 20, 26, 37, 42, 57
- 4, 19, 27, 36, 43, 57
- 10, 18, 28, 35, 44, 57
- 12, 17, 29, 34, 45, 57
- 13, 16, 30, 33, 46, 57
- 14, 15, 31, 32, 59

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## WHAT (MARS) TIME IS IT?

### The Planetary Society's Student Astronauts Process Mars Rover Sundial Images

PASADENA, CA:

Do you know the local time on Mars? Ask one of The Planetary Society's student astronauts. An image of a Mars-based sundial, called a MarsDial, has been processed by these teenaged members of the Mars Exploration Rover team and has just been released by NASA. It and future MarsDial images are available at <http://planetary.org/rrgtm/marsdial> and at <http://athena.cornell.edu/>.

The student astronauts are part of The Planetary Society/LEGO Red Rover Goes to Mars Project, the first educational experiment selected by NASA for a planetary mission.

The MarsDial resulted from a brainstorm of Bill Nye the Science Guy, a Planetary Society board member.

*"I thought nothing could be more cool to show that Mars is a real world orbiting the Sun, just like the Earth, than to have a sundial marking the passage of time there," said Nye.*

Nye worked with Steve Squyres, the principal investigator for the Rover missions, and a team of five others to develop the MarsDial for flight. Technically, it is the image calibration fixture for the Rover cameras, used like a television test pattern.

The other team members were Louis Friedman, Executive Director of The Planetary Society; James Bell, lead researcher for the high-resolution stereo panoramic cameras carried by both Rovers; Woodruff "Woody" Sullivan, University of Washington, an astronomer and sundial expert; Tyler Nordgren, University of Redlands in California; and Jon Lomberg, artist and creative consultant to the Mauna Kea Center for Astronomy Education, University of Hawaii at Hilo.

*"We will have people as young as 13 on The Planetary Society's Student Astronaut team working with scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to process the images," said Nye.*

The Student Astronauts, 16 young people from 12 different countries, will work at JPL in teams of two, each pair remaining one week. They will process new MarsDial images every one to two days through the end of February, 2004. The students were (cont. on page 27)



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selected by The Planetary Society in the Red Rover Goes to Mars education activity. Red Rover Goes to Mars is privately funded by The Planetary Society and the LEGO Company.

*Bruce Murray, Chairman of the Board of The Planetary Society and a planetary scientist added, "These student astronauts involved with the mission, bring closer the day for true public participation in planetary exploration. They will inspire a new generation of Mars explorers."*

Nye noticed that a calibration fixture for the Pancam (Panoramic camera) aboard NASA's 2001 Mars Surveyor Lander looked like a sundial. Although that mission was cancelled, the sundial calibration target was later incorporated into the instruments on board the twin Rovers of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission. Color and intensity calibrations are necessary to adjust the cameras so scientists receive true-color images of the Martian terrain explored by the Rovers.

Each Rover, *Spirit* and *Opportunity*, carries an identical MarsDial, approximately three inches square. Louis Friedman coined the sundial's motto: Two Worlds, One Sun.

While ordinary sundials are fixed in place, the MarsDials will be continually moving with the Rovers. So, the MarsDials have no hour lines because the Rovers' changing positions would render such markings useless. Instead, the student astronauts on the science team add hour marks electronically to the images, using software developed at Cornell in collaboration with Woody Sullivan at the University of Washington. The MarsDial's shadow also indicates the date during the Martian year.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, a division of the California Institute of Technology, manages NASA's Mars Exploration Rover project; Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., manages the science instruments carried by the two Rovers.

*"We are at a point in history where a proper attention to space, and especially near space, may be absolutely crucial in bringing the world together." - Margaret Mead*

The past few months have been all about Mars. If you've somehow managed to miss the news, the NASA-backed *Spirit* rover controlled out of the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) in California has broadcast back stunning pictures of our nearest neighbor as it trundles along the Martian surface. By the time you read this, it should also have done its first analysis of Martian rock.

Space.com has complete coverage of the events, as well as a countdown clock to the *Opportunity* rover's landing on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Included on that page <http://www.space.com/marsrover/> is a stunning photo gallery and 360-panorama photo. Other articles of note: a piece on the challenges of dealing with Martian weather [http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/mars\\_wx\\_040119.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/mars_wx_040119.html) and the night sky from Mars: [http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/martian\\_sky\\_031230.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/martian_sky_031230.html)

*Spirit* isn't the first recent visitor to the Red Planet. You may recall a British Lander called "Beagle 2" that hit the surface around Christmas time. The probe has never successfully communicated with its "mother ship", Mars Express, but project managers plan to attempt contact again on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Odds are, though, that the probe was damaged or destroyed on impact. Other *Spirit* and *Opportunity* news can be found on the JPL website at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/index.html>.

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In other news, NASA has decided to scrap further servicing missions for the Hubble Space Telescope, leaving the mission to do or die on its own. Hubble has no rocket boosters and has depended on the Shuttle to keep it in orbit, as well as for equipment upgrades. Space.com's coverage can be found at [http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/hubble\\_special\\_040116.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/hubble_special_040116.html). Don't despair Hubble fans! The big scope will keep flying for at least a few more years, and there are more space-based telescopes on the way.

Probably the biggest industry news to date is President Bush's ambitions space plan to get humans back to the moon and on to Mars. A good FAQ can be found at [http://www.space.com/news/bush\\_plan\\_faq\\_040115.html](http://www.space.com/news/bush_plan_faq_040115.html). Personally, I think it's a good idea in theory, but NASA's funding has the magical ability to disappear whenever Congress feels money needs to be thrown elsewhere. Coupled with the long time frame and the fact that Bush will not be in office to see the plan's ultimate conclusion, I remain skeptical, but hopeful, that this will give a stagnant industry a much needed shot in the arm.

Meanwhile, the sun is still restless. As of January 20<sup>th</sup>, yet another coronal mass ejection (CME) is headed for Earth, though it's miniscule compared to the giant CMEs seen in the fall that saturated satellite detectors and caused auroras as far south as Virginia. Be sure to check Spaceweather.com and the Space Environment Center <http://sec.noaa.gov/>

SWN for up-to-date information on solar storms and potential auroras. Meteor shower devotees will have to wait until April and May to see much of anything, when the annual Lyrid and Eta Aquarid showers occur. See <http://www.homepages.paradis.e.net.nz/~zog/ds/socks/metschedule.html> for a complete list of yearly showers, and be sure to check Space.com in April for more in-depth information.

Finally, a few words about the *Columbia* Accident Board Report as promised in my last article. I've read the entire thing from cover to cover, and it really illustrates the dangers of thinking that space travel is routine and safe. It is FAR from that. For the want of some foam, seven lives were lost because managers had convinced themselves that the foam impacting the orbiter was an acceptable risk without ever doing testing. This position was supported by NASA's corporate culture, which refused to believe there was ever any problem that couldn't be compensated for somehow. Frankly, I think we should consider ourselves fortunate that in our quest to reach the stars we've only lost 14 people.

*"If I could get one message to you it would be this: the future of this country and the welfare of the free world depends upon our success in space. There is no room in this country for any but a fully cooperative, urgently motivated all-out effort toward space leadership. No one person, no one company, no one government agency, has a monopoly on the competence, the missions, or the requirements for the space program." - Lyndon Baines Johnson*

# HOUSE CALLS

By Admiral David Miller • Director, FDP Medicine

**Dedicated in Loving Memory to Dick D. Miller, Ph.D., 1934-2003**

## Smoking and Hollywood

Attorneys General, or their representatives, from six states met recently in Los Angeles with production executives from seven major studios to "to encourage them to reduce the amount of smoking in films, which they say can encourage young people to smoke." Described as a preliminary meeting, and one not meant to restrict anyone's constitutional rights, it was described by all as a good beginning for a positive dialogue that could help affect the impact TV and films have on youth smoking rates.

## Obesity and Your Finances

A report in *Time* magazine notes that obesity hits your wallet as well. Obese, overweight Americans spend \$700 more a year on medical bills than those not obese. Life insurance premiums are higher also, even if the obese person is in otherwise good health.

## US Overall Health Improved in 2003

According to the 2003 edition of the annual *America's Health: State Health Rankings* report, the overall health of the US was improved by 1.4% since 2002 and by 16.9% since 1990. The top five healthiest states are: Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The five least healthy states are: Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Top reasons for the increases include: "a 36% decline in deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes, a 34% decrease in infectious disease, a 32% decline in infant mortality, and a 24% decrease in the prevalence of smoking." Check out the full report at [www.unitedhealthfoundation.org](http://www.unitedhealthfoundation.org).

## Ephedra to be Banned

The herbal supplement ephedra will be banned, marking the first time the FDA has banned an over the counter herbal medication. Ephedra is found in many dietary aids to help people lose weight and as an energy enhancer. Although several recent high profile deaths have been attributed to ephedra, there are many medical studies that also point (cont. on page 28)



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out the dangers of using it; revealing its role in heart palpitations, heart attacks, strokes, tremors, seizures, and insomnia. Interestingly, Sudafed and Claritin-D, which also contain a derivative of ephedra, will remain on the market.

### Hepatitis B Infection Statistics: Up and Down

The good news is that Hepatitis B infections are, overall, down. The bad news is that this decrease is mainly in children, but adult cases are still on the rise. Overall, there was a 67% decrease in Hepatitis B cases from 1990 to 2002, driven by an 89% decrease in children, newborns to 19 year olds, reflecting the new vaccination requirements for children against Hep B. Since 1999, adult Hep B cases have been on the rise, up 5% in males aged 20-39, 20% in males 40 or older, and 31% in women 40 or older. Hepatitis B is spread through sexual contact, blood transfusions, and sharing needles.

### Makes You Smile

A woman flying from England to Florida for her daughter's wedding suffered a heart attack on the plane. When the call went over the intercom for any doctors on board, fifteen heart specialists raised their hands! They were on their way to a medical conference in Orlando, Florida. After five days in the hospital, the woman made it to her daughter's wedding after all.

### More Clogged Blood Vessels with New Heart Bypass Method

This week's *New England Journal of Medicine* reports that a new bypass surgery technique that doesn't use the heart-lung bypass machine, and therefore allows surgery directly on the beating heart, has a much higher rate of clogging of these new arteries within only a few months. Of the newer grafted blood vessels, 12% were clogged within 3 months, versus only 2% in those using the standard heart-lung bypass machine within the same amount of time following surgery. With concerns for possible increased risks of stroke, bleeding, or damage to the heart, kidneys, or brain using the bypass machine, this newer off-pump surgery is currently being done on 9% of all heart bypass surgeries in the US. More research is needed since earlier studies showed better results using the off-pump surgery. Problems with this study included the small number of patients involved, that they needed more than just one bypass graft, and the higher incidence of heart disease and diabetes in the study group.

### Blood Clots and Long Distance Flying

Speaking of blood clots (see above

paragraph), I am concerned about a recent study from New Zealand reported in *The Lancet* that showed that a full 10% of long distance flyers (those that traveled at least 10 hours a flight and flew an overall average of 39 hours during the course of the study) got blood clots in their legs DESPITE taking measures against them; wearing compression stockings, taking aspirin to thin the blood, and getting up and walking around during the flights. Half of those who got the clots (deep vein thromboses) actually had the very worst type, called pulmonary embolism, where a small piece of clot breaks off and lodges in the heart or lungs doing significant damage, even causing death, though there were no deaths reported in this study. This was a surprisingly high number, and I'm sure there will be further studies.

### Reduced Antibiotic Rates for Children

With a concern for antibiotic resistance and antibiotic over prescribing, a concerted effort has been underway within the medical community to try to reduce the use of antibiotics, or at least using them more wisely, especially in children. And, it appears to have had an effect. A recent study in the medical journal *Pediatrics* has revealed that antibiotic use in children in the US has fallen by almost 25% from 1996 to 2000. Over half of this drop was from decreased use of antibiotics for childhood ear infections. Additionally, the use of first-line penicillin antibiotics, as recommended by national guidelines, over newer more powerful and more expensive antibiotics, so called "gorilla-cillins," increased from 49% to 53%.

### Aquariums and Alzheimer's Disease

We all know the soothing influence of watching fish in an aquarium. Now there's evidence from Purdue University suggesting that aquarium watching can help calm Alzheimer's patients as well. The study found less disruptive behavior in the patients and also found that they ate 17% more than before the aquarium exposure. There was no mention in the study whether the increased food consumption included more fish or not!

### Nutrition Woes for KFC

You knew it was coming, the professional healthcare backlash to those KFC commercials touting the healthy benefits of eating their fried chicken. The most recent complaint to the FTC, to pull the commercials, is from The Center for Science in the Public Interest. Love the quote from their Executive Director, Michael Jacobson, PhD., "These ads take the truth, dip it in batter, and deep-fry it." Or, more directly, from an *Advertising Age* newspaper columnist who referred to KFC's chicken as a "nearly perfect fat conveyance, a sort of poultry Jiffy Lube." As always, try to eat sensibly.

### A Laser Comb for Hair Growth

The *HairMax LaserComb* is currently

awaiting FDA approval as a treatment for hair loss. It uses a low-level laser, and is combed across the scalp, possibly stimulating hair follicles and increasing blood flow to the scalp. An independent study reported in an international cosmetic surgery journal that hair counts increased by 94%, follicle tensile strength improved by 79%, and there were no unwanted side effects or other adverse events. The comb costs \$645 and can be used with Rogaine and other hair restoration medications. It's not yet approved, but you can read more about it at [www.lasercomb.net](http://www.lasercomb.net).

### IQ and Longevity

Here's an interesting result of a study, as reported recently in the journal *Psychosomatic Medicine*. Higher IQ is associated with living longer among poor people in Scotland. It appears that, on average, each of the following three disadvantages in childhood; lower social class, poverty, or lower IQ, each increased the risk of dying by 17%. Those with lower IQ scores were especially at higher risk for heart disease and lung cancer. The researchers postulated that those with a higher IQ scores were possibly better able to cope with adversity.

### Kids and Fast Food

Here's some "food" for thought. An eye-opening study just published in the January issue of *Pediatrics* reveals that a full third of US children (ages 4-19) eat fast food daily, resulting in an average of 187 extra calories a day, or an additional six pounds of weight gain per child per year. Compared to children in 1970, there has been a five-fold increase in fast food consumption among children. Also appearing in this same issue of *Pediatrics* is a call from the American Academy of Pediatrics for schools to completely eliminate soft drinks and to provide healthier eating alternatives. Canadian schools have already worked with Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo. to completely eliminate soft drinks from their elementary and middle schools, replacing soft drinks with water and pure fruit juice instead.

### Snail Venom and Cancer Pain

As reported in this month's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, a new synthetic medication derived from a compound found in the venom of the small tropical saltwater *Conus Magus* cone snail, called ziconotide, has been found to provide significant pain relief for cancer and AIDS patients whose pain doesn't respond to current pain medications such as morphine. Yep, stronger than morphine! Major side effects include dizziness and confusion, which are expected to be decreased as the medication's refinement is fine-tuned.

### One from the "Yuck" Department

In his book, *The Secret Life of Germs*, author and microbiologist Philip Tierno, PhD, notes that flushing (cont.) a toilet can spray fecal matter and bacteria as high as 20 feet, often coating nearby

toothbrushes with germs. His suggestion is to close the lid before flushing and keep your toothbrushes stored in a closed cabinet.

### Not Enough Physical Activity

It's official, we don't get enough exercise. The results of a 2001 state-based survey by the CDC on the physical activity of American adults reveals that only 45% of us get enough physical activity, that's even after the CDC expanded its definition of activity to other forms besides traditional exercise; gardening, house cleaning, non-exertional walking, probably even bowling! The CDC and the American College of Sports Medicine both recommend that adults should participate in moderately intense physical activity for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week.

### Not Enough Physical Activity, Part Deux

Following on the info above, a report in the most recent *Archives of Internal Medicine* concludes that exercise remains a significant way to lose weight, even as little as walking 30 minutes a day. In this eight-month study from Duke University, those who did no exercise gained an average of about 2.5 pounds. But 73% of those who briskly walked 11 miles a week (about 30 minutes a day) were able to maintain their weight or even lose a few pounds. More exercise resulted in even more weight loss with the most found in those that jogged 17 miles a week. So, get out and walk! It's easy to do and good for ya!

### Doctor-Patient Relationship Still Highly Regarded

A study reported in the *British Journal of Medicine*, involving a study of over 3,500 patients all over the world, reveals that the doctor-patient relationship is second in importance only to family relationships and that physicians are still considered the most trusted source of health information. Furthermore, study participants indicated, "they feel more confident now than ten years ago in dealing with the medical profession." I've always felt this but now I have scientific proof!!

### Breastfeeding and Welfare Work Requirements

Here's an interesting study result recently published in *Demography*. We all know the benefits of breastfeeding on newborn infants, how the newborn benefits from maternal antibodies. In surveying 100,000 new mothers, they found that new welfare work requirements enacted in 1996, requiring at least 18 hours of work a week to qualify for welfare benefits, adversely affected breastfeeding rates in women on welfare, specifically decreasing the (cont. on page 29)



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rate by 5.5%. While that may appear to be a small percentage, it's really (**cont.**) a huge number of potentially affected newborns, considering the millions on welfare. (I'm not trying to make a political statement here, just reporting an interesting study result I came across.)

### Increasing Rate of Forearm Fractures in Children

Again, here is another interesting study result. A recent report in *JAMA* noted that distal forearm fractures (closer to the wrist than to the elbow) have risen significantly in children and adolescents over the last 30 years. From 1969 to 2001, there was a 56% increase in girls and a 32% increase in boys. More studies are planned to rule out any other influences, such as different patterns of physical activity and/or calcium intake.

### Another Benefit From Eating Fish

There is much evidence that including more fish in your diet can reduce your chances of heart attacks. The role of the unique omega three fatty acids found in fish have long been thought to be the reason why, although many recent studies directly using refined omega three fatty acids have been disappointing. A new study in the journal, *Circulation*, noted another benefit from eating fish. It was found to lower the heart rate in men who did not have a history of heart disease. This was a large study with almost 10,000 men, ages 50-59. Eat more fish, please!

### Hispanic Diabetes Prevention

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services National Diabetes Education Program recently launched a new diabetes public awareness program for Hispanics entitled, *We Can Prevent Type 2 Diabetes: Step by Step* (*Prevengamos la Diabetes tipo 2: Paso a Paso*) as part of their Diabetes Prevention Program pilot series that I mentioned in a previous *Housecalls*. The program uses weight loss, 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week, and healthier eating. Check out their website at [www.ndep.nih.gov/campaigns/Tipo2/Tipo2\\_index.htm](http://www.ndep.nih.gov/campaigns/Tipo2/Tipo2_index.htm).

### Vitamin D and Autoimmune Diseases

A preliminary report in the journal, *Neurology*, noted that women who take multivitamins containing Vitamin D were 40% less likely to develop multiple sclerosis (MS) than women who don't take the supplements. A separate report in *Arthritis & Rheumatism* noted that Vitamin D might also reduce the occurrence of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Both MS and RA are considered autoimmune diseases or disorders, where the body attacks itself for unknown reasons. In both cases, taking vitamin supplements

had a greater affect than changes to their diets. Vitamin D is also made when the body is exposed to sunlight. These reports may help to explain why MS and RA are more common in northern climates where there is less overall sunlight.

### Another One from the "Yuck" Department

A study reported at an annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology looked at the "occurrence of bodily fluid contamination on commonly contacted public surfaces." Some of the top offenders were: daycare center playground equipment (#1), public transport rails and armrests (#2), shopping cart handles (#3), vending machine buttons (#5), escalator handrails (#6), public washroom surfaces (#7), and public telephones (#9). Here's the yucker: 21% of shopping cart handles tested positive for bodily fluids, including "blood, mucus, saliva, or urine." (Ewww.) (**cont.**)

### Free Dairy Health Education Kit

Check out [www.NationalDairyCouncil.org](http://www.NationalDairyCouncil.org) to download their free *3-A-Day of Dairy Health Education Kit* which contains educational tools to help families get their 3-A-Day of dairy every day for stronger bones.

### More Kids = Less Stress

Those of us who are parents may not believe the title above, but a recent study in the journal *Physiological Behavior*, found that momma rats that have had one or more litters show less stress than those that haven't had any litters yet. They describe this phenomenon as "maternal induced neural plasticity," meaning that pregnancy and subsequent exposure to offspring results in a "more adaptive brain, one that's generally less susceptible to fear and stress."

### "Med Zeppelin"

Maybe you were one of those who saw the new Medicare blimp circling over many college football games and state fairs last fall. Thought by many as yet another symptom of a disease gone malignant (Medicare), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services defended the expenses of floating the \$600,000 zeppelin, stating it "will make beneficiaries better aware of the resources available to them, 24 hours a day, seven days a week." However, I'm with Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla), who said the following about their choice of venues. "Most seniors aren't painting their faces, tailgating, and screaming at college football games."

### Weird But True Tales, Part I

From the Univ. of Central Florida comes the report of a woman, Judi Roberts, age 57, of Sarasota, Florida, who lost her speech from a stroke four years ago. When her speech did return recently, it was, surprisingly, in the clipped tones of a British accent! She was subsequently diagnosed with

"foreign accent syndrome," a rare condition resulting from specific injuries to speech areas in the brain. (I had never heard of this syndrome, but there are a multitude of very interesting stories about people with brain injuries. Check out the book, *The Man Who Thought His Wife Was a Hat*, which describes many such stories from patients who have had strokes and other neurological/brain injuries.)

### Weird But True Tales, Part II

Straight from an episode of *Voyager* (what's the name of those bad guys suffering from the phage have to have frequent new skin and body transplants?) comes word from the British Royal College of Surgeons that complete face transplants may be available in the near future for those with disfiguring injuries (or those infected by the phage!) Sir Peter Morris, the group's president, notes that the techniques are being developed, and that the surgical skills are available, but many many ethical and psychological questions and implications remain.

### Low Back Pain Fact Sheet

Check out a new patient education fact sheet from McNeil Pharmaceuticals entitled, *About Low Back Pain and Treatments Your Doctor May Recommend*. It's available free at 888-440-7903 or online at [aboutlowbackpain@wrbcorp.com](http://aboutlowbackpain@wrbcorp.com).

### Hepatitis C Treatment Resource

For those who may be on Pegasys for Hepatitis C, there's a new web site offering support resources. Check out 877-PEGASYS or [www.pegassist.com](http://www.pegassist.com) for more info.

### New Defibrillator Vests

Many of you may be aware of the new implantable cardiac defibrillators that are placed in the chest wall muscle like a pacemaker and monitor any abnormal heart beats and rhythms, giving a life-saving electrical shock, if needed. These implanted devices require surgery and general anesthesia plus constant monitoring. Now there's a new defibrillator vest that is simply worn, yet provides the same protection against abnormal heart rhythms and possible sudden death from cardiac arrest. For more information, you can contact Lifecor, Inc. at 800-543-3267 or at [www.lifecor.com](http://www.lifecor.com).

### Incontinence Online Forum

The Bladder Control Forum is a new online resource for those suffering from urinary incontinence and is supported by both the National Association for Continence and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals. Check it out at [www.bladder-control-forum.com](http://www.bladder-control-forum.com).

## CALLING ALL KINGS AND QUEENS!

By CMDR Trey Isquith •  
USS Avalon, Region 15

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The town of Portland (Maine) was littered with leaflets last week, sounding a call to arms for all wannabe riders of Rohan, potential Elvish warriors, and wishful Orcs. Sounding from deep, like the Horn of Helm Hammerhand, the flier announced plans for a live-action re-enactment of the Battle of Helm's Deep, from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings: the Two Towers*. The project was conceived by members of the U.S.S. Avalon, a Standish, ME based chapter of STARFLEET International, a 4000 member strong Star Trek fan club.

With the re-enactment scheduled for sometime in summer or fall 2004, the group is seeking a quarry or canyon in which to locate this mythic Alamo of Middle Earth. The original flier said the event would be extremely true to the book and film, with a forced march from the King's Hall in Edoras to Helm's Deep (albeit with a picnic along the way), fighting from dusk to dawn and (the next morning) the coming of the 'White Rider' and the vanquishing of the Orc army.

The original plan was 'a little overly ambitious,' laughs Seth Isquith, president of the USS Avalon. The revised plan has no marching, no horses and no nightlong battle. "It wouldn't be so much for accuracy," explains Isquith, "but more in the lines of just having fun --a couple of groups seeing what they can do with it."

There will be fighting, though. The Battle of Helm's Deep will be fought using the rules of 'Dagohir' (that's Elvish for 'battle lords', don't 'cha know), a role-playing / battle re-enactment organization inspired by Tolkien's universe, over 25 years ago. At the Helm's Deep event, legions of warriors will be arrayed in real armor, and using padded swords and shields, will fight to the finish, or at least until the referees say it's over. Oh, and the 'dead' soldiers may get to go back into the fray after a time-out. With a target number of 500 participants, Isquith says that the 'dead' may have to be 'recycled', if they want to approach the magnitude of the fictitious battle.

Interested parties are advised to call Isquith at 207-642-6023, or email: [treyinseth@msn.com](mailto:treyinseth@msn.com). The Horn of Gondor just might not cut it.



Greetings from the Gamma Quadrant and from the Region 19 outpost (read on, then look at your STARFLEET regional maps and it will make sense). As many of you know, I've been sent overseas to help combat The Dominion (i.e. as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM) and have utilized high-end subspace phenomena to their fullest capabilities to get here (namely, a few commercial jets and an L-1011).

With the blessing of the United States Air Force Public Affairs Unit, I can tell you that I am in Kyrgyzstan, a former Soviet state that is northwest of China and boasts the 25th tallest mountain in the world, Pik Pobedy, the world's largest natural growth walnut forest, and one of the largest lakes in the world, Isik-Kol. The capital is Bishkek, a city of about 800,000. You can find more information about Kyrgyzstan at <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/kg.html>.

While I'm alive and well and looking forward to my return to the Alpha Quadrant (the United States) I am currently watching over the dental health of the alien species under my care. In this article, I will share some "diary moments" from the last several weeks.

#### Preparation for Deployment

The road to Kyrgyzstan began with my entry into the USAF. In early August, my squadron commander informed me that I had been placed on a mobility status and that I would be part of a medical unit that would be supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

As part of my training, I learned about chemical, biological, and nuclear warfare, how to wear the proper gear, how to respond to biological and chemical threats, and how to care for patients under those circumstances. I was given personal protective equipment, including masks, body armor and chemical suits. I've also learned, for the first time, to hold and shoot a weapon.

All these things never came to my mind when I signed up to be a dentist for the military, and it's training that I hope never to use, but it's part of the reality of what I'm doing and may be necessary to protect myself and my patients.

As part our training, our base participated in a readiness exercise in which we learned how to deal with biological and chemical attacks. We learned how to put on our gear quickly and effectively, triage the wounded, and see to the decontamination of individuals exposed to chemical and biological agents.

I also took a trip to Texas for a week-long course on how to set up a field hospital. We learned how to set up the tents and provide them with electricity and water, as well as set up the medical equipment and a protected medical unit

# FROM THE GAMMA QUADRANT

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with special equipment that would isolate us from biological and chemical agents. We also learned about safety and security. We learned the rules of engagement and law of armed conflict), as well as triage, treatment, and surgical skills. Most importantly, we learned how to work as a team to get the job done more efficiently. And finally, we also learned that field rations are disgusting when eaten cold at 6am.

#### Reaching Gamma Quadrant

For the trip, I packed four bags, but got a fifth one before my squadron left that contained additional cold-weather boots for my colleagues who left early. All that excess baggage cost me \$200, which thankfully was reimbursed. Before leaving the United States, we stopped at a staging area to meet up with those who came from a different base. We then left for the two-day trip to our final destination.

It was an excursion of firsts for me: the first time flying on an L1011 — the largest plane on which I've ever flown — the first time I've had eight meal services on a flight, and watching movies on a plane.

#### Settling In

Within the first day of my arrival in Kyrgyzstan, I sent out a quick email and received three quick replies. The "quick connect" with everyone was a real boost on both ends, and I thank those who responded quickly. My first postal mail from stateside came from Mark Anbinder, and arrived nine days after he mailed it.

Our amenities are quite good. We have four meal times a day (including the middle of the night, since things run 24/7), recreational and gym facilities, access to a library of books, music, and movies, and contact with friends and family. In some sense, it's not that much different to how I talk to you on a normal day, especially if you live far from me.

Adjusting to the time difference has worked real well, except for my bladder. In my first week, it woke me up daily between 2:00 and 2:45 a.m. I also was occasionally drowsy. I'm told it takes 10-14 days to adjust fully.

#### Week Two

As I complete my second week in the Gamma Quadrant, I've managed to evade Dominion forces for the better part of 14 days (I just love slipstream technology). I've finally adjusted to the local time, although I'm still waking up at 3 a.m., which makes me tired by afternoon, so I end up taking a long nap. End result: I write journal entries at unholy hours of the morning.

Thanksgiving lunch and dinner consisted of lunch with turkey, ham and all the

trimmings. In fact, with four mealtimes a day, everything around here seems to be timed to the notion of "Oh look! It's [insert meal name here] time!"

#### "Let Me Help"

My third week saw the introduction of humanitarian aid into the mix, as I sat in on a humanitarian committee. The weather has been relatively kind so far, though we saw a little bit of light snow this week.



Greetings from Central Asia:  
Capt. David Klingman, USAF abroad.

I got to do some dentistry this week, and I'm also helping form some preventive dental and health programs, such as smoking cessation, and working on some professional education (good time for it, much less distraction actually).

I've started getting involved in exercise and intramural sports, including volleyball and pool. I'm also learning conversational Korean! "Annyang hasayo, STARFLEET!" (In other words, "Good morning, good day, hello, hi, etc., STARFLEET!")

#### Dave TV

I had a chance to appear on local television when I was interviewed with two other people. It was a public affairs program, so I was hooked up to a microphone and asked some questions pertaining to dentistry and what I do here. My dental technician had a big smile on her face the whole time. I think she got a kick out of it. I hope to have a copy of the video to either look at or bring home with me!

The other big event this week was a tree lighting ceremony. We had a big pine tree right in front of our medical facility. They strung lights all the way up, lit the tree, and we sang Christmas carols.

#### Bring on Winter and Learn Some Korean... but Let Me Shower First

Right around Christmas, it snowed for almost a full 24 hours. It's a good thing we

brought cold weather clothes! In fact, winter has really begun to rear its ugly head. The snow that's fallen is frozen and is getting packed down nice and tight — which means that it should melt in a year or so.

We had our first formal Korean lesson, in which we learned the Korean alphabet, pronunciation of Korean sounds, formation of characters, words and syllables, and a little bit of conversational Korean. I went into our conference room one night to watch a DVD and found myself drawn into a Korean English lesson. It was a lot of fun! I got to help teach some of our Korean friends the meanings of English words, and now it looks like I will be helping every week. I also learned a new word, pronounced "heem," which is Korean for "strong."

The big news, of course, was the capture of Saddam Hussein. Suffice to say that there was strong reaction here and, I'm sure, all over the world.

This week, I also found out that I've lost three pounds since I've been here. Woohoo!

My week ended on a rather cold note. I went to take a shower and found that the heat in the men's shower had gone out and the pipes had frozen! I subsequently discovered the unpleasant tasks of dry shaving and not showering for two days.

#### A Weekly Feast Even a Klingon Would Love

This week was all about food, in one way, shape or form.

While I didn't get to see Lord of the Rings: Return of the King, I decided to be patient, rather than wallow in misery. Patience paid off when I received a package from my wife, Kelly, and her grandmother that included The Two Towers extended-version DVD. So I was able to catch 40 minutes of extra Middle Earth footage, which answered a few questions as to how certain aspects of the film occurred.

Kelly's package included Hershey and Godiva chocolate, Godiva hot cocoa mix, home made chocolate chip cookies and various toiletries. More toiletries came in a package from Mark Anbinder along with Power Bars that had unfortunately turned into proteincicles from being out in the cold. They're still somewhat petrified almost a week later — kind of like bars of gold pressed latinum.

Mark's package also included a new mascot, a little furry mastodon that I have named "Molar."

We had a "Pie in the Face" charity event. We bid to see at whom we could toss pies, with the proceeds going to charity. We raised around \$1500.

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## FROM THE GAMMA QUADRANT

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I finally got the opportunity to visit around the local area and to see "the city," where I had lunch and did some shopping. For lunch, I ordered something called "pork roll," but got half a small pig slathered in some sort of honey dressing.

I shopped at a place called "Zum," which reminded me a bit of shopping on 42nd Street in New York City. I did lots of haggling, but managed to pick up a few items for family and friends.

It has been unseasonably warm, due to a wind called a "Chinook," which is warmed as it comes down the cold mountain and the air is compressed. Two days of "warm" weather meant temperatures between 45 and 50 degrees.

### The Blending of Days

Another week has gone by, and the concept of a week has more or less ceased to have any meaning because the days have blended together. I still know, for example, that it's Tuesday, but the phenomenon is interesting given the fact that my week doesn't have a specific "weekend" like it does back home.

I've been more or less busy to some degree every day. It's actually good to see people utilizing dental services, especially in this environment. People seem either fearless or, in most cases, quite comfortable with me as their dentist. It's nice to hear people actually thank me for doing good work and making the experience pleasant. I don't care where you are; a trip to the dentist doesn't have to be unpleasant.

Christmas Eve was a blast! We had a USO show featuring the "Brett Mackormick Band," which has reportedly opened for Poison and several other acts. They were excellent, featuring music from the 1960s right up to today. One of the folks from the medical group, who is excellent on guitar, got up on stage and jammed to "Mustang Sally." The crowd went nuts!

It was admittedly fun to be the first person to be able to say "Merry Christmas" to everyone.

### Backgammon, Happy New Year, and Papering the Quadrant

New Year's Eve was a blast. Our big event was a party featuring an excellent local band, Liquid Cactus. I give them three stars out of four for talent and their choice of music, which included local music, American classics and pop rock.

We even had champagne and dancing, as well as a "casino night" where people won fake money that they could use to bid on prizes like DVD players and boom boxes. I didn't get to bed until 1am.

I learned to play backgammon this week. My dad sent me a checker board and a backgammon board. Games are an excellent diversion; our popular ones seem to be Uno, backgammon, and the good standby, mutual torment.

New Year's Day was quiet. I got out of bed quietly and came into work, intending to take a shower first, and found myself waylaid by work and a dental patient. Needless to say, no shower, no shave, no breakfast, and didn't get much else accomplished. I did finally get to the showers by 5pm

another opportunity to affect people's day positively.

I took my military and international studies exam this week. As I studied, it began to feel like Kirk's Kobayashi Maru test, and there were times when I felt that I would never retain all the information, or perhaps that they were testing me to see how much I could stuff into my head. Nevertheless,

I prepared and studied, and there are times when you walk out of an exam feeling as if you did just right. This was one of those cases. It was an excellent exam and was in addition an excellent teaching exam.

Also this week, I was asked to become involved in a series of lectures to the residents at the local medical college, making me a bonafide international

celebrate the expansion our family, the union of families in one home, we reach out to those who have made themselves a part of us. North Carolina General Statute 48-1-1-4 allows for recognition of adoption in stating that any individual may be adopted. It is in the spirit of this law that the following proclamation is made:

"Recognizing the value of those we care about most and that they are those who care about us must, we wish to use the occasion of the union of our families to include all persons we cherish as members of our family. It is therefore our wish and intent from this day forth to recognize David, Kelly & Collin Klingman as Uncle Dave, Aunt Kelly and Cousin Collin.

From the joining of persons of character and compassion, a new vibrant family will be created. We honor you for helping bring meaning to our lives. This proclamation is made effective the Seventeenth day of September, Two Thousand and Three. (Signed by both Bruce and Devon Schulman)"

There's a certain level of speechlessness to which I must confess. It's the first time I've ever been adopted by someone else's family.

### In Conclusion

I'd like to thank anyone and everyone who sent me electronic mail, post cards, letters and boxes full of goodies. Everything we get here is very much appreciated, and as a lot of people can tell you, it's nice to be able to exchange electronic and postal mail.

That's all for now. Expect one more diary before I come home... (*sounds of the wormhole effect as Dave gets sucked away*)



*Dave at a local restaurant called Apelsein, or "Orange."*

and finished the last two briefings for my exam on military and international studies, which I then proceeded to schedule for the next week.

### The Laughing Vorta, Kobayashi Maru [I did it better than Kirk] and Opportunities

This was the first week that I truly felt bored. I was a little tired of being away from the daily interaction with friends and family, and found myself wanting to go home. But then my usual vibe kicked in and things have once again worked out for the better.

This week also saw the appearance of a USO-type comedy tour (funny, I didn't know that Vorta had a sense of humor). It brought a much-needed laugh, and we (the medics) topped off the night by bringing hot cocoa and cookies to the people working outside, giving us yet

another opportunity to affect people's day positively.

Finally this week, I was able to view the DVD sent to me by my good friend, Bruce Schulman, which contained photos of him and the newest family member, Devon. At about the same time, I received the following news from Bruce and Devon:

### Certificate of Adoption

"It is a privilege and an honor to recognize the establishment of family status and adoption. 'Family' is a word which is often construed to refer solely to those who have been joined by blood and fate. Such a narrow definition omits those who reconsidered family regardless of heritage.

For those who live and love like family, bloodlines have no meaning. As we

## GREETINGS FROM SHUTTLE ESSEX

By Cmdr Shane Evans • CO, Shuttle Essex

Since we launched off of the *USS Asgard* in November, we've been running at full speed to contribute to the Fleet. October 1-3 we will be hosting an event in Newark, Ohio which we are calling "Fleet Maneuvers". It will be a Star Trek Olympics of sorts, with ship crews and Marine units competing against each other in various activities from Trek Knowledge to Tug-of-War. In addition, there will be various workshops, a Star Trek themed pub, and of course a formal banquet/dance after the awards ceremonies.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at MrShaneEvans@yahoo.com.



They say that the clothes make the man. But what happens when the clothes can keep the man alive, or alert his doctors he's having a heart attack? The world of fashion is something most of us can do without, but if some chemists have their way; the STARFLEET uniforms of the future could be made out of something a lot better than polyester. New advances in a number of fields are beginning to yield results that could change your life, and wardrobe, forever.

Those Marines reading this will be happy to note that many of these advancements are the direct result of military-sponsored experiments to find ways of making the foot-soldier's uniform both helpful and more comfortable. Right now, the average soldier in a combat zone has nearly unimaginable advantages built into the clothing she or he wears. The Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), aside from being surprisingly comfortable, is also made in such a way that it dissimilates body heat more rapidly than normal clothing. This is quite important, to a grunt under the scrutiny of heat vision: it causes their shape to become highly irregular, sometimes indistinguishable to the observer. Also, nearly all soldiers in dangerous areas are given "flak vests," the well-known Kevlar constructions that prevent high-speed projectiles from penetrating vital organs.

But these modern-day wonders still have their limitations: limitations the military don't like having. To get rid of them, researchers are developing concepts that could make uniforms vastly more useful in combat zones. One of these involves fabrics woven from carbon filaments (aligned nanotubes). These fabrics, when and if they become mainstream, would feel and behave in much the same way as current BDU's, except they could be as strong or stronger

# A CUT ABOVE THE REST

By LCDR Patty Heany • USS Pathfinder, Region 1

than any known material. While they may get dirty, breaking such fabrics would be a feat no ordinary soldier would likely ever manage.

However, invincibly strong though this fabric would be, it would have one major drawback: there would be no way to sew with it. After all, if a Howitzer round can't put a hole in the stuff, how is a sewing machine going to manage? There is an alternative, however, that draws off of nearly 400 million years of continual research: spider's silk. It is nearly 5 times stronger than structural steel, but can be woven, cut, and manipulated like regular silk. As an added bonus, this material is fully bio-degradable: fitting in nicely with the military's commitment to environmental responsibility. The filaments currently for this material are produced by genetically modified goats (who, it should be noted, live a very pampered life): so those of us with spider fears need not be worried.

Another garment of note to those in dangerous trades is composed of nanobots. Millions, if not billions of extremely simple machines would be combined to form what is essentially a Mecha-jumpsuit: capable of amplifying the wearer's actions several times over. A person in such a suit could jump several times higher, hit several times harder, and possibly even have their senses enhanced by the countless machines working in tandem with their nervous system. These suits are currently a distant dream of the Future Soldier program, but a dream well worth considering.

For those of you not as concerned with fighting, but very concerned about the weather, Japanese scientists are working on working prototypes of pored fabrics. These fabrics contain what are essentially pores that expand when certain temperatures are reached, allowing the body heat to escape in warm weather. When cooled, the pores "remember" their original shape and contract to conserve body heat in lower temperatures. The size and shape of the fabric itself does not change, allowing the garment to maintain its structure on the user. Such fabric would be enormously useful in a variety of applications, not the least of which to those people who don't feel like changing for yard work!

Another possibly vital advancement for those who enjoy the outdoors is fabrics that never need washing. That's right: no more laundry! These fabrics are composed of specialized fibers that house millions of specially engineered bacteria that, while harmless to humans, are very bad news to the things that make clothes dirty. They would feed off of dirt, odor-causing bacteria, fungi, and all the other nasty things that cause us to wash clothes. No one has yet said whether or not these items are wrinkle resistant, but here's hoping!

For all of you who ever wondered why patients only had to lie on sickbay beds to get their vital scans taken, current medical science may have an answer. Smart fabrics, SQUIDS (Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices), and other

advancements may soon do away with the need for dozens of invasive medical techniques. Smart fabrics are essentially really soft electrical circuitry boards that will detect and process any changes to your body's electromagnetic field. In plainer terms, smart fabrics can "see" what parts of you aren't feeling well, detect irregularities in organ function, and monitor the temperature of various body areas. These fabrics could tell medical professionals exactly what is wrong with a patient simply by having the patient in contact with it. SQUIDS are the next phase of evolution for both MRIs and EEGs. A SQUID can detect even the minutest changes to any magnetic field, allowing medical scientists to see into your body with unparalleled precision.

Finally, those of you wondering if there will be any impact on the world of fashion by all of this, there are ongoing experiments that may change the way we wear clothes forever. One includes research into fabrics that can change their coloration or pattern with no dyeing or bleaching required. Such fabrics would rely on electrical signals or perhaps simply light to change into what the user desires. Imagine plugging your suit in every morning and changing the color to fit your mood! Along the same vein of thought come the morphic fabrics: those fabrics that can actually change their shape according to signals given by the user/wearer. An obvious terror to parents of teenage girls, but a tantalizing fashion possibility to the rest of us.

Any good seamstress or tailor can tell you that the world of fabrics is an easy place to loose yourself in. But in a few more decades, the fabrics we develop may be able to help you find your way home. They may not be able to refill your wallet: but in a world where your slacks fight your stains for you, the loss may not be as great.

*"I am so tired of being tired."  
"I hate to look at myself in the mirror."  
"What? I have to go to the plus sizes for that?"  
"I do not want to be big any longer, but what choice do I have? No one knows what I am going through."*

Have you made comments like these - and many more - to yourself? I know I have. I have been fat all of my life. I used to cope by making jokes about myself until I decided a change was in order - a change for the better.

My name is Gary Hollifield and, if any of you have actually met me, you can vouch that I ain't no small child of light. At my first Region One Summit in 1999, I was lovingly dubbed "Tiny" in an oppositional reflection of my girth. Did I get miffed? No, honestly I didn't.

I had come to accept the fact that I am fat (yes, I said the "f" word) and would more than likely die fat. I mean, what choice did I have, right? I had no willpower. I ate when I was happy, I ate when I was sad, and I ate when I was bored. If there was a reason, or lack

## STARFLEET "GETS FIT FOR DUTY"

By Captain Gary "Tiny" Hollifield • Shuttle Hell's Fury, Region 1

thereof even, to eat, I did. What did this get me? At age 18, I weighed approximately 475 pounds and wore size 54 pants while sporting size 6XL shirts. I tried losing weight for other people: parents, grandparents, friends and boyfriends. But it never worked because I didn't want to lose weight for the most important individual - myself.

What changed to make me want to lose weight just for me? I woke up. I finally got tired of being laughed at, both behind my back and to my face. I got tired of having to wear whatever I could find at the big and tall specialty store. I hated the fact that my work clothes had to be custom made. I didn't like being physically tired all the time. I hated the stigma that is commonly associated with large people. Most of all, I didn't like myself. I had allowed myself to become comfortable with being overweight. But in June, 2003, I made a deal with myself: lose weight or die. Being told by my family physician that my life span had already possibly been shortened

by diabetes and hypertension, much less obesity, was nothing. They had told me this for four years. Finally it clicked. So from then on, I made sure I watched what I ate, exercised, and took good general care of myself. I didn't follow the Atkins Diet, Weight Watchers, Healthy Weigh, or anything else. I followed a common-sense, diet-and-exercise plan. I didn't write this to brag on myself, but to introduce a motivational weight loss group that for every member of STARFLEET. It's a group where people who need to lose weight are welcome, as are those who have lost weight and want to share their advice and experiences.

You can also brag about your progress or lament those pounds that stubbornly cling to you, share those low-carb, low-fat recipes that you absolutely love, and to show others that they are not alone in their quest to become healthy. If there had been such a group a few years back, I am positive I would have started on my weight loss journey then

instead of waiting for so long. The name of this group is "STARFLEET Gets Fit For Duty" and I want to thank JC Cohen for suggesting the name. "STARFLEET Gets Fit For Duty" is open to all members of Fleet, as well as to those who aren't Fleet members. We are not here to force any philosophy in your face. We do not judge based on anything. We are simply here for communication and sharing.

As I write this article, I am wearing size 42 pants, size 2-3XL in shirts, and generally feel the best I have in years; I can walk up a flight of stairs without getting winded. It takes two miles of walking at a brisk pace for my heart to start working a little harder. I have come a ways in my goal of 190 pounds, but I still have a long way to go. So join me and others like me who want others to be there for us - and us to be there for them - as we strive to reach our goals. Join a group that is honestly caring and devoted to losing weight. If you're interested, visit <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-GFFD> or send a blank email to [SFI-GFFD-sunscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SFI-GFFD-sunscribe@yahoo.com). If you have additional questions, you can reach me via email at [CBCommando@aol.com](mailto:CBCommando@aol.com).



OPERATION: EAGLE HQ is extremely grateful and appreciative for the faithful support and encouragement demonstrated by these outstanding members and chapters of STARFLEET over the past 10 years of volunteer service in reaching out to troops and families involved in overseas deployments. They have helped to lift the morale and spirits of literally thousands of military men and women across the globe. Because of the direct actions of the chapters and individual members of THE EAGLE SQUADRON, STARFLEET itself has been recognized and commended by the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, the Secretary of the United States Navy, and the Secretary of the United States Air Force, as well as the Commanding Officers of the US Army 101st Airborne Division and 82nd Airborne Division, the USMC 31st Marine Expeditionary Force, and the Chief of Staff of United States Central Command.

Over the past 10 years, these distinguished members and chapters of STARFLEET have sent cards, letters, and care packages overseas to lift the morale and spirits of those in uniform. These STARFLEET members and chapters have participated in volunteer efforts for the USMC Toys for Tots. They have dispatched e-mails of commendation and salutation to the troops. They have visited Walter Reed Medical Center, dropping off care packages to soldiers wounded in combat in the War on Terrorism. They have added their names to support posters that were sent overseas to Naval Aircraft Carrier Battle Groups and land-based troops, expressing encouragement and support for those troops; American, British, Australian, Canadian, and other Allied Coalition Forces. Some have adopted entire ships full of sailors and Marines, and others have adopted Army and Air Force units overseas. They have been reaching out for over a decade to show the troops they are not forgotten and that they are cared about and supported. These are just some of the ways that THE EAGLE SQUADRON members and chapters have demonstrated the ideals and goals of Star Trek and have made a difference in the lives of those who serve us in defending freedom and liberty.

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By BGN Bill Herrmann • USS RUTLEDGE, Region 1  
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THE EAGLE SQUADRON website will soon be created and a semi-annual newsletter subscription will be given to the aforementioned chapters and members for their outstanding support efforts on behalf of the troops and families.

Any interested STARFLEET chapters or members desiring to attain appointment to THE EAGLE SQUADRON can make inquiries to OPERATION: EAGLE Headquarters, by e-mail at opeagle@Bellsouth.Net or by USPS at Bill Herrmann, Director, OPERATION: EAGLE, 9908 Berrywood Drive, Ladson SC 29456.



# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

**Meet the new boss... NOT the same as the old boss**

**Name:** Franklin, Greg  
**Rank:** Commodore  
**Current Assignment:** CO: USS Reprisal, Region One Coordinator

*I met Greg Franklin for the first time at IC 2003. Little did I know that great things were in store for Greg's future. He won the election for Region One Coordinator... I now put him on the grill for your reading pleasure!*

**Gumby:** Welcome Greg... and thanks for taking the time to chat.  
**Greg:** Well, thank you Gumby!

**Gumby:** Tell our readers a little bit about yourself...

**Greg:** Umm, ok. I am originally from Baltimore MD. I have been in Tennessee for 25 years now, so I guess I'm not a Yankee anymore. I am 33 years old, have a wonderful wife, and I am a paramedic by trade. I have been doing that for 12 years or so.

**Gumby:** How did you hear about STARFLEET?

**Greg:** Actually a good friend and I were in a comic book shop and we saw a flyer for the USS Intrepid, which was the chapter in Kingsport at that time. It looked like fun so we joined up.

**Gumby:** When did you join STARFLEET?

**Greg:** December of 1993.

**Gumby:** So Greg... buddy... new RC... what do you bring to the table for your Region?

**Greg:** I have a strong will. It hasn't been an easy ride but I will not quit. I will give everything I have to the members of this region. I am honest and fair.

**Gumby:** Region One is the largest Region in STARFLEET. You are now the honcho, so what changes are in store for Region Oneders?

**Greg:** I hope to have better communications with them. There have been some changes in staff



positions with the emphasis on better service to the members. Of course, there are a few things that I have to keep secret for now ;-)

**Gumby:** What would you say to folks that don't know you?

**Greg:** Hey just give me a chance. I am a nice guy and my mission is to work as hard for you as I can.

**Gumby:** What is your best quality that you will bring with you as far as being an AB member goes?

**Greg:** I have the ability to remain objective. I can look at both sides of the issue before making a snap judgment. Hopefully, I can bring some ideas to the table.

**Gumby:** What is your biggest pet peeve?

**Greg:** People who are dishonest. I cannot stand that.

**Gumby:** Where do you see STARFLEET five years down the

road?

**Greg:** I hope that we continue to grow and expand. Since the Trek franchise seems to be slowing down a bit, we really need to focus on other recruitment techniques. But, I still feel that we will be here doing what we always do.

**Gumby:** Any major changes that you'd like to announce to the FLEET?

**Greg:** Not really.

**Gumby:** What is your favorite thing about Star Trek?

**Greg:** Trek is one of those things that make you think. The episodes have had good moral lessons about life. That is what drew me to the series.

**Gumby:** Favorite Star Trek Series? Why?

**Greg:** Next Gen definitely. The special effects were better and I think the character development was better. Of

course you had Worf in this series and he is my hero!

**Gumby:** You are replacing Robin Pillow... anything you'd like to say to him?

**Greg:** Robin is a good guy and I thank him for his service.

**Gumby:** What is the biggest problem in STARFLEET that you would like to help correct?

**Greg:** There seems to be a lot in fighting. I hope that we can all band together and stop the madness.

**Gumby:** Are all the CO's in Region One as big and cuddly as you?

**Greg:** Me, big? Probably not.

**Gumby:** In closing... Is there anything you'd like to say to STARFLEET?

**Greg:** Thank you for being my extended family. Even for those of you I do not know! We are all linked in some way.

**Gumby:** Greg... thanks for all that you do for STARFLEET and us members! I certainly look forward to seeing you at the R1 Summit and the IC down the road! And thanks for the chat!

**Greg:** Anytime my brother. Love to you and yours.

And there you have it, folks. Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed on Fleet Beat? Send your nominations to [gumbytrek@hotmail.com](mailto:gumbytrek@hotmail.com)

Who will it be next time?

*Roving the Final Frontier  
 Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons  
 Roving Cub Reporter*



The USS Wernher von Braun was instrumental in supporting a "Salute to Star Trek" on Friday, October 3, 2003, in Huntsville, Alabama. The Salute was part of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's "Century of Flight" celebration. This free event was held in the main auditorium of the library from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. The featured guest was Star Trek: the Next Generation screenplay author Lee Shackleford. They also had a trivia contest, a costume contest, free "alien" food, merchandise dealers, and door prize drawings.

Our involvement began back in the summer, when the library contacted CO Richard L. Trulson. He put them in contact with Mr. Shackleford, who is scheduled to appear at the 2004 STARFLEET International Conference in Birmingham, Alabama ([www.ic2004.org](http://www.ic2004.org)). Richard also designed the flyer that was used to publicize the event. Other von Braun crewmembers helped as well: Laura Peterson, who runs Sci-Fi Collectibles ([sci-fi-col.home.mindspring.com](http://sci-fi-col.home.mindspring.com)), donated several hundred dollars

# A SALUTE TO STAR TREK

By RADM Richard L. Trulson • USS Wernher von Braun, Region 2

worth of Star Trek merchandise that was given as prizes throughout the evening. Catherine "Kit" Ramsey helped serve food. Ron Zuckerman was chosen to help with door prize drawings. Henry Vaughn also donated a theater stand-up display, which featured a lighted movie poster from Insurrection. Don and Joanie Daniel manned our information table during the evening, as did most of the crewmembers.

Several other crewmembers were also in attendance: Russell Peterson helped his wife, Laura, with their merchandise room. Local member Michael Sexton and former STARFLEET crewmember Wayne Cole were present as well. Henry's family (wife Jennifer and sons Gabriel and Jonathan Vaughn) also dropped in for a brief appearance as well. We were fortunate to also have

Carol and Will Burhans, the mother and son team from the Florence STARFLEET chapter, the Dark Silence Station.

The event was very successful, with about 125 guests. Almost every seat in the auditorium was filled. The audience was also very friendly and really into Mr. Shackleford's presentation. Several people also got to participate in a live reading of one of his unaired screenplays.

The free "alien" food was a big hit as well. The von Braun was able to have our own table filled with information in the lobby. We had brochures, invitations to our Anniversary Party, old newsletters, extra Communiqués, posters, and a sign-up sheet among other things. All our crewmembers took turns manning our table.

Ironically, only STARFLEET affiliated people participated in the costume contest. Kit was in her black Marine uniform, Wayne was in a TNG uniform looking remarkably like Picard, and Carol was in her Klingon outfit. Carol even sang her "Das Mas' (these boots? were made for walking) song. Carol won easily as the crowd favorite.

In addition to the thank-you card from Sophie Young, the organizer of this event, the director of the library sent us a note card and a library book tote bag as thanks. We also received a nice letter from the "Century of Flight" Program Chairman, David Lilly, who expressed his thanks and said that the "Salute to Star Trek" received the most positive feedback of the entire series.

Overall, this event turned out to be one of the most successful events we've ever participated in. We had about a dozen people sign-up for more information. Hopefully, a photo gallery or other review will eventually be placed on our web site ([www.usswvb.org](http://www.usswvb.org)). If you have further questions, feel free to contact us at [info@usswvb.org](mailto:info@usswvb.org).

## DEAR DEANNA...

**Dear Deanna: My boyfriend thinks that I am crazy for belonging to a Star Trek fan club. How can I convince him that I am not insane? - Sybil**

Dear Sybil: Take him to a meeting, let him meet your shipmates, and then let him decide whether or not you are in outer space.

**Dear Deanna: My mother wants me to move out of the house. I am 35 years old and work in a video store. How can I convince her to let me to continue to live at home? - Momma's Boy**

Dear Boy: Take your mother to a meeting so that she can meet all of your friends. When she finds out that they all still live at home too, she will contact their parents. After they kick you all out, you can move in together and try to support yourselves.

**Dear Deanna: How can I convince my boss that he should not fire me just because I use the computer at work to do STARFLEET business? - HAL**

Dear HAL: Take your boss to your next meeting. After you get fired, you won't have to spend any more time trying to convince him that there was nothing wrong with conducting 'Fleet business on company time.

**Dear Deanna: Why are all of your answers the same: take these people to the meetings? - Inquiring Mind Wants to Know**

Dear Mind: It's like Carnegie Hall: recruitment, recruitment, recruitment!

## WHEN CAPTAINS COLLIDE!

### A Review of Captain's Blood and ST: New Frontier - Stone and Anvil

By VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, Region 7

Perhaps some of the best *Star Trek* around these days is actually on the printed page or, in the case of the two most recent novels I purchased, on CD.

It is a tradition of mine to pick up an audio novel or two during my holiday trip to Florida. This year was no exception. Unfortunately, between the noisy plane filled with crying babies and engine roars, I didn't actually get to enjoy the stories until January.

The first was William Shatner's, *Captain's Blood*. I highly recommend this book, whether in novel or audio format. Shatner's story, which also credits Judith and Cartfield Romero, was read by the actor. It, of course, centers on James T. Kirk in one of the latest installments of a resurrected Kirk from *Generations*. He has a 5-year-old son who is a Klingon/Human/Romulan hybrid.

This story takes place shortly after the events of *Star Trek: Nemesis*. In many ways it provides more of a background for Shinzon's coups of the Romulan Senate and provides a very plausible backdrop of the Empire's political atmosphere. An enemy from the *Enterprise's* original 5-year-mission also returns.

The story starts with the seeming assassination of Ambassador Spock, which leads to reunite Kirk, the aged McCoy, Scotty, Picard, Worf,

Geordi Laforge, and Dr. Crusher, with appearances by Capt. Riker, Counselor Troi, Data and Admiral Janeway. There are several subplots, but the interaction and struggles of each of the characters are well thought out.

There are surprises, action and humor. It would have made a wonderful motion picture. The story had an epic feel and a good ending, which most likely will set the scene for Shatner's next novel.

The second audio novel I enjoyed was *Star Trek New Frontier: Stone and Anvil*, written by Peter David and read by actor Joe Morton. David's *New Frontier* series has been nothing less than outstanding and one tends to wish that the crew of the USS *Excalibur* could be found on our weekly UPN television schedule.

The novel features two stories, both involving Jean Luc Picard who inspired the Xenxian, Mackenzie Calhoun to join Starfleet Academy. We see his early relationship with Elizabeth Shelby, who we all remember from the ST:TNG episode *Best Of Both Worlds*.

Other familiar characters include Dr. Selar, Robin Leflar, and Captain/Admiral Jellico, who were minor characters seen in episodes of ST:TNG. The story also features several original characters who are part of Shelby and Calhoun's crew.

The second story, set in the present, concerns the mystery of a murdered crewman on Shelby's ship the *Triton*, which leads to unraveling a bigger mystery surrounding a new alien race poised to join the United Federation of Planets. Eventually the two story lines converge, providing background on several major characters.

The exchanges, past and present, between Calhoun and Picard are priceless and the pace of the story never lets up. David is a master when it comes to playing in the *Star Trek* playground. His use of both established and original characters have blended well throughout the *New Frontier* series. This story was no exception.

For those who have never read or listened to a *New Frontier* installment, you are in for a treat. For those who are familiar with it, you probably have the book/tape/CD in your possession, or soon will.





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# CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn

Convention attendees: When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. A worldwide listing can be viewed online at: <http://dactylmanor.org/fanboy>

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

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## Alabama

Apr 30-May 2 PersaCon, Madison, Alabama; Info: PO Box 1035, Madison, AL. 35758 <http://www.geocities.com/chibicon2k3/PersaConInfo@aol.com> Guests: Stephanie Chateau, Steve Bennett, Crystak Gilleland, Michael Coleman,

May 21-23 Mobicon, Mobile, Alabama; Info: PO Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/> [president@mobicon.org](mailto:president@mobicon.org) Guests: Lee Seed, Albrecht, Andrew Greenberg Benefits: Make A Wish Foundation

## Arizona

Apr 8-11 World Horror Convention 2004, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.whc2004.org/> [whc2004@leprecon.org](mailto:whc2004@leprecon.org) Guests: Douglas Clegg, Caniglia, Stephen Jones, David Morrell, Dee Snider, Mort Castle

May 7-9 LepreCon 30, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/> [lep30@leprecon.org](mailto:lep30@leprecon.org) Guests: Donato Giancola, Sylvana Anderson

## Arkansas

Jun 11-13 Roc\*Kon, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: PO Box 13118, Maumelle, AR 72113 <http://www.rockon.org/> [admin@rockon.org](mailto:admin@rockon.org) Guests: Charlaïne Harris, Bradley H. Sinor, M. M. Buckner, Carolyn Marie Kephart, Lee Killough

## California

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

Apr 8-11 Gaylaxicon, San Diego, California; Info: 1010 University Avenue, PMB #946, San Diego, CA 92103-3395 <http://www.gaylaxicon.org/> [Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com](mailto:Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com) Guests: David

Gerrold, Joe Phillips  
Apr 24-25 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Chase Masterson, Misty Mundae, Ellie Cornell, Jenya Lano, Julia Rose, Julie Strain, Paget Brewster, Audie England, Mia Zottoli, Celeste Yarnall

Apr 30-May 2 WonderCon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comic-con.org/> [cwiweb@nucgen.com](mailto:cwiweb@nucgen.com) Guests: Adam Hughes, Bill Morrison

May 23-24 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

May 28-31 KublaCon, Burlingame, California; Info: PO Box 170436, San Francisco, CA 94117 Ph: 866-KublaCon <http://www.kublacon.com/> [info@KublaCon.com](mailto:info@KublaCon.com)

May 28-31 FanimeCon, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 8068, San Jose, CA 95155-8068 <http://www.fanime.com/> [help@fanime.com](mailto:help@fanime.com)

May 28-31 BayCon, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427 Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/> [reg@baycon.org](mailto:reg@baycon.org) Guests: Michael Swanwick, Jael, Elaine Pelz, Sean Stewart

Jun 11-13 2004: A Fan Odyssey, Culver City, California; Info: 509 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104 <http://www.fanodyssey.org/> [info@fanodyssey.org](mailto:info@fanodyssey.org)

Jun 19-20 BotCon, Pasadena, California; Info: PO Box 905, Kendallville IN 46755-0905 <http://www.botcon.com/> [info@botcon.com](mailto:info@botcon.com)

Jun 26-27 Hollywood Collectors Show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/> [hcs@atlantic.net](mailto:hcs@atlantic.net)

## 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](mailto:starland@starland.com)

May 14-16 OPUS: A Fantasy Arts Festival, Denver, Colorado; Info: 397 South Revere Street, Aurora, CO 80012 Ph: 303-359-7073 <http://www.faeffests.com/> [Opusfest@carpovita.com](mailto:Opusfest@carpovita.com) Guests: Theresa Mather, Monte Moore, Anthony Little, Michael Georges, Peri Charlifu, Jim Humble, Robert Asprin, Steven Brust, Carol Berg, Christie Golden, David Lee Summers, Kevin J Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

## District of Columbia

Jun 11-13 Slanted Fedora, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> [SFedora1@aol.com](mailto:SFedora1@aol.com)

## Florida

Apr 30-May 2 Vulkon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> [joemotes@aol.com](mailto:joemotes@aol.com)

May 21-23 Jacon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 780555, Orlando, FL 32878-0555 <http://www.jacon.org/> [registration@jacon.org](mailto:registration@jacon.org)

May 28-30 Oasis 17, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859-2905 [http://oasfis.org/oasis\\_17.html](http://oasfis.org/oasis_17.html) [oasfis@sff.net](mailto:oasfis@sff.net) Guests: Allen Steele, H. Ed Cox, Michael Longcor, Jack McDevitt, Rebecca Schumacher

Jun 11-13 DreamCon, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: 1935 San Marco Blvd #5, Jacksonville, FL 32207 <http://www.dreamcon.net> [ron@dreamcon.net](mailto:ron@dreamcon.net) Guests: Peter David Benefits: American Diabetes Association

Jun 18-20 Vulkon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> [joemotes@aol.com](mailto:joemotes@aol.com)

## Georgia

Apr 2-5 CostumeCon 22, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 656, Decatur, GA 30031 <http://www.costume-con.org/> [georgialei@hotmail.com](mailto:georgialei@hotmail.com)

Jun 11-13 Sci-Fi Summer, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 957203, Duluth, GA 30095 <http://www.sfscon.org/> [info@sfscon.org](mailto:info@sfscon.org) Guests: Audre, Vince Barrale, Bob Burden, John De Vito, Emerald Rose, Sandy Lynne, J. Alan Tripp  
Jun 17-20 Far Southern Shadow, Dunwoody, Georgia; Info: 2309 Kingsland Dr., Atlanta, GA 30360 <http://afss.infiniteshadow.net/> [afss@infiniteshadow.net](mailto:afss@infiniteshadow.net)

## Illinois

Apr 9-11 2 Be CONTinued, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1582, No. Riverside, IL 60546 <http://www.2becontinued.com> [info@2becontinued.com](mailto:info@2becontinued.com) Guests: Harry Harrison

Apr 24-25 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy

May 14-16 Flashback Weekend, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5948, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-5948 <http://www.flashbackweekend.com/> [feedback@flashbackweekend.com](mailto:feedback@flashbackweekend.com)

May 14-16 Anime Central, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 1694 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 <http://www.acen.org/> [aceninfo@acen.org](mailto:aceninfo@acen.org)

Jun 3-6 Science Fiction Research Association Conference (SFRA), Skokie, Illinois; Info: SFRA Treasurer, College of Arts and Humanities, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 <http://www.sfra.org/> [friend@oakton.edu](mailto:friend@oakton.edu)

Jun 4-6 DuckKon, Lincolnwood, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 <http://www.duckon.org/> [info@duckon.org](mailto:info@duckon.org) Guests: Eric Flint, Butch Honeck, Steve Macdonald, Roxanne Meida King, J.D. Frazer Benefits: The Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction Literature

## Iowa

May 1-2 Demicon XV, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50322-7572 Ph: 515-224-7654 <http://www.demicon.org/> [info@demicon.org](mailto:info@demicon.org) Guests: Emma Bull, Will Shetterly, Rusty Hevelin, Tadao Tomomatsu, Glen Cook, John Garner, Denise Garner, Erin McKee, Lojo Russo, Eric Coleman, Sandy Andina

## Kentucky

May 15-16 Wonderfest, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 5757, Louisville, KY 40255-0757 <http://www.wonderfest.com/>

## Maine

Jun 18-20 Port Con Maine, Portland, Maine; Info: PO Box 756, Standish, ME 04084 <http://www.portconmaine.com/> [info@portconmaine.com](mailto:info@portconmaine.com)

## Maryland

May 28-31 Balticon 38, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/> [balticoninfo@balticon.org](mailto:balticoninfo@balticon.org) Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Dave Seeley, Heather Alexander, Patricia Bray

Jun 11-13 Conterpoint, Rockville, Maryland; Info: 4500 S Four Mile Run Drive 529, Arlington VA 22204 <http://www.filker.org/conterpoint/> [info@massfilc.org](mailto:info@massfilc.org) Guests: Chris Malme, Bob Esty, Jordan Mann

## Massachusetts

Apr 2-4 Conbust 2004, Northampton, Massachusetts; Info: Box 8489, 1 Chapin Way, Northampton, MA 01063 <http://sophia.smith.edu/ssffs/conbust/> Guests: Patricia C. Wrede

Apr 16-18 OurCon, Amherst, Massachusetts; Info: c/o Game Hobbyists' League, RSO 178 - 416 SUB, UMass, MA 01003 <http://www.ourcon.org/>

May 25-27 Black Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wyanntskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/> [info@theblackroad.org](mailto:info@theblackroad.org)

## Michigan

Apr 16-18 Penguincon 2.0, Novi, Michigan; Info: PO Box 401302, Redford, MI 48240-9302 <http://www.penguincon.org/> [info@penguincon.org](mailto:info@penguincon.org) Guests: Neil Gaiman, Jeff Bates, Steve Jackson, Wil Wheaton, Jon Hall, Eric Raymond, Rob Malda, Fred Gallagher, Howard Tayler

May 28-31 MediaWest\*Con 24, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm> [mdiawstcon@aol.com](mailto:mdiawstcon@aol.com)

## Minnesota

Apr 9-11 Minicon 39, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnssf.org/> [minicon/request@minicon.mnssf.org](mailto:minicon/request@minicon.mnssf.org) Guests: Walter Jon Williams, Sharyn November, Deb Geisler



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Apr 18 Creation Super Sale, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

## 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

Apr 2-4 Slanted Fedora, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

May 21-23 STARFLEET Region 12 Summit, Joplin, Missouri; Info: 1538 MC 2061, Yellville, AR 72687 Ph: 870-436-6100 <http://www.team12.org/summit/killough@southshore.com>

May 28-30 Conquest, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 Ph: 816-822-2740 <http://www.kcsciencefiction.org/joyce@downing.net> Guests: Jennifer Roberson, Steve Francis, Sue Francis, Jody Lee

Jun 25-27 Konniption, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1345, Columbia MO 65205-1345 <http://www.konniption.org/> Guests: David Drake, Jim Butcher

## Montana

May 28-31 MisCon 18, Missoula, Montana; Info: PO Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/enigma@bigsky.net> Guests: Ellisa Mitchell

## New Jersey

Apr 17-18 Empire Fan Fest, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 143, Fairview NJ 07022 Ph: 201-873-2952 <http://www.empirefanfest.com> CROMO@awnyc.com Guests: Mark Hamill, Kevin Conroy, Jan Duursema, Michael Sheard, Larry Kenney, Mike Quinn, Lynne Lipton, Peter Newman, Samantha Newark, Bob Bergen

Apr 30-May 2 WGP: A Gazebo of Games, Edison, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

May 21-23 WGP: Svaha: If you Wanna Make an Omelette, Edison, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

Jun 18-20 Anime Next, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 1088, Pearl River, NY 10965 <http://www.animenext.org/info@animenext.com>

## New York

Apr 2 UBCon XV, Buffalo, New York; Info: 308 Student Union, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260 <http://www.ubsarpa.com/kristophth@hotmail.com>

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, Edo Van Belkom, Pat York

May 16-23 SuperTrek 1, New York, New York; Info: 10370 USA Today Way, Miramar, FL 33025 Ph: 866-456-1263 <http://www.supertrek.com/registration@supertrek.com> Guests: George Takei, John Billingsley, Roxann Dawson, Dr. Lawrence Schoen, J. G. Hertzler, Robert O'Reilly

## North Carolina

May 28-30 Animazement, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 1383, Cary, NC 27512-1383 <http://www.animazement.org/information@animazement.org>

Jun 4-6 ConCarolinas, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9100, Charlotte, NC 28299-9100 <http://www.secfi.org/concarolinas/concarolinas@yahoo.com> Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Joe Corroney, Albin Johnson, Steve Antczak, Keith Bailey, Don Bessinger, Jesse Campbell, Stephen Euin Cobb, Glenda C. Finkelstein, d.g.k. goldberg, Walter H. Hunt, Tee Morris, Scott Nicholson, Tony Ruggiero, Charlie Schultz, Christina Stiles Benefits: Make-A-Wish Foundation

Jun 11-13 HeroesCon, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9181, Charlotte, NC 28299-9181 Ph: 704-375-7462 <http://www.heroesonline.com/shelton@heroesonline.com>

## North Dakota

Apr 23-25 ValleyCon 29, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 <http://www.valleycon.com/valleycon@hotmail.com>

## Ohio

Apr 2-4 Cinema Wasteland, Strongsville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/info@cinemawasteland.com> Guests: Marilyn Burns, Robert A. Burns, Allen Danziger, Gunnar Hansen, Edwin Neal, Paul A. Partain, Bill Johnson, Stephen Blickenstaff, Tom Sullivan

Apr 2-4 Frightvision, Westlake, Ohio; Info: PO Box 547 Ravenna, OH 44266 Ph: 330-297-5441 <http://www.frightvision.com/FrightVisionInfo@aol.com>

Apr 23-15 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Mercedes McNab, Julie Benz

May 14-16 Capcon XXVII, Columbus, Ohio; Info: Box 21 The Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43210 Ph: 614-688-3556 <http://www.mgaosu.org/capcon.html> flora.1@osu.edu

May 28-31 Marcon 39, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 <http://www.marcon.org/marchair@cshellsweb.com>

Jun 24-27 Origins, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 80 Garden Center, Suite 16, Broomfield,

CO 80020-1735 Ph: 303-635-2223 <http://www.originsgames.com/CustServ@GAMA.org>

## Oklahoma

Jun 18-20 Trek Expo, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 2130 South Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74129 Ph: 918-838-3388 <http://www.starbase21ok.com/thornton21@aol.com>

## Pennsylvania

Apr 30-May 2 Pittsburgh Comicon, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Benefits: Make A Wish

May 21-23 Wizard World Philly, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/philly.cfm>

## 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

Apr 2-4 Middle Tennessee Anime Convention 4.01b, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 290423, Nashville, TN 37229-0423 <http://mtac.animenashville.org/>

Apr 30-May 2 STARFLEET Region 1 Summit, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; Info: 3409 Oldham Creek Rd, Sevierville, TN 37876

Jun 5-6 Adventure Con, Knoxville, Tennessee; Info: 1623 Montvale RD, Maryville, TN. 37803 Ph: 865-984-4476 <http://www.adventurecon.com/info@toyshow.org>

## Texas

Apr 16-18 Chimaeracon, San Antonio, Texas; Info: 138 Ave Del Rey #G, San Antonio, Texas 78216 <http://chimaeracon.com/chimaeragaming@aol.com>

Apr 17-18 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Richardson, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/ben@hollywoodexpo.com>

May 7-9 Vulkan, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Mercedes McNab, Julie Benz, Juliet Landau

Jun 4-6 A-Kon 15, Dallas, Texas; Info: 3352 Broadway Blvd., # 470, Garland, TX 75043 <http://www.a-kon.com/info@a-kon.com> Guests: Michael Coleman, Sean Schemmel, Scott McNeil, Brad DeMoss, Jonathan Tarbox, Brian Stelfreeze, Jan Scott-Frazier

Jun 11-13 STARFLEET Region 3 Summit, Lubbock, Texas; Info: PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75016 <http://www.region3.com/summit04/summit2004@region3.com>

## Utah

May 28-30 CONDUIT, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: PO Box 11745, Salt Lake City UT 84147-0745 <http://conduit.sfcon.org/CONDUIT/> Guests: Sharon Lee, Steve Miller, L.E. Modesitt Jr, Dave Wolverton

## 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

Apr 30-May 2 Malice Domestic, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 31137, Bethesda, MD 20824-1137 <http://www.malicedomestic.org/info@malicedomestic.org> Guests: Dorothy Cannell, Jan Burke, Erle Stanley Gardner, Marian Babson, Linda Pletzke

May 28-30 Anime Mid-Atlantic, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO Box 2636, Glen Allen, VA 23060 <http://www.animemidatlantic.com/animemidatlantic@hotmail.com>

## Washington

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>

May 14-16 TolCon, Seattle, Washington; Info: 13522 39th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98125 Ph: 206-440-3221 <http://www.tolcon.org/info@tolcon.org> Guests: Dany Slone, Jasmine Watson, Jen Leigh, Julie Haehn, Lori Sammy, The Great Luke Ski, Maddy DuMont, Molly Winter, Jaida Jones, Dorian Mirth, David Salo Benefits: People for Puget Sound & American Diabetes Association

May 28-30 Enfilade, Olympia, Washington; Info: c/o Kevin Smyth, 15008 111th Ave. Ct. E., Puyallup, WA 98374 Ph: 253-841-3374 <http://www.nhmgs.org/kgsmlyth@comcast.net>

## Wisconsin

Apr 2-4 Odyssey Con, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jennifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.venture-1.com/~oddcon/oddcon@venture-1.com> Guests: Joe Haldeman, David Weber

Apr 17-18 Concinnity, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Info: c/o MAGE, Student Life Office, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Student Life and Campus Center, 1025 N Broadway St, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3109 Ph: 414-277-6943 [http://www.msoe.edu/st\\_orgs/gaming/concinnity/](http://www.msoe.edu/st_orgs/gaming/concinnity/)

May 28-31 WisCon 28, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/concom@sf3.org> Guests: Eleanor Arnason, Patricia McKillip,

## Australia

### Australian Capital Territory

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>



# CONVENTION LISTINGS (CONTINUED)

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info@conflux.org.au Guests: Greg Benford, Sean McMullen, Harry Turtledove, Karen Herkes

## New South Wales

Apr 9-12 Necronomicon, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 243, Blaxland NSW 2774 <http://www.necronomicon.org/necro@Necronomicon.org>

Apr 24 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@fsf.com.au](http://www.fsf.com.au/fsf_presents@fsf.com.au) Guests: Corin Nemec

## Queensland

Apr 26 Vortex Events, Brisbane, Queensland; Info: GPO Box 2004, Brisbane, QLD, 4001 Ph: +0 61 7 3356 5472 <http://www.vortexevents.com> vortex\_events@yahoo.com.au Guests: Corin Nemec

## Western Australia

Apr 8-12 SwanCon 29, Perth, Western Australia; Info: GPO Box G429, Perth WA 6841, Australia <http://www.swancon.com/>

## Canada

### Ontario

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>

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>

May 2 SFX: Toronto Sci Fi Con II, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, L6M 4N4 Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://www.hobbystar.com> info@hobbystar.com Guests: Casey Biggs

May 28-30 Anime North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/info@animenorth.com>

Jun 4-6 Canadian Anthro & Cartooning Expo, Ottawa, Ontario; Info: 269-1411A Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1Z 1A7 <http://www.cace.org/cacexpo@cace.org> Guests: Heather Bruton

## Germany

May 21-23 Federation Con XII, Bonn, ; Info: Schisslerstr. 4, 86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49 821 219 1936 <http://www.fedcon.de/info@fedcon.de> Guests: Anthony Montgomery, Rene Auberjonois, Armin Shimerman, Armin Shimerman, Armin Shimerman, Terry Farrell, Richard Arnold, Marc B. Lee

## New Zealand

Apr 9-12 ConTour, Rotorua, ; Info: PO Box 74-013, Market Rd, Auckland, New Zealand <http://contour.sf.org.nz/enquiries@contour.sf.org.nz> Guests: Gregory Benford, Ross Temple, Sean McMullen, Bob Eggleton

Apr 16-18 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo,

Auckland, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onewunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/> info@pulpexpo.com Guests: Corin Nemec

## United Kingdom

### England

Apr 3-4 OLNFC Con 1, Warwickshire, England; Info: 22 Purefoy Rd, Coventry, West Midlands, England, CV3 5GL Ph: +44 02476 503113 <http://www.theofficialleonardnimoyfanclub.com/maggylolnfc@yahoo.com> Benefits: Cystic Fibrosis trust & Dogs Trust

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 or

sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Paul Darrow, Jacqueline Pearce, Janet Lees Price, Gareth Thomas, David Jackson, Stephen Grief, Lynda Bellingham, Glyn Owen, Glynis Barber

Apr 30-May 3 Collectormania 5, Milton Keynes, England; Info: 2 Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK6 3DG. England Ph: +44 (0)1908 671138 <http://www.collectormania.com/info@showmastersonline.com> Guests: Brad

Dourif, Corin Nemec, Robert Picardo, Robert Englund

Apr 30-May 2 Starfury: Fusion, London, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> Guests: Clare Kramer, Elizabeth Anne-Allen, Nathan Fillion, Juliet Landau, Tom Lenk, James Leary, Sarah Hagan, Nickolaus Brown, Gina Torres

May 15-16 Sci Fi Shows -- London Expo, London, England; Info: PO Box 38727, London, E10 7YH, UK Ph: +44 20 8523 1074 <http://www.londonexpo.com/info@scifishows.com> Guests: Connor Trineer, Dominic Keating, Marina Sirtis, Tony Todd

May 28-30 Crashdown, Northampton, England; Info: PO BOX 409, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1WU Ph: +44(0)17 9542 8440 <http://www.crashdown-conventions.co.uk/steven.frost@crashdown-conventions.co.uk>

May 29-30 UK Comics Festival, Bristol, England; Info: PO Box 48, Clevedon, Bristol BS21 7LQ, England Ph: +44 (0) 1225 424881 <http://www.dreddcon.co.uk/kevf@sitsvac.org>

## Scotland

Jun 18-20 Starfury: Prometheus, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> Guests: Clare Kramer, Julie Benz, Vincent Kartheiser, Andy Hallett

Have you ever wanted to be a part of something much bigger than yourself? Imagined yourself being powerful enough to set something in motion that had good results? All those years ago when you first started watching Star Trek, would it have ever occurred to you that you were going to be a part of its history? And at this point in your life, how far are you still willing to go?

Remember Scotty knowing that *Enterprise's* well-being rested on his know-how to get those engines online, and keeping those phasers in use? How many occasions did we watch him pull it off and save the day? Of course it was all fiction, but we were hooked and still today, the household phrase, "Beam me up, Scotty" can be heard.

After all these years, I just had the honor of speaking with Chris Doohan, James Doohan's son, something that I would not have considered happening in my life. But there we were talking about a man, his father, who is still attending conventions at the age of 83. This year, however, is special, because he is attending

## WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

By Rear Admiral Beryl Washington • USS Sovereign, Region 7

his farewell convention in June; James Doohan is suffering from Parkinson's Disease and diabetes. Of all the accolades James Doohan has received, the one that has eluded him is a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. This is the quest that Chris Doohan is undertaking. Paramount isn't forthcoming in presenting this honor to James Doohan, but Chris is hoping that family, friends, and fans will step up and help with a cause that is dear to his heart.

A star is not an easy thing to accomplish, as the cost is \$15,000, but Chris is not going to stop until the money is raised. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's deadline is May 31st, and they only meet once a year, so this undertaking has a sense of urgency to be submitted before that time. Chris Doohan has set up a website: Scottysstar.com. This site allows you to donate by PayPal or you can send

a money order. All donations and inquiries get answered via email, and all donors are listed on the site itself. Chris is working via radio, word of mouth, website, and just getting the word out there to complete this labor of love for his father.

And so you ask yourself, *do I want to be a part of something bigger than me?* Many ship engineers should be able to relate with their "Chief Engineer" and want to see the man who no doubt gave them incentive to join engineering attain an honor that he truly deserves. STARFLEET has a scholarship fund for engineering and rightly so. Can we take this one step farther, where the ships in 'Fleet honor those who keep them running and the man who started it all?

I am not an engineer, but I can appreciate what it takes to have the ship depend on one person to keep her running. I can

appreciate the excitement it gave me to see "Scotty" pull off a miracle time and again. Now I'm wondering if the many fans of Trek can pull off a miracle for "Scotty". He may have flown among the stars fictionally, but here is his chance to be among the stars literally, and we the fans may well be his passage.

For those of you who want to see "Scotty" at his retirement convention, the "Beam Me Up Scotty, One Last Time convention runs June 18th through 20th at the LAX Hilton. The original cast members will be there along with such stars as Leslie Nielsen, Christian Slater and others to join in a roast of James Doohan. Check your convention site, Planetxpo.com for more information. As always, stars' appearances are tentative.

While this may not be a charity, it is a good thing. Hopefully in a collective way, we can hitch ourselves to a star, James Doohan's star, on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



# MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber

## Region 1

**USS Aeon**  
NCC - 75022, Memphis, TN  
The crew had a Thanksgiving gathering with lots of good food. The shop donated gifts to a local nursing home for Christmas. Crewmembers also enjoyed a Christmas party and gift exchange.

**USS Alaric**  
NCC - 503, Asheville, NC  
Recycling efforts continue. The ship is making contributions to a local children's home. Crewmembers enjoying regular gaming nights.

**USS Appomattox**  
NCC - 75001, Appomattox, VA  
Crewmembers gathered to watch the lunar eclipse after the monthly meeting. The ship sponsored a Christmas pot luck dinner and gift exchange.

**USS Aries**  
NCC - 71806, Johnson City, TN  
Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party and the annual awards banquet.

**USS Arizona**  
NCC - 71839, Alliance, OH  
The ship adopted a local family for the holidays. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

**USS Asgard**  
NCC - 72402, Lancaster, OH  
Crewmembers participated in a bowl-a-thon to raise money for Toys for Tots. The ship sponsored a booth at the United Nations Festival.

**USS Athena**  
NCC - 51896, Reston, VA  
The ships sponsored a craft show to raise money for charity. Crewmembers relaxed during the holiday season.

**Bennu Station**  
SFR - 119, Gatlinburg, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed many activities including movie nights, gaming nights and bowling nights. The ship participated in a local Christmas parade.

**USS Bonaventure**  
NCC - 102-A, Greensboro, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to a local toy show and a movie event. The ship sponsored a Christmas party.

**USS Charleston**  
NCC - 71813, Charleston, SC  
The ship donated the proceeds from the holiday dinner to the local Ronald McDonald House. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant.

**USS Chesapeake**  
NCC - 1887, Richmond, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team enjoyed a Victorian Christmas.

**USS Columbia**  
NCC - 75017, Wooster, OH  
The ship made a donation to the USMC's Toys for Tots campaign. The ship sponsored its annual Christmas party. An away team enjoyed a laser tag event.

**USS Columbus**  
NCC - 72401, Columbus, OH  
Plans for the upcoming year underway.

**Shuttle Commonwealth**  
NCC - 74670, Richmond, KY  
An away team demonstrated the Star Trek RPG at a local comic store. The captain got chilled during the Polar Bear Plunge.

**USS Dark Wolf**  
NCC - 75002, Blountville, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed an astronomy outing.

**USS Dominator**  
NCC - 18076, N. Charleston, SC  
Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. Plans underway for the coming year.

**Shuttle Essex**  
NCC - 74202-01, Newark, OH  
Crewmembers working on vessel readiness. The ship collected toys for the Toys for Tots Campaign.

**USS Francis Marion**  
NCC - 2006, Kingsport, TN  
Crewmembers collected coats for a local Coats for Kids program and canned goods for a food bank.

**USS Gallifrey**  
NCC - 81631, Elyria, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights. Crewmembers enjoyed a murder mystery Thanksgiving dinner. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party and anniversary party.

**USS Heimdal**  
NCC - 1793, Madison Heights, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a guest speaker at the monthly meeting. The ship participated in a local Christmas Parade. Crewmembers chose charities to donate to in the coming year.

**Shuttle Hell's Fury**  
NCC - 71874, Simpsonville, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a relaxing holiday season.

**USS Hornet**  
NCC - 1714-D, Charlotte, NC  
Crewmembers assembled gift boxes for children. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an after New Years party.

**Shuttle Indiana**  
NCC - 79158, Indianapolis, IN  
An away team attended a local convention.

**USS Intrepid**  
NCC - 74655, Mansfield, OH  
Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with dinner and a movie.

**USS Jaguar**  
NCC - 74750, Kingsport, TN  
Crew continued to keep good thoughts for two of their own stationed overseas.

**USS Jamestown**  
NCC - 1843-D, Hampton, VA  
Crewmembers volunteered at the Virginia Air and Space Center. Anm away team attended Klingon event. Crewmembers participated in annual blood Feud with several other chapters. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Jurassic**  
NCC - 3500, Hamersville, OH  
Blanket donation efforts continue. Crewmembers continue to collection box tops and soup labels for education. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

**USS Kitty Hawk**  
NCC - 1659, Raleigh, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

**USS Lagrange**  
NCC - 3916-B, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
The ship decorated and donated a Christmas tree to a local children's hospital. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. Collection efforts for a local food bank continue.

**USS Liberator**  
NCC - 75008, Akron, OH  
Crewmember adopted a local family for Christmas. An away team volunteered at a local pet store.

**USS Maat**  
NCC - 1794-A, Virginia Beach, VA  
Crewmember participated in the annual Blood Feud. The ship sponsored a holiday party.

**USS Maelstrom**  
NCC - 74218, Hertford, NC  
An away team attended the anniversary party of a local Klingon group. Crewmembers participated in the annual Blood Feud. Crewmembers adopted two children to buy Christmas presents for.

**Space Station Nikola Tesla**  
NCC - SS0005, Puryear, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed the holiday season.

**USS Normandy**  
NCC - 36000, Correspondence  
An away team attended some local holiday celebrations. Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

**USS North Carolina**  
NCC - 75019, Hickory, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team attended a movie event.

**USS Ohio**  
NCC - 75007, Barberton, OH  
An away team viewed the lunar eclipse. Crewmembers sold candy as a fundraiser.

**USS Pathfinder**  
NCC - 2121, Lima, OH  
Data processing for Seti@home continues.

**USS Powhatan**  
NCC - 1967-A, Chesapeake, VA  
Crewmembers participated in the Blood Feud.

**USS Providence**  
NCC - 71796, Jackson, TN  
Crewmembers delivered food to the ship's adopted family for Thanksgiving.

**USS Questar**  
NCC - 75435, Louisville, KY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a chili-cookoff at the CO's house. Ship made a donation to Toys for Tots.

**USS Renegade**  
NCC - 2547, Youngstown, OH  
Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention.

**USS Reprisal**  
NCC - 1896, Kingsport, TN  
An away team viewed the lunar eclipse. Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual awards banquet. An away team participated in an astronomy night. Crewmembers enjoyed a New Year's party.

**USS Richmond**  
NCC - 2003, Covington, Va  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling night.

**USS Ronald E McNair**  
NCC - 61809, Columbia, SC  
Collection efforts for OCP and Ronald McDonald House continue.

**USS Rutledge**  
NX - 72415, Ladsen, SC  
Crewmembers donated toys to the Toys for Tots campaign. The ship continues to support Operation Eagle.

**USS Star League**  
NCC - 2101, N. Augusta, SC  
Crewmembers celebrated the wedding of two of their own.

**USS Starward Fury**  
NCC - 2122, Fayetteville, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed an activity day. The ship donated good to a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a Yule party and later a New Years Eve party.

**USS Tycho**  
NCC - 59325, Toledo, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Christmas party.

**USS Tristar**  
NCC - 71829, Knoxville, TN  
Crewmembers made and donated several Christmas stockings to the local Salvation Army.

**USS Wasp**  
NCC - 1721, Bristol, VA  
Plans underway for future activities.

**USS West Virginia**  
NCC - 2008, Charlestown, WV  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Thanksgiving party.

**USS White Eagle**  
NCC -2302, Jacksonville, NC  
Crewmembers participated in the Adopt-A-Highway project. Soup label collection efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas Social.

**USS Yeager**  
NCC - 61893, Bluefield, WV  
Crewmembers participated in various Christmas Charities. An away team volunteered at a local convention.

## Region 2

**USS Continuum**  
NCC - 71821, Pensacola, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meeting.

**USS Dark Phoenix**  
NCC - 74920, Pascagoula, MS  
Crewmembers celebrated commissioning with a potluck dinner. Crewmembers volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

**USS Dark Silence Station**  
NCC - SS - 007, Florence, AL  
The raised money for charity at a Renaissance faire. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party at a local restaurant.

**USS DaVinci**  
NCC - 74671, Columbus, GA  
Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving with dinner together.

**USS Draco**  
NCC - 78501, Cullman, AL  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's fifth anniversary with dinner and party. An aawy team attended another chapter's Christmas party.

**USS Dräkenfire**  
NCC - 71822, Odenville, AL  
Away teams enjoyed trips to a Vietnam War memorial, an eclipse viewing and several movie and dinner nights.

**USS Guardian**  
NCC - 26244, Cape Canaveral, FL  
Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention.

**USS Haise**  
NCC - 74664, Jackson, MS  
The ship sponsored a Salvation Army Angel tree.

**USS Hephaestus**  
NCC - 2004, Birmingham, AL  
Plans for activities for the coming year underway.

**USS Jubilee**  
NCC - 57299, Mobile, AL  
An away team attended the



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commissioning of another area chapter.

Shuttle King George  
NCC - 78501/01, Claxton, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

Shuttle New Hope  
NCC - 50335, Montgomery, AL  
An away team attended an IMAX movie. Crewmembers enjoyed a guest speaker at the monthly meeting.

USS Okatoma  
NCC - 74695, Collins, MS  
Crewmembers rang bells for the Salvation Army.

USS Paegan  
NCC - 1755, Orlando, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

USS Pleiades  
NCC - 72388, Elwood, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

USS Relentless  
NCC - 81001, Madison, FL  
Away teams cleaned local parks and volunteered with the Salvation Army. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. The ship loaded containers of good for relief to the Honduras.

USS Republic  
NCC - 1371, Atlanta, GA  
Crewmembers made a donation to Toys for Tots.

USS Rogue Phoenix  
NCC - 75005, Savannah, GA  
An away team attended a local crafts festival. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. The ship sponsored a flea market fundraiser.

USS Spiritwalker  
NCC - 31097, Decatur, AL  
Donation efforts for the local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise viewing nights.

USS Triumph  
NCC - 26228, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas dinner party. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Werner Von Braun  
NCC - 72069, Huntsville, AL  
An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Yamato  
NCC - 71087, Pinson, AL  
The ship sponsored a very successful yard sale. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

## Region 3

USS Ark Angel  
NCC - 74622, Georgetown, TX  
The ship hosted the brigades fall muster.

USS Aurora Vulcanus  
NCC - 1888, Houston, TX  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers spent a quiet holiday with family.

USS Bethel  
NCC - 74663, Grapevine, TX  
An away team attended the sector's movie event.

USS Bexar  
NCC - 71718, San Antonio, TX  
The ship participated in a local Christmas parade. Crewmembers wrapped gifts at a local mall. Crewmembers celebrated Christmas with a party.

USS Firebird  
NCC - 74662/1, Houston, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

SS Freedom Station III  
NCC - SS001, Euless, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

Shuttle Hapsburg  
NCC - SS001/05, El Paso, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party and gift exchange.

USS Intangible  
NCC - 65421, Bryan, TX  
Crewmembers had a very successful Radio MASH and Christmas party.

USS Joan of Arc  
NCC - 73289, Corpus Christi, TX  
The ship celebrated Christmas at a local restaurant.

USS Laredo  
NCC - 1375, Laredo, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Halloween party.

USS Lone Star  
NCC - 73628, Lubbock, TX  
Crewmembers filled shoe boxes with gifts for needy children. Crewmembers enjoyed pool and darts nights as well as gaming nights. An away team prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House. An away team volunteered at a local convention. The ship sponsored a Toys for Tots drive.

USS Palo Duro  
NCC - 61914, Amarillo, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Holiday party and costume contest. An away team attended a movie event.

USS Panther City  
NCC - 74917, Fort Worth, TX  
Crewmembers celebrated the holidays with a party, gift exchange and a Toys for Tots drive.

USS Rhyanna  
NCC - 1892, Austin, TX  
Crewmembers participated in a Thanksgiving food drive.

USS Spirit Wolf  
NCC - 74300, Houston, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Tejas  
NCC - 9756, Vernon, TX  
Collection efforts for OCP, the Humane Society and "Mile of Pennies" continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary.

USS Texas  
NCC - 74207, Killeen, TX  
Recruitment efforts continue.

Shuttle Trinity River  
NCC - 74663/4, Dallas, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. Plans for commissioning underway.

USS Vanguard  
NCC - 75026, Dallas, TX  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning with a movie event.

USS Victory  
NCC - 74208, San Antonio, TX  
Plans for the coming year underway.

## Region 4

USS Angeles  
NCC - 71840, Los Angeles, CA  
The ship held a picnic at the shooting location of several TOS episodes. The picnic was a huge success with members of several other local Trek groups attending. An away team visited a local theme park. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

USS Angelfire  
NCC - 75025, Phoenix, AZ  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a Holiday party.

USS Augusta Ada  
NCC - 55011, San Francisco, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed monthly meetings. Plans for future activities are underway.

Shuttle Battleborn  
NCC - 23401/1, Carson City, NV  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. Plans underway for the coming year.

Cascade Station  
NCC - SS0003, Redding, CA  
Plans for the station's 10th anniversary are underway.

USS Centurion  
NCC - 74801, Moreno Valley, CA  
The ship participated in a Christmas parade. Crewmembers enjoyed Iron Chef 6, the Feast of Q'Tohmer.

USS Dragon's Club  
NCC - 81003, Shafter, CA  
Crewmembers prepared food baskets for a local food bank.

USS Eagle  
NCC - 1719, Fremont, CA  
The ship sponsored a canned food drive. Crewmembers rang in the New Year with a party.

Shuttle Falcon  
NCC - 79430, Briggsdale, CO  
Recruitment efforts continue.  
Shuttle Gallant  
NCC - 1950, Fresno, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the general meeting.

USS Highroller  
NCC - 23104, Reno, NV  
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Christmas party. The ship made a Thanksgiving donation to a local food kitchen.

USS K'Ehkeyr Station  
NCC - SS0009, Las Vegas, NV  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner. The ship sponsored a food drive.

USS Northern Lights  
NCC - 27001, San Jose, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed stargazing and gaming events.

USS Oberon  
NCC - 71820, Citrus Heights, CA  
The ship made a donation to a local children's hospital. Plans for activities in the upcoming year underway.

USS Onizuka  
NCC - 71815, Chico, CA  
Crewmembers provided Thanksgiving dinner to a local fire station.

USS Palavara  
NCC - 2021, Chula Vista, CA  
An away team traveled to a local theme park and had a wonderful time.

USS Peacekeeper  
NCC - 72300, Visalia, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual Poker night fundraiser.

USS Pegasus  
NX - 9755, Las Vegas, NV  
Crewmembers donated dinners to a local Ronald McDonald house for Thanksgiving. Pop top collection efforts continue.

USS S L Heya  
NCC - 1604, Fresno, CA  
Despite most of the crew being in sick bay, the crew still managed a donation to a local clothing bank.

USS Tikopai  
NCC - 1800, San Jose, CA  
Crewmembers participated in a food drive.

Camp Wendell Fertig  
NCC-401, Fresno, CA  
The ship sponsored a toy drive.

USS William O'Darby  
NCC - 12474, Grand Terrace, CA

Crewmembers participated in a Toys for Tots campaign.

## Region 5

USS Carson  
NCC - 0592-A, Weiser, ID  
Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Crusader  
NCC - 74711, Spokane, WA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Christmas party.

USS Destiny  
NCC - 97301, Salem, OR  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers donated food to a local food bank. Crewmembers participated in a Toys for Tots campaign.

Shuttle Greywolf  
NCC - 75016/01, Boise, ID  
Crewmembers spent a quiet holiday season.

USS Kensington  
NCC - 75016, Meridian, ID  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. An away team attended a movie event.

USS Rubicon  
NCC - 71816, Richland, WA  
An away team enjoyed a movie outing. Crewmembers volunteered with the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. The ships sponsored a Chili and Cornbread Cookoff. Crewmembers participated in a Toys for Toys drive.

## Region 6

Shuttle Cimarron  
NCC - 81002/01, Waukesha, WI  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party but otherwise had a quiet holiday season.

USS Czar'ak  
NCC - 1798-A, Minneapolis, MN  
An away team attended two local conventions.

USS Fox River  
NCC - 81002, Appleton, WI  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Holiday Potluck dinner.

USS Imperium  
NCC - 2125, Fargo, ND  
Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers participated in a PBS pledge drive. An away team attended a movie premier.

USS Saint George  
NCC-63541  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers participated in a Toys for Tots campaign.

USS Thunderchild  
NCC - 3122, Rapid City, SD  
Crewmembers enjoyed playing pool



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after the regular meeting.

## Region 7

USS Accord  
NCC - 1842, Ithaca, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a visit to a local museum. An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Adamant  
NCC - 3029, Valley Forge, PA  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie events. An away team attended a New Years Eve Party.

USS Albany  
NCC - 587, Scotia, NY  
An away team toured the Basketball Hall of Fame in Massachusetts. Crewmembers enjoyed bowling events. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team enjoyed a museum visit.

USS Alpha Centauri  
NCC - 71812, Washington, DC  
An away team attended the Maryland Renaissance Faire.

USS Archer  
NCC - 1069, Mantua, NJ  
Recruitment efforts continue. The ship sponsored a Holiday Cookie Exchange.

USS Ascension  
NCC - 2520, Lehigh Valley, PA  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie events.

USS Asimov  
NCC - 1647, Yardley, PA  
The ship sponsored Toys for Tots campaign. Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

USS Avenger  
NCC - 1860, North Brunswick, NJ  
An away team enjoyed a trip to nearby Atlantic City.

USS Challenger  
NCC - 1767-D, Dover Township, NJ  
The ship sponsored its annual paintball game. Crewmembers enjoyed several Enterprise nights.

Shuttle DeBraak  
NCC - 63543, Frederica, DE  
An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Edinburgh  
NCC - 77930, Gaithersburg, MD  
The ship sponsored a charity drive for the holidays.

USS Flying Fox  
NCC - 3116, Philadelphia, PA  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a dinner and party.

USS Highlander  
NCC - 10530, Frederick, MD  
Crewmembers collected Toys for

Tots. Preparations for the Polar Bear Plunge underway.

Shuttle Independence  
Shuttle work underway.

USS Inferno  
Pittsburgh, PA  
An away team attended a Beach Bash. Pop Top collection efforts continue.

Shuttle Kerberos  
NCC - 74929, Newark, NJ  
Crewmembers hard at work on chapter fiction.

ISS Lexington  
NCC - 1703 - C, West Point, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming events.

USS Malverne  
NCC - 2205, Upper Darby, PA  
An away team attended the Region 7 Holiday party despite the inclement weather. The ship sent care packages to members deployed overseas.

USS Matrix  
NCC - 72296, Correspondence  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's continuing RPG.

USS Niagra  
NCC - 75634, Buffalo, NY  
Crewmembers donated goods to a local children's charity.

USS Northstar  
NCC - 10462, New York, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and Enterprise night. Plans underway for the ship's 8th anniversary.

USS Osiris  
NCC - 3092, Bronx, NY  
An away team enjoyed a movie night. The ship sponsored its 5th annual Thanksgiving day dinner.

USS Prevailing Wind  
NCC - 74667, Harrisburg, PA  
Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Sovereign  
NCC - 75000, Philadelphia, PA  
The ship cohosted the Region's Holiday party.

USS Starlord  
NCC - 74225, Ramsey, NJ  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming days and role playing nights. An away team enjoyed a picnic and paintball.

USS Thagard  
NCC - 652, Philadelphia, PA  
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie premiere.

USS Thor  
NCC - 2549-A, Parkton, MD  
Plans for activities in the coming year are underway.

USS Triton  
NCC - 71819, Glen Burnie, MD  
Plans for the upcoming year are underway.

Shuttle Vanguard  
NCC - 75026, Correspondence

## Region 9

USS Europe  
NCC - 74668, Lisboa, Portugal  
Crewmembers planing the next RPG for the ship.

## Region 10

USS Majestic  
NCC - 78601, Victoria, BC  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual Christmas dinner.

USS Sol  
NCC - 1733, Fairbanks, AK  
Crewmembers enjoyed a winter carnival and gift exchange.

## Region 11

USS Southern Cross  
NCC - 1886, Sydney, NSW  
Australia  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

## Region 12

USS Atlas  
NCC - 75013, Bridgeton, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and restaurant night.

USS Black Hawk  
NCC - 75004, Rockford, IL  
Plans underway for the ship's 9th anniversary.

Shuttle Claymore  
NCC - 4126/07, Midwest City, OK  
Crewmembers donated clothing and coats to various clothing banks. Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving with a dinner and party. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers painted a house for a family in need.

USS Discovery  
NCC - 1308, St. Louis, MO  
Members attended the Harvest Party at Peaceful Bend winery in Steeleville, MO. WWE PPV party held. Crewmembers joined committee for Shoe Me Con2 convention in St. Louis. Held Annual Thanksgiving Eve dinner, joined by members of the USS Hexum. Held X-men 2 DVD parties, attended St.

Louis Shakespeare performance and saw Lonny Tunes movie.

Shuttle Firestorm  
NCC - 75006/01, Wichita, KS  
Chapter members helped move another person, Thanksgiving with families

USS Flying Fortress  
NCC - 31904, Tulsa, OK  
Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a new book club.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone  
NCC - 3143, Emporia, KS  
Work on a new membership handbook continues.

USS Hexum  
NCC - 2199, Belleville, IL  
An away team attended a movie event. The ship donated a grocery gift card to a needy family for Thanksgiving.

USS Horizon  
NCC - 1000-B, Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Jeannette Maddox  
NCC - 14514, Wichita, KS  
Crewmembers wrapped gifts at a local bookstore. The ships sponsored a Salvation Army Angel Tree. The ship also sponsored a Toys for Tots drive.

USS Marko Ramius  
NCC - 23103, Fayetteville, AR  
The ship delivered two Thanksgiving baskets to needy families.

USS Phoenix  
NCC - 2155, Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers rang bells for the Salvation Army.

Shuttle Proxima  
NCC - 73707/1, St. Joseph, KS  
An away team enjoyed the Region 12 Holiday party.

USS Shawnee  
NCC - 7802, Paola, KS  
Plans for the coming year are underway.

USS Sunflower  
NCC - 74679, Augusta, KS  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts are underway.

USS Titanic  
NCC - 75015, Lawton, OK  
Recycling efforts continue.

Shuttle Titan  
NCC - 72303, Kansas City, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner.

USS Witchfire  
NCC - 75006, Harrison, AR  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

## Region 13

USS Banting  
NCC 17220, Guelph, ON  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary with a party.

USS Empress  
NCC-15025-A, Sterling Heights, MI

USS Hadfield  
NCC - 75020, Georgetown, ON  
Canada  
An away team attended the anniversary of two regionals chapter. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a game day. An away team toured a war plane museum. Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party.

USS Valkyrie  
NCC-74658, Dearborn, MI  
An away team attended the Regional summit.  
USS Whitestar  
NCC - 71012, Port Huron, MI  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary. The ship sponsored a Christmas party.

## Region 14

USS Magellan  
NCC - 72014, Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec  
An away team attended a nearby convention. Recruitment efforts continue.

## Region 15

USS Ares  
NCC - 26291, Boston, MA  
Crewmembers attended a local convention. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Atlantis  
NCC - 71803, Brockton, MA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season.

USS Avalon  
NCC - 74914, Standish, ME  
Plans for future events underway.

USS Darwin  
NCC - 1116, Brockton, MA  
Crewmembers attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed geocaching.

USS Endeavor  
NCC - 1716, Baltic, CT  
Plans for the upcoming year are underway.

USS Galaxy  
NCC - 70637, Springfield, MA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Christmas party. Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway.

USS Hood  
NCC - 1707, Nashua, NH  
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Holiday party.



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Space Station Ian Flemming  
SFR - 1501, Newburyport, MA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet  
holiday season.

USS Nelson  
NCC - 74804, Northampton, MA  
Crewmembers attended a nearby  
convention. Recruitment efforts  
continue.

USS O'Bannon  
NCC - 5372, Sanford, ME  
An away team attended a nearby  
convention. Crewmembers enjoyed  
a movie night. Crewmembers  
collected 71 coats for needy  
children.

USS Omar Khayyam  
NCC - 79001, Watertown, MA  
An away team traveled to Ohio  
to participate in that states  
Bicentennial.

## Region 17

USS Alioth  
NCC - 72383, Orem/Provo, UT  
Crewmembers enjoyed a murder  
mystery night. Collection efforts for  
OCP continue.

USS Anasazi  
NCC - 62001, Albuquerque, NM  
Crewmembers participated  
in a Toys for Tots campaign.  
Recruitment efforts continue.  
An away team attended the  
anniversary party of another  
regional chapter.

USS Arc Royal  
NCC - 63546, Colorado Springs,  
CO  
The ship sponsored its annual  
Thanksgiving party. The ship

celebrated its anniversary with a  
party.

USS Mir  
NCC - 73281, Las Cruces, NM  
Crewmembers volunteered at a  
nearby convention.

USS Omega Glory  
NCC - 26197, Denver, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a  
gaming night. An away team  
attended a Citizen's Police  
Academy. Crewmembers enjoyed  
Thanksgiving at the ZOO. An away  
team attended a movie event.  
Crewmembers celebrated New  
Years with a party.

USS Orion  
NCC - 74915, Colorado Springs,  
CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly.

USS Pioneer  
NCC - 5280-D, Westminster, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a  
movie outing. An away team  
enjoyed the Dinosaur World  
event. Crewmembers enjoyed  
Thanksgiving dinner and a movie  
marathon. Collection efforts for OCP  
continue.

USS Stormbringer  
NCC - 74213, Englewood, CO  
Crewmembers celebrated  
Thanksgiving with dinner.

USS Wind Spirit  
NCC - 14110, Colorado Springs, CO  
Crewmember celebrated  
Thanksgiving with a potluck dinner.

## Region 20

USS Britannia  
NCC - 5311, Stevanage, UK  
Crewmembers enjoyed a joint  
commissioning/Christmas party.  
Recruitment efforts continue.

## STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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January 2004

2004.01.31 : Gerry/Robyn, SFI-MP, (gerryrobyn@sfi.org) provides us with some insight into time constraints for mailed in membership requests and also asks for assistance in tracking down some members.

2004.01.30 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) provides us with an update on the 2004 Region 12 Summit, as well as an added Bonus.

2004.01.30 : MGN Jill Rayburn, TRACOM DCO-Academy, (jazdan@wk.net) announced that the new Xenostudies Jem'Hadar courses are now available for request from the SFMC page, in the Academy section.

2004.01.26 : Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps Director, (fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com) announced the state of the newly reconstituted STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, including a list of available positions.

2004.01.25 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the USS Titan, NCC-72303.

2004.01.25 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) announced the "If I were CompOps Chief" Essay Contest.

2004.01.24 : Captain Paul Wheeler, R1 Summit Panels Scheduler, announced that the Region 1 Summit website is now available at <http://www.geocities.com/smkymtndal/summitregistration2004.html>.

2004.01.22 : FCapt. Dixie Halber, Vice Chief Communications - Publications, (dixie@halberium.com) announced some staff changes for the CQ.  
2004.01.20 : Pete Mohny, CompOps Recruiting Coordinator, (pdmohny@aol.com) announced

the details for a recruiting contest covering the period from January 1, 2004 to July 25, 2004.

2004.01.20 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), provided an update on the status of the Academy DB Records, as well as the process for submitting updates or corrections.

2004.01.19 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced that new a VRR form and START manual for ShOC are now available from <http://www.pcisys.net/~biff/downloads.html>.

2004.01.17 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced that Greg Franklin has been voted in as the new Region 1 Coordinator.

2004.01.15 : CPT Lauren Milan, (laurenmilan@yahoo.com), announced that the STARFLEET Academy has opened a new school, the College of Trek Chronology.

2004.01.14 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced the launching of the United Star Ship Shawnee, STARFLEET Registry NCC-71802.  
2004.01.13 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org), announced that for the next six months, until the IC, a \$10 certificate good at the IC quartermaster and charity auction will be awarded monthly to a person randomly selected from our list of registered people.

2004.01.13 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org), announced updates to the Office Hours for #CompOps on FleetChat IRC.

2004.01.12 : Scott Akers, SFA Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced some new SFA personnel; including the new Dean of Leadership and the Directors for the Klingon Warrior Academy, Security School, College of Communication and the College of Treknology.

2004.01.12 : Richard L. Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@region2.org), announced that he is seeking a member of STARFLEET to volunteer as a web award co-judge.

2004.01.11 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Kasimar.

2004.01.10 : Mary Kane, (johndandmarykane@earthlink.net), provided a correction for the Region One Summit motel's phone number.

2004.01.07 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet International Conference 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org), provided a progress report for the 2004 IC.

2004.01.06 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Pride of Scotland.

### December 2003

2003.12.25 : Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Department of Technical Services Director, (alexr@castle.net) announced that the Department of Technical Services (DTS) is (still) seeking qualified and talented applicants for 1 or more available position(s) to execute engineering drawings of starships and space stations.

2003.12.19 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Independence out of Region 7.

2003.12.19 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Hathor out of Region 7.

2003.12.17 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander, STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), announced that ammendment ballots are now on the way

via Postal Mail to all members. All ballots must be postmarked by February 14, 2004.

2003.12.17 : Karen Mitchell, Chief Engineer - USS Richthofen, (terpette@hotmail.com), announced that a new list for Starfleet Engineers has been created at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fleet\\_engineers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fleet_engineers).

2003.12.16 : Cmdr Robin Van Cleave, FDP Youth Services Director, (rva\_joa@hotmail.com), announced that the Office of FDP-Youth Services is open once again.

2003.12.16 : Commodore Danny Potts, Region 02 Coordinator, (TrekNoid@aol.com), announced that the 2004 Region 02 Summit will be March 12-14, 2004 in Gulfport, MS!

2003.12.12 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org), announced that the IC 2004 Committee is now taking suggestions for shirt colors.

2003.12.11 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr, 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com), brings us all up to speed on the plans for the Region 12 2004 Summit, scheduled for May 21-23 in Joplin, Missouri.

2003.12.09 : CPT Lauren Milan, SFA Webmaster, (laurenmilan@yahoo.com), announced the STARFLEET Academy's newest school, the School of Recruiting.

2003.12.06 : Tom Restivo, (tomr@fred.net), announced that it is time to start nominating for the sixth annual Unofficial Online Little Guy STARFLEET- YEAR In REVIEW Top Five List.

2003.12.02 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced immediate changes to the Institute of Leadership, Officer's Training School, Officer's Command College, and the Institute of Military Studies.



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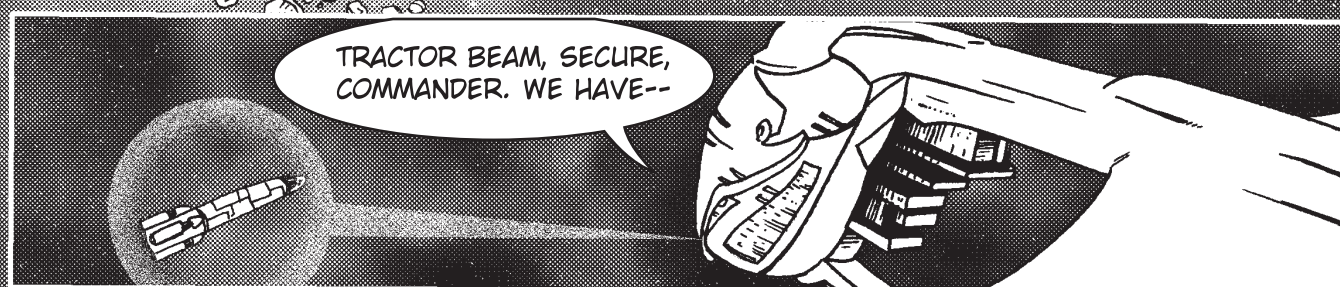
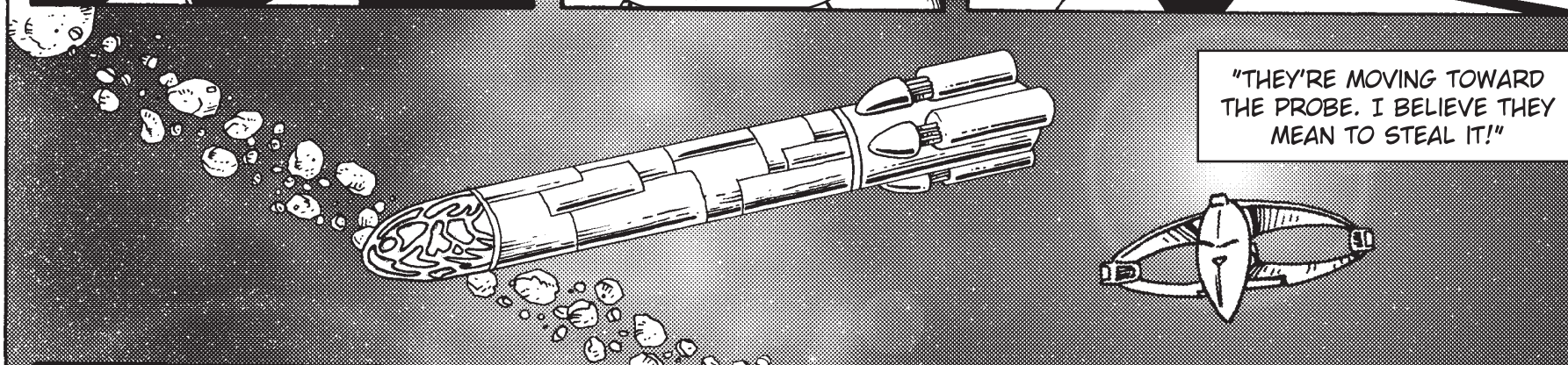
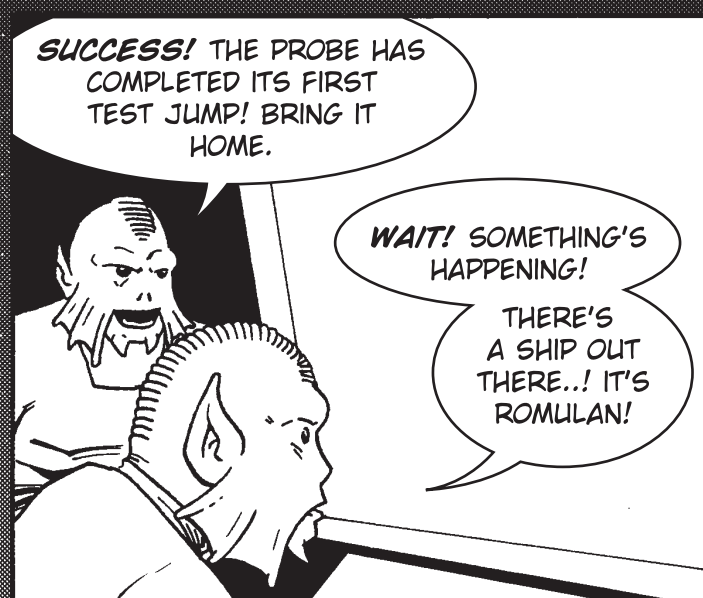
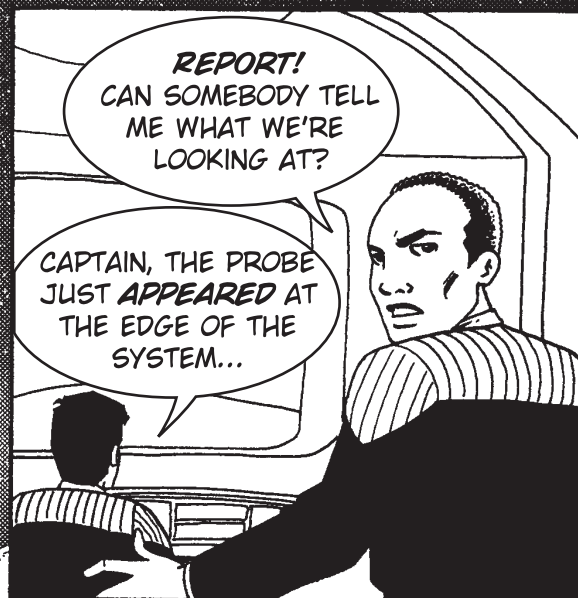
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Sonny Wright and Beryl Washington of the USS Sovereign, on the dance floor.



Gregg McDermott and Beryl Washington pose by the fire.



Paul Greene and Lorraine Gatti of the Malverne enter the party.



Kim Brooks and Tony Rowley are announced as they arrive.



Susanna Reilly and Glenn Summers enjoying themselves...



Toys collected at the party for Toys for Tots.



Traci Georgianni of the USS Sovereign.



Emily Vosseller of the USS Challenger on the dance floor.



Sovereign's Parker Gabriel looking dashing....