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## GUESS WHO'S BACK IN TOWN...



Dave Klingman is back in the U.S.A., with plenty more stories (and jokes) to tell! *Story on p. 3*

*Left: Dave Klingman receiving the "Vorta Funny Joke of the Week Award".*

## THE INTERGALACTIC FOODFEST STRIKES AGAIN!

The USS Challenger's Intergalactic Food Festival can have bizarre effects on people. *Story on p. 33*

*Right: Armed with four loaded plastic bananas, new USS Avenger XO Todd Brugmans has some fun during the festival. No, Todd did not try to serve the fruit to unsuspecting diners at the food festival.*



## SUMMIT SEASON HITS REGION 2!



R2 members meet for their annual Summit. *Additional photos in center spread and back cover.*

*Left: R2 RC Danny Potts presents a \$1500 check to the local Cancer Society*

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***A gentle reminder to get your butt to Birmingham!  
The Statue of Vulcan in Birmingham, Alabama - learn more  
about IC2004 in Birmingham on p. 6***

***Photo courtesy of Pete Mohney***



***Long may they wave! The STARFLEET Flag joins Old Glory  
at the Region 2 Summit hotel.***

***Photo courtesy of Jill Rayburn***



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As I write this installment of my Gamma Quadrant Journal, I find myself nearing the time when I will be returning home. In fact, by the time you read this, I will be back in my Xenoarchaeology Lab in the Alpha Quadrant, probably telling my tale in person (or at least in the chat room). But for those who are fans of the print media, here's Part 2 of this fantastic journey.

**Week ending January 20: Did I re-enroll in STARFLEET Academy, or am I just the galactic yank-meister?**

During this week, I focused completely on two academic pursuits.

The first is my professional education, where the unit I'm on, Communication Studies, through which I learn how to write formal memorandums, letters and presentations, as well as enhance skills in public speaking and professional communications. The other is a direct extension of my studies, the presentation I am making before the Family Practice residents at the State Medical Academy.

This will be the first of two lectures, the first relating to cavities and periodontal disease, the second to diseases of the oral soft tissues, head and neck, and some systemic considerations of oral disease. The timing could not have been better to be doing these two things together; as I read and study, I get to put the skills to practical use as I form my presentation.

My other major pursuit this week was my role as the "Gamma Quadrant Oral Surgeon at Large." The first month I was here, it seemed I did mostly root canals; the second month brought mostly general dental procedures. This month, oral surgery has dominated: three extractions in the last week, along with a wisdom tooth extraction this morning.

Dominion beware... no Jem'Hadar tooth is safe from the Fleet Dentist!

**Week ending January 27: Academics, the aftermath of Dominion occupation, and "Ferengi sure do have**

# DR. DAVE RETURNS FROM THE GAMMA QUADRANT!

Story & Photos by David Klingman • STARFLEET Dentist-at-Large

**resources in a lot of places!"**

My first presentation to the Kyrgyz Medical Academy — on cavities and periodontal disease — was fairly smooth. It was a different experience and it took a lot longer than expected because everything had to be translated. I plan to move my second lecture (on stomatitis, oral soft tissue disease, and facial diseases) a lot faster and with a lot less detail. By the time I finish this rotation, I should be a

like this orphanage — it's very bare, not particularly clean, they have very little, and the boys are schooled six days a week. No that I think about, I found the experience a bit depressing since I had never seen anything like it.

This week, we took our first official exam in Korean; I scored a 7/10, not bad for my first try. Best of all, the week ended with mail delivery. We have not had any mail deliveries lately thanks to fog and



**Even Vulcans need dental care! Lt Col Amy Asher, 376 Air Expeditionary Wing Executive Officer**

well-rounded galactic lecturer.

I passed my second exam on military and international studies, and I'm now waiting for my third (of four) exams to arrive. Since I've already studied for it, I can just review, take the test, hopefully pass, and then work on the material for the last exam and have it all done before I return to the Alpha Quadrant.

I had the opportunity to visit a local juvenile boys' home. We brought them clothes, played soccer and table tennis, and had a lot of fun taking photos. The boys were entranced by our cameras and were thrilled to be able to take photos. The collapse of the infrastructure (following the withdrawal of the Soviets) is very evident in places

bad weather, so we were happy by the packages and mail. I received a postcard from Mark Anbinder (this one was from Boston) and a package from Carolyn "Moogie" Peters, our favorite Ferengi at Large (snacks, cookies, chocolate, and various goodies).

Dentistry is as usual: I continue to see to the oral health of all the life forms in the Quadrant.

**Week ending February 3: Transitions**

This week was both busy week and one during which I found myself going through transitory moments of non-motivation.

I completed the second lecture to the Kyrgyz Medical Academy, and I must admit I am glad the

experience has passed. Don't get me wrong: it was a phenomenal experience, and I can now claim to be an "international lecturer," but the truth is that lecturing with a translator to people whose primary language is not your own is hard.

I found myself a bit bummed over the weekend, both because of a lack of motivation and because correspondence from home has been sparse. The flood of emails and letters I received during the initial part of my stay has dried up somewhat.

Monday was a much-needed return to action and business, as I began to work on the administrative process of eventually getting us home (this has been tasked to me as the "rotational manager"), so it's my job to see to it that when the time comes, flights are booked properly and everyone gets to where they need to go.

We ended the "week" by bidding farewell to the nice Korean dental equipment we have been using since — and before — I got here. We are now in the process of setting up our portable field dental unit and working out the kinks.

I can definitely feel things "waning" a bit as we find ourselves wanting to be home with friends and family. Each day with "quiet time" becomes a little more difficult than the one before, and so I try to stay as active as I can lest boredom creep in. Fortunately, motivation still runs strongly in me, so that's good.

**Week ending February 11: The effects of time dilation are all relative**

You're not supposed to feel the effects of time dilation unless you are approaching the speed of light. This is fortunate if you're zipping around at warp speed, passing through a wormhole, or speeding through a transwarp conduit or enjoying the effects of quantum slipstream. But I've been doing none of that the past week, and though I'm enjoying my time on the other side of the galaxy (the Jem'Hadar aren't so bad once you get to know them), I nevertheless find myself experiencing the slowing of time (cont. on page 4)



## DR. DAVE RETURNS FROM THE DELTA QUADRANT

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Thursday afternoon, the moon really stuck out. Maybe it's the lack of ambient light, particularly at night, since there seems to be a lot less "light pollution" in this country.

Needless to say, seeing the moon got me back to looking at the sky, both in real life and on the Internet, thanks to the NASA Astronomy Picture of the Day Archive, which you can find at <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/archivepix.html>.

### **Week ending February 22: Expectation**

We're drawing to the point when people are starting to think about going home.

There's a level of expectation that builds, but the whole idea of "expectation" makes me uncomfortable. I've found myself telling people that "expectation is often born into a world of disappointment." It happens all too often: we expect a gift or a reward, a task to be completed, some favor or some payback in return for things done on our part. I'm starting to see the danger signs on the road of expectation ending in what may, for some people, be disappointment.

I'm also sorry to say that my own expectations in people are, from time to time, not being met. One of the many reasons that I am here, doing what I am doing, is to meet a high level of self-expectation. This is easy. I have control over how much effort I put into things. Unfortunately, the expectation I have in others sometimes just doesn't come to fruition, although that perhaps this is unfair for me to say, since it's likely expectations people have of me may not be what I had in mind either. I'm dealing with this by maintaining the highest level of professionalism that I know how to muster, by staying as active as I can, by being as dedicated to my tasks as I can be, and by continually pushing people to strive to excellence.

The Air Force tells us to focus

on "integrity first," "service before self," and "excellence in all we do." I suspect that I've gotten the first two down. I sleep very well at night knowing that I at least try every day to do the right thing for the right reasons. I can claim to be putting the "needs of the many" in front of the "needs of the few or the one." The third, excellence, I suspect I'll achieve on the day I die when I find myself seeing the big picture and saying, "Oh yeah! I get it now!"

Needless to say, I've very much found an attachment to the concept of "the big picture." The most significant thing that happened this week was our farewell party for the Korean medics. The Korean lessons have paid off, as I was given the opportunity to participate in the ceremony and exchange of gifts and certificates of appreciation (apparently someone thought I have the best pronunciation of Korean). We also received a tae kwan do presentation from a local school. The other "payoff" was being a recipient of a certificate of appreciation and a Korean Medical Group coin (my first actual "coining" for doing something significant for someone else).

I was also able this week to continue my skill development in briefing by presenting "The Well-Being of the EMT" as part of an EMT refresher course. Perhaps it's a bit freaky for EMTs to have a dentist telling them about the dynamics of death and dying and the physical and emotional well-being of EMTs, but it was another of those excellent experiences I'm glad I had.

### **Week ending February 29 (Happy Leap Year!):**

A look back home, my name in my pants, and all the strange things in the universe

My mood this week was more or less dominated (quite humorously, I might add) by strange observations I've compiled over the last few months. I'd like to share these with you, as I'm sure you'll be amused at my expense.

But first, a look back to the big blue marble we call Earth. As my trip home draws closer and closer, I took this week to decorate my computer desktop with images not from the far reaches of the galaxy,

but with pictures of the beautiful rock unto which I was born:

- Earth at Twilight:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap030424.html>
- Moonset, Planet Earth:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap020921.html>
- Earth's Richat Structure:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap021028.html>
- Leonids Over Indian Cove:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap031118.html>
- A Flock of Stars:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap031213.html>
- Moonrise Through Mauna Kea's Shadow:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap031203.html>
- Venus and the 37-Hour Moon:  
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap031225.html>

Now back to the other topics.

It dawned on me the other day that it took an act of coming into the Air Force and being deployed overseas to return to the childhood task/nightmare/just plain goofy act of writing my name in my pants. You see, everyone here wears the same desert camouflage, so it behooves all these people to make sure they get the correct pair of clothes back when they go to the laundry. Since our names are only on our top garments, it also behooves us to write our names in our pants; in some cases, people take this to the extreme and we have the pleasure of observing names written in underwear as we laugh about the whole thing in the communal showers.

So, for all you moms out there, my name is in my underwear, and yes, I am wearing clean jockey shorts! I'm sure that's more information than you wanted to hear, but well worth every laugh you're getting at my expense.

Another thought: never did I think a year ago that I would be in a foreign country, formerly part of a union with whom we could have potentially gone to war, doing dentistry and providing medical care to people of different cultures who speak different languages, and then finding myself saddened to see them leave.

This week, I felt just that

emotion and more as we saw our Korean medical team leave for good. I found myself saying goodbye to people who are now friends as much as colleagues in a supportive role against terrorism. We waved goodbye and exchanged handshakes, hugs, and smiles — as well as emails addresses — with our Korean friends. Earlier this week, we enjoyed a last evening of celebration, with a formal ceremony deactivating the Korean medical attachment here, and saw some tremendous video of what Korea is like (it was a video produced by the Korean National Tourism Board, but after seeing it, I'm still planning on taking the wife and child someday).

And then there is Tanzania. Yes, I said Tanzania. I have had the privilege of meeting some of the most tremendous people on this tour, and I want to tell you about one of them, Charles 'Chuck' Dodd, a major in the US Army Reserve. He's our veterinarian and takes care of our military working dogs. When he goes home, he'll be packing again, taking his family and belongings to Tanzania to continue his mission-driven work in that country. Here is a man who is so thankful for the opportunity to provide something to people who have nothing that he's willing to take his whole family into a country that, by all standards, is one of the poorest, potentially most unhealthy (like many other East African countries), but still most beautiful places in the world. I hope that, sometime next year, I will pack up the wife — not sure about the child yet — and travel to Tanzania. To not do so would be an insult to Chuck, with whom I hope I will be sharing stories and calling my friend until the day one or both of us dies.

Sometimes it takes an act of terrorism to find the gemstones in the pile of rocks. This, for me, is strange but tremendous. I look forward to seeing Chuck again, away from the tents and Humvees, and seeing what he tells me is a lovely country. Perhaps I might climb Kilimanjaro,  
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which Chuck has done and assures me is a very doable and astounding experience (which is why I might leave the child at home and take my wife for a hike up a very big hill!).

It has taken an act of terrorism to bring me to a foreign place, where I've lectured to people on dental and oral disease. It has taken an act of terrorism to bring me to a foreign place, where I've gone shopping using a currency that bears a strong resemblance to Monopoly money, gone to a swanky hotel for brunch, shook hands with the wife of an embassy officer whose broken tooth I fixed, been saluted by soldiers in the Korean Army, been presented a coin of the Korean Army, and much more.

What a strange world. What wonderful civilizations. How cool to go to places I've never gone before.

#### ***Week ending March 7: Relocation and the first goodbyes***

We relocated the entire clinic — including my desk and computer — into the dental clinic area this week. I have found this change rather relaxing. It has allowed me to complete the readings for my Squadron Officer School course; all that remains is some studying. Presuming I passed Exam 3, I will take my last Exam when I arrive home. If all goes successfully, I will have completed Squadron Officer School in just under six months.

Unfortunately, I said my first good-byes this week to Chuck Dodd, my new and excellent friend. Although I will miss him, we have agreed that we will meet each other again because our friendship is worth it.

I feel the creep of quiet eagerness for the trip home amongst our people. Most from my rotation will be gone before me. My ability to engage myself and accept responsibility at any level presented has "bought me extra time here." Needless to say, it's a reward, and in no way a negative. I've enjoyed nearly every moment here; it has been home for the last few months and we've all left it with a bit of our

own style, taste, and soul.

I've begun packing my things (well in advance of my departure, but with some level of anticipation) and trying to figure out how everything is going to fit. It's true what they say — you go away and come back with more stuff.

I started the journey with 5 bags (thanks to a whole bag of cold weather boots I brought for the entire group but which were not needed) and find myself leaving with 4 four bags, thanks to a few things I mailed to friends and family.



***Standing next to statue of Lenin in Bishkek***

I look forward to unloading more goodies on people when I get home. A number of you, particularly those of you who have kept the lines of communication open through the wormhole, have some "interesting items" coming your way. So I watch the night skies here as the strange aliens come and go, and ponder reentry with the thought that it's a much smaller world (and universe) then when I left.

#### ***Week ending March 14: It's a serious business we face in the***

#### ***Gamma Quadrant***

Lest anyone forget the nature of our presence on this far side of the galaxy, human nature and the environment threw us some serious business this week. After what are surely record high temperatures — over 80 degrees — last Sunday, the universe saw fit to drop the temperature more than 50 degrees overnight from Sunday to Monday. Then, in the course of two days, we had more than eight inches of snow dropped on us. It was freakish, to say the least, to go

The desktop theme for the majority of the week has been 'Moon and Venus Over Corona Del Mar Beach.' It was such a cool picture that I kept it on my desktop all week long. It can be found at <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap040308.html>. The image reminded me of some sort of primordial earth where life perhaps began in that mist like pool.

I completed all the readings for my Squadron Officer School course, and my last exam is already on the way to my duty station back home. I look forward to completing the course and having that under my belt. I also have verified that I now have 502 of the required 500 credit hours needed to complete my Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship (this is more or less like a correspondence degree from the Academy and is considered in the dental community to be an additional credential).

Friday was a little freakish: after realizing that a number of people were gone, a few of us found ourselves wandering a bit, not really motivated to do anything. Very strange.

For better or worse, the week ended this morning with a Commander's Call on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault. A directive came from the highest levels of command that we be briefed on the policy — which, of course, is zero tolerance — and a blunt confession on the part of our commander that his daughter had recently been raped. This put a very serious note and an edge to the entire tour, but I believe opened a few peoples' eyes to the basic consideration for other human beings.

So I leave with the following lessons:

1. Be considerate of humanity in all the things you say and do.
2. Think before you speak, type, or hit the "ENTER" key because what you say affects others.
3. Most of what we think is important is small potatoes.



It won't be all STARFLEET at the 2004 International Conference (IC) in Birmingham, Alabama between July 30 and August 1. The conference will include special features, including two Star Trek guests, a tremendous store-quartermaster-dealer room, exercise sessions led by a soon-to-be-certified physical trainer, more than 50 restaurants within four miles and a trip to a science museum and our namesake statue. We also expect several former commanders, STARFLEET in attendance, a full-time First Aid staff of nurses and emergency medical technicians, possible coverage from local media, and a whole raft of activities for cadets.

#### Tonight's Guests Are...

One of our guests is Vaughn Armstrong, who has taken on many roles in the various Star Trek series, including The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine and Voyager, but is best known as Admiral Forrest of Enterprise. Armstrong also has many other television credits, including various roles on Babylon 5, 7 Days, ER, West Wing, NYPD Blue, Seinfeld, The Beast, Frasier, Moesha and many more. His film credits include Clear and Present Danger, The Net, Philadelphia Experiment, and Triumphs of a Man Called Horse. On stage, Armstrong has portrayed Brutus in Julius Caesar, as well as Macduff and Cassio in Othello. His 32-year career has included producing, directing and stage design, and acting.

Vaughn will present a two-hour panel, sign autographs, attend the opening ceremony and join us for the banquet. If you are interested in dining at Armstrong's table, watch for an announcement about a charity sale or auction for four seats.

Our second Star Trek guest is Lee Shackleford, a story contributor to the fifth and sixth seasons of Star Trek: The Next Generation. He is also the playwright-in-residence at the theater at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and has written and acted off-Broadway. He also wrote most of The UFO Diaries, a cable documentary series. Shackleford will join Armstrong in attending the banquet, and the two will share a

# STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2004 HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

By Pete Mohnney, Chairman

table — making it a bonus for the winner of the dinner with Vaughn Armstrong auction mentioned above.

The Quartermaster's room, which will be run by Region 2 Quartermaster James Muench, will feature 25 tables with items from the official IC shirt printer, several local collectibles and hobby shops, and the SFI and R2 quartermaster. The room will also showcase the official IC charity auction items, and STARFLEET Academy will have a

certified physical fitness trainer by the time of the IC, will lead all who wish to participate in a daily walk, workout, and swim, with prizes going to those who participate the most. (The truly dedicated can join her on her 5:00 a.m. walk, prior to the GFFD walk at 6 a.m.)

After all that working out, you'll have built up a hunger, and the IC hotel is in the perfect location for you to dine any way you wish. The hotel is located on a suburban highway, in the midst of a light-business and

a special T-shirt for kids ages 6 to 12. The McWane group will leave during the general session and will be accompanied by the cadet programs staff. Parents are welcome to attend, but must pay their own admission. Parents of children under the age of 6 are encouraged to join the trip and may bring their children as well. The McWane Center features a special play area, "Just Mice Size," designed for children six years old and younger.

The McWane Center is one of the country's premier hands-on science facilities. It features an Imax theater and Adventure Hall, a place where visitors can learn through the use of hands-on demonstrations, simulations, models, audiovisuals and stage presentations. It also includes "ScienceQuest," where kids can find interactive exhibits, experiment with the building blocks of science, recline on a bed of nails, launch a tennis ball high into the air, build their own roller coaster, play a laser harp and participate in more than 50 other adventures.

"Just Mice Size" is a fantasy environment that is designed to encourage curious minds under age six. In response to visitor and member demand, McWane Center recently expanded this area, adding space where little ones can experiment, construct, shop, act and create. With ever-changing activities and programs, each visit is a totally new experience.

"WOW! World of Water" is filled with interactive exhibits and habitat tanks of aquatic creatures from around the world, including from Alabama. In "World of Water," you can make waves on an eroding shoreline, investigate salt marsh creatures up close at "Ocean's Edge" and explore the incredible story of water and its importance to life on Earth. In the underwater research lab, "Deep Discovery," you can plunge below the surface and discover coastal and offshore habitats of more than 50 species.

Never thought a demonstration of counterweights and the mechanics of self-propulsion could be interesting? Put yourself on the McWane Center's "HighCycle" and see if your attitude changes. Positioned on a cable strung 30



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table where you can pick up tests and drop off your OTS to have it graded on site. The QM room will be open Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon, and midday on Sunday, so you'll have plenty of time to shop and make sure you don't go home with any of that annoying cash.

And if you don't have cash, the QM and auction leaders will take payments through Paypal. In fact, you can even get items — including the 30th anniversary STARFLEET pin — by shopping our web page, [www.ic2004.org](http://www.ic2004.org).

An event that has already drawn attention is the "Get Fit for Duty" program, which the IC committee is strongly supporting. Leslie Ryan, who is expected to become a

shopping district, with four malls and more than fifty restaurants of all types within four miles, all on the main road. Each membership packet and the program book will include a map of the area, with a key for the restaurants and shopping, so you'll be able to easily find your way to all kinds of eating and shopping.

#### The McWane Center: For Kids of All Ages

Saturday, July 31 will feature an all-day trip to the McWane Center [www.mcwane.org](http://www.mcwane.org), an interactive hands-on science exhibit, and the statue of Vulcan, the world's largest iron statue. A single of 25 dollars will cover admission, lunch, and



feet above with 10,000 lbs. of tension, the "HighCycle" gives all who dare to ride it the thrill of the circus stunt with none of the danger.

The main exhibit for the summer — which should be a hit with the kids — is called "GROSSOLOGY." Sometimes it's crusty; and sometimes it's slimy. Whatever it is, you can explore why your body produces mushy, oozy, crusty, scaly and stinky gunk at "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body." Based on the best-selling book Grossology, this hands-on attraction uses sophisticated animatronics and imaginative exhibits to educate visitors about the good, the bad and the downright ugly about runny noses, body odor and much more.

Finally, McWane Center features two experiences that will give the kids some special things to talk over with their Trekin' parents. In "STARDOME Constellations," kids can get answers to questions about topics such as the North Star and the apparent "movement" of stars and planets. The entire group can crawl into the inflatable indoor planetarium to learn about the solar system and the constellations. And in "The Science Behind Science Fiction," terrestrial physics becomes fun with a hands-on exploration of the science behind your favorite science fiction movies.

### **Just Like a Real Vulcan, It Has No Emotions**

After visiting McWane Center, the group will continue to the statue of Vulcan (<http://www.vulcanpark.org/>), the world's largest cast-iron statue, which has been newly restored for its 100th anniversary. Vulcan has stood in Birmingham since the 1930's, when the Kiwanis Club rescued it from an embarrassing stint at the state fairgrounds and restored its dignity by installing it in its own park. But why was the great god of iron at the fairgrounds in the first place? His history is as interesting and unsettling as the near-naked statue itself.

Alabama had no plans to enter an exhibit in the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, so a group of enterprising civic-minded

citizens from Birmingham decided they would build an exhibit. The group hired famous Italian sculptor Giuseppe Moretti to design and built the largest cast-iron statue in the world.

Casting the statue proved to be a more difficult task than expected, as numerous cracks developed during this process. Moretti had the cracks filled with concrete and continued pouring. Finally, amid nationwide publicity, the statue was finished. It stood 56 feet high, weighed more than 120,000 pounds, and held a hammer in its left hand and a spearhead in its right. At the fair in St. Louis, Vulcan was a smash hit, earning first place in its category.

When the man of iron returned to Birmingham, however, his celebrity turned to notoriety. Plans to place the statue permanently in a downtown park had to be scrapped; women's clubs objected to his unattractive countenance and his bare derriere. The toast of the World's Fair became an unwanted outcast in its own city. Finally, in 1906, the Alabama State Fair agreed to erect the statue near the entrance to the fairgrounds. It stayed there for thirty years, serving as a meeting point for parents and their children and as a backdrop for various products. At different times it held a pickle jar and a Coca-Cola can. Someone painted blue jeans on it, presumably to cover his backside as well as to advertise Liberty Overalls. After the giant's 75-pound thumb rusted and fell off, Vulcan was declared a safety hazard, and the city considered melting it down for scrap metal.

Through the decades, Vulcan presided over the continued progress of Birmingham from its lofty site as the city's undisputed symbol. But by early 1999, an engineering report warned that huge chunks of concrete and iron could fall to the ground if major repairs were not made. After 60 years atop Red Mountain, Vulcan had to come down. After more than two years of restoration and rebuilding, Vulcan returned to its place overlooking Birmingham, surrounded by a beautiful park and information center.

### **Keeping Everybody Busy**

Every International Conference offers events and attractions for all, from the old timers who have done it

and seen it all to the newest newbie who can use basic introductions to the information needed to advance in STARFLEET. This year, we plan to expand the menu to encourage a fast-growing group in our organization — cadets and their parents — to attend and have fun.

You may have stayed away from past ICs 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. But for 2004, the story will be exactly the opposite — there will be so much for the kids to do, it will be hard to decide which activity to attend. We have set up the kids' weekend to make it as fun and as memorable as the adults'.

We have a department chair whose only job is to plan and prepare events for the kids, from teenagers and "tweens" to younger kids. On Friday and Saturday, kids' activities will be available in a room set aside for that purpose, which will feature toys, games, snacks and supervised activities. Parents will be asked to provide any special needs, such as diapers or meals, and will be asked to fill out a form that lists basic emergency information and a list of people allowed to check the kids in and out. Finally, children who are left in the special "kids room" will be given a wristband for identification purposes and anyone checking the kids in or out will be asked for photo identification.

On Friday, there will be games for cadets from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m., including board and card games, and perhaps even computer games. During Saturday night's banquet, there will be a kid's pizza party with food, drinks, games and entertainment. In addition, a children's banquet is available at a reduced price. On Sunday morning, there will be a room for childcare so parents can drop off their children while they are packing and checking out. We are also exploring other events for kids, including a scavenger hunt, game tournaments, a supervised pool party, group skits and game shows geared toward their age group.

In addition to the volunteer staff who will be helping with these activities, we will be hiring two or more experienced child care

providers to staff the "kids room" during the weekend. If you have any other ideas for kids' activities, you may send them to our cadet chair at [cadets@ic2004.org](mailto:cadets@ic2004.org).

### **Remembering 30 Years of STARFLEET**

Since 2004 is the 30th anniversary of STARFLEET, we're trying to get as many of the organization's history-making leaders to attend as possible. In addition to the current Fleet Admiral, we already have confirmed the attendance of two retired Fleet Admirals and are in discussion with others. It will be a great opportunity to meet the people who led STARFLEET through the last two decades and honor them for their years of hard work.

While we always hope that the weekend of the IC will be a happy and safe one for all who attend, accidents and health care emergencies are always possible. Fortunately, we have several nurses and emergency medical technicians on the IC staff, at least one of whom will be "on duty" with a radio and available to provide immediate minor care or, if a serious event occurs, to help until emergency aid arrives.

We have been in contact with local newspapers, radio and television stations in an effort to publicize the IC. We believe we will have some media presence during the weekend, possibly even a feature story on one of the television stations. So bring your best duds and prepare to shine, because you might become a media celebrity!

Does all of this sound like you are going to have a busy weekend ahead of you? We haven't that we have more than 60 events and panels scheduled, and are planning more. There will be events for all ages and levels of interest. The current schedule and other information can be found on our website, [www.ic2004.org](http://www.ic2004.org). For the latest "Hot News" that hasn't yet made it to the website, check out <http://members.aol.com/ic2004hq/index.html>.



It was a mix of emotions, mostly good but some sad, as the USS Inferno held its commissioning ceremony at a restaurant in its hometown of Pittsburgh on March 7.

The 11 people present included all three command staff members, two regular members, four guests/prospective members, and two away team members from the USS Niagara: the ship's doctor, Commander Craig Horbinski, and counselor, Lieutenant Christina Horbinski.

The evening began with an official Empty Chair Ceremony (see attached article) to honor one of our warriors and military veterans, who was recently killed in a skiing accident. The memory of First Sergeant Matthew Rose (K'n'l'pin'a'bu Rustadzh) lives on at <http://www.angelfire.com/trek/ussinferno/MattRose.html>. After the Empty Chair Ceremony, the command staff briefly talked about

# USS INFERNO COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Story and Photos by Colonel K'moghjIH sutai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.)

Matt and how he touched their lives.

The Empty Chair Ceremony was followed by dinner and pleasant conversation, which brought the spirit of the evening to a happier note. After dinner, the Inferno's Chief of Operations, Lt. Colonel Ksimka vestai-Ki'RK (Debbie French), read the official commissioning letter (see second attached article) and a communiqué from Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon (see third attached article). The USS Niagara's representatives presented the command staff with a gift welcoming the Inferno into Fleet. The evening concluded with cake, some more discussion, and a visit by the command staff and some prospective members to the Captain's Quarters for story telling and other fun.

## Empty Chair Ceremony

"As you entered the dining area this evening, you may have noticed a small table in a place of honor near our head table. It is set for one. The military caste is filled with symbolism. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that a member of our crew is missing from our midst. He was unable to be with us this evening and so we remember him because of his passing.

"This table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one warrior alone against his oppressors. Remember!

"The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of his intentions to respond to his country's call to arms. Remember!

"The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the family and loved ones of our warrior-in-arms

who kept the faith awaiting their return. Remember!

"The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red blood shed in dedication of his service and enthusiasm of life. Remember!

"A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of his bitter fate. Remember!

"There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the family's and friends' tears as they mourn. Remember!

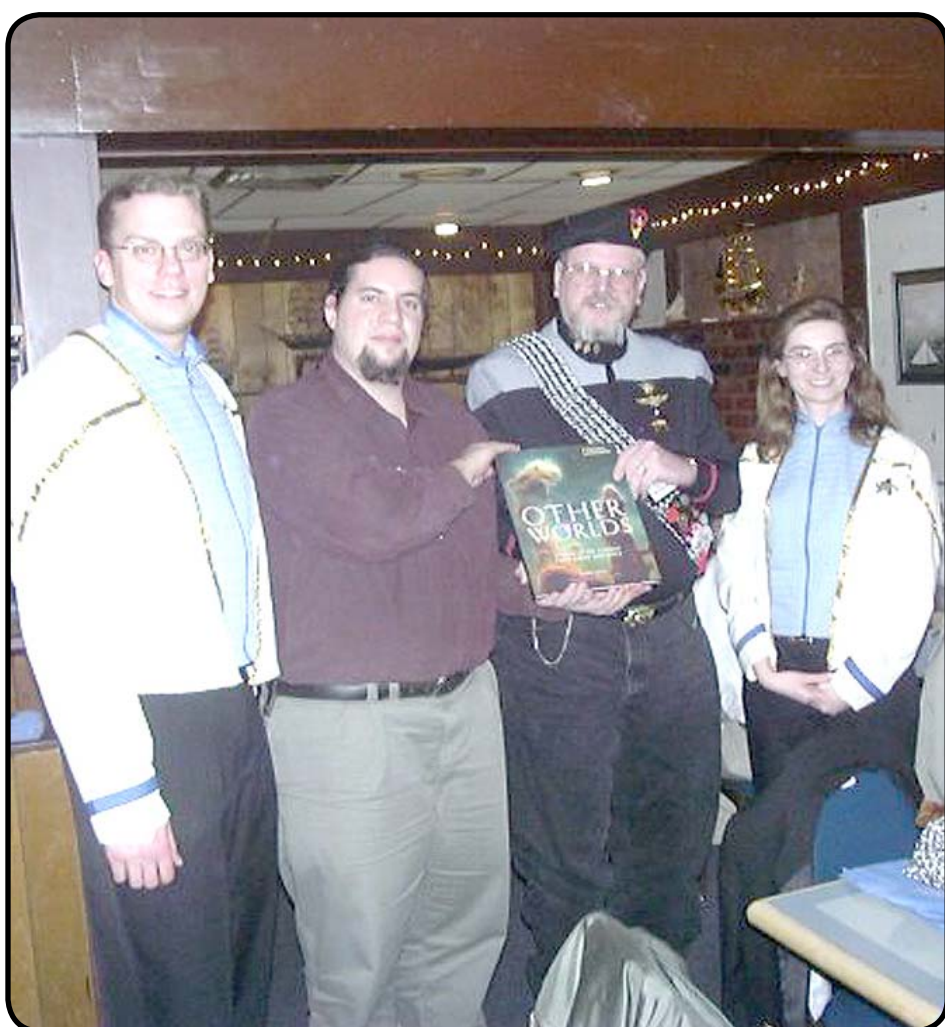
"The glass is inverted, he cannot toast with us this night. Remember!

"The chair — the chair is empty — he is not here. Remember!

"Let us now raise our water glasses in a toast to honor our warrior!"



Lt. Colonel Ksimka vestai-Ki'RK (Debbie French) is reading the Commissioning Ceremony to CO Captain R.E. Angelsy (David W. Ferber)



USS Niagara's Doctor Lt. Cmdr. Craig Horbinski, M.D. Ph.D., USS Inferno's CO Captain R. E. Angelsy (David W. Ferber), USS Inferno's XO Colonel K'moghjIH sutai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) and USS Niagara's Counselor, Lt. Christina Horbinski with the USS Niagara's commissioning gift to the USS Inferno.



*The following speech was given by Captain Pamela Fernsler, Deputy Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, to the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society on February 26, 2004.*

Thoughts about the future of science fiction fandom

Looking back on the evolution of science fiction fandom, those who promoted the genre brought something new to literature that had not been seen before: hope. In the face of the philosophy of Existentialism - we exist, we do meaningless stuff, we die, it's over - science fiction brought back the future. It promoted it by whatever means it found, particularly conventions to begin with. The silent movies of the silver screen had some great science fiction moments, including Jules Verne's 20 Thousand Leagues Under the Sea. The 1930s and 1940s saw serials on movie screens of Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon. Mostly books were written and read.

Then the 1960s came, and while B-movies still featured science fiction and spaghetti westerns, something new in fandom arose. Fan sentiment about one particular TV series brought it back and fandom began to be taken seriously by the film and TV industry. It meant money, and with it came the rise of special collectibles; fan run conventions began to be replaced by business-run conventions affiliated with the movie studios and producers; the next couple generations didn't bother to pick up so many books; and fandom branched into specialty sf clubs, the largest of these being Star Trek.

One of these, STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Incorporated, recognizing that the time will soon be at hand when Star Trek will be put to rest, is setting its sights on becoming a more general Science Fiction organization. In fact, many of its chapters have already included more science fiction in their activities and foci, and each will be expanding their particular focus. I am sure conventions will continue, and

probably collectibles. But the membership is not only aging for the initial Trekkers, it is declining, and the search for new venues of expression of science fiction interests is picking up.

To this end, STARFLEET has revived its Diplomatic Corps with a new focus: connections with other organizations. It has noted through its chapters' reports that there are many small groups out there, sometimes no more than five to ten members, that have no idea where to find other interests.



SFI would like to create a database for these groups, somewhat along the lines of FAN DATA, so that it can be a hub for those interested in connecting with other science fiction groups, to bring visibility and connection rather than invisibility and isolation.

One great advantage to having something like this would be the expansion of membership outreach to those groups from PSFS, and likely other city societies. It would give a national and international fanbase to invite others to join by listserv association, and the possibility that community events would have greater access to the charitable members of these smaller chapters. And public interaction would only serve to improve the image of sf as something more than a genre-interest group.

Many of these smaller chapters are geared toward charity work in the community, as an offshoot of the principles found in Star Trek. Working with the community is an essential part of each Star Trek chapter.

There are more similarities between media-based science fiction groups and the greater all-inclusive science fiction groups, but they won't be seen without an outreach and a connection.

In fact these groups receive more recognition for services to the community than the all-inclusive groups. Their question for them is not how much are they allowed to donate, but how much can they raise.

Every group has their politics, and these smaller chapters are no

different. The vision I project for you for the next evolutionary leap for sf fandom, is one of actively promoting interconnectivity, working together for the improvement of mankind - which is what a great deal of science fiction began as - collectively and individually.

Science fiction writers began something bigger than a new genre of literature. It arose from two world wars, and before that, the Mexican and Crimean Wars, the Boxer Rebellion, and unrest all over the world. All within a good deal less than 100 years. Before computers and the internet, people needed to become aware of different ways of solving things, and the imagination and creativity of science fiction restored hope and dreams of better ways of living, or a dire warning about what might happen if not. It took over where the philosophies of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century failed. It has become mainstream, it is taught in college courses including sociology, it is the new philosophy of hope, dreams, and victory with perseverance and often a code of morality.

The small step I'm asking from the very first ever of the science fiction societies, is to first assist STARFLEET in its eventual make-over from specialized to generalized SF simply by promoting what PSFS already does, and allow this to be on a database. The legalities of such a thing, if any arise, may be addressed in connection with this request. But the international fan clubs aren't going to go quietly into the night when their shows are over. They've come too far for that. Take advantage of that and grandfather it as diplomatically as you can.

A brief note on how I came to be in the position of Chief of Staff of STARFLEET's Diplomatic Corps: I went to a Regional Conference where the vice admiral, Mark Anbinder was visiting, and I had a chance to speak to him. His visions for the future of SFI were so similar to what I was hoping to see, that he encouraged me to apply for the directorship of the Diplomatic Corps. I was chosen instead as Chief of Staff, with Jeffery Higdon as the Director of the Diplomatic Corps. They are not doing role-playing with ambassadors and consuls, et al. They are doing something new for them, and are aware that there may be some definite resistance. And that is where I come in, since I've been in different fan groups for over 25 years, and have detailed understanding of what goes on in these different groups. This is the only reason I have this position, since I am normally not politically inclined, being a nonconformist by nature, not by design, and it is my desire to serve, rather than to garner power and personal glory, that direct my decisions whether or not to run for an office and hold it. I see something very interesting for the future of science fiction, and I have particular insights that can help me be part of promoting it. The Chief of Staff position is to me a tool toward that end - or beginning.

I ask you to share it and make it so.



# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE  
COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Greetings STARFLEET!

It's been a busy couple of months here at STARFLEET HQ. Between traveling, preparations for the upcoming IC, working on projects and the normal day-to-day running of the organization, there's sometimes not enough hours in the day. I don't have much of a chance to get bored and both February and March made sure of it.

February saw STARFLEET take its last big step to completing the financial turn-around started so many years ago. With the passing of the Fiscal Year change amendment, the last obstacle to financial accountability and reporting should be gone. Not in our 30 year history have we ever sat this solid financially and you each have yourselves to thank. Members like Tammy Willcox and Denby Potts have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help us realize this but you, the members, have enabled us to do it.

Those of you who took the time to vote on the CFO amendment and the Fiscal Year amendment deserve a huge pat on the back for taking this organization forward. I thank each one of you for caring enough to vote and make a difference. While I think it is sad that I'm only thanking 25% of the membership, at least the 25% that are making the decisions for everyone else has Fleet's best interests at heart.

February was also the due date for the 2006 International Conference bids. This year was a pretty tough choice as we had some great bids. I'm looking forward to announcing the winner at IC this year in Birmingham.

Of course, February wasn't all work. I had the pleasure of attending the USS Claymore's commissioning party in Oklahoma City. It was a pretty special event, reminiscent of events from days past in R12. Every state in R12 was represented in one fashion

or another and some folks drove many hundreds of miles to be there. There were even some R3 folks there.

The commissioning ceremony was the right mixture of pomp and circumstances, laughter and even a few tears - the moments were solemn when they needed to be. The after-party was a blast. Many thanks to Mysteri Tullis for inviting me down and to Brenna and Travis Littou for opening their house to me for the weekend.



*Mmmmm... comfy...  
Mike Malotte sits in the Captain's chair.*

Region 2 was my host in March as I headed down to Gulfport, Mississippi for the annual Region 2 Summit. Wow – what a party! I love the R2 Summit because it's about the most non-political Region Fleet event you'll ever attend. Everyone is relaxed and glad to be there. The banquet is fun, people are genuinely happy when others win the awards and the dance is a party not to be forgotten.

This year, I had the pleasure of spending a good portion of Saturday evening with the crew of the USS Myrddin, relative newcomers to the scene, as Fleet goes anyway. I had a blast with these folks and you'll find me partying with them at IC this year! Special thanks to

the crew of the Myrddin, Jenn Rosbury, the Rayburns, the Gordons and anyone I else I may have missed for helping with the party cleanup before we retired to the lounge area.

Of course, anytime an event sees more than one EC member, work happens. This weekend was no exception. While many folks were kicking back and relaxing, CompOps Chief Mandi Livingston and CFO Denby Potts were busy

taking care of renewals, database changes and other official type activities. Thanks to both of them for giving up parts of their weekend to keep the business side of this organization going.

Looking ahead, I hope to see a lot of you at upcoming events. The R1 Summit is shaping up to be its normal EC-heavy event. This is a great time to meet some of Fleet's leadership – and even have them serve you lunch on Saturday. That's right, for the past couple of years, the attending STARFLEET EC members – both past and present – have taken over the pool patio and BBQ grills and cooked lunch for all the Summit attendees. This is something I've really come

to look forward to as it gives me a chance to chat with the members in a very relaxed atmosphere. So, c'mon down and party with the Brass!

Unfortunately, I have some bad news this issue, as well. It is with much sadness and regret that I have accepted the resignation of Greg Trotter as STARFLEET's Chief of Communications. As all of you know, he was let go from his place of employment last year and has been involved in a rather extensive job search. The good news is, he found a position with a company in St. Louis, Mo. The bad news is he started March 1st. He had eight days to relocate from the eastern edge of Kansas to the eastern edge of Missouri.

Greg and I discussed this at length and he did not feel that he would be able to maintain his duties as Chief of Communications during this period of moving and job acclimation. Rather than just taking another sabbatical, he felt it was best for STARFLEET if he just stepped aside.

I'd like to thank Greg for all of his work with Fleet over these last eight years. He has been my "partner in crime" in this organization for many years and his counsel has been an invaluable asset to me. He has been an amazing source of ideas and has contributed in so many ways to so many departments. We are truly poorer without him. I'd also like to wish him the best of luck with his new job and in his new home.

On a much happier note, I continue to make the Executive Committee much better looking! In light of Greg's resignation, I have named his Vice Chief Dixie Halber as the new Chief of Communications. Please join me in welcoming Dixie to the EC!

That about wraps it up for me this month. Take care and I'll see ya around Fleet!

*Michael A. Malotte*



# OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

VICE ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER  
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



By the time you read this, I'll have selected a new International Charities Coordinator for STARFLEET. As of this writing, I've received several excellent applications from members throughout the Fleet. Charitable and philanthropic efforts are a big part of many members' STARFLEET experience, and a big part of the activities of quite a few chapters, and this has really been reflected in the résumés that have come in over the last several weeks.

What's obvious is that there's no clear choice as of yet — not because there aren't any good candidates, but because the candidates are all so qualified, energetic, and enthusiastic about taking on this job! I'm waiting an extra couple of weeks before making a decision, because the last CQ was delayed by a couple of weeks, and I'd like everyone to have a reasonable chance to get their applications back to me. The delay inherent in the publication of a bimonthly paper publication acts like a time warp — while I can reflect now on what will have happened by the time this words appear on paper before your eyes, and you can contemplate what was running through my mind when I wrote them, time travel technology hasn't yet reached the point where the two can meet!

## Accessibility Online

Claire Halber, STARFLEET's Director of Accessibility Resources, is off to a great start building information about the particular needs of STARFLEET's disabled members. The last Communiqué issue contained a needs assessment request, an opportunity for members to pipe up about their needs, especially as relate to STARFLEET publications and events.

If you're interested in the goings-on in the Office of Accessibility Resources, I'd encourage you to visit the YahooGroup, which actually predates Claire's appointment and the existence of this office.

Fire up your web browser and visit [groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-Disabilities2/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-Disabilities2/) or get on the FleetChat IRC network and hop into the new channel #sfid2. (If you're not familiar with IRC or with FleetChat, check out [www.fleetchat.org](http://www.fleetchat.org).)

Naturally, if you're not online, you can still use the contact info offered elsewhere in this issue to reach Claire, as well as the rest of the VCS staff.

## Speaking of online...

There's been a variety of information on STARFLEET's Leadership web page about the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, but I decided a little while back that it was worth having a VCS web site. This will be an online destination where you can find out about me, about the STARFLEET staff members who report to me, and about their projects, and of course you'll be able to contact us. Open up [vcs.sfi.org](http://vcs.sfi.org) and let me know what you think.

Like most web sites, [vcs.sfi.org](http://vcs.sfi.org) is a work in progress, but I've never believed in "under construction" graphics or warnings. Web sites are always a work in progress, and I do my best to make sure that any site I'm responsible for is provided in useful form right from the start. Next time you look there'll be more material there, but that doesn't mean it's broken now.

## Hey, Boss?

This winter, after ten years as Commanding Officer of USS Accord, Ithaca, New York's chapter of STARFLEET, I stepped down. This puts me in the novel position of reporting to someone who also reports to me! You already know J.C. Cohen as my Chief of Staff, and until recently he was also my XO. Now, though, as Chief Engineer, I work for J.C., my new CO.

J.C. has been very helpful the last several weeks in the Office of the VCS, as well, taking point on Executive Committee wrangling, and serving as bid team liaison,

during the process of selecting the site for STARFLEET's 2006 International Conference. If you'd like to know where the 2006 IC will be, you'll be among the first to find out if you come to the 2004 IC! That's where the winning bid will be announced. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you this summer in Birmingham, Alabama. Don't miss [www.ic2004.org](http://www.ic2004.org), home of much info about this year's conference.

## Where else?

Speaking of the 2004 VCS World Tour, I'm looking forward to my upcoming visit to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for this year's Region 1 Summit at the end of April and beginning of May. June features the Region 15, Region 3, and Region 6 Summits, and I'm honestly not certain which of these I'll be able to attend. I'm pretty sure I won't be in R15 this year, as my cousin's getting married that very weekend! I know, I know, isn't that inconsiderate of her?

Shore Leave XXVI is the second weekend of July, as usual, and I'm planning to be there with two or three fellow Accord members for the usual good time in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Believe it or not, I'll also be missing my home region's annual conference as well, for the first time in seven years, due to another schedule conflict. You should go, though. The 2004 Region 7 Conference is November 5th-7th, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

When and where is your chapter's or region's event? Let me know at [vcs@sfi.org](mailto:vcs@sfi.org) and I just might try to attend! Just don't be too surprised if I take the opportunity to tell your crew about my chapter's event, USS Accord's 15th annual Watkins Glen Weekend. It's October 1st-3rd, right here in Central New York, and there's plenty of info at [www.ussaccord.org](http://www.ussaccord.org). Make your hotel reservations now!

## EC/AB NEWS

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

Greetings, STARFLEET. Here is what your Admiralty Board has been discussing over the last few months.

They completed the reconfirmation process for the Inspector General, STARFLEET. Robb Jackson was unanimously confirmed and will serve another term as STARFLEET's Inspector General.

The resignation of Chief of Communications Greg Trotter was announced. Because Greg will not be seeking any office this year for next term, it was suggested to the AB that he be kept on as election coordinator. The AB agreed to this.

The EC and AB discussed and clarified some operational issues for STARFLEET. The discussions involved the exact launch dates of new shuttles (which signature actually launches the shuttle) and when MSRs are due. It was confirmed that all signatures are necessary to launch shuttles and that MSRs are due at midnight on the 5th of the month based on local time, not Eastern Standard as the database's announcement mistakenly implied.

Lastly, the AB sadly says goodbye to Marie Wilson, who resigned as R20's regional coordinator for personal reasons, and to Robin Pillow, who's term in office as R1's RC ended. But we welcome Greg Franklin, the new RC of Region 1, to the AB.

As always, if you have any questions, or have concerns and comments, you should talk to your Regional Coordinator. A listing of current Regional Coordinators can be found in the back of this issue of the CQ.



# 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

Walter Truelove, Jr.	Adrian Jones
David Kania	Roy Green
Virgil Vaughn	Mark Lindsay
Steven Bowers	Jeanette Self
Robin Van Cleave	Brenna Littou
Robert Olivares	Sandy Dolan

## Fleet Captain/Brigadier

Dallas Vinson  
Edy Sherrick  
Patrick McAndrew  
Jeff Spurgeon  
Bruce Dolan  
Ralph Planthold

## Commodore / Brigadier General

Bruce Sherrick	Dixie Halber
Jack "Towaway" Eaton	Linda Sue Meas Olsen
Willis Burhans	Rebecca Self
Leslie Ryan	

## Rear Admiral

Freddy Heller  
Bethany Theilman  
Jon Reddick  
Carol Burhans  
Richard Benker

## ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

By PO3 Claire Halber •  
Accessibility Resource Coordinator

The Office of Accessibility Resources is pleased to announce the appointment of James Delantonas as the Assistant Coordinator. Jamie has come up with many of the ideas that this department is implementing. He has recently opened up a chat room through the Yahoo Disabilities List, will serve as its moderator, and has suggested other programs that are under development. Thank you, Jamie. *[due to technical issues on the Yahoo side, the room has been set up instead via fleetchat IRC at #SFID2. -ed.]*

One of those ideas was the establishment of a STARFLEET Academy course on disabilities. Todd Brugmans, the SFA Director of Course Development, and I are currently working out the details. The course should be available on line by the end of May. It is designed to help Fleeters to live up to the Trek ideals of infinite diversity by teaching tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion. The focus of the course will be on sensitivity training and problem solving.

Please contact me at SOAR@sfi.org if you have any comments or suggestions on how this office can best meet the needs of all the members.

*"With my arms wide..."*

## STARFLEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS

By Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon • Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

The STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps has been very busy.

First I want to thank Chris Esquibel for all the work he has done, both as Director, Director Emeritus and Deputy Director. Chris had asked to be relieved as Deputy Director and we here at the DiploCorps wish him well. He retains the honorary title of Director Emeritus and will continue to be a valuable advisor to this department.

In his place, Pam Fernsler, the Chief of Staff, will step up into the position of Deputy Director. She has assumed the duties of Deputy Director and has retained the duties of Chief of Staff. The position of the Chief of Staff has been eliminated.

And I want to welcome to the staff Lieutenant Darryl Bulls, of the USS Malverne, who will be our new Records Officer. His job will be to build and maintain a database of information on other Star Trek fandom and Sci-Fi associations, organizations, societies and large clubs (which we will just call 'associations' from this point) that will be shared with the membership.

Pam was also busy during this time as she spoke at the monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society (PSFS) on February 26<sup>th</sup> on the mission and role of the DiploCorps. Her talk was well received by the PSFS and the group unanimously voted to assist, as they could, with

our project.

And on a special note, in giving her speech, Pam showed us all what the DiploCorps is all about. [Pam's speech also appears in this Communiqué.]

Neal Fischer has been busy building a top-rate website in which we will keep the membership of the association informed. You may access the website at <http://diplocorps.sfi.org>.

We are still taking applications for the positions of Diplomatic Researchers (DRs). The four geographic regions of the United States, Canada, the Pacific Rim and four at-large DRs are still needed.

If you are interested in helping the DiploCorps as a DR, please send a real-life and a fandom resumé to me at the address supplied in the Staff Listings area in the CQ, or send them via e-mail to [fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com](mailto:fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com).

However, one of the DR positions has been filled. The European area will be handled by Michael Vermoesen, of the USS Europe, and will include the areas within Region 9 and 20. Welcome to the DiploCorps, Mike.

Also there have been several of you that have approached this office in regards to being a representative for the various associations. In an effort to expand our horizons we are now instituting what we are calling the Diplomatic Liaisons.

Our Liaisons will man

'Embassies' assigned to each type of association. That Liaison would report directly to the Director and would be assigned to make contact and keep contact with a particular association.

The Liaison should be a member of STARFLEET and be familiar with that association or have had long-time contact with an association that they have contacted. Currently the position is there for two reasons; the first is to supply a conduit of communications between this office and that association, the second is the help the DRs in their information gathering on that particular association.

If you are interested, please contact me at the address supplied in the Staff Listings or e-mail me at [fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com](mailto:fhu92-diplocorps@yahoo.com). You may serve in multiple 'Embassies' if qualified or a second position within the DiploCorps.

Until next time.

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



# OPS CENTER

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings Fleet!

Depending on how you look at it, there is either a disadvantage or an advantage to living where I am, the snow. Sure, it's great if you ski, snowboard, build snowmen or snow forts, or just generally like snow, but it really can be a bit of a pain shoveling the stuff, getting off your car, plus it can get really, really cold.

Normally I have no problems with snow while it's in season, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>. But after this year, I'd like it gone NOW! The reason is the MASSIVE blizzard that struck Nova Scotia in February. And when I mean massive, I mean MASSIVE; 95cms or 38 inches of snow with winds of up to 100 kph or 65mph. Seeing cars literally buried in the parking lot of my apartment building was quite the shock. It's definitely something I can tell my kids, when I have kids!

Winter also means I'm not traveling for STARFLEET events. I enjoy heading out and meeting my SFI family. It really puts into focus one of the main reasons I joined. But with spring coming, that means the Region One Summit is around the corner. So, look for me there if you want to know who that guy from Canada really is.

## Welcome To the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations welcome the latest additions to the fleet:

USS Inferno, Region 7,  
Captain David W. Ferber,  
commanding.

USS Gunslinger, Region 3,  
Captain Robert Olivares,  
commanding.

USS Trinity River, Region 3,  
Fleet Captain Robyn Winans,  
commanding.

USS Claymore, Region  
12, Brigadier Brett Price,  
commanding.

## MSR REPORTING

### JANUARY 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	52	52	100%
R2	31	31	100%
R3	18	20	90%
R4	18	19	95%
R5	5	9	56%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	29	31	94%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	4	4	100%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	21	28	75%
R13	4	5	80%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	212	229	93%

### FEBRUARY 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	52	52	100%
R2	27	31	87%
R3	20	22	91%
R4	18	19	95%
R5	6	9	67%
R6	4	5	80%
R7	28	31	90%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	27	29	93%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	11	12	92%
R17	8	9	89%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	213	232	92%

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

## Chapter Commissioning Certificates

In relation to newly commissioned chapters, thanks to the help of two members, Operations now has not only a color version of the Chapter Commissioning Certificate, but has a certificate that coincides with the 30th anniversary of STARFLEET International. My sincere thanks to Ralph Planthold of the USS Dark Phoenix (R2) for creating the color version of the certificate, and to Kurt Roithinger of the USS Jaguar (R1) for converting said certificate to a reusable template and modifying it to create the 30th anniversary version.

With these certificates out, Operations is now offering a special deal to all those chapters that have been commissioned between Jan 1st, 2003 and now, 2004. Any chapter that wishes to have this color certificate and have it personally signed by myself and Fleet Admiral Michael Malotte, please e-mail me at ops@sfi.org with your chapter name, NCC#, your shuttle name and SCC#, if it was different, and the date you were commissioned. We'll then mail you your new certificate free of charge. Those chapters that were commissioned in 2003 will get the standard color certificate, and those chapters that were commissioned this year, and any chapter that is commissioned up to Dec 31, 2004 will get the 30th anniversary edition of the certificate.

Another note, all chapter commissioning certificates will be signed personally by both myself and Mike from now on, so it will take a little time to get those certificates to chapters, as Mike and I don't live right next door to each other. Please be patient with the delay. Trust me, it will be well worth it!

The first batch of new certs will be signed and mailed at the R1 Summit at the end of April.

## 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  
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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 all COs, 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 them to the new director of the Chapter Care Program, Kandyleigh Provencher, at justkandys@metrocast.net. 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 MSRs are due May 5<sup>th</sup>, for instance) and late MSRs are considered between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of that month (April MSRs are late between May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, for instance). Four FTRs (failure to report) or eight late reports in one year will result in a contact from me. Another FTR or two more late reports will be cause to put the chapter on 60-day standby.

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### Vessel Registry

I am saddened to announce that our VR coordinator, Chris Wallace,

has decided to step down from his duties. My sincere and gracious thanks go to Chris for revamping the VR to its current form and keeping it up to date for the past seven months. I will be taking over the updating once again, so if anyone has changes to your chapter's information not already noted, the changes can be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded at <http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf>. And as a reminder, if anyone wishes to have a printed copy, 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 you have been contacted, this means your chapter has fallen to 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 this turn of the page. The sun is coming out more. Warm times ahead! Till next time...



## FROM THE ELECTION COORDINATOR

By Rear Admiral Greg Trotter • 2004 CS Election Coordinator

**Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.**

- George Jean Nathan

Greetings from your 2004 Election Coordinator! Campaign season is right around the corner, so I wanted to take some time to talk about this year's election process. First off, I'd like to talk about who I am, and why I am your election coordinator. I am Greg Trotter, and I've recently retired from my position as STARFLEET Chief of Communications. Article 8, Section 2 of the STARFLEET Constitution states that the Chief of Communications will be the election coordinator, unless he or she is nominated or is named to serve as an EC member of a candidate. Dixie Halber has informed the Commander, STARFLEET that it is her intention to serve on the EC of a prospective candidate. As I had been making preparations for the election prior to stepping down, the Admiralty Board has named me as Election Coordinator.

Now, many of you have been through this before, and I am sure there are many people reading about this and taking an interest in STARFLEET elections for the first time. But one thing that is different about this election is a result of a constitutional amendment approved by the membership in 2002. The winner of this year's election will serve a three-year term -- after this, the next election won't be until 2007! If this is your first STARFLEET election, there are some things you will notice. Things are pretty quiet now -- and they will stay pretty quiet until June 1, which is the official start of the campaigning season. You might hear whispers about candidates, but those whispers tend to become roars overnight when May becomes June.

Article 8, Section 6 of our Constitution lays out the time frame for the election season. Starting on June 1, and continuing until July 15, the Election Coordinator will accept nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET. Now, in order to nominate, you have to be either a Commanding Officer of a chapter or a Regional Coordinator. Shuttle (Chapter-in-training) COs are specifically precluded from nominating by Article 8, Section

4; also, a CO who is also an RC may cast only one nomination. To nominate someone, you will need to mail me a letter at the address below. The letter should have the name of the person you are nominating, and preferably his or her SCC number. The nomination must also include your name, SCC number, and the position you hold that is making the nomination -- for example, you may sign it "James Kirk, CO, USS Enterprise" but if James Kirk is also the RC of Region 26, then it must be clear that he is making the nomination as CO of the Enterprise and not as RC (or vice versa, as the case may be).

Very important -- don't forget to sign and date the nomination letter, or it won't be valid! The 45-day window is very specific -- if a nomination arrives on May 31st, it won't be counted. If a nomination is received on July 16th, it won't be counted. Getting it postmarked by July 15th isn't enough -- all nominations need to be in my hands by the end of July 15th. I do want to go ahead and address the topic of nominations via e-mail. In keeping with long practice, e-mailed nominations for Commander, STARFLEET will not be accepted. The only format that is acceptable is a paper document, stating the nominator's choice, signed and dated.

As in previous years, there will be an online mailing list for election discussion. Keep an eye out on the Announcements list, or e-mail me for more information on that. When the campaign season starts at Midnight Eastern Daylight Time on June 1, I hope and expect that we'll have a very lively exchange of ideas. The address to send nominations (or any other correspondence for the Election Coordinator) is:

**Greg Trotter**  
**5509 Genesta Walk**  
**St. Louis, MO 63123**

You can e-mail me at [election@sfi.org](mailto:election@sfi.org) and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Thanks for your interest, and please get involved! Talk with your CO! Nominate someone for CS! And remember to VOTE!



## IN COMMING...

COMMODORE DIXIE HALBER  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Hello STARFLEET! Since this is my first article as Chief of Communications, let me take a few moments to introduce myself, for the one or two of you who don't yet know who I am.

My name is Dixie Halber and I've been a member of STARFLEET for just about 12 years now. I started as a member of the USS IDIC and eventually served as XO aboard her. I then was a part of the team that launched the USS Tanagra and served as her XO and eventually her CO. I'm currently a member of the USS Flying Fox, based in Region 7. In real life I'm a part time technical writer for a local advertising agency. I'm assigned to a contract that has me writing owner's manuals for a major refrigeration manufacturer.

I've been in STARFLEET communications since 2001, when I naively volunteered to be the new MSR Summaries editor. "This will be fun!" I thought, "How much work can it be?" Very soon thereafter I found out how much work it was. But I was right; it is a lot of fun. I want to thank Mike Malotte for having confidence in me, both then, when he named

me Vice Chief of Communications, and now, when he asked me to hold a spot on his EC. I'd also like to think Greg Trotter for giving me a free hand in Publications, but always being there when I needed guidance and advice. I'd also like to thank my wonderful family, who are not only understanding of my STARFLEET commitments, but keep volunteering to help.

And with that, on to business. First up, I know you've all noticed the new look of the Communiqué. That is thanks to the hard work of our new layout editor, Lauren Milan and graphic artist Gumby Simmons. They are both doing a fantastic job with the CQ and I couldn't be more pleased. Look for more changes in the coming issues as they both work to update the look and layout. Our goal is to make the CQ more interesting and more member and chapter focused. After all, you are what STARFLEET is really all about.

Speaking of newsletters, it's that time again. We're soliciting for the annual STARFLEET newsletter awards, to be handed at IC 2004 in

Birmingham. We're planning some changes this year to the awards and a new award to be unveiled. I don't want to spoil the surprise here, but I do want to encourage you to submit your newsletters for this year's judging. Choose your very best newsletter for calendar year 2003 (yes, it MUST be for that year, great ones from 2004 have to wait until next) and send a copy to me at:

**8606 King George Rd  
Evansville, IN 47725**

If you wish to submit a copy electronically, e-mail me at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) and arrange the transfer. Please give me a heads up before you send it, as I want to make sure I can handle a large attachment. 99% of the time I have no problems, we don't want anyone to be the 1%. Make sure I have all submissions by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) or look for me on IRC.

The next item of business I want to discuss is the CQ. Is someone you know not receiving a copy in

a timely manner? I need to hear about it. Often we don't hear until the member has missed several issues. The sooner we're informed that a CQ has gone missing, the sooner we can fix the problem. It also saves STARFLEET the cost of printing and mailing a CQ that's gone astray and saves us the cost of remailing. So it's very important that we hear about it right away. The simplest way is to send an e-mail to [lostcq@sfi.org](mailto:lostcq@sfi.org). That will open up a HelpDesk ticket and put it on my list of things to do. Please include the member's name, SCC number, address and which issue is missing.

One last piece, and that's a reminder of the HelpDesk. The STARFLEET HelpDesk is your one-stop shop for help in STARFLEET. If you have a problem and don't know where to turn, simply send an e-mail to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). Include your name, SCC number, e-mail address and a full description of your problem. Joan Pierce and her staff will make sure your ticket gets into the right hands and gets solved.

Well, that's all for this time, see you in 60.

*Dixie L. Halber*

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS  
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY



And now it's spring, welcome back from your vacations students, time to get back to your studies, preparing for what waits for you out in the Galaxy. Boothby has prepared the grounds, the staff has prepared your classrooms, now you have to prepare your minds.

Personally, I have just returned from my very short sojourn to Ft. Irwin in the California Desert. Due to a bureaucratic mishap, I will be back in Washington for a period of time until things are either straightened out, or I decide to get a different new job. I'll tell you

folks this though, the US Army's National Training Center is a hugely impressive facility, imparting skills and teaching doctrine to over three different thousand soldiers every three weeks, who will take these skills to defend not only American interests, but the interests and lives of the civilians wherever they go. I was very impressed not just with the Majors and Colonels who led, but mostly with the young privates, specialists and sergeants who were in the trenches, using the newest high-tech equipment yet fighting like our citizen-soldiers have done

for over two hundred years; on the ground and among the people.

Now on to the Academy. First, I would like to welcome the following new personnel to the Academy.

### DEANS

Please join me in welcoming Captain S. Adam Day as our new Dean of the Cadet Academy. I thank the several applicants for stepping forward, and believe Adam will do an excellent job in bringing the Cadet Academy to the Fore of our Service Providing Philosophy.

We also would like to thank

PJ Trotter for the effort she gave in her time as Dean. Adam can be contacted directly at [cptsherm@sector47.org](mailto:cptsherm@sector47.org). In Adam's first address to the Cadet Academy he has set high goals, and wants to aggressively expand that portion of Starfleet Academy's outreach to the younger members of fleet. Welcome aboard Captain.

### DIRECTORS

I would like to announce a few appointments at the Director Level. First off, our brand new Klingon Warrior Academy Director, Mike Balewitz, had to step down due to medical conditions, we will miss his wit, charm, and courage, but he has successfully been replaced by two outstanding fleet member who will share the duties of this popular school. We welcome Monika Reinholz and Truman Temple as  
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the new Directors of the Klingon Warrior Academy!

We also want to welcome Carolyn Zimdahl as the new director of the School of Law. Carolyn, a shipmate of outgoing director Glenn Overby, is bringing enthusiasm, and direct motivation from Glenn, who has trained her quite well. As we speak she is already administering exams and training the next batch of legal weasels for the Federation. Carolyn can be reached at [cz@ussbortas.com](mailto:cz@ussbortas.com).

SFA also welcomes Tony Lopes, the new Director of the Schools of Alien History & Culture. Tony, an excited member of the USS Avenger, is stepping into some very big shoes left by David Pfeiffer, and I know he'll do a great job bringing CAHC back on line and back to the membership. Tony can be reached at [AvengerOps@att.net](mailto:AvengerOps@att.net).

### KUDOS

First I would like to thank Glenn

Cameron of the Canadian Campus, who has truly done Yeoman's Work with both Canadian Campus – Gorn Academy and Flag Officer School. Glenn stepped forward last year, when the main FOS campus director was unable to process the increasing number of online requests, and even covered when she was unable to process hard copy requests as well. Since the IC, Glenn has carried all of FOS on his shoulders and has done a GREAT job. Alas, the real world has interfered and Glenn has to let some of his hobby responsibilities pass on to other folks. We are currently interviewing several applicants for his position and will let people know as soon as possible when FOS reopens.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Robin R. Smith, the Mistress of the STARFLEET Database. She has continued on the great work of her predecessor Dino Gravato and continues to make the Database a valuable and living tool. Here responsiveness to the needs of the Academy is

remarkable, and I have yet to see her say, "I can't." She takes every task as a challenge and has met everyone successfully. Robin, I, the Academy, and STARFLEET as a whole owe you a debt and our gratitude.

Finally, Academy Headquarters again thanks our webdiva Lauren Milan for all the continuing work she does to keep the website UP TO DATE. Lauren has had to work on the website on an almost daily basis for the last two months, as Directorships have changed frequently. Some schools have been added, others closed. STARFLEET Academy now has over 50 programs/campuses and keeping up with it all has been a full-time fleet position, but in addition Lauren is now also serving as the excellent layout editor for the Communiqué. Thank you Lauren for all that you have done.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

It is also time to start applying for the Starfleet Scholarships, elsewhere in this CQ will be an

article by Wendy Fillmore on all you need to do to apply for one of the 2004 Starfleet Scholarships. Please read the article and apply, last year we had fewer applicants than we had scholarships, and I'd rather not have that happen again.

Following is the list of graduates for the January/February timeframe, again 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 hope to see you at the International Conference in Birmingham this summer, keep studying, keep happy and keep reaching for the stars, and remember ...

### Fleet Matters



### Greetings!

That's right, the scholarship program needs YOU! First, we need all STARFLEET members who are students to consider applying for a scholarship. Without someone to give the money to, the program has no reason to exist! I'll talk more in a minute about how to apply.

Second, we need your help with the financial end. Most people don't realize that the Scholarship program is funded solely by contributions. It is not \*guaranteed\* that any money will come in to fund the scholarships. In the past, the proceeds from various fundraisers, regional conferences, and even the International Conference (IC) have gone to help fund the program. However, the IC committees are free to choose other worthy causes, and rightly so - and recently, they have.

This means, unfortunately, that we are currently only able to offer five \$500 scholarships this year, unless more money comes in soon. I encourage everyone to send even \$1 or \$2 to Denby Potts, STARFLEET Chief Financial Officer, earmarked for

## STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS NEED "YOU!"

By Rear Admiral Wendy Fillmore • STARFLEET Academy Scholarship Coordinator

the scholarship program (Denby's contact information is on the STARFLEET Directory page of this CQ). We currently have just a little over \$3,500 in the scholarship general fund, and can't risk totally bankrupting the program for next year... as I understand it, STARFLEET's legal tax status depends in part on our ability to award these scholarships. Money needs to be awarded every year, and for that to happen, money needs to come in every year.

One of the changes we're hoping to make this year would mean more money per scholarship, provided we can get the donations. We are currently considering offering five \$750, or even \$1,000 general scholarships each year, but we need the financial support to do this. We can't commit to those kinds of numbers without having the funds in place first. The good news is that I've already been approached by one region who is going to make the scholarship program their charity of choice this year. Thank you!

For now, though, we're still at five \$500 scholarships. We are keeping the ten scholarship titles for this year, so please apply for whichever scholarship you would like to, and we will choose the five best applicants no matter which scholarships are applied for. The application is available on-line at <http://academy.sfi.org/student/scholarship.shtml>. You can click on either the MS Word or PDF format of the application.

Print out all of the pages, follow the directions carefully, and mail them to me postmarked by July 1st. If you can't print out that application yourself send me an e-mail, or USPS your name and address to me, and I'll get one out to you (a SASE for snail mail replies would be appreciated).

Please remember the changes we made to the program last year, too. For example, a past transcript is only requested if you have one five years old or less. We know that if it's been longer than that a past transcript would be very difficult to obtain. Also, that you are no longer

required to have one teacher, one community reference, and one STARFLEET reference; these are suggestions only. You could have three teachers, or three community references, or three STARFLEET references, or any combination thereof. Use your common sense and choose references who can best tell us about you with regards to your schooling or job (yes, you could ask your boss at work for a reference), anything you might be active with in the community, and your STARFLEET involvement.

Although not listed on the current application, something official from your college showing that you are accepted to attend is also requested. You don't necessarily have to get an official letter from the registrar's office, but a copy of your fall class schedule (or anything that has your name on it and shows that you are definitely going to attend that school) would work. The money gets sent directly to the school so we have to know a) where to send it, and b) make sure it's going to get credited to you and not just sit around in their general fund. You

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# SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2004

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

### OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Lisa McDonald  
Angela Crumpley  
Claire Halber  
Cheryl Trent  
Janet King  
Joel Killingsworth  
Michael Cassidy  
Scott Grant  
Jon Pearce

Kevin Cozart  
Martha Ingles  
Matthew Teats  
David A. Woods  
David Coccozza  
Jessica Robert  
Brad Adamson  
Gretchen Cox  
Sir Charles Bowens

Scott Stevens  
David Hines  
Chris Hardenburgh  
Carolyn Woodruff  
Steven Jago  
Harold Spears  
Andrew Timmins  
Raymond Spiteri

### OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Will Hartford  
Betty Ann Leverence  
Erica Thibeault  
Rey Cordero  
Cathleen Fanelli  
Joyce Truelove  
David Coccozza  
Alan Rose  
Jonathan Chinn

Patricia A. Rudewicz  
Diane Kruse  
Brian Poplin  
Eric Livingston  
Ralph Thacker  
Sandy Dolan  
David Hines  
Debbie Reedy  
Antonio J. Lopes, III

### FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL

Joeseeph Dorffner  
Krystal Rubenstein  
Matthew G. Copple  
Adrian Jones  
Dennis Relyea  
Ed Nowlin  
John Grigas  
David Coccozza  
Martin Lessem

### SCHOOL OF RECRUITING

Larry French  
James Cecil  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Christopher Esquivel

## INSTITUTE OF ARTS

### COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Shane Evans  
Larry D. French, Sr.  
Kathy Mullins  
Jonathan Oppeel  
Robin R. Smith  
Truman Temple  
Josiah Tullis  
Debbie Artrip  
Nancy Rabel Hall

Antonio J. Lopes, III  
Fredrik Pettersson  
Ray W. Kinserlow, Jr.  
Susan Mahaffey,  
Kyle J. Wolf  
Dawn Jenkins  
Carolyn Woodruff  
David A. Woods

### COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIANA

Scott Akers  
Glendon L. Diebold

Thomas Pawelczak

### COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Scott A. Akers

### DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Paul Rochester  
Sean A. Meyer

Truman Temple  
Matthew Teats  
Susan Mahaffey

### SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Glendone L. Diebold  
Greg Franklin

Martin A. Lessem

### COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Scott A. Akers  
Scott Grant  
Steven P. Bowers  
Michael Vermoesen

James Delantonas  
Truman Temple  
David A. Woods

### SCHOOL OF LAW

Scott A. Akers

### SCHOOL OF LITERATURE

Travis J. Littou  
Beylnda Reardon

### COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Truman Temple  
James Bradford  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Sean A. Meyer  
Suzanne E. Davis  
Darlene Topp

Robin R. Smith  
Glendon L. Diebold  
David A. Woods  
Donald Morin  
Cher L. Couch  
Debby Horst

### COLLEGE OF TREK CHRONOLOGY

Robin R. Smith  
Truman Temple  
Arthur Van Rhee  
Jill Rayburn

Greg Franklin  
Gary Ensey  
Bernard Doddema  
Dean Andre Rogers

### COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY

Jim Bellon  
Glendon L. Diebold  
Stephen Farris  
John Hancock  
Kathy Hoover  
Thomas Pawelczak  
Victor Swindell

Truman Temple  
Darlene Topp  
Josiah Tullis  
Michael Timko  
David Coccozza  
Ed Nowlin  
Nancy Rabel Hall

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

Robin R. Smith  
Darlene Topp  
Michael Timko  
Wayne L. Killough, Jr.  
Kathy Edgington

Truman Temple  
Martin D. Glenn  
Scott A. Akers  
Shane Evans

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Kyle Wolf  
David Hines

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Joe Hinson  
Bob Bulkeley  
Michael Timko  
Leo Rogers  
Matthew Teats  
David Coccozza  
Tracy Lilly  
Anthony Spotts

Susan Mahaffey  
Dawn Jenkins  
Truman Temple  
Glenn Martin  
Robin Smith

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Tracy Lilly  
James Bradford  
Truman Temple  
Tim Cofer  
Gabriel Beecham  
Jennifer J. Schott  
Darlene Topp  
Paula J. Kesler  
Scott Grant  
Susan Preston  
Andrew W. Gossett

Monte J. Edwards, II  
Kathy McCartney  
Scott A. Akers  
Lorie Staley  
Larry D. French, Sr.  
Paula J. Kesler  
Elizabeth C. Martin  
Thomas Pawelczak  
John "Kiwi" Kane

### STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Glendon Diebold  
Krystal Rubenstein  
Ron Novak

Truman Temple  
Kathy Lewis

### STARFLEET IN CYBERSPACE (CS)

Ed Nowlin  
Kyle J. Wolf

Glendon L. Diebold

### VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)

Glenn Martin  
Monika Reinholz  
Robert Mink  
Sean Meyer  
Thomas King  
Todd Brugmans  
Dawn Jenkins  
Eddie Milbrandt

Shawn Gregory  
Victor Swindell  
Scott Akers  
Darlene Topp  
Glendon Diebold  
Alice Carey  
Truman Temple

## INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

### SCHOOL OF CRYPTOLOGY

Danny Potts  
Shawn Gregory

### THE GORN ACADEMY

Marc Draver

### MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

USS Claymore: 274th MSG

### SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Larry D. French, Sr.  
Paul M. Kendzierski  
Robert Chin  
Brenna Littou  
Truman Temple

Sean Meyer  
Susan Mahaffey  
David Hines  
Anne Miller

### VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

USS Northern Lights  
USS Ronald McNair

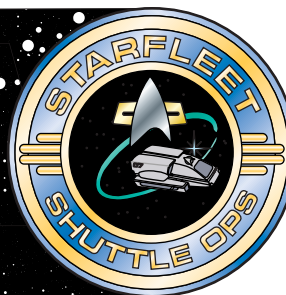
### SCHOOL OF SURVIVAL STUDIES

Sean Meyer  
Anne Miller



# THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN  
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS,  
STARFLEET



While I cannot promise a chicken in every pot, I certainly hope every region can have at least a shuttle to keep the fleet growing. During STARFLEET International Conference 2003, Regional Coordinator Michael Dugas told me he had several potential shuttle groups in R13. Well, opportunity finally knocked, and we have not one but two new shuttles in R13, the Aurora and Sinclair in a month! Of course, other regions are not sitting idle either, as we witness these shuttle launches and commissionings since last issue of Communiqué:

**Shuttle Aurora (R13)**  
**Shuttle Dragonstrike (R12)**  
**Shuttle Moontype (R17)**  
**Shuttle Schweitzer (R1/7)\***  
**Shuttle Sinclair (R13)**  
**USS Claymore (R12)**

\* primary / secondary regions

While the response to the latest Vessel Registration Request form and S.T.A.R.T. Manual are very positive, Shuttle Operations Command is still receiving some obsolete or incomplete forms from time to time which can delay processing. I would like to remind all prospective shuttle crews to please download the latest Vessel Registration Request form when you start the application process. Fill them out completely. The new form will literally save you time and money by providing ShOC with the necessary information as well as specifying the correct fee.

Other suggestions on a successful launch or commissioning: get to know your regional staff. I know folks often try to schedule launches and commissionings around regional events, and time is of essence. That is why you need to

make sure paperwork is routed to the correct individuals at the right places. When in doubt, check the S.T.A.R.T. Manual for proper routing and numerous tips on this topic.

By the way, we are in the process of updating the shuttle startup kit. If you have any experience or ideas that might be useful to new shuttles, please let me know so we can pass that knowledge on to potential shuttles.

Next, I want to introduce the newest ShOC staff member Capt. Jeff Davis. Jeff has been appointed to the position of Chairman of Advanced Starship Design Bureau. While we have a large selection of ship classes, some groups prefer to design their own ships.

This is one of the most exciting part of fleet experience designing

your ship type. Jeff will work closely with Adm. Alex Rosenzweig (Department of Technical Services) to explore potential programs to streamline ship designs. If you are interested in creating a new ship class, be sure to contact ASDB first. I think you'll find it very helpful. We'll have more announcements on this later. You can reach Jeff at the following address:

10010 Park Lake Drive  
Louisville, KY 40229

Or e-mail him at  
r1-rdc-eng@juno.com.

Finally, as various regions start up their summits around the fleet, I hope to attend as many of them as possible. For those of you planning on attending Region 1 Summit, I look forward to meeting you. Who knows we might even launch a shuttle or two there. I know several shuttles are gearing up for commissioning as well. Good luck to all of you!

# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANDI LIVINGSTON  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET! I've got several things to cover in this article, and I'll try not to bore you all with too many mundane details.

First of all, STARFLEET has a new PO Box. The box in Gaithersburg, MD was formerly manned by Sandy Berenberg, but with his relocation to Kentucky, we decided to move the PO Box closer to the MP Corps and Gerri Wampler in Westminster, MD. There is a forwarding order on the old box, so nothing should be lost in the process.

However, if you have any questions about the status of your mail-in membership, you can

contact myself or Gerri Wampler at the postal mail addresses in the staff directory in this CQ or you can email [membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org) or [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). We'll be glad to help with any questions or inquiries you may have. The new PO Box address is:

**STARFLEET**  
**Membership Processing**  
**PO Box 1400**  
**Westminster, MD 21158**

Also, I'd like to once again thank the crew in Membership Processing. Gerri Wampler and her team continue to do an amazing job for STARFLEET. Although it

can take a full six weeks to full process things from start to finish (as in check cashing or credit card processing), the packets are sent out in under two weeks. That's just absolutely amazing! The MP Crew is one of the hardest working teams in STARFLEET, and next time you get a chance, let them know they are appreciated!

Well, I had a chance to meet many new friends at Region 2 Summit. While much of the weekend was a "working" vacation for me, I enjoyed myself thoroughly! There are a lot of good people in Region 2 and the chapters there reminded me just how much potential the members of this organization have! Keep up

the good work, Region 2!

I'm also looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting several new friends at R1 Summit the end of April. I hope to find extra money in my personal budget and extra time off from work to possibly attend other Regional and Chapter events. It's great to enjoy fellowship with you all!

On the database side of the CompOps house, Sandy Berenberg, one of the designers of Dynee, the STARFLEET database, and former CompOps Chief, has decided to take some time away from things and go on walk-about. Robin Smith, our Database Admin, has taken over the reigns of the Database Project during this time.

Also, it's a good time as Spring starts to change your database password. It is important to change your password from time to time for informational  
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security. To change your database password, you can login, go to Member Tools, and the change password option is there. If you need assistance with this, email [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) or [CompOpsHelp@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHelp@sfi.org). Furthermore, accessing the database is a privilege with your membership in STARFLEET. We hope that you will continue to use this tool responsibly and with honor.

Last CQ, I announced the "If I Were CompOps Chief" essay contest. I have only received two submissions to date. So, 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 with 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!

Well, see you at R1 Summit, around the net, and in the next CQ!



## COORDINATED RECRUITING

By Pete Mohny • Computer Operations Recruitment Coordinator

The 2004 Recruiting Contest is coming along well, with thirteen regions showing growth since January 1. That shows some good work on the part of the members and chapters of the regions. Congratulations! Remember, the regions with the largest growth will receive prizes of STARFLEET Quartermaster Gift Certificates, to be presented at the International Conference.

As I mentioned in my last article, there are many ways to recruit that involve what I call 'passive recruiting'. These are ways of doing what you would normally do anyway – have meetings, parties, games, even just wearing clothes – which can recruit new members.

First, let's talk about chapter gatherings. It's very convenient and comfortable to meet at someone's house – all of your 'stuff' is there, and you can lounge around and stay up as late as you want.

However, you are losing a golden opportunity to recruit, just by not locating your meeting in a place where you will be seen! Consider having some of your meetings in public places – bookstores, hobby or gaming shops, libraries, even parks and restaurants.

You don't necessarily have to make a big show out of your meeting or event – but there is a chance that, just by being in public, you'll attract the attention of people who will be interested in STARFLEET, or maybe just know someone who might be.

You should arrange to have recruiting materials on hand – newsletters, copies of the Communiqué, STARFLEET flyers, even photo albums or videos. You may only get one chance to impress a possible recruit, so you need to be prepared to put on the best presentation you can, at a moment's notice.

Oftentimes, you may be able to leave flyers or business cards at the meeting site, on a table or

bulletin board, where they may remain for days or weeks, giving you yet another chance to use these places to recruit.

At a bookstore or gaming shop, you may be able to slip bookmarks or business cards into items that Star Trek fans would be likely to buy (with the approval of the manager, of course!). A very small bit of effort, meeting in public and leaving a bit of information behind, can gain you a lot of members!

Second, consider the impact that performing charitable or civic acts can have. You may already be doing these things, but they can also be used as recruiting opportunities, by having flyers or cards handy, and by trying to get some press for your group by contacting the newspaper or television news prior to the event or by sending an article afterwards.

In the space of a few hours spent doing an Adopt-A-Mile, or staffing a water table at an athletic event like a cross-city run, or helping with a house building, you can gain tremendous exposure in newspapers or even television. This will not only allow thousands or even tens of thousands of people to see you, but it will show people how STARFLEET is not only a group of fans, we are a group that is eager to give back to the community – which is excellent public relations.

Many chapters have various items made with the chapter logo and information on them, and these can be used to get the word out just by being there. Bumper stickers or window stickers can be great, and they can be made in small quantities on your home computer. Chapter T-shirts can be made similarly, with a computer printed iron-on, or they can be made professionally in quantities as small as a couple of dozen.

These shirts can be worn everywhere you go, and can be a very effective 'billboard' to get attention. They are even more

effective when your whole group wears them, especially if they are all the same color – that is really attention grabbing, without your having to wear your STARFLEET uniform in public.

I've mentioned leaving business cards or flyers on the bulletin boards at the places you meet, but why stop there? Many businesses have bulletin boards, and are happy to have groups leave information on them, especially civic groups.

Carry a stack of cards or flyers in your car, and be ready to grab a few whenever the opportunity presents itself. You can even do this with newsletters, though this can be an expensive proposition if your newsletter is large or in color print.

However, this can pay off nicely, as a newsletter can be a very impressive recruiting tool. I left a couple of my chapter's newsletters in a store about eight years ago, and caught the interest of a guy who was browsing the store. He joined SFI, and in the interim, has been chapter commanding officer for four years, a STARFLEET Assistant Inspector General, then Inspector General, vice-chair for the STARFLEET International Conference 2004, and now he is the Region 2 Regional Coordinator – Danny Potts!

So, in short – be more public, be more visible, and be prepared to scatter your 'advertising' whenever an opportunity presents itself. You may not even be actively recruiting – you are just modifying what you were already doing slightly – but your public presence and visibility can gain you many new members!



# DOLLARS & SENSE

COMMODORE DENBY POTTS  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET



**By Commodore Tammy Willcox**  
**Senior Vice Chief Financial**  
**Officer, STARFLEET**

I am writing this article for Denby Potts, our Chief Financial Officer, because her mother-in-law had a serious heart attack, was in the hospital for several days and unfortunately she died on March 29th. I know that everyone will be including Denby, her husband Danny and their family in their thoughts through these difficult days.

Please be patient if you are waiting to hear from Denby or are having an issue. Everything will get addressed. Please note that credit card renewal payments will be delayed.

Please note that when using PayPal to renew, it is vital that you complete the notes section with the renewing member's name and SCC#. This is particularly vital when

you are using a business, chapter or someone else's PayPal account. Failure to provide the renewing member's name and SCC# can cause a delay in renewing and in some cases cause a membership to expire as we didn't know who to renew.

Membership Processing now has a new post office box address. This may cause a slight delay in memberships being processed as anything sent to the old post office box will need to be forwarded to the new post office box. It make take an additional week or two for checks to be cashed.

To reiterate the status of renewals:

Active – a membership that is currently active.

Pending – a membership where the financial transaction has not cleared yet. Pending memberships have all of the capabilities of active memberships and the pending

designation if for financial purposes only.

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.

All of these issues require the Treasury department to contact the member in question to request the correct information. Usually, we

get the information quickly, and can process the transaction and clear the issue up. Don't be scared when you hear from Denby (or someone from the Loss Prevention Team) on the phone or through e-mail. 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.

If you ever need the Treasury Department, or need to contact Denby, she can be reached at the address, phone number or e-mail below.

**Denby Potts**  
**2912 Dublin Dr.**  
**Helena, AL 35080**  
**(205) 620-1302 CST**  
**CFO@sfi.org**

## STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS NEED "YOU!"

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don't necessarily have to be starting this fall; you could have started this past winter, or summer term, and we can then send the money to the school to apply toward any student loans/financial aid/outstanding balance you already have. The name and address of the financial officer would be needed in that instance.

Now once you've looked over the list of scholarships, don't be afraid to apply because "oh, none of them pertain to my field of study..." Let us be the judge of that. If you don't know which one to apply for, ask us for guidance and we'll be happy to find a scholarship that fits your needs.

My USPS address for applications is:

SFA Scholarship  
c/o Wendy Fillmore  
6770 E. Judson Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89156

Or questions can be sent to me at [scholarships@sfi.org](mailto:scholarships@sfi.org).

Once again, my thanks to Scott Akers for allowing me to serve, and I hope to hear from you all soon. Good luck, STARFLEET, and may the pursuit of higher knowledge in whatever form you find it be an attainable goal for all!

## REGION 6 SUMMIT WELCOMES YOU!

The USS Fox River NCC - 81002 and the Shuttle Cimmaron would like to invite you to the Region 6 Summit, June 18-20, 2004.

Our Guest Hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Kimberly, Wisc. Room rates are \$89.00 + tax per night. We have a block of 15 rooms available to us till May 18. The phone number is 1-800-Hiltons or [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com). Use the SRP Code STR. Please tell them you are registering for the Region 6 Summit.

Registration for the Summit is \$35.00 for adults, which includes ID, Booklet, Invitation to Friday evening fun and mini golf tournament on Saturday. There is no charge for children but a

donation to the Region 6 Fund is always welcome.

Our Theme for the weekend is Heroes and Villains. Come dressed for the Saturday night dinner as your favorite Hero or Heroine or Villain or Villainess. We will be awarding prizes for the best costumes. If you have questions, contact: either of the following:

• Linda Eppinger  
(920) 830-9009  
[LEppin1701@aol.com](mailto:LEppin1701@aol.com)

• Steve Radank  
(920) 426-0535



# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — FEB./MARCH 2004

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - FEBRUARY

2/01/2004 through 2/29/2004  
Opening Balance: \$25,015.65

2/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$87.85)
2/3/04	Megatoners	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$1,299.00)
2/3/04	Marvin Galler	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$375.00)
2/3/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$2.55)
2/3/04	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$1,391.19)
2/3/04	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense	(\$1,087.89)
2/3/04	IC 2004	IC Registration Reimbursements	(\$80.00)
2/3/04	Shane Evans	Reimbursment for overpayment	(\$6.00)
2/3/04	Karen Goldbach	CompOps Expense	(\$120.08)
2/3/04	Graphics 3, Inc.	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$151.00)
2/3/04	Graphics 3, Inc.	Membership Processing Expenses	(\$2,372.21)
2/9/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
2/10/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$683.00
2/10/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$15.00
2/11/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$19.90)
2/12/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$469.00
2/13/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$15.00
2/17/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$49.00
2/24/04	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$475.00)
2/25/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$606.32

Ending Balance: \$19,366.19

## SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - MARCH

03/01/2004 through 03/31/2004  
Opening Balance: \$19366.19

3/1/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$2,176.79
3/1/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$62.47)
3/1/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$0.92)
3/4/04	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$250.00)
3/5/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$457.00
3/5/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$64.00
3/8/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$30.00)
3/9/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,460.00
3/9/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$45.00
3/9/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
3/11/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$19.90)
3/23/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$629.31
3/30/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing & QM	\$499.00
3/30/04	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$450.00)

\* MP = Membership Processing

Ending Balance: \$23,865.13

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

## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

2/01/2004 through 3/31/2004

### Scholarship Account:

No transactions this period.

Ending Balance: \$3517.24

### SFI Savings:

Opening Balance: \$5662.22

Interest Gained: \$2.16

Ending Balance: \$5664.38

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2/01/2004 through 3/31/2004

Opening Balance: \$4009.13

Deposits: \$60.11

Interest Gained: \$1.53

Ending Balance: \$4070.77

## STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$2,859.80

### February:

No transactions.

### March:

No transactions.

Ending Balance: \$2,947.80



Greetings and felicitations!

## FLEET BUSINESS

Pursuant to FLEET regulations A10-S1, in excess of 4000 ballots were distributed in December 2003 with two amendments for membership approval. Pursuant to the same regulations, and at the direction of Fleet Admiral Mike Malotte, ballots were due to this office by 14 February 2004.

904 ballots were cast:

- Amendment 1: 853 (Yes), 46 (No), 5 (abstain)
- Amendment 2: 854 (Yes), 35 (No), 15 (abstain)

Both amendments were passed.

## REGION BUSINESS

### REGION 01

### REGION 03

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 concluded on 07 February 2004.

As of 07 February 2004, I received 18 nominations. The tally for the nominations returned was as follows:

- Brad Pense - 18 ( 82% of the Region)

As per the ROE (Rules of Election), if 50%+1 of the entire Region nominates 1 person and only 1 person is nominated and that person is the current seated RC, then that RC has, in fact, had a de facto VOC and is eligible to serve another term. Admiral Brad Pense remains as the Regional Coordinator for Region 03.

"May God have mercy on our souls."

### 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 concluded on 26 February 2004.

# OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

Logo by Ben Kokochak • USS Dominator

As of 26 February 2004 I received only one nomination for the current sitting Regional Coordinator. As there were no other candidates, the process moved onto the Vote of Confidence process, which commenced on 12 March 2004 and is scheduled to conclude on 12 April 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 concluded 20 February 2004.

There were two candidates nominated – Jonathan Simmons and John Roberts. The election phase of the election process commenced on 08 March 2004 and is scheduled to conclude on 08 April 2004.

### REGION 20

Well, just to show you how quickly things can change, the sitting Regional Coordinator for R20 had to step down for personal reasons. Therefore, the selection phase of the election process for regions with one chapter is to be used. All members of Region 20 were notified by email. The selection process commenced on 15 March 2004 and is scheduled to conclude on 15 April 2004.

## OTHER ISSUES

There were no other issues at the time of writing.

## OIG PERSONNEL

Here is a current list of personnel:

Lee Shamblin  
– Deputy Inspector General  
Paul Wheeler II  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 01

Joseph Perry  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 02

Jess Neumann  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 03

Michael Butwinick  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 04

Andrew Rogers  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 05

Ben Johnson  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 06

Don Burke  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 07

OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 09

OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 10

OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 11

Ray Brown  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 12

Richard Smith  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 13

OPEN  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 14

Rich DeMidio  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 15

Chris Chontos  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
Region 17

Jay McPherson  
– Assistant Inspector General,  
SFMC

Glenn Overby II  
– Deputy Assistant Inspector  
General, Governing Documents

Parties interested in the open positions should read the OIG Operations Manual (available at <http://documents.sfi.org>) to understand the duties, and if qualified, send a Fleet/Real Life résumé to my attention.

Your most humble and obedient servant.

***In Service to the Fleet***  
***Lieutenant General***  
***Robert J. Jackson, SFMC***  
***Inspector General, STARFLEET***  
***lg@sfi.org***

## CADET CORNER

By Robin van Cleave  
Director, SFI Youth Services

Going to keep it short this issue. Just wanted to let everyone know that the new Youth website should be up and running in May of this year. It is promising to be very user- friendly. We will still have a downloads page with all the files from before, but we will be adding the long-awaited activity book! It will be available for download in PDF form by sections. Each section has been broken down into age groups and activities for your convenience. If you would like a hard copy of the activity book, please send me an e-mail and I will price them out with shipping and handling. If I can bug the RCs for a moment: does your Region have an established youth program? If it does, please send me an e-mail with your coordinator's information. If not, send me an email anyway! I would love to see every Region and EVERY chapter of STARFLEET have a youth program on board. They are easy to run, with a little imagination and help from your Starfleet Youth Services! In other words, PUT ME TO WORK! I am here for you. I look forward to hearing from everyone.



## Low-Carb versus Low-Fat

Here's another salvo in the battle between low-carb and low-fat diets. A recent study reported at a meeting of the American Association for the Study of Obesity found that persons on a low-carb diet could eat more than those on a low-fat diet and still lose comparable weight -- in their 12 week study, low-carb dieters were able to eat an additional 25,000 calories yet lost about the same amount of weight as those on a low-fat diet (20 versus 23 pounds). (Personally, I'm on the "see-food" diet -- I just have to "see" food and I gain weight!)

## Chew Yer Food Slowly!

Yep, Mom was right! It's better to chew your food slowly, than just gulp it down. A study reported in "Family Practice News" noted more gastroesophageal reflux (i.e. heartburn) when food is eaten quickly versus more slowly. The study looked at two matched groups that ate a similar 600 kcal meal, one in 5 minutes and the other in 30 minutes, comparing their reflux rates one hour after finishing eating. There was more reflux in the 5 minute group than the 30 minute group. The researchers concluded that "eating food rapidly affects the gastric-pressure volume response", thereby increasing reflux. (No word on that old adage of chewing your food forty times before swallowing, however.)

## More Portable Pain Relief

Many of you may be aware of something called "patient-controlled analgesia" which is often used after surgeries. It's where pain control medicine is attached to a patient via an IV line, and the patient can push a button when they need pain control. This technique has greatly improved pain control after surgeries and results in patients healing faster and leaving the hospital faster as well (and, surprisingly, it's been found that patients actual receive LESS pain medication overall this way and are more pain free). The US Food and Drug Assoc. is now testing a credit card sized patch, that goes on your arm or chest, that dispenses pain medication over 10 minutes at the click of a

button (a double click, actually, that uses a low-level electrical current to dispense the medication). Good for only 24 hours worth of medication, it's called the "patient-controlled transdermal system" or PCTS.

## New Diabetes Site For Healthcare Providers

I note this so those of you with diabetes may prod your doctors, and your other healthcare providers, with the latest on how to best treat diabetes. This website is geared less towards patients than towards healthcare providers with resources for improving the diabetes care of their patients. Check it out at [www.betterdiabetescare.nih.gov](http://www.betterdiabetescare.nih.gov).

## Placebo Power

It's a fact that placebos (i.e. innocent sugar pills containing no actual medicine) can have a positive effect on your health, but we've never really known how or why this works. A study in a recent issue of the journal "Science" showed using MRI scans that the expectation or anticipation that a medicine will relieve pain, even if a placebo, leads to a reduction in the activity of a part of the brain that actually senses pain -- i.e. direct cause and effect. More studies are planned.

## Weird But True Tales, Part III

Looking for an interesting book to read? Check out "The Strange Case of the Walking Corpse" by Nancy Butcher. In her book, Ms. Butcher describes many little-known rare and bizarre diseases and disorders such as: Jumping Frenchmen of Maine disorder, Alice-in-Wonderland syndrome, wandering spleen, and the Walking Corpse psychiatric disorder of the book's title. (There's another good book about weird neurological disorders caused by trauma or strokes, titled, either, "The Man Who Thought his Wife was a Hat" or "The Woman Who Thought her Husband was a Hat" -- sorry, can't remember which!)

## Good Air Can Still Be Bad

A study published in JAMA noted that even "good" air quality -- i.e.

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below the current US standards - can still adversely affect children with asthma as noted by an increase of severe respiratory symptoms and use of rescue medications and inhalers. Even a small increase of only 50 ppb (that's parts per billion of ozone and particulate matter in the air) increased wheezing by 35% and chest tightness by 47%.

## Wired For Life

A recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation, Princeton, and the Children's Digital Media Center reveals some startling statistics about children and electronic media: children six months to six years spend about the same amount of time watching TV and videos as they do playing outside; they spend only 39 minutes a day reading or being read to; and by age six 48% of kids have used a computer and 30% have played a video game. Interesting, 43% of parents surveyed thought TV helped kids learn, and 72% thought the same about computers. (It's a wired, wired world. My oldest son's kindergarten class has six computers!)

## Heart Attack Symptoms Different for Women

We all know the classic signs of a heart attack, i.e. chest pain, chest tightness, or other chest discomfort. Well, it appears that women having heart attacks often have other less obvious symptoms. As reported in the journal "Circulation", 95% of women in their study who had a heart attack within the last six months had the following symptoms "other than or in addition to chest pain before the event": unusual fatigue (70.7%), sleep disturbance (47.8%), shortness of breath (42.1%), indigestion (39.4%), and anxiety (35.5%). In fact, in their study only 29.7% of women reported chest discomfort.

## Changing Health Insurance Plans DOES Affect Your Health

We all know the hassle changing insurance plans can be, especially those who seem to have their plans changed every year by their

employers -- in fact, it can be a royal pain in the posterior. Well, now comes the results of a study that shows it's more than just a pain in the rear and can actually adversely affect your health! As reported in the "Annals of Family Medicine", researchers at the University of California, Davis, in reviewing claims data of over 335,000 patients of a managed care organization in New York, were able to show that the first year of a new health insurance was associated with "a higher risk of not getting a mammogram, a higher risk of avoidable hospitalization, greater likelihood of visiting a physician, and higher expenditures, especially for testing." (A very interesting study with possible further future ramifications.)

## Trauma and Life Span

From the "who funded THAT research" pile comes a report from McGill University in Montreal, looking to see whether a major life altering traumatic experience adversely (or positively) affects the life span of the survivors. They "compared the longevity of 435 traceable Titanic survivors with American and Swedish life tables for the years 1912-2000" and found that the survivors lived 1.7 years longer than US comparison groups, and half a year for the Swedish group. They summarized that the traumatic sinking did not shorten or prolong their life spans. (A further study will compare the life spans in the comparison groups with those who did not survive the sinking.)

## Women and Calcium

New research shows that women who get lots of calcium in their diet are less likely to develop kidney stones. This was a big study of 96,000 women over an 8-year period, and those women with the highest amounts of calcium had a 27% lower risk of developing kidney stones. Other findings from the study that helped to reduce the risk of developing kidney stones include drinking plenty of fluids, eating whole grains and vegetables, and reducing your intake of sugar (high sugar intake was

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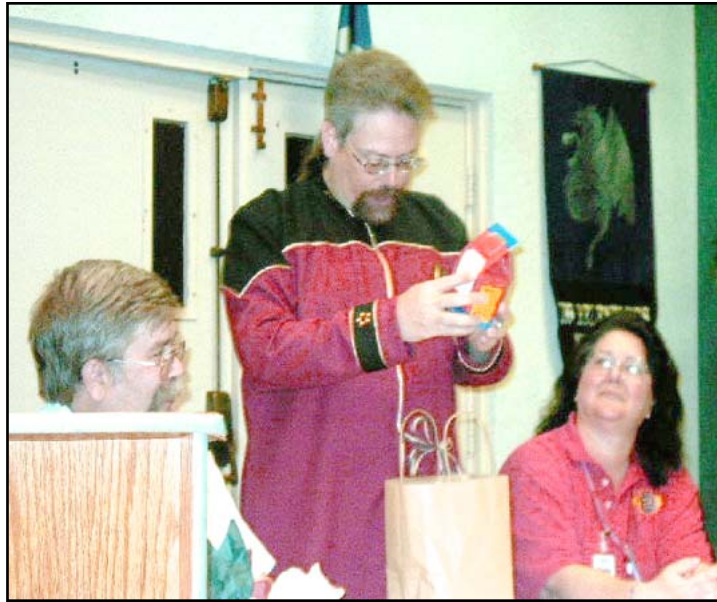




# PHOTOS HIGHLIGHTS



*Sunnie Planthold guards the R2 chocolate vault and the chocoholics emergency kit. Submitted by Jill Rayburn*



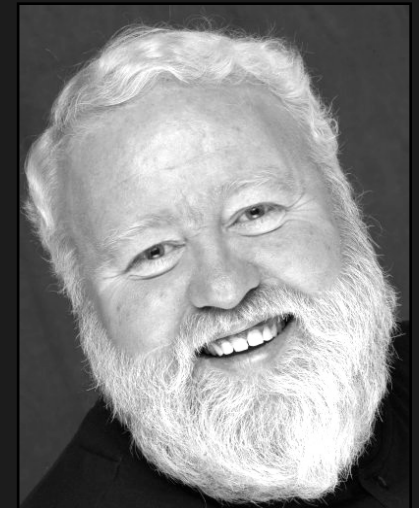
*Mike examines his southern present bag at the R2 Summit. Submitted by Jill Rayburn*



*Ken Diehl gets into the spirit. at the Seaside Heights St. Patrick's Day Parade. Submitted by Bob Vosseller*



*Joe Hoolihan and LaShanna Brooks manning the phones at the Maryland Public Television Pledge Drive. Submitted by Joe Hoolihan*



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*Jeff Davis, Shuttle Indiana (Region 1); Gerry/Robyn, USS Highlander; Walter Euwing, Shuttle Indiana; Gerri/Batman, USS Highlander; in Louisville, KY. Submitted by Gerry Sylvester*



*Captain Wally Truelove accepts his certificate of promotion at the USS Triton Change of Command ceremony. Submitted by Wally Truelove*



# FROM OUR FLEET FRIENDS...



*Challenger's away team in shuttlecraft . Submitted by Bob Vosseller*



*Daleks prowl Seaside Boulevard. Submitted by Bob Vosseller*



*Favorite Photo Award goes to...  
ward - is it Sal? Is it Santee Claus?  
both! (I knew it!- Ed.)*



*Garrick Halverson lounges about during a movie marathon  
in Boston. Submitted by Robb Jackson*



*Cadet Christopher Van Cleave holds  
the spot light. Submitted by Robin van  
Cleave*



*While loading up the van to return home, LT  
(jg) Catt Fanelli of the USS Aurora Vulcanus,  
decides to convert BDR Aaron Murphy,  
Region Three Chief of Computer Operations,  
to a soprano.. Submitted by Gene Adams*



*LTC John Johnston, XO of the USS Gunslinger and COL  
Robert Olivares, CO of the Gunslinger, trying to decide  
whether to carve the cake or each other.. Submitted by  
Gene Adams*



*FCAPT Lisa Pruitt, USS Lone Star CO, escorted by 1SG Sam Ruby of the  
USS Gunslinger. Submitted by Gene Adams*



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associated with a higher risk of developing kidney stones).

### Buckle Up in the Back Seat!

New research results from the University of Buffalo in New York has demonstrated that backseat passengers not using their seatbelts become "backseat bullets" in head-on collisions, slamming into the front seat occupants from behind, significantly increasing their chances of death -- three times higher for the unbelted backseat passenger and two times higher for the front seat recipients. Their research looked at almost 300,000 fatal crashes over a seven-year period. They also noted that "less than one-third of states require adults sitting in the backseat to wear seat belts." Please buckle up, everyone.

### Male Menopause?

There is growing evidence for a, sort of, male menopause hitting men over the age of 50. Just like women going through a loss of their female hormones (such as estrogen and progesterone, but without the hot flashes), male menopause involves the loss of testosterone with resulting fatigue, loss of strength, and a lack of interest in sex. Fortunately, it's very easy to test for this with a simple blood test (blood draw from your arm). (I'm now screening all men over 50 for low testosterone as part of my fatigue workup.)

### Obesity and the Cost of Food

Results of an interesting study from the Center for Public Health Nutrition at the University of Washington in Seattle has shown a link between obesity and poverty -- specifically being unable to afford eating a better diet of whole grains, daily fresh fruits and vegetables, and fish. These items, mainstays for any good and well-balanced diet are more expensive than "energy-dense" foods such as fast food, french fries, soft drinks, candy, cookies, and other deep-fried foods. In a previous study, these

"energy-dense" foods were found to not trigger the bodies usual satiety mechanisms that tell us when we're full and to stop eating. (Hmm, maybe that's why I just keep eating that large pizza until it's all gone ...)

### Weight on the Go

Now there is nowhere to hide. An inventor in Connecticut has developed a car device that warns you when you're getting fatter! Yep, a microprocessor linked scale and display device weights front seat passengers, keeps track of gains and losses, and even displays "admonitory messages if the pounds start creeping on." You can even program info on specific diets and restaurants. The inventor even notes, "If you continue to be overweight, the system could use your cell phone to tell your doctor." (Maybe you can program the car to avoid all fast-food restaurants?!)

### COPD Treatment Aid

COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, patients are always out of breath and easily get winded doing any exercise. The mainstay of treatment is increasing lung capacity through the use of inhalers or even eventual oxygen (smoking cessation helps too). Now comes along the results of a study from Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Illinois, that helps treat COPD patients with a bit of fun thrown in. How? Through playing the harmonica! Regular harmonica playing, which forces you to increase your lung capacity, improved the study's participants abilities to exercise and perform other activities of daily living without getting out of breath as much or as easily. "Thus patients can chase the blues by playing them."

### Board Certified?

What exactly does "board certified" mean, especially these days when it seems to be listed everywhere when marketing and advertising physicians or physician groups. In a nutshell, "board certified" means that a physician has completed an accredited residency program in postgraduate medical education and then passed a strenuous certifying exam -- thereby meeting a certain "standard". However, many smaller medical organizations and societies are using the term a bit

more freely than it's usually used. And California is cracking down on them with the results of a recent federal appeals court ruling in the state's favor. What was in question was, whether or not, members of the American Academy of Pain Management who had passed less stringent requirements could advertise themselves as being "board certified". Well, now they can't, at least in California. The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court ruling that "board certified" in California means: "the certifying body must be a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, have requirements equivalent to those of the ABMS, or have a postgraduate training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education."

### Nasal Flu Vaccine Update

This just in, researchers reporting in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine have found that the new nasal spray flu vaccine introduced last year ("FluMist") was effective in protecting healthy children during last year's flu epidemic -- in both new users and those who had been previously vaccinated.

### Virtual Colonoscopy

A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the new CT virtual colonoscopy (i.e. using an external CT scanner) is comparable to the full colonoscopy using a colonoscope in finding colon cancer. While more than half of the participants had more discomfort with the virtual colonoscopy (I find that hard to believe), the majority found it more acceptable and convenient.

### Position Matters

Interesting report in the Annals of Internal Medicine comparing blood pressure readings when the arm is in different positions relative to the body and in different body positions (i.e. standing, sitting, and lying down). Surprisingly, different positions do result in different blood pressure readings, varying by as much as 14 millimeters of mercury. Their conclusion is that a standard technique for blood pressure

measurements is needed (and the American Heart Association recommends measuring blood pressure with the patient's arm flexed at the level of the heart).

### Sick Building Syndrome Cure?

Many studies have shown that office building ventilation systems are often contaminated by bacteria, fungi, and parasites that can cause asthma and other upper respiratory problems (i.e. "sick building syndrome"). A study in The Lancet looked at an attempt to reduce such symptoms using "ultraviolet germicidal irradiation of the drip pans and cooling coils of ventilation systems in office buildings" to reduce possible microbial contamination. Using this procedure in three office buildings in Montreal, Canada, the researchers were able to show a significant reduction in both ventilation system microbial contamination and work-place respiratory symptoms.

### Ephedra Ban

The FDA has finalized their ban on the sale of dietary supplements containing ephedra and it goes into effect next week on April 1, 2004. More info on ephedra is available at [www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/ds-ephed.html](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/ds-ephed.html).

### New Guide for Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose Levels

The American Academy of Family Physicians has recently released a monograph guidebook about treatment and self-care for patients with type 2 diabetes entitled, "Self-Control: A Physician's Guide to Blood Glucose Monitoring in the Management of Diabetes". While this is a guide geared to physicians, it also contains significant information for patients and their families in ways to improve self-monitoring of their glucose levels. You can read the guidelines online or download a pdf version at [www.aafp.org/smbgmonograph.xml](http://www.aafp.org/smbgmonograph.xml). (If you have trouble accessing this site, please let me know and I'll download and forward the pdf file to you.)



Do you like pageantry, pomp and circumstance, officers and enlisted personnel in elegant uniforms and eye-catching civilian finery, and formal presentation and adherence to Fleet protocol?

If you do, you should have been at the USS Lone Star's eighth anniversary dinner on Saturday, February 7th, as those who attended were treated to all of the above. The Lone Star's annual anniversary dinner has gotten bigger and better every year, and every year one is left wondering how next year's anniversary dinner could possibly outdo the current one, but somehow each year's dinner manages to be better than the previous year's. This is a real tribute to the vision of the Ship's CO, FCAPT Lisa Pruitt, and the industrious and imaginative worker bees who crew the Lone Star. No credit goes to yours truly, since all I did was pay my dinner fee and chow down.

The dinner was held at the Ramada Inn in Lubbock, Texas, in conjunction with Region Three's annual Retreat. Region Three's Retreat is a region-wide planning meeting which is held early each year. It is customarily held in the same location that will host the regional summit meeting in that year. The purpose of the Retreat (other than a chance to meet up with friends and party) is twofold.

It is a planning session to schedule the region's activities for the year, and it also gives

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attendees a chance to evaluate and familiarize themselves with the facilities which will host the regional summit. Although any Fleet member can attend Retreat, it is primarily a meeting of the Region's COs and XOs and Regional staff.

Since the Regional Summit will be held in Lubbock this year, and Retreat was scheduled very close to the date of the Lone Star's anniversary, it was decided to combine the two events, with the Retreat business meeting taking place during the day and the dinner being held that evening.

Most of the Retreat attendees arrived in Lubbock on Friday and were treated to an early start to the festivities when the crew of the Lone Star led the group to the Fox and Hound pub on Friday evening. The staff of the pub could only gaze in awe as they witnessed great quantities of comestibles vanish, and the incorporation of adult beverages into the game plan certainly did no harm to the conviviality of the group.

Since almost all of the Region's COs and XOs and almost all of the Region's top brass attended Retreat, there were not only many more attendees at this year's

dinner, but the group glittered with high-ranking and illustrious luminaries. The Lone Star's Senior Staff and the Region's top officials were each individually announced before entering the banquet room and were whistled in with bosun's pipes by 1SG Sam Ruby of the USS Gunslinger. Each was individually escorted to their table under an arch of crossed swords provided by a uniformed honor guard from the Gunslinger.

The tables were festively decorated, including candles, and featured name cards and party favors at each place setting. It should be noted that I, in an attempt to retain my status as Top Klutz, managed to set my tablecloth on fire using the aforementioned candle. As improbable as this was, it was exceeded in improbability by our getting the fire put out unobtrusively without anyone at adjoining tables even becoming aware that an attempt had been made to incinerate my fellow diners.

Dinner was served buffet style and featured a variety of Mexican dishes. A chilled bottle of local wine was provided for each table (no, it wasn't Chateau

Tumbleweed) to drink the annual toast to the Ship. Nonalcoholic sparkling beverage was provided for those who teetotal (can this be so in STARFLEET?). Dessert was provided in the form of a cake baked in the semblance of a starship, including functioning running lights. As usual, the ship/cake was baked, iced, and electrified by the Lone Star's resident master chef, FCAPT Margi O'Neill.

The anniversary dinner was used as the occasion to officially commission the USS Gunslinger as an active vessel of the Fleet. The Gunslinger is a Marine ship, docked in El Paso, Texas, and was formerly the shuttle Hapsburg prior to her commissioning as a starship. Her Senior Staff and others of her crew were present and resplendent in full uniform to accept their commission.

The Gunslinger brought along their fully operational 12 pound, brass, field artillery cannon, mounted on its gun carriage, which they installed in the banquet room. Many of the Gunslinger's crew take part in civil war reenactments in which the cannon plays a prominent part. Since it was pointed directly at our table, I found myself fervently hoping that they didn't intend to fire a salute after commissioning (whew, they didn't).

As is customary, the anniversary dinner was the occasion for handing out annual



CDR Gene Adams of the USS Lone Star and Region Three VRC (South), VADM Michelle Fanelli await dinner. Why is this man smiling?



CAPT Steve Gordon, CO of the USS Victory, signals in his drink order as (left to right) CAPT Emilio Martinez, CO of the USS Laredo, LT T.J. Gordon of the USS Victory, Crewman Joe Zobac and ENS Rebecca Zobac of the USS Lone Star look on.



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Ship awards and announcing promotions. A total of 25 promotions were announced, based on points accumulated by each of the individuals for service and contributions to the Ship and its activities. In addition to the promotions, 14 crewmembers received Red Shirt awards (attendance for at least 75% of Ship's meetings), 22 crewmembers received the Edith Keeler award (participation in at least three community service events), 12 crewmembers received the Data Scholastic Achievement award, 13 crewmembers received the Katherine Janeway award (participation in at least three Star Trek or Sci-Fi events not sponsored by the Lone Star), 27 crewmembers received the Spock award (outstanding service to the Lone Star), nine crewmembers received the James T. Kirk award (outstanding service to Region Three and/or STARFLEET), nine crewmembers received the Peg Pellerin award (successful completion of at least six SF Academy courses during the year), and 11 crewmembers received the Marlene Miller award (at least 50% of the SF Academy courses taken were passed with Honors or Distinction).

The Helen Pawlowski award for academic excellence at STARFLEET Academy was given to Lt.(jg) Alice Carey. The Ambassador Sarek award (for doing the best job of promoting the USS Lone Star and STARFLEET to the "real world") was received by RADM Sam Black, FCAPT Lisa Pruitt, and CDR Doug Hogan. The Wesley Crusher award for outstanding cadet of the year was given to Cadet LT. Jonathan Hogan. The Miles O'Brien award for Enlisted Man of the year was given to PO1 Mark Nichols. There was a tie for the Jean-Luc Picard Officer of the year award, so duplicate awards were presented to LT.(jg)

Alice Carey and LT.(jg) Dawne Franks (both well deserved). And finally, the winner of the Gene Roddenberry Member of the year award was announced as LCDR John Montgomery, who always seems to be present at every Ship's activity and event.

Members of the Ship's Marine contingent also received several awards, which were handed out by BDR Aaron Murphy and BDR Jeff Webb. Three crewmembers received the Initial Entry Training award, three crewmembers received the Marine Honor Guard award, three crewmembers received the Great Barrier Expedition award, five crewmembers received the Community Service award, and one crewmember received both the International Service award and the Embassy Duty award.

Following the presentation of awards, the assembly broke up into small groups of friends and acquaintances who were busily bringing each other up-to-date on events and happenings since they had last seen each other. Really, the look and atmosphere more closely resembled that of a Summit rather than that of a ship's anniversary dinner.

As is customary when Trek people get together, the visiting, partying, and spontaneous activities continued well into the wee hours. "Need more coffee" seemed to be the most common phrase heard from the bleary-eyed visitors as they loaded up their vehicles on a chilly Lubbock Sunday morning for the trip home. But it was also obvious from their comments that the enthusiasm for a return trip to attend the Region Three Summit in June had been cranked up to a very high level.

Come join us this June 11-13 and you won't regret it!

# A PARABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Michele Fischer, USS Flying Fox, Region 7

In 1978, my family traveled to Egypt. It's a long story, but to cut to the chase, my father's company won a contract, and when our new home fell through, the whole family went, anticipating an 18-month stay. It lasted about six weeks. But as I said, that is another story.

I was 6 at the time, but I have vivid memories and I have the memories of the stories my mother told years later.

When we left, we took with us four trunks, and about 20 suitcases for the four of us. My brother was almost 10. It's scary to think, but my mother was younger than I am today. She had never flown and had never left the country, and was soon transported to a new country.

Upon arriving, she realized that what she had packed in our four trunks and 20 suitcases was more than most of the people in Egypt saw in a lifetime. We spoke no other languages, which created a barrier for everything. Even if we had spoken French we would have been better off. But we were a young family, from a small town in New England, suddenly thrust into a new world.

I've been thinking about this experience and drawing on it for the last month. On February 26th, 2004 a family of 11 arrived here in the United States from Africa, to be resettled. And my husband and I were part of the team working to settle them into our community.

I spent Ash Wednesday preparing my house. Our attempts to find them housing had failed and two families opened their doors to the family. Neal and I were one, and the second, by coincidence was someone who lived down the street from me. This meant we could keep the family together most of the day.

As I cleaned out from under the bed, I couldn't believe the amount of stuff we owned. My mother's words about what she considered the bare necessities for 18 months, was more than most had even seen, kept running through my head. Who else but Americans buy boxes of cereal that are not meant

to be eaten, because they are collectors items, or bottles of Coke, that are not meant to be drunk, which commemorate a specific baseball game?

As I write this, it is the middle of Lent, the Christian season of reflection and sacrifice. Some people give up chocolate for the season or something of the like. My husband and I gave up our home, invited four orphaned children for those first 10 days, and have continued to give our time and love to this family.

Even, now we are preparing to become certified foster parents in order to temporarily keep one of the seven children from being placed in a stranger's home while paperwork is being done.

I'm not writing this for kudos. Most people at my church are unaware of my complete involvement. The church members know I am in nearly daily contact with the family, but they don't know that Neal and I housed them, nor do they know we are about to become foster parents.

I don't want the attention, but I tell you these things so that you can understand how much Lent has been enriched by this act of giving. When I do have time to reflect, I am deeply aware of how my involvement with this family has deepened my faith, and changed my priorities. As I wrote the bills out, I didn't have that same sense of panic I usually do when the money runs out and bills don't. God will provide.

I preached on this Lenten journey the other night. My text was the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea and the demise of the Egyptians. The section I read began with the complaint of the Israelites, "were there no graves in Egypt," as they began to panic seeing the sea before them and the Egyptians coming from behind. That story is so important to the Jewish faith and the Christian faith. But this story, of the crossing, is only the first act.

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in the wilderness for 40 years and God's attempt to teach the people to rely on him. "Are you hungry? I will provide manna and Quail. Are you thirsty? I will let water flow from the rocks." Over and over again, the Israelites are asked to rely on God for all things.

Lent is 40 days of the same thing, 40 days to re-focus us on God and to try and trust God in all things.

I'm trying to preach. But as a pastor it sometimes happens. I see God around me and at work within me and to tell the story of my Liberian family, I cannot help but marvel. It has been a busy, and at times frustrating, month. Every day is a new adventure, a new stumbling block.

Did you know that unless you have a SS# you cannot cash a check, or that some banks do not accept the US Department of Justice issued IDs given to refugees, or that in order to get a driver's license, a refugee must have a representative from the agency handling his case appear with him to vouch that this man is indeed a refugee, even though he has the photo ID from the US Department of Justice which states he is a refugee?

Many of these stumbling blocks are directly related to the Patriot Act. We all understand why, but it is still frustrating. And so with each stumbling block, we remind each other, "God will provide."

Muhammed is 33. He is married to Famata. They have been together for 10 years, and they have no children on their own, but they are helping to raise 8 children. Fatmata has a sister, Mama, who is 29 and she has one daughter, Fatumata, or "Baby Fatu." Mama and Fatmata are half sisters.

They have three other siblings; Mustafa, who is just turning 18, Amie, who is 16, and Hamed, who is 14. Mama's full sister, Assata, died a few years ago, leaving them with her three young daughters, Assata, 14, Saly, 12

and Kadia, 10. In addition, there is Yousouff. He turned seven a few days ago. His mother disappeared when he was a year old. He is Famata's nephew.

In 1990, war broke out in Liberia and millions of Liberians fled the country. Many ended up in refugee camps in the Ivory Coast. With the help of the UN, many of these people were integrated into the Ivory Coast. Muhammed managed to get a scholarship from the UN to go to school and began working. Soon after, he met his wife and her family, or what was left of her family. Many Liberians lost family in 1990. People disappeared or were lost in the mass exodus from the country.

After graduating with a degree in French studies and a certificate in banking, Muhammed took a new job. He was fluent in French and most people he worked with knew he was a Liberian, but on the streets one couldn't tell, because of his mastery of the language. In the Ivory Coast the official language is French while in Liberia it is English.

In September of 2002, a civil war broke out in the Ivory Coast. It was an attempted coup that partially failed. Even now, the country remains divided. The Liberians became the focus of the anger, and suddenly to be a Liberian was a liability. The family found themselves in a crowded refugee camp, with only a few cups of rice a day to feed the family of 11.

Muhammed insisted on continuing his work. Each day Fatumata would plead, "Please don't go, they will kill you." But he continued, so that he could have food for the children. By April of 2003, he began to fear the people with whom he worked might not keep his identity as a Liberian quiet much longer and he stopped working.

The paper work to be resettled in the US was lengthy. There were many interviews with UN and US officials. Muhammed told me he was one of the last to complete the paperwork, but his family was designated as one of the first priorities, probably because of the 8 children.

His faith is strong. "God will provide." And so when we hit the stumbling blocks at the bank, or

the Driver's License center, we remind one another that God did not bring them across the Atlantic to abandon them now. And the like Israelites wandering in the desert, he relies on God, for food and drink.

God has provided, abundantly. Ten days after their arrival, a local Lutheran retirement community gave approval for the family to use two houses not being used on the their property. One is set for demolition; the other one is still being discussed. But for the next few months, they are there rent free, with only the utility bills to be paid.

The job of the churches is to try and get the family self sufficient in 3-4 months. We are looking into jobs and assistance. As refugees, they have some Federal aid to assist them, but there is not enough. We have been collecting food, furniture and clothing. Each church has taken a special collection.

It is amazing, considering how much they have been through, how healthy they are. The more I speak with Mohammed, the more I am impressed with this man. He is very wise and full of honor. He knows it was God who led him across the sea and into a land of promise and that God saved him from those who sought to take his life.

Is this the Christian God, or the Jewish God? Muhammed is Moslem, as are the others in the family. But God is God. He doesn't belong to just the Christians or just the Jews or just the Moslems. And so I am strengthened by his faith, and I hope he from mine. And together we remind each other that God will provide.

Our biggest stumbling block is the paperwork and the legal issues. When the US State Department gave the agency the paperwork, the seven orphaned children were all listed separately and we did not know Fatmata's relationship to Mama or Muhammed's relationship to the family. As a result the agency thought it was best to have the children classified as "unaccompanied minors."

This entitles the children to additional assistance from the agency, and ensures that there is a legally responsible party for the children. We were told the

children would remain with the three adults, but that they could not live in one house. Foster care parents in Pennsylvania may not have more than six foster care children in the home at one time. The family divided themselves into two smaller units.

Then we learned that the youngest of the orphaned children may need to be removed from the home temporally, until the adults could be designated the foster parents. That is why we are becoming certified, so that the children will be with people they know and they trust.

Muhammed told me that if it were a stranger's home, he would have asked them to send them back to Africa. This is a temporary measure, and the agency will advocate that the children be returned to their aunts' care as soon as possible, but it is a stumbling block. Now we wait for the paperwork to be completed so that the adults may be recognized as legal guardians. God will provide.

I was once a stranger in strange land, the youngest child, of a family very vulnerable in a very different culture. It is that experience of being in Egypt, which I have drawn on during this past month, knowing that my family had few people whom they could trust. It was a very different world than here, so I know that for Our Liberian family it is also very strange.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Liberian family, or about the 8000 Liberians who will be entering our country in the near future, feel free to contact me at [salawa@comcast.net](mailto:salawa@comcast.net).

Please keep this family in your prayers as they settle in this new world.





# ATTENTION ON DECK

## SFMC

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## FROM THE 'DANT

By LGen. Wade Olson • Commandant, SFMC

Greetings.

It's hard to believe we are a third of the way through another year. Boy, how time flies. I recently attended Region Two Summit where I had a very good time and am looking forward to the Region One Summit. Before we know it the International Conference will be upon us.

I had the pleasure of assisting Second Brigade Officer in Charge, Rebecca Self in handing out the R2 Valor Awards and I would like once again to congratulate those recipients.

**Cross of Valor, Sunnie Planthold**  
**Shield of Valor, Don Meyer**  
**Star of Valor, Ben Fisk**  
**Legion of Valor, 669th MSG**

During the event I also issued some awards from my office. Congratulations go out to:

**Rebecca Self,**  
**SFMC Service Commendation**

**Richard Graham,**  
**SFMC Achievement Award**

So far the only Brigade with a Wilderness Challenge is the First. Anyone else who wishes to submit a bid please contact me. I'll help in any way I can.

If you haven't reported your activities for the Commandant's Campaign you should do so during the next reporting period. The report due June 1 will be the last report before the deadline. You activities must be reported in your unit report before the award can be issued.

The deadline for the Honor Awards submissions for the yearly awards that will be handed out at IC2004 is July 15, 2004. One note, Valor Award recipients are NOT automatically submitted. A submission still needs to be made even though a person received a Valor Award.

We are currently well stocked on all the special ribbons and a few of the solid color ones as well. We are stocking white, red, green and maroon. We have a few hats, regular patches and special patches. And we still have some T-shirts in medium, large and X-large. Since we've had these for three years we're going to reduce the price to \$10.00, which is just slightly lower than our cost of \$10.61 each, just to clear them out. Contact me

before ordering so we can make sure we have the size you wish to order.

There were two financial reports sent out since the last CQ. Here they are.

### January

We started the month with Petty Cash owing the Commandant \$10.91. We had one deposit of cash on 1/22/04 in the amount of \$24.00. We had three expenditures for postage, one on 1/13/04 in the amount of \$0.98, one on 1/20/04 in the amount of \$7.01 and one on 1/22/04 in the amount of \$0.49. This leaves a total in petty cash at the close of the month in the amount of \$4.61.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$80.17. A new recipient is being discussed for these funds. This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of the month in the amount of \$1533.02.

We started the month of February with \$1528.41. There were no deposits made during the month. There was one check cashed on the account during the month on 2/25 in the amount of \$175.00 The Service Charge on the account for the month totaled \$0.17. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1353.24.

### February

We started the month with Petty Cash in the amount of \$4.61. We had one deposit of cash on 2/25/04 in the amount of \$10.20. This leaves a total in petty cash at the close of the month in the amount of \$14.81.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$80.17. A new recipient is being discussed for these funds. This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of the month in the amount of \$1368.05.

LGN Wade Olson  
Commandant, SFMC

## RIBBON BAR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

By Brigadier Linda Olson  
CO, FORCECOM

I have often wondered what becomes of the ribbon bars (holders for the Marine ribbons) when one out grows that particular bar. After talking to a few marines, the result is this idea. When you need a larger ribbon bar, you may contact FORCES COMMAND at [www.sfi-sfmc.org](http://www.sfi-sfmc.org) and request the larger size. If we have it in stock, we will trade you the larger bar for the one you have out grown plus one dollar for the postage to ship it to you. We hope to help Marines get the bars cheaper and faster than if they had to order them from the Hock, etc. Any money left over from the postage charge will be donated to the Corps.

I mentioned this idea at Region 2 and was greeted with approval from many Marines. Our stock of used bars was mostly donated by Mary Anne and Larry Morris of Region 2. We do not have a large number of bars at the moment, but would be most willing to accept donations from any Marines who would like to clean out their closet, so to speak. Send any donations to me at the address below. Inquires concerning ribbons may be sent to the same address or to the email address in the signature line. I hope this "lending program" for ribbon bars will be successful, but for that to happen, we need participation. So let me hear from you soon.

**Brigadier General**  
**Linda Olson**  
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**Sevierville, TN 37876**  
**ST\_DragonLady@msn.com**



# FORCECOM REPORT

By Brigadier Linda Olson • CO, FORCECOM

Reporting is a very important part of being a Marine. Every Marine is responsible for reporting his/her actions, accomplishments, ideas and complaints to the unit OIC. How can you be recognized for good works, courses passed, etc., unless your OIC is aware of them? Your OIC is responsible for turning in his/her report to the Battalion OIC on or before the 1st of every EVEN numbered month (Feb., April, June, etc.) so be sure you have your information to him/her a few days before that date.

The Battalion OIC accepts reports from all the MSG OICs in his/her BN. They, in turn, compile all this information into one report and pass this on to the Brigade OIC by the 7th of every even numbered month. Likewise, the Brigade OIC collects and compiles a report from all the BN reports to be sent to CO Forces Command. This report is due by the 21st of every even month. Reports may be submitted electronically using the online reporting form or by snail mail (be sure to mail early enough to arrive on time.) Reports arriving to the next level in the Chain of Command on or before the date due are considered ON TIME. Reports arriving after this date, but before the next level deadline, are considered late. Reports not received at all are listed as "Failure to Report" (FTR).

If your unit is listed as FTR the OIC will be contacted by the next level of the chain and asked to submit the report. Thus, if your unit does not submit a report to the BN OIC by his/her reporting deadline, he/she reports your unit as FTR to the Brigade OIC. The BDE OIC then contacts the unit OIC requesting a report to be sent directly to Brigade and copied to the BN OIC. If this unit still fails to submit the requested report, the BDE OIC lists them as FTR on his/her report to CO Forces Command. The unit OIC will then be contacted again by CO Forces Command (COFC) requesting the report be sent directly to COFC

and that both the BDE and BN be copied. If a unit still fails to report, they are listed as FTR on the COFC report to the Commandant. This report is due to the 'Dant by the fifth of every ODD month. Two late reports will be recorded as one Failure to Report. Two FTRs will result in the position OIC being put on probation. Three FTRs in any twelve-month period will result in the following actions:

Units: After three FTRs in a 12-month period, the Unit Ship's CO will be contacted and apprised of the situation. After four FTRs are recorded on any one unit in a 12-month period, a request will be made with the ship's CO to replace the OIC or risk the Unit being put into the "Missing in Action" status. If, after 18 months, there are six or more FTRs on any one Unit, that Unit will be placed in MIA status. The Unit will be returned to Active status only after three consecutive "on Time" reports. MIA Units that record two consecutive FTRs will be placed in the "Lost in Action" status. The records will be placed in storage for future access and stricken from the database of active Units. Numbers taken from LIA Units will be placed back in the pool of numbers and reassigned. If the Unit becomes active again before the number is assigned to another group they will have first choice at the number but only if the Unit is still assigned to its original ship.

Battalion and Brigade OICs: Battalion and Brigade OICs who are late reporting twice in a 12-month period will be recorded as having one FTR for each pair of late reports. Two FTRs in a 12-month period will result in the OIC being put on probation. Once put on probation, the OIC must make sure the reports for the next six months are received on time. An FTR in this three month probation period, or three FTRs in a 12-month period, will result in the removal of the OIC. Concerning BN OICs, decisions will be made by the BDE OIC at the time whether the BN DOIC will replace the OIC or if a new OIC will be appointed. CO

Forces Command will decide whether the BDE DOIC will replace the OIC or whether a new OIC will be appointed in the case of the Brigade level.

COForceCom: If COForceCom is late reporting twice in a 12-month period he/she will be recorded as FTR for each pair of late reports. Two FTRs in a 12-month period will result in COForceCom being put on probation. Probationary requirements will be set by the Commandant as he sees fit. If COForceCom is recorded as FTR three times in a 12-month period, the situation will be brought before the remaining General Staff for decisions on an appropriate course of action.

The information included in the reports is necessary to get an accurate picture of the Corps' strength and activities. From these reports, we know who has joined or left the Corps, what courses have been taken in either academy, who has had a rank increase and what they did to deserve it. We can also glean valuable information about individuals who may be requesting awards for actions rendered. If your name, rank, SCC #, and other information is not included in each report, we aren't getting a clear idea of where the SFMC stands.

Many times the information in these reports is what leads to increased ribbons on your chest. Make sure someone knows what you have done. Report forms can be found at SFI\_SFMC.org under resources/forms. I hope to revamp these forms soon and make them more efficient. I look forward to seeing the name of every Marine in the Corps included in the next set of reports received by this office.

Brigadier General Linda Olson  
CO Forces Command  
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## STATE OF THE SFMC

as of February 21, 2004

The following is as it appears on the BDE Reports. If it is incorrect, contact your Brigade Officer in Charge to have the information corrected.

### Recruits (2)

Steven Grizzell 308th  
Mark Watson 155th

### Discharges (these may be due to lapses in SFI memberships)

Brian Poplin 308th  
Don Williams 333rd  
Matt Hill 342nd  
Tony Walker 342nd  
John Adcock 168th  
Brent Ryan 565th  
K M Swan 162nd  
Brandy Gerer 162nd  
Jenna Duerr 163rd

### Current Membership Reported:

Last Period:  
(Active & Reserve) 640  
This Period:  
(Active & Reserve) 657  
Increase of 3%

### By Brigade:

1st 99 Active 59 Reserve  
2nd 75 Active 47 Reserve  
3rd 20 Active 12 Reserve  
4th 53 Active 7 Reserve  
5th 8 Active 15 Reserve  
6th 3 Active 10 Reserve  
7th 49 Active 42 Reserve  
8th Not Active at this time  
9th 5 Active 0 Reserve  
10th 5 Active 0 Reserve  
11th Not Active at this time  
12th 31 Active 64 Reserve  
13th Not Active at this time  
14th 1 Active 0 Reserve  
15th 20 Active 10 Reserve  
16th Not Active at this time  
17th 6 Active 8 Reserve  
18th Not Active at this time  
19th Not Active at this time  
20th 3 Active 2 Reserve

### Brigades Reporting:

14 Brigades Listed  
14 Brigade Reports  
Rate 100%

(This means that I received something from every Brigade active at this time. It does not  
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# STATE OF THE SFMC

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reflect the Battalions or individual units not reporting this period and by no means does it suggest that every unit in the Corps reported this period.)

## Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

### Last Period

Reported: 85  
Listed: 105  
Report Rate: 81%

### This Period

Reported: 104  
Listed: 130  
Report Rate: 70%

## Marine Strike Groups Activated:

308th USS Gunslinger OIC Col.  
Robert Olivares

### Marine Strike Groups Deactivated:

331st, 66th, 121st, 616th, 615th,  
650th

The Following MSG's did not file  
a report with their Battalion of  
BDE OICs (Note: this number will

not match with the MSG stats  
above, due to some units not being  
reported at all):

005th, 054th, 135th, 165th, 166th,  
170th, 201st, 218th, 225th, 237th,  
321st, 411th, 420th, 575th, 616th,  
625th, 650th, 695th

## Awards Received (As reported to FORCECOM):

### Legion Of Arms

4th Brigade  
Jesse Duckett, Mike Sunderman,  
Keith Manley

### Good Conduct

4th Brigade  
Pam Rhine, Vivian Wentworth-  
Kitson  
1st Brigade  
George Farmer

### Medical Proficiency

4th Brigade  
Keith Manley

### Embassy Duty

15th Brigade  
Scott Grant, Bruce Sommer

### Community Service

7th Brigade  
Carol Hubbard, Donald Jones

,Jeannette Olano, Maria Torres,  
Edgar Torres, Kimberly Brooks,  
Shirley Weaver, Margaret  
DeLorenzo, Terri Sylvester,  
Geraldine Sylvester, Rey Cordero,  
Michael Balewitz, Sonny Wright,  
Lauren Milan, Jonathan Slavin,  
Martin Lessem, Larry Neigut, Gerri  
Wampler, Alex Rosenzweig

### Joint Service

7th Brigade  
Margaret DeLorenzo, Terri  
Sylvester, Geraldine Sylvester,  
Rey Cordero, Michael Balewitz,  
Sonny Wright, Lauren Milan,  
Jonathan Slavin, Martin Lessem,  
Larry Neigut, Gerri Wampler, Alex  
Rosenzweig

### Cross of Valor

7th Brigade  
Martin Lessem

### Sword of Valor

7th Brigade  
Rey Cordero

### Shield of Valor

7th Brigade  
Mike Balewitz

### Marine Honor Guard

7th Brigade  
Rey Cordero, Lauren Milan,  
Jonathan Slavin, Larry Neigut

### Leader's Commendation

7th Brigade  
Douglas Creamer, Larry French,  
Sanford Berenberg, Mark Hanford  
1st Brigade  
Kelly McIlwain

### Meritorious Unit Citations

7th Brigade  
86th USS Justice, 704th USS  
Challenger, 724th USS Thor,  
731st USS Triton, 736th Shuttle  
Independence, 742nd USS  
Asimov, 750th USS Osiris, 755th  
USS Sun Tzu, 769th USS Avenger,  
773rd USS Highlander, 777th USS  
Edinburgh

### Initial Training Award

1st Brigade  
Shane Evens, James Bradford,  
Sarah Rimmel, Kristen Earnest,  
Janet King, Paul Rochester 12th  
Brigade D. Scheffing Marine  
Proficiency Bryan Jones

# NEW MARINE COMPETITION

By Brigadier Linda Olson • CO, FORCECOM

Members of the SFMC:

I am officially announcing a competition being held by the Office of Forces Command for the entire SFMC. There are two parts to the competition; you may participate in either or both or none as you like. The first part is a reading competition. Each Marine should compile a list of books that he/she reads for the report period. This list should include the title, author, number of pages (minimum of 175), the ISBN number of the book (generally found on the copyright page) and the date you completed the book. Audio books and E-books will be accepted as long as the proper information is included. Audio books may not comprise more than 50% of the list turned in for the competition unless the participant is legally blind. There will also be a category for the cadets in the Corps. These books will by necessity be allowed to have fewer pages and the parents are allowed to read to pre-school children. However, the books read by parents only count towards the cadet reading list, not the adult one. Books can be

fiction or non-fiction. Magazines and newspapers do not count.

The second part of the competition is more physical. Every six months we select a different type of competition for the physical ones. These could range from bowling, darts, laser tag, paint ball, etc. The first one would start immediately after IC/IM since we don't have six months before then. But the entire Corps would be working on the same type of competition during that time period. If we do bowling, then we ALL do bowling (at least everyone wanting to participate). We can't have a competition if we are all doing something different at the same time. If individual units want to hold their own competitions, (e.g. Blue Crabs) then go for it, but the official Corps Competition will be announced by this office when it is chosen. Anyone wishing to submit an idea for consideration should sent it to the address below with the header "Corps Competition

Suggestion". I will entertain all serious suggestions and make a decision before IC/IM on the first semi-annual Competition. In this competition everyone would submit a score card with the SCC # of the marine, the Unit, Battalion and Brigade to with he/she belongs. Copies of the score cards could be sent snail mail to my home address. From those I would determine the winners in the different categories. Since we have such a large difference in the size of MSG's, Battalions, and Brigades, the figures for these will be figured by the total points divided by the total members in the unit. Points will be determined by the number of pages read in the reading competition and the physical points will be determined by the type of competition being held for that six month period. The roster used will be the current one reported in the regular bi-monthly reports. Any unit not reporting or not including a complete unit

roster will be disallowed. So be sure that your reports are on time and complete. In the meantime, I think we can start the reading competition. I realize that there is only a short time between now and the IC/IM but this is something that I hope will be an on going project. So crack open those books, read them and send me the list of books read, title, author, # of pages and ISBN#. Deadline for receipt of lists is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This will give me plenty of time to check over all the lists and confirm who actually has read the most. Depending on the participation, there could be an award for the individual Marine, the MSG, Battalion and Brigade with the most pages read.

Oh, by the way, while I was at Region 2's Muster the subject of First Aid/CPR certification came up. I agreed to award any Brigade a trophy that has 50% of the roster certified by IM; these trophies will come out of my pocket. So how many Brigades out there are interested is putting me in the poor house? Let me know in your next report if you are planning on accepting this challenge.



# USS CHALLENGER INTERGALACTIC FOOD FESTIVAL

By V. Adm. Bob Vosseller, USS Challenger

The USS Challenger's 10th annual Intergalactic Food Festival was a feast of fun. It was great to see that even after 10 years, the enthusiasm, creativity and just plain delicious food that was prepared and eaten has not diminished. Ships represented at the event included the USS Archer, USS Avenger, USS Asimov, USS Sovereign, USS Sun Tzu, USS Thagard and the USS Callisto. If that last ship doesn't sound familiar it is because that club is a chapter of the STARFLEET Command organization and is based in southern Ocean County. The club's commanding officer, Luz Cavallone, after months of discussion with us, decided it was time that she and her family join the Challenger and STARFLEET during the event.

We got some other recruits as well and at least one new associate member in the form of USS Avenger Ops Chief, Tony Lopes.

It was a great day of catching up with friends, making new friends, stuffing our faces with colorful and creative food, and getting our usual press attention. This year I think I got to enjoy the event even more than recent years as I usually get dragged off with a reporter or photographer when the food starts to be served. This year, I positioned myself right next to the chow line.

As usual, Sovereign Communications Chief, Joe Horton, R7's own Iron Trek Chef, brought a ton of tasty treats, as did Archer's Ops Chief, Lauren Milan, who served up a wonderful blue cake, among other items. Other contributions included Ferengi Balls, Vulcan Macaroni, Uteberry Crepes, Betazed Celebration Cake, and my own corn creation, called Kinda Like Odo Casserole, which got some rave reviews, if I do say so myself. I'd like to thank Lauren and Joe for bringing some extra supplies, and Stephanie and Rich Fine of the Sun Tzu for helping me out at the close of the day. There was all manner of food and the drinks were flowing, too. With all the excitement going on, I neglected to collect all the names and real ingredients. So, if any you out there who came today would care to e-mail me the recipes, you can send them to beamaboard@aol.com.

I spoke to a lot of people during the afternoon and, not so oddly enough, not once did I hear or overhear any conversation about the Super Bowl, which was also held that day. We did note the anniversary of the Columbia Space Shuttle tragedy and the hopes we all have for the Space Shuttle Atlantis launch in September, the Rover probes' information and planned missions to the moon and to Mars.



*A variety of food is seen on display during the 10th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival held on February 1 and hosted by the USS Challenger or Region 7.*



*New USS Avenger Captain Judy Waidrich holds up the ship's new mascot that she purchased during a Slanted Fedora Convention in January. Judy attended the 10th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival hosted by the USS Challenger. Other chapters represented include the USS Asimov, USS Archer, USS Sovereign, USS Sun Tzu, USS Thagard and the Starfleet Command chapter USS Callisto.*



*Captain Lauren Milan of the USS Archer presents her "Resistance is Futile" Double-Decker Strawberry Cheesecake.*



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compiled By Robin Smith • Announcements Coordinator

## March 2004

2004.03.31 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Schweitzer.

2004.03.28 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Sinclair.

2004.03.28 : Dave Blaser, (DaveB@Region13.org), announced that he is looking for Canadian Members to work on a nomination project.

2004.03.26 : Brigadier General Linda Olson, CO Chair Region One Summit, (ST\_DragonLady@msn.com) announced details for the upcoming Region One Summit in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from April 30th to May 2nd.

2004.03.24 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Dragonstrike.

2004.03.21 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that Operations now has a color version of the Chapter Commissioning Certificate and that all future commissioning certificates will be personally signed by the Chief of Operations and the Commander, STARFLEET.

2004.03.20 : Commander James J. Cecil, Director of Starfleet in Cyberspace, (jcecil@eroschapel1.com) announced that his email access has been restored and requests for Starfleet In Cyberspace courses should be resent.

2004.03.16 : Ben Redding provided some clarification on the Region 1 Summit dates, as well as some updated hotel rate information.

2004.03.15 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Institute of the Arts Dean, (killough@southshore.com) announced several updates to the staff at the Institute of Arts.

2004.03.15 : COMM Dixie Halber, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org) reminds us that the next deadline for CQ submissions is March 25th.

2004.03.14 : Michael Dugas, (gliithndr@whitestar.org) announces the Region 13 Summit, June 4th, 5th and 6th.

2004.03.13 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) provides another friendly reminder on the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

2004.03.12 : Captain Robin Smith, SFI DB Flunky, (robin@ussdragonsclub.org) provided information regarding some recent issues with the SFI DB's signup and renewal process.

2004.03.12 : Ben Redding provided an update on the Region 1 Summit.

2004.03.09 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced that Marie Wilson has stepped down as RC for

Region 20 and Adrian 'Adi' Jones has been appointed as interim RC.

2004.03.09 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced the ballot results indicating both Amendment 1 and 2 passed.

2004.03.09 : COMM Dixie Halber, Chief Communications, (dixie@halberium.com) announced that CQ121 should be in the mail in the next day or two and apologized for the delay.

2004.03.07 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provides us with another update on the 2004 IC.

2004.03.06 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Moontype.

2004.03.04 : Pete Mohny, CompOps Recruiting Coordinator, (pdmohny@aol.com) announced the current statistics in the SFI Recruiting Contest.

2004.03.04 : Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Department of Technical Services Director, (DTS@sfi.org) announced the resignation of FCAPT John Burt from the position of Fleet Schematic Artist. He also reminds us that he is still seeking qualified and talented applicants for 1 or more available position(s) to execute engineering drawings of starships and space stations.

2004.03.03 : Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon, Diplomatic Corps Director, (diplocorps@sfi.org) announced that Christopher Esquibel has stepped down as Deputy Directory of the Diplomatic Corps. Pamela Fernsler has been named as his successor.

2004.03.02 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org), announced that she has been experiencing an email delivery problem for the past week which has now been resolved. Any urgent matters should be sent to her again.

2004.03.01 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit - "Survivor Summit" Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) provides another update on the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

## February 2004

2004.02.29 : General Scott A. Akers, SFA Commandant, (academy@sfi.org), announced that Major Monika Reiholz has been appointed the New Director of the Klingon Warrior Academy, along with Brigadier General Truman Temple, who will be grading the 400 Level Thesis Papers.

2004.02.29 : Brigadier Christopher "Whiteknight" Esquibel, TRACOM Deputy Commander of Administration, (tracom-admin@sfi-sfmc.org) announced that Mike W. Malotte has been appointed to the position of TRACOM Ecrt Coordinator.

2004.02.28 : Brigadier Chris Esquibel, TRACOM Deputy Commander of Admin, (tracom-admin@sfi-sfmc.org) announced that he is back online and asks for your patience while he catches up.

2004.02.28 : Major General Dustin Williams, (gamemaster@sfigaming.net) announced that Christopher Esquibel currently has no access to the internet and no ETA on when it will be restored.

2004.02.25 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provides another update on the upcoming International Conference.

2004.02.25 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit - "Survivor Summit" Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) reminds about the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

2004.02.24 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Aurora.

2004.02.23 : Fleet Captain Liz Woolf, SFI Awards Director, (awards@sfi.org) announced that the deadline for Regions to submit nominations for the STARFLEET International Awards is May 31, 2004.

2004.02.23 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced that he has accepted Greg Trotter's resignation as Chief of Communications and appointed Dixie Halber as his replacement.

2004.02.22 : Scott A. Akers, SFA Commandant, (academy@sfi.org), announced that S. Adam Day is the new Dean of the Cadet Academy.

2004.02.21 : Scott A. Akers, SFA Commandant, (academy@sfi.org) announced that he is once again accepting applications for the position of Director of the Klingon Warrior Academy.

2004.02.19 : Michael W. Malotte, Commander, STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced that Robb Jackson was unanimously reaffirmed as the Inspector General.

2004.02.17 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Claymore, NCC-72292.

2004.02.16 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit - "Survivor Summit" Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) provides an update on the Region 12 Summit.

2004.02.15 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Trinity, NCC-6425.

2004.02.14 : Brigadier General James W. Monroe, SFSO Ranger Development Program Officer, (rangers@sfi-specops.net), announced the establishment of the Star Fleet Special Operation Rangers.

2004.02.12 : Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Vice Commander, (mha@ussaccord.org) announced that he is now accepting application for the position of International Charities Coordinator.

2004.02.11 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) sent out a public thanks to Team CompOps.

2004.02.09 : Captain Robin Smith, (robin@ussdragonsclub.org) announced that the SFI DB is

back online. She also provides steps to follow should you suspect the DB is down.

2004.02.09 : FADM Les Rickard, Institute of Leadership Dean, (ILSDean@triad.rr.com) announced Scott Grant as the new Director of OTS and that Kurt Roithinger will be staying on as the OCC Director.

2004.02.09 : Captain Robin Smith, (robin@ussdragonsclub.org) announced that the SFI DB is currently offline and that the problem is being looked into.

2004.02.09 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Gunslinger, NCC-6019.

2004.02.09 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org), provides us with a status report on the upcoming IC 2004.

2004.02.09 : Lt. Commander Michael Timko, Director - College of Treknology, (mjtinko@ussnebula.org) announced that he is now taking applications for Assistant Directors.

2004.02.08 : Richard, FDC Science, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com) announced that the Starfleet Sciences web site has been updated and may be found at <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>.

2004.02.07 : Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps Director, (fhu9-diplocorps2@yahoo.com) announced that he is closing applications for Regional Diplomats immediately. However new positions, called the 'Diplomatic Corps Researchers' has been created. Applications are now being accepted for these new positions.

2004.02.06 : Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Commander, (cs@sfi.org) announced that the Membership Processing Department has been experiencing a backlog of mail-in memberships dating back as far as Mid December. All issues regarding this unfortunate situation should be directed to CompOpsHelp@sfi.org.

2004.02.05 : Mike Smith, STARDATE: THE UNKNOWN Co-Host, (msmith@radiostarfleet.com) announced the Radio STARFLEET Announcements list at [http://radiostarfleet.com/mailman/listinfo/news\\_radiostarfleet.com](http://radiostarfleet.com/mailman/listinfo/news_radiostarfleet.com).

2004.02.05 : Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Commander, (cs@sfi.org) announced that Pat Spillers has been appointed as Fleet's new Quartermaster.

2004.02.04 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the USS Inferno, NCC-15202.





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# MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber

I know that there's been some questions so I'd like to take a few inches here to explain a little bit about the MSR Summary process.

Each CQ cycle I receive the activities section from each chapter's MSR (this use to come in e-mail, now it is a database report.) From those MSR's I try to cull a few highlights for each chapter. It is not possible to be all inclusive in this report as much as I wish I could be. I try to pick out activities that seem interesting or that seem to be a representation of the types of things your chapters have been doing. Of course, this process is pretty subjective. So what you think is outstanding may not catch my eye. Also, it's quite possible that I'm going to misinterpret something I've read. Sometimes I get very minimal information and I have to be creative when I'm writing. On the other hand, some of you send copious amounts and I wind up having to trim. Bottom line is that I'm trying to be fair to everyone. If I've missed something you feel is important or consistently miss things, let me know. I'll see what I can do to correct it. And most importantly, I'm never ever trying to slight anyone, I'm trying my best to give an even representation to everyone in the Fleet.

If you have any questions or complaints, don't hesitate to let me know at cq@sfi.org

## REGION 1

Shuttle Commonwealth  
NCC-74670, Richmond VA  
An away team participated in a Polar Bear Plunge in Lexington, KY. Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for the Summit underway.

Shuttle Essex  
NCC-72402/01, Newark, OH  
Crewmembers hard at work on various ship policies and activities. Collection efforts for a local food pantry continue.

Shuttle Hells Fury  
NCC-74304, Simpsonville, South Carolina  
Crewmembers gearing up to volunteer for MDA again this year. The ship unveiled a new website.

Shuttle Indiana  
NCC-79158, Indianapolis, IN  
Crewmembers contemplating becoming a corry chapter. Crewmembers participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Louisville Polar Bear Plunge. The ship hosted many

visiting STARFLEET personnel.

Shuttle Pride of Scotland  
NCC-1896/3, Louisville, KY  
Crewmembers met with an out of state Fleet member who came to visit. The ship donated books to a local library. Plans for a fall weekend event underway. Crewmembers are creating fiction for the ship. Crewmembers donated goods to the local Salvation Army.

SS Bennu  
NCC-SFR-119, Gatlinburg, TN  
Away teams enjoyed movie nights. Crewmembers hard at work planning the upcoming Region 1 Summit.

SS Nikola Tesla  
NCC-SS005, Puryear TN  
Plans underway for the upcoming year. Preparing for away teams to R2 and R1 Summits.

USS Aeon  
NCC-75022, Memphis, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Valentine's day party. The ship sponsored a Valentine's day party.

USS Alaric  
NCC-503, Asheville, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed movie and gaming nights. Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming at the regular meetings.

USS Appomattox  
NCC-75001, Appomattox, VA  
The ship made a donation to a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a paintball presentation and video.

USS Aries  
NCC-71806-B Johnson City, TN  
Plans to attend the upcoming Region 1 summit underway

USS Arizona  
NCC-71839 Alliance, OH  
Crewmembers taking shore leave in Myrtle Beach SC.

USS Asgard  
NCC-72402, Lancaster, OH  
Plans for the upcoming year underway

USS Athena  
NCC-51896, Reston, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and dinner event. The ship sponsored a non-Super Bowl Party. An away team attended Farpoint.

USS Bonaventure  
NCC-102-A, Greensboro, NC  
Plans for the upcoming year underway. Crewmembers enjoyed many visitors at the regular meeting. Plans underway to visit a museum.

USS Carolina  
NCC-74222 Greer, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed CPR classes. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Charleston  
NCC-71813, Charleston, SC  
The ship sponsored a Flea market. Collections efforts for OCP got underway with a clipping party.

USS Chesapeake  
NCC-1887 Richmond, VA  
Crewmembers hosted several visitors at the monthly meeting.

USS Columbus  
NCC-72401, Columbus, OH  
Plans for the upcoming year underway

USS Dark Wolf  
NCC-75002, Kingsport, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet holiday season. Plans for upcoming conventions underway.

USS Dominator  
NCC-18076, Charleston, SC  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts underway.

USS Gallifrey  
NCC-81631, Elyria, OH  
Plans for the ship's first anniversary celebration are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed science fiction nights and role playing nights. Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights and roleplaying nights. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Work for local charities and families continue.

USS Heimdal  
NCC-1793, Amherst OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual chili fest and movie night. Collection efforts for a local humane society continue. Plans for the ship's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary continue. The ship welcomed a speaker from NASA.

USS Hornet  
NCC-1714-D, Charlotte NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie event. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Plans to attend the Region 1 Summit in the works.

USS Intrepid,  
NCC-74655, Mansfield, OH  
Plans for upcoming events are underway.

USS Jaguar  
NCC-74750, Kingsport, TN  
The crew welcomed a new XO.

USS Jamestown  
NCC-1843-D, Hampton, VA  
Volunteer efforts at the air and

space center continue. Collection efforts for OCP and a local food bank continue. An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Jurassic  
NCC-3500, Hammersville, OH  
Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue as do afghans for the afghan project. The engineering department is helping to frame a 100 year old glass window for a local Veterans home.

USS Kitty Hawk  
NCC-1659, Raleigh, NC  
After some delay, crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary.

USS Lagrange  
NCC-3916-B, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Plans for the year underway.

USS Liberator  
NCC-75008, Akron, OH  
Many crewmembers are participating in fiction writing with other area ships. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

USS MAAT  
NCC-1794-A, Virginia Beach, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. An away team attended a social night.

USS Maelstrom  
NCC-74218 Hertferd, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed costuming workshops. Plans underway for the ship's 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

USS Nebula  
NCC-61800 Newark, OH  
The crew helped publish the first issue of a new Region 1 newsletter.

USS Normandy  
NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, NC  
Crewmembers enjoyed the super bowl which featured their hometown team. Plans for the ship's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are underway.

USS North Carolina  
NCC-75019 Hickory, NC  
Fund raising plans underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a Super Bowl Party.

USS Ohio  
NCC-75007 Barberton, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. An away team administered amateur radio tests at the local Red Cross. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a luncheon at a local restaurant. After lunch members spent the rest of the day playing games and watching movies.

USS Pathfinder  
NCC-2121 Lima, OH  
Volunteer efforts for Seti@home

continue. The crew welcomed a new executive officer.

USS Powhatan  
NCC-1967-A, Chesapeake, VA  
Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway.

USS Providence  
NCC-71796, Jackson, TN  
Crewmembers are enjoying an ongoing trivia quiz at the monthly meeting.

USS Questar  
NCC-75435 Louisville, KY  
Crewmembers enjoyed their Saturday Brunch with Morn.

USS Renegade  
NCC-2547 Youngstown, OH  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary party with dinner. The ship also presented its annual awards.

USS Reprisal  
NCC-1896 Kingsport, TN  
Crewmembers enjoyed an astronomy night. The ship sponsored a party and hosted members from other regional chapters.

USS Richmond  
NCC-2003 Covington, VA  
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise viewing night and Star Trek Bingo. The ship sponsored a Valentine's day party that featured Trek episodes.

USS Ronald E McNair  
NCC-61809 Columbia, SC  
Collection efforts of coupons and pop tops continue. Plans for the ship's upcoming anniversary are underway. An away team attended an interesting lecture on the biology of Star Trek. Crew members and friends celebrated the ship's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at a local restaurant.

USS Rutledge  
NCC-74215 Ladson, SC  
Crewmembers enjoying fiction writing. Support efforts for Operation Eagle continue. An away team traveled to Maryland to attend Farpoint.

USS Star League  
NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner at the captain's table.

USS Starward Fury  
NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC  
An away team enjoyed a bowling event. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Tristar  
NCC-71829 Knoxville, TN  
Future plans are underway



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USS Tycho  
NCC-59325 Toledo, OH  
Crewmembers enjoyed talking about upcoming science fiction movies and learning about computer viruses at the monthly meeting.

USS Wasp  
NCC-1721 Shelbyville, KY  
Plans for a multi-ship event underway. Repair work on the ship's website continues. An away team attended a local convention.

USS West Virginia  
NCC-2008 Charleston, WV  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ship sponsored a Valentine's day party. Plans underway to help out with the local library's summer reading program.

USS White Eagle  
NCC-2302 Jacksonville, NC  
Crewmembers continue to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Project. Soup label collection efforts continue.

USS Yeager  
NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV  
Preparation work for an upcoming convention underway.

USS Yorktown  
NCC-1704-A Rock Hill SC  
Recruitment efforts underway.

## REGION 2

Shuttle King George  
NCC-78501/1 Savanna, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting at a local pizza place.

SS Dark Silence Station  
NCC-007 Florence, AL  
Plans for future events underway. The ship made its annual contribution to a local cerebral palsy organization. An away team participated in a Dalmute game.

USS Blackstar  
NCC-75003 Miami, FL  
Plans for the ship's 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary underway. Plans for participating in "Hands on Miami" were finalized.

USS Continuum  
NCC-71821 Milton, FL  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. An away team traveled to New Orleans. Crewmembers participated in a Mardi Gras parade.

USS Dark Phoenix  
NCC-74920 Lucedale, MS  
Crewmembers participated in the ship's monthly meeting. Work on the Region 2 Summit continued. An away team traveled to New Orleans with other regional

chapters.

USS DaVinci  
NCC-74671 Columbus, GA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly adopt-a-highway cleaning.

USS Draco  
NCC-78501 Cullman, AL  
Crewmembers attended the wedding of their chief medical officer.

USS Drakenfire  
NCC-71822 Odenville, AL  
Away teams enjoyed shopping trips, jazz music outings and movie nights.

USS Gasparilla  
NCC-74400 Apollo Beach, FL  
Krewemembers enjoyed a winter break and are back to planning activities for the coming months. Krewemembers enjoyed a Super Bowl party.

USS Guardian  
NCC-26244 Cocoa Beach, FL  
Plans underway for the upcoming year.

USS Haise  
NCC-74664 Jackson, MS  
Crewmembers busy with upcoming events. Work continued on the Region 2 Summit.

USS Hephaestus  
NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a game night.

USS Jubilee  
NCC-57299 Mobile, AL  
Various members pitched in to repair the Holodeck for an upcoming event.

USS Khai Tam  
NCC-81000 Tallahassee FL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and cookout. An away team attended the Captain's poker night. An away team cleaned a portion of a local trail

USS Liberty  
NCC-75012 Panama City, FL  
Collection efforts for OCP continue

USS Myrddin  
NCC-72172 Clearwater, FL  
Crewmembers spent an evening with Patrick Stewart at a local film festival. The ship sponsored a Super Bowl party..

USS New Hope  
NCC-50335 Montgomery, AL  
Crewmembers sold arts and crafts for charity. Recruitment efforts continue. An away team enjoyed an IMAX movie.

USS Odyssey

NCC-454-A Hattiesburg, MS  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a party.

USS Okatoma  
NCC-74695 Colins, MS  
Crew involved in Summit committees.

USS Paegan  
NCC-1755 Lake Mary, FL  
Crewmembers welcomed a new family to the ship. Work began on a ship archival project.

USS Pleiades  
NCC-72388 Ellenwood, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed an online chat.

USS Relentless  
NCC-81001 Madison, FL  
Away teams enjoyed bowling nights. Crewmembers volunteered a total of 52 hours for Habitat for Humanity. They put in an additional 33 hours cleaning local parks.

USS Republic  
NCC-1371 Atlanta, GA  
The ship participated in a bowling challenge that was sponsored by a local Klingon chapter. Crewmembers working on panels they will present at a summer convention.

USS Rogue Phoenix  
NCC-75005 Savannah, GA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly movie night. An away team participated in dinner at a member's house. The ship sponsored a yard sale fundraiser.

USS Shadow Hawk  
NCC-74660 Opelika, FL  
Plans for a promotion ceremony for a crewmembers are underway.

USS Spiritwalker  
NCC-31097 Decatur, AL  
Collection efforts for a local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise get togethers. The ship sponsored a Valentine's day party.

USS Trident  
NCC-74692 Jensen Beach, FL  
Crewmembers participated in the ship's monthly meeting. Plans for future activities are underway.

USS Triumph  
NCC-26228 Davie, FL  
An away team attended a mini golf event. Recycling efforts continue. Collections for OCP continue as well.

USS Wernher von Braun  
NCC-72069 Huntsville, AL  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Quantum Leap party.

USS Yamato  
NCC-71807 Pinson, AL

Plans underway for future activities.

## REGION 3

SS Freedom III  
SS-001 Eules, TX  
An away team attended the Region 3 retreat and celebrated the commissioning of their shuttle.

USS Ark Angel  
NCC-1889 Round Rock, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a new rpg. An away team attended the Region 3 retreat.

USS Aurora Vulcanus  
NCC-1888 Houston, TX  
An away team attended the Region 3 retreat. Plans for new fiction underway. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Bethel  
NCC-74663 Grapevine, TX  
An away team attended a shuttle's commissioning party. Plans for the scfi expo are underway.

USS Bexar  
NCC-71718 San Antonio, TX  
Collection efforts for a local trauma program continue. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Comanche  
NCC-71809 Weatherford, TX  
Plans underway for future activities. Crewmembers pitched in and helped another member move.

USS Firebird  
Houston, TX  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Gunslinger  
SS-001/05 El Paso, TX  
An away team attended the Region e Retreat.

USS Intangible  
NCC-65421 Bryan, TX  
An away team attended the Region 3 retreat.

USS Joan of Arc  
NCC-73289 Corpus Christi, TX  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ship sponsored a poker night for a ship fundraiser. An away team attended a retirement ceremony of one of the crew.

USS Laredo  
NCC-03 Laredo, TX  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. An away team attended the regional retreat.

USS Lone Star

NCC-73628 Lubbock, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and dinner night. An away team enjoyed darts and chess at a local restaurant. The ship sponsored the annual regional retreat. The ship also hosted the commissioning party of a local shuttle and celebrated the ship's 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

USS Palo Duro  
NCC-61914 Amarillo, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise discussions at the monthly meeting.

USS Panther City  
NCC-74917 Benbrook, TX  
An away team attended a local rodeo. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night. Plans for the ship's upcoming anniversary are underway.

USS Rhyanna  
NCC-1892 Austin, TX  
The ship donated canned goods to a local food pantry. Plans underway for future activities.

USS SpiritWolf  
NCC-74300 Houston, TX  
An away team attended a sale at a local convention.

USS Tejas  
NCC-9756 Vernon, TX  
Collection efforts for various charities continue. Collectables:

USS Trinity River  
NCC-74663/4 Dallas, TX  
Plans underway for future activities. An away team attended the regional retreat. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning.

USS Vanguard  
NCC-75026 Dallas, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed rpgs. Plans to travel to Las Vegas are underway.

USS Victory  
NCC-74208 San Antonio, TX  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

## REGION 4

CAMP Wendell Fertig  
SFR-401 Fresno, CA  
Fiction writing continues. Recruitment efforts continue.

ISS Pegasus  
NCC-9755 Las Vegas, NV  
Pop top collection efforts continue.



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Shuttle Battle Born  
NCC-23104/1 Carson City, NV  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Crewmembers participated in a trivia contest.

Shuttle Falcon  
NCC-79430 Briggsdale, CO  
Crewmembers working toward commissioning. Recruitment efforts continue.

Shuttle Gallant  
NCC-1950 Fresno, CA  
An away team attended a hockey game. An away team enjoyed a planetarium expedition.

SS Cascade Station  
NCC-SS003 Redding, CA  
Crewmembers celebrated that stations 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

SS K Ehleyr  
NCC-009 Las Vegas, NV  
Plans for upcoming events are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a game day, a Valentine's day party and a chili cook off.

USS Angeles  
NCC-71840 Los Angeles  
Crewmembers sent care packages to armed forces members.

USS Angelfire  
NCC-75025 Phoenix, AZ  
Crewmembers enjoyed a special guest speaker at the monthly meeting. An away team attended a local renaissance faire. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Augusta Ada  
NCC-55011 San Francisco, CA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Centurion  
NCC-74801 San Bernardino, CA  
Recruitment efforts continue. Collection efforts for pop tops and coupons continue.

USS Dragons Cub  
NCC-81003 Shafter, CA  
CO is recovering after a stint in sickbay.

USS Eagle  
NCC-1719 Fremont, CA  
Crewmembers celebrated Chinese New Year with a party.

USS Highroller  
NCC-23104 Reno, NV  
Plans for future events underway.

USS Northern Lights  
NCC-27001 San Jose, CA  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming.

USS Onizuka  
NCC-71815 Chico, CA  
Crewmembers participated in the

monthly meeting.

USS PeaceKeeper  
NCC-73200 Visalia, CA  
Plans for future activities are underway. An away team enjoyed a planetarium and dinner outing.

USS S L heya  
NCC-1601 Fresno, CA  
Fundraising plans underway.

USS Tikopai  
NCC-1800 San Jose, CA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS William O Darby  
NCC-12474 Grand Terrace, CA  
An away team participated in a west coast Polar Bear Plunge. Recruitment efforts continue.

## REGION 5

USS Bright Star  
NCC-NCC-71875 Bellevue, WA  
An away team attended the Region 5 Winter Summit.

USS Carson  
NCC-0592-A Weiser, ID  
Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Crusader  
NCC-74711 Spokane, WA  
Work on the ship's constitution continues. An away team attended the Region 5 Summit.

USS Destiny  
NCC-97301 Salem, OR  
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Plans for future events are underway.

USS Kensington  
NCC-75016 Boise, ID  
Plans for the annual Peldar festival underway.

USS Rubicon  
NCC-71816 Richland, WA  
Plans for the Region 5 Summit underway. Fundraising for a local humane society continues.

## REGION 6

Shuttle Cimarron  
NCC-81002/01 Waukesha, WI  
An away team vacationed in Mexico.

USS Czar ak  
NCC-1798-A Minneapolis, MN  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Practice and plans for upcoming bowling tournament continue. The ship hosted a bowling tournament and pizza event.

USS Fox River

NCC-81002 Appleton, WI  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Plans for the next summit underway.

USS Imperium  
NCC-2125 Fargo, ND  
Plans for upcoming events underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a pizza and movie party.

USS Saint George  
NCC-63541 St. Paul, MN  
Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Thunderchild  
NCC-3122 Rapid City SD  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

## REGION 7

ISS Lexington  
NCC-1703-C West New York, NJ  
Plans for upcoming events underway.

Shuttle Hathor  
NCC-1860/18 Louisville, KY  
Work on the ship's logo underway.

Shuttle Independence  
NCC-76704 Riverdale, NJ  
Recruitment efforts underway

USS Accord  
NCC-1842 Ithaca, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed a lunch and mini golf event. The crew welcomed a new command staff. An away team enjoyed a chili cookoff.

USS Adamant  
NCC-3029 Valley Forge, PA  
An away team participated in a bowling challenge sponsored by another area chapter. An away team attended a Super Bowl party hosted by another area chapter. Crewmembers visited a local auto show. An away team attended Farpoint.

USS Albany  
NCC-587 Scotia, NY  
An away team enjoyed a bowling outing. The ship sponsored it's 15<sup>th</sup> annual post holiday party. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Alpha Centauri  
NCC-71812 Temple Hills, MD  
Crewmembers celebrated first night.

USS Archer  
NCC-1069 Mantua, NJ  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Another away team enjoyed the Intergalactic Food Festival.

USS Ascension  
NCC-2520 Lehigh Valley-

Allentown, PA  
An away team attended several local conventions. An away team traveled to Farpoint.

USS Asimov  
NCC-1647 Yardley, PA  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge.

USS Avenger  
NCC-1860 North Brunswick, NJ  
The crew welcomed a new CO. An away team attended the Polar Bear Plunge. Plans for future activities are underway. An away team traveled to Kentucky to visit with the ship's new shuttle.

USS Challenger  
NCC-1676-D Toms River, NJ  
Crewmembers enjoyed a rousing game of Lazer Tag. The ship sponsored the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Intergalactic Food Festival. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights. An away team attended Farpoint. Another away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge.

USS DeBraak  
NCC-63543 Dover, DE  
Crewmembers attended Farpoint.

USS Edinburgh  
NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, MD  
The crew welcomed a new CO. An away team attended Farpoint..

USS Flying Fox  
NCC-3116 Chestnut Hill, PA  
An away team attended Farpoint.

USS Highlander  
NCC-10530 Westminster, MD  
The ship participated in the annual Polar Bear Plunge. An away team traveled to Kentucky to participate in a Polar Bear Plunge in that state.

USS Inferno  
NCC - 15202 Pittsburgh, PA  
Pop top collection efforts continue. An away team attended a local car show. Plans set for the ship's commissioning party. Crewmembers mourn the loss of one of their own.

USS Justice  
NCC-556 Morristown, NJ  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming sessions. Work on the ship's video still underway.

USS Malverne  
NCC-2205 Upper Darby, PA  
An away team participated in the Polar Bear Plunge.

USS Matrix  
NCC-72296 Laurel, MD  
Crewmembers enjoyed a book discussion. Plans for new fiction writing underway. An away team

participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Another away team attended Farpoint.

USS Niagara  
NCC-75634 Buffalo, NY  
The ships sponsored a first aid course.

USS Northstar  
NCC-10462 New York City, NY  
Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights.

USS Osiris  
NCC-3092 New York City, NY  
Plans to travel to Las Vegas are underway.

USS Prevailing Wind  
NCC-74667 Harrisburg, PA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Plans for a yard sale are underway.

USS Sovereign  
NCC-75000 Philadelphia, PA  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual holiday party. The ships sponsored its annual Mardi Gras party.

USS Starlord  
NCC-74225 Aberdeen, NJ  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. The ship sponsored a Super Bowl party.

USS Sun Tzu  
NCC-52135 Chester, NY  
An away team attended a local computer show.

USS Thagard  
NCC-652 Philadelphia, PA  
The ship sponsored a Super Bowl party and welcomed members from all over the region. An away team attended Farpoint.

USS Thor  
NCC-2549-A Baltimore, MD  
Plans for future activities underway.

USS Triton  
NCC-71819 Glen Burnie, MD  
The crew welcomed a new command staff. Plans for the ship's 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary underway. An away team attended Farpoint.

## REGION 9

USS Europe  
NCC-74668 Lisboa, Portugal  
Crewmembers construction a recruitment site in Dutch. Recruitment efforts underway.

## REGION 10

USS Crystal Star  
NCC-1160 Eagle River, AK  
Crewmembers assisted with at a local blood banks blood drive.



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USS Sol  
NCC-1733 Fairbanks, AK  
Plans underway for Winter Carnival.

## REGION 11

USS Southern Cross  
NCC-1886 Sydney, New South Wales  
Plans underway for future activities. The ship made a donation of food parcels to a local food bank.

## REGION 12

Shuttle Firestorm  
NCC-75006/01 Ottawa, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Super Bowl party. The ship adopted a Army Field Artillery Unit in Iraq and are gathering supplies to send over to them.

USS Atlas  
NCC-75013 Bridgeton, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a restaurant outing.

USS Black Hawk  
NCC-75004 Rockford, IL  
Planning underway for the ship's 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.

USS Bortas  
NCC-74211 Urbana, IL  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. The ship sponsored a charity event for a local heart patient.

USS Celt  
NCC-75018 Fayetteville, AR  
An away team attended the anniversary dinner of another area chapter. Another away team attended a commissioning party.

USS Claymore  
NCC-4126/07 Midwest City, OK  
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's commissioning party. Certification by VRCP continues. The ship donated goods to a local women's shelter and to a youth group home. The ship celebrated its commissioning a party. STARFLEET members from all over attended.

USS Delta Clipper  
NCC-72302 Atchison, KS  
An away team attended the Titans commissioning party.

USS Discovery  
NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a pot luck dinner. Away teams attended a Mardi Gras party, a Super Bowl party and a poker night.

USS Flying Fortress  
NCC-31904 Broken Arrow, OK

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed reading and reviewing Star Trek Novels.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone  
NCC-3143 Emporia, KS  
An away team attended the commissioning of another regional chapter.

USS Hexum  
NCC-2199 Belleville, IL  
Crewmembers met to eat and stuff envelopes for the March of Dimes. Crewmembers are collecting toiletry items for overseas troops. Collection efforts for Stampede continue.

USS Jeannette Maddox  
NCC-14514 Wichita, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed a Yule Party. The ship sponsored a Valentine's day party.

USS Morning Star  
NCC-4126 Lawton, OK  
Crewmembers planning the ship's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

USS Nomad  
NCC-78500 Leavenworth, KS  
An away team attended the USS Titan's commissioning.

USS Phoenix  
NCC-2155 Columbia, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming sessions. Plans for a booth at a local flea market are underway.

USS Proxima  
NCC-07 St. Joseph, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming meeting.

USS Royal Sovereign  
NCC-72201 Shawnee, KS  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie events. Gaming nights continue.

USS Shawnee  
NCC-71802 Lenexa, KS  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. The ship's website is going through an overhaul.

USS Sunflower  
NCC-74679 August, KS  
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Thunderbird  
NCC-71845 Oklahoma City, OK  
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and the monthly meeting. An away team volunteered at a local thrift shop. The ship sponsored a Valentine's Day party. An away team attended the commissioning of a regional chapter.

USS Titan  
NCC-72303/1 Kansas City, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular meeting, an away team cleaned an American Legion hall. The ship sponsored a commissioning party and welcomed people from all over the region.

USS Titanic  
NCC-75015 Lawton, OK  
Recycling efforts continue.

USS Troubadour  
NCC-1201 St. Louis, MO  
Crewmembers enjoyed family gatherings.

USS Umiak  
NCC-3142 St. Louis, MO  
Crewmembers participated in Internet gaming. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS William Wallace  
NCC-2555 Joplin, MO  
The CO met with members interested in starting a shuttle.

USS Witchfire  
NCC-75006 Yellville, AR  
Recruitment efforts continue.

## REGION 13

Shuttle Aurora  
NCC-62004 Dearborn, MI  
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the monthly meeting.

USS Banting  
NCC-17220 Geulph, ON  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. An away team enjoyed a bowling and dinner event. An away team attended a local theatrical performance where one of their members was the costume designer.

USS Empress  
NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, MI  
Crewmembers volunteered at a local science museum.

USS Hadfield  
NCC-75020 Georgetown, ON  
An away team took a tour of local wineries.

\* Jan 10 - Group went on a wine tour of some local wineries and learned how wine is made. Crewmembers attended a seminar on the exploration of Mars. An away team traveled to see a musical.

USS Valkyrie  
NCC-74658 Dearborn, MI  
An away team toured a local science museum. Another away team attended a local convention.

USS White Star  
NCC-71012 Port Huron, MI  
Plans for the Relay for Life underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event.

## REGION 14

USS Magellan  
NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec  
Crewmembers are creating a science fiction novel.

## REGION 15

Shuttle Kasimar  
NCC-1784 Bangor, ME  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Afterwards everyone enjoyed playing Star Trek Jeopardy.

SS Ian Fleming  
NCC-SFR-1501 Newbury Port, MA  
An away team attended a 24 hour science fiction movie marathong. An away team attended the anniversary party of another regional chapter.

USS Ares  
NCC-26291 Boston, MA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event.

USS Atlantis  
NCC-71803 Brockton, MA  
Plans underway for future activities.

USS Avalon  
NCC-74914 Standish, ME  
Crewmembers volunteered at a local food pantry. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights.

USS Darwin  
NCC-1166 Brockton, MA  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with a party. A food drive was held at the party.

USS Endeavor  
NCC-1716 Baltic, CT  
Crewmembers enjoyed a pizza and poker night and also a gaming night.

USS Galaxy  
NCC-70637 West Springfield, MA  
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's second anniversary.

USS Hood  
NCC-1707 Nashua, NH  
Crewmembers participated in the general meeting.

USS Nelson  
NCC-74804 Northampton, MA  
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS O Bannon  
NCC-5372 Sanford, ME  
Crewmembers volunteered at a Red Cross blood drive. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

## REGION 17

USS Alioth  
NCC-72383 Orem, UT  
Crewmembers enjoyed a pizza and coupon-clipping meeting. An away team enjoyed a trip to a local dinosaur museum.

USS Anasazi  
NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM  
Away teams took several museum trips.

USS Mir  
NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM  
Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck dinner and trivial pursuit night. Fundraising efforts continue. An away team enjoyed an IMAX movie with dinner afterwards.

USS Omega Glory  
NCC-NCC-26917 Denver, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling nights and gaming nights. An away team attended the regions 3<sup>rd</sup> annual chili super bowl party. An away team took a caving trip. The ship sponsored a Leap Day party.

USS Pioneer  
NCC-5280-D Denver, CO  
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise viewing night. Crewmembers also enjoyed a movie marathon. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team visited a local comedy club.

USS Stormbringer  
NCC-74213 Denver, CO  
Members enjoyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual R17 SuperBowl of Chili. Crewmembers preparing for an April convention.

USS Wind Spirit  
NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO  
Plans for future activities underway. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an ice cream social.

## REGION 20

USS Britannia  
NCC-5311 Stevenage, UK  
Plans for future activities and recruitment are underway. An away team attended a nearby convention.



# 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

Jul 29-Aug 1 STARFLEET International Conference 2004, Birmingham, Alabama; Info: 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215 <http://www.ic2004.org> [info@ic2004.org](mailto:info@ic2004.org) Benefits: Ronald McDonald House Charities

## Arizona

Jul 2-5 Westercon 57 (ConKopelli), Litchfield Park, Arizona; Info: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85082 <http://www.az-sf.org/> [info@conkopelli.org](mailto:info@conkopelli.org) Guests: C.J. Cherryh, David Cherry, Heather Alexander, John Hertz, Diana Gabaldon Benefits: Reading is FUNdamental and Challenger Space Center

Jul 29-Aug 1 Hexacon 14, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/> [laetitia@dooverkeep.com](mailto:laetitia@dooverkeep.com)

Sep 10-12 CopperCon 24, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/> [cu24@coppercon.org](mailto:cu24@coppercon.org) Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Todd Lockwood, Leslie Fish, Catherine Wells

## 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

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 18-20 Beam me up, Scotty...One Last Time, Los Angeles, California; Info: 27499 Riverview Center Blvd, Bonita Springs FL 34134 Ph: 239-444-1708 <http://www.planetxpo.com/> [starttrekfan16@aol.com](mailto:starttrekfan16@aol.com) Guests: James Doohan, William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Majel Barrett, Grace Lee Whitney, Michael David Ward Benefits: Efforts to put a star for James Doohan on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

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)

Jul 2-5 Anime Expo, Anaheim, California; Info: 530 Showers Drive, Suite 7 PMB 287, Mountain View, California 94040 Ph: 626-582-8200 <http://www.anime-expo.org/>

Jul 2-4 PolyCon XXII, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 Ph: 805-756-7141 Box 5 <http://polycon.punk.net/> [polycon@polycon.org](mailto:polycon@polycon.org)

Jul 10-11 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> [tickets@creationent.com](mailto:tickets@creationent.com) Guests: Cynthia Rothrock, Ernie Reyes Sr, Benny Urquidez, Simon Rhee, Eric Lee, Bruce Locke, Emil Martirossian

Jul 22-25 Comic-Con International, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 1-800-266-4299 <http://www.comic-con.org/> [cciweb@nucgen.com](mailto:cciweb@nucgen.com)

Jul 30-Aug 1 Costume College, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 9185, Canoga Park, CA 91309 <http://www.costumecollege.org/>

Aug 6-8 ConChord 18, Woodland Hills, California; Info: PO Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.nyx.net/~bgold/conchord/> [smithnik@mindspring.com](mailto:smithnik@mindspring.com)

Aug 28-29 Creation, Sacramento, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> [tickets@creationent.com](mailto:tickets@creationent.com)

Sep 3-6 SiliCon 2004, San Jose, California; Info: 911 Camellia Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94117-2302 <http://Siliconventions.com> [dann@siliconventions.com](mailto:dann@siliconventions.com) Guests: Tim Powers, Frank Lurz Benefits: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of San Francisco

## Colorado

Sep 17-19 Nan Desu Kan, Denver, Colorado; Info: 1552 Monroe St, Denver CO, 80206-1850 <http://www.ndk.cc> [genkidenki@hotmail.com](mailto:genkidenki@hotmail.com) Guests: Crispin Freeman, Robert DeJesus, Emily DeJesus, Jason Martin, Heather Martin, Jan Scott-Frazier

## Connecticut

Jul 16-18 ConnectiCon, Hartford, Connecticut; Info: 106 Spring Street 3FL, Meriden, CT 06541 <http://www.connecticon.org/> [thehappyguy@connecticon.org](mailto:thehappyguy@connecticon.org) Guests: Peter Mayhew, Jamie McGonnigal, Steve Bennett III, Pete Abrams, Tim Buckley, Ian Jones Quartey, Brian Carroll, Rob Balder, John Allison

## 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

Jun 5-6 South Florida SciFi, Plantation, Florida; Info: PO Box 460574, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33346 <http://www.spookyempire.com/> [info@spookyempire.com](mailto:info@spookyempire.com) Guests: Teryl Rothery, David Carradine, Michael Jai White, Peter Mayhew

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

## Georgia

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)

Sep 3-6 Dragon\*Con, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> [dragoncon@dragoncon.org](mailto:dragoncon@dragoncon.org)

Sep 24-26 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/> [awaweb@awa-con.com](mailto:awaweb@awa-con.com)

## Illinois

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.duckkon.org/> [info@duckkon.org](mailto:info@duckkon.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

Jul 9-11 G-Fest XI, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 311 Valerie Ln., Steinbach, MB, Canada, R5G 2A3 <http://www.g-fan.com/> [johnlees@mb.sympatico.ca](mailto:johnlees@mb.sympatico.ca)

Jul 31-Aug 3 Midsumcon VII, Lincolnwood, Illinois; Info: 1273 West 74th Street, Chicago, IL, 60636-4103 Ph: 773-874-3781 <http://www.rich-and-sharon.org/game/midsumcon.htm>

Aug 13-15 Vividcon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 301 E 62 St, #9-C, New York, NY 10021 <http://www.vividcon.com/> [margie@trickster.org](mailto:margie@trickster.org)

Aug 13-15 Wizard World Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/chicago.cfm>

Aug 27-29 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> [tickets@creationent.com](mailto:tickets@creationent.com)

Sep 10-12 Chicagoland Entertainment Collectors Expo, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2376, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Ph: 708-430-8107 <http://www.nonsportcardexpo.com> [paul@nonsportcardexpo.com](mailto:paul@nonsportcardexpo.com) Guests: Boris Vallejo, Julie Bell, Chris Achilleos, Warren Martineck, Kathy Garver, Dick Durock, Jeremy Bulloch, Christine Hewett, Gerald Home, Barbara Luna, Michael Dante Benefits: Chicago Hope Charities  
Sep 30-Oct 3 Archon 28, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/> [archon\\_hotline@zellich.net](mailto:archon_hotline@zellich.net) Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Vincent DiFate, Shane Hensley, Jacqueline Ward, Mike Glyer, Ben Bova, Vic Milán



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## Indiana

Jul 2-4 InConJunction, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 68514, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0514 <http://www.inconjunction.org/conchair2004@inconjunction.org> Guests: David Winning, Barry Childs-Helton, Sally Childs-Helton

Aug 19-22 Gen Con Indy, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave, #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencon.com/events/gencon.com>

## Iowa

Sep 17-19 Animelowa, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 5303, Coralville IA 52241 <http://www.animeiowa.com/info@animeiowa.com>

## Kentucky

Jul 2-4 Heroicon, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 4117, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131-4117 <http://www.heroicon.com/register@heroicon.com> Guests: S. Clarke Hawbaker, Kristia Knowles, Christina Lindley, Jennifer Miller, Dave Nestler, Eddy Newell, Glenn Porzig, Brinke Stevens, K.J. Wren

Aug 6-8 ConGlomeration, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 32095, Louisville, KY 40232-2095 <http://members.iglou.com/shadowr/conglomeration@iglou.com> Guests: Michael Williams, Tom Kidd, Tom Smith

## Louisiana

Aug 6-8 Crescent City Con XIX, Metairie, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 52622, New Orleans LA 70150-2622 Ph: 504-488-0489 <http://crescentcitycon.com/ccf/ccfno@aol.com> Guests: Andrew Fox, Bret Funk, Danny Frolich, Darlene Bolesny, Wayne Hergenroder, Don Schermerhorn, Robert Asprin

## Maine

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

## Maryland

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> Guests: Chris Malme, Bob Esty, Jordan Mann

Jul 9-11 Shore Leave 26, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/information@shore-leave.com> Guests: Cirroc Lofton, Nicole deBoer, Michael

Welch, Mercedes McNab, Greg Evigan, Teryl Rothery, Brian Thompson, Thom Christopher, Clint Howard, Lucy Albert, Charles Blue, Kirk Born, Greg Cox, Ann Crispin, Peter David, Keith DeCandido, Kevin Dillmore, Mike Friedman, Dave Galanter, Bob Greenberger, Helen Hart, Heather Jarman, Kevin Killiany, Jeffrey Lang, Kevin Lauderdale, David Mack, Stephen Maran, Terri Osborne, Marco Palmieri, S.D. Perry, Roberta Rogow, Lawrence Schoen, Josepha Sherman, Susan Schwartz, Kevin Summers, Ray Villard, Dayton Ward, Howard Weinstein, Joan Winston, Susan Wright, Norbert Zacharias

Jul 30-Aug 1 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 3470 Olney Laytonsville Rd #165, Olney MD, 20832 <http://www.otakon.com/info@otakon.com>

Aug 13-15 Horrorfind Weekend, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 9722 Groffs Mill Drive PMB 109, Owings Mills Maryland 21117 <http://www.horrorfindweekend.com/convention@horrorfind.com>

## Massachusetts

Sep 2-6 Noreascon Four (62nd World Science Fiction convention), Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701 <http://www.noreascon.org/info@noreascon.org> Guests: Terry Pratchett, William Tenn, Jack Speer, Peter Weston

## Michigan

Jun 4-6 STARFLEET Region 13 Summit, Port Huron, Michigan; Info: 3735 Teeple Ave, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059 Ph: 810-966-0740 <http://summit.region13.org/summit@region13.org>

Jul 30-Aug 2 Mythcon XXXV, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 71, Napoleon MI 49261 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon35.html> mvanloo@comcast.net Guests: Neil Gaiman, Charles A. Huttar

## Minnesota

Jul 2-4 CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: 1437 Marshall Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55104 Ph: 651-647-3487 <http://www.convergence-con.org/info@convergence-con.org>

Aug 13-15 Diversicon 12, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://www.sfmminnesota.com/diversicon/> info@diversicon.org Guests: Mark Rich

## Missouri

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

Jul 30-Aug 1 ShowMeCon, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 410115, Creve Coeur, MO 63141-9998 <http://www.showmecon.com/info@showmecon.com> Guests: Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Jim Murray, Steven Silver Benefits: Open Door Animal Sanctuary

## Nevada

Jul 29-Aug 1 Creation, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

## New Hampshire

Jun 5-6 STARFLEET Region 15 Summit, Seabrook, New Hampshire; Info: 124 Pautipaug Hill Road - Baltic CT 06330 [http://www.geocities.com/starfleet\\_region15/summit.html](http://www.geocities.com/starfleet_region15/summit.html)

Jul 23-25 OGC, Nashua, New Hampshire; Info: PO Box 692, Nashua, NH 03060-0692 Ph: 603-434-0587 <http://www.ogc-con.com> OGCcon@yahoo.com Guests: Mike Mearls, Kevin Kulp, Michael Tresca, John Terra

## New Jersey

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

Aug 7-8 Creation, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Aug 27-29 Monster-Mania Con 2, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 816 N. Delsea Drive, Doubletree Center #133, Glassboro, NJ 08028 <http://www.monstermania.net/dhag@comcast.net> Guests: Robert Englund, Lupita Tovar, Ingrid Pitt, Robert Quarry, Dick Warlock, Michael Myers, Gunnar Hansen, Candace Hilligoss, Tony Todd, Danielle Harris, Ricou Browning, Ben Chapman, Betsy Palmer, Caroline Munro, Hazel Court, Alex Vincent, C.J. Graham, Sid Haig, Vincent Difate, Cortlandt Hull, Don Reese, Tom Weaver, Ed Long, Damien Glonek, Ted A. Bohus, Carfax Abbey

## New Mexico

Aug 27-29 Bubonicon 36, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://bubonicon.home.att.net/bubonicon@att.net>

## New York

Aug 10-15 Slanted Fedora, Manhattan, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee,

KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Aug 13-15 Dark Shadows Festival, Tarrytown, New York; Info: PO Box 92, Maplewood, NJ 07040-0092 <http://www.darkshadowsfestival.com/> Guests: David Selby, Lara Parker, John Karlen, Kathryn Leigh Scott, Nancy Barrett, Marie Wallace

Sep 24-26 Slanted Fedora, Rochester, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

## North Carolina

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>

Jul 23-25 Trinoc-con, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 10633, Raleigh, NC 27605-0633 <http://www.trinoc-con.org/info@trinoc-con.org>

## Ohio

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>

Jun 24-27 Midwestcon 55, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: 5627 Antoninus Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/> scribe@cfg.org

Aug 13-15 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: William Shatner, Bruce Boxleitner, Jerry Doyle, Kurt Wetherill, Cody Wetherill

## 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>



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Jul 16-18 Conestoga, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 440 S. Gary Ave, Box 45, Tulsa, OK 74104 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/conestoga.htm>

## Oregon

Jun 4-6 ConCom Con 11, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111 <http://www.swoc.org/ccubed/genecon@hotmail.com>

## Pennsylvania

Jul 8-11 Anthrocon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 270, Devault, PA 19432-0270 <http://www.anthrocon.org/anthrocon@anthrocon.org>

Jul 23-25 Confluence, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/confluence/parsec-home@netcom.com>

## Tennessee

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

Jul 23-25 LibertyCon 17, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.libertycon.org/uncletimmy@libertycon.org>

Sep 3-6 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 190512, Saint Louis, MO 63119-6512 <http://www.mephitfurmeet.org/> registration@mephitfurmeet.org Benefits: Tiger Haven and Locks of Love

## Texas

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, Coppel, TX 75016 <http://www.region3.com/summit04/summit2004@region3.com>

Jul 10-11 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>

Aug 13-15 Armadillocon 26, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-6259 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/> ArmadilloConTX@yahoo.com

Aug 21-23 Vulkan, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: Brad Dourif

Sep 3-6 AnimeFEST, Dallas, Texas; Info: PMB# 108, 3001 S. Hardin Blvd., Ste. 110, McKinney, TX 75070-9028 Ph: 972-569-8996 <http://www.AnimeFEST.org> info@animefest.org

Sep 24-26 FenCon, Dallas/Forth Worth, Texas; Info: PO Box 560576, The Colony, TX 75056-0576 <http://www.fencon.org/> info@fencon.org Guests: Larry Niven, Michael Longcor, Rachel Caine, Cat Conrad, P. N. Elrod, Rhonda Eudaly, Lee Martindale, Gloria Oliver, Jeff Turner

## Utah

Sep 17-19 Slanted Fedora, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com

## Washington

Aug 13-15 Dragonflight, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/convention@dragonflight.org>

Sep 17-19 Foolscap VI, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461 <http://www.foolscapcon.org/> chair@foolscapcon.org Guests: George R. R. Martin

Sep 24-26 ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 13619 Mukilteo Speedway, Suite D5, PMB 172, Lynnwood, WA 98037-1606 <http://www.conifur.org/> cfnw-info@conifur.org

## Canada

### Alberta

Aug 6-8 Con-Version XXI, Calgary, Alberta; Info: PO Box 20098 Calgary Place RPO, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4J2, CANADA <http://www.con-version.org/> president@con-version.org Guests: George R.R. Martin, Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, James Beveridge, Tiina Andreaskos, Roy Bander, Lynn Barker, Renee Bennett, Kim Brown, Dario Carrasco, Leslie Carmichael, J. Brian Clarke, Carolyn Clink, Tracy Cooper-Posey, Roland Dechesne, Candace Jane Dorsey, David Duncan, Sandy Fitzpatrick, Andrew Foley, Susan Forest, Steve Fuller, Leslie Gadallah, Barb Galler-Smith, Amber Hayward, Jim Harington, Terri Harington, Richard Harrison, Lee Easton, Robyn Herrington, Tim Hills, Marie Jakober, Paula Johanson, Nick Johnson, Corey Keith, Adrian Kleinbergen, Eden Lackner, Derek Mah, John Ross Mansfield, Linda-Ross Mansfield, Kaye Mason, Ann Marston, Judy

McCrosky, Alan McDonald, Blair Petterson, Randy Schroeder, Alison Sinclair, Janis Svilpis, Hayden Trenholm, Dianne Walton, Elizabeth Westbrook, Ed Willett, Lynda Williams, Louis Zimmerman

## British Columbia

Jul 14-19 Gatecon, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: PO Box 76108, Colorado Springs, CO 80970-6108 Ph: 719-574-6427 <http://www.gatecon.com/> kathryn.rogers@gatecon.com Benefits: Make A Wish

## Ontario

Jun 4-6 C-ACE 2004, Ottawa, Ontario; Info: 269-1411A Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1Z 1A7 <http://www.c-ace.org/cacexpo@c-ace.org> Guests: Heather Bruton, Jen Seng

Jun 18-20 Toronto Comicon, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 3278 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 2L6, Canada Ph: 416-487-9807 <http://www.torontocomicon.com> info@torontocomicon.com Guests: Will Eisner, Dave Sim, Bill Sienkiewicz, Greg Horn, Roy Thomas, Michael Wm. Kaluta, Jimmy Palmiotti, Cary Nord, Steve McNiven, Amanda Conner, Dave Ross, Nick Postic, Nick Marinkovich, Kalman Andrasofszky, Cameron Stewart, Andy Lee, Ramon K. Perez, Paul Ryan, J. Torres, J.Bone

Jul 2-4 Toronto Trek 18, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7097 Station A, Toronto Ontario, Canada, M5W 1X7 Ph: 416-410-TCON (8266) <http://tcon.ca/> tcon@icomm.ca Benefits: Ronald McDonald House

Aug 27-29 SFX: Canadian National Science Fiction Expo, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, L6M 4N4 Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://www.canadiannationalexpo.com> info@hobbystar.com Benefits: Ronald McDonald House, Childrens Wish Foundation, Hospital For Sick Kids

## Quebec

Aug 6-8 Gathering of the Gargoyles, Montreal, Quebec; Info: PO Box 18972, Cleveland, OH 44118 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/> info@gatheringofthegargoyles.com

## Germany

Jul 2-4 Dark Side Con, Recklinghausen, ; Info: c/o Silvia Krüger, Laurentiusstraße 4, 44805 Bochum, Germany Ph: +49-2361-900127 <http://www.darksidecon.de/> markus@darksidecon.com

## United Kingdom

### England

Jun 11-13 Dimension Jump XI, Coventry, England; Info: PO Box 35, Hitchin, SG4 9XZ, United Kingdom [http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension\\_jump.asp](http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension_jump.asp)

Jul 2-4 AmberCon UK, Reading, England; Info: 62 Newcastle Road, Reading RG2 7TS England <http://www.ambercon.org.uk/>

Jul 2-4 Nexus: Rebellion, Bristol, England; Info: 64 The Batch, Famborough, Bath, BA2 0AJ <http://www.enterthenexus.com> rebellion@enterthenexus.com Guests: Peter Jurasik, Paul Darrow, Robert Llewellyn Benefits: Diabetes UK and Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal

Jul 3-4 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

Aug 20-22 Festival of Fantastic Films, Manchester, England; Info: 95 Meadowgate Road, Salford, Manchester M6 8EN, England Ph: +44 (0)161 707-3747 <http://www.fantastic-films.com/festival/> Gil@manchesterfantasticfilms.co.uk

Aug 20-23 Discworld Convention 2004, Leicestershire, England; Info: PO Box 102, Royston, Herts., SG8 7ZJ, UK Ph: +44 (0) 7092 394940 <http://www.dwcon.org/> info@dwcon.org

Aug 21 10th Planet, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/> sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Daphne Ashbrook

Aug 27-29 Robin of Sherwood Legend 2004, Swindon, England; Info: 41 Roseheath, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2NG, UK <http://www.roslegend.co.uk> roslegend@ntlworld.com Guests: Phil Rose

### 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



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## NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

By Commodore Dixie Halber • Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Have you got a newsletter that just can't be beat? Well now's the time to find out!

The STARFLEET Communications Department is soliciting for the annual STARFLEET newsletter awards, to be handed at IC 2004 in Birmingham. We're planning some changes this year to the awards and a new award to be unveiled.

I don't want to spoil the surprise here, but I do want to encourage you to submit your newsletters for this year's judging. I think everyone will be pleasantly surprised.

Choose your very best newsletter for calendar year 2003 (yes it MUST be for that year,

great ones from 2004 have to wait until next) and a copy to at: **Dixie Halber**

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If you wish to submit a copy electronically, e-mail me at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) and arrange the transfer. Please give me a heads before you send it, as I want to make sure I can handle a large attachment. 99% of the time I have no problems, we don't want anyone to be the 1%. Make sure I have all submissions by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) or look for me on IRC.



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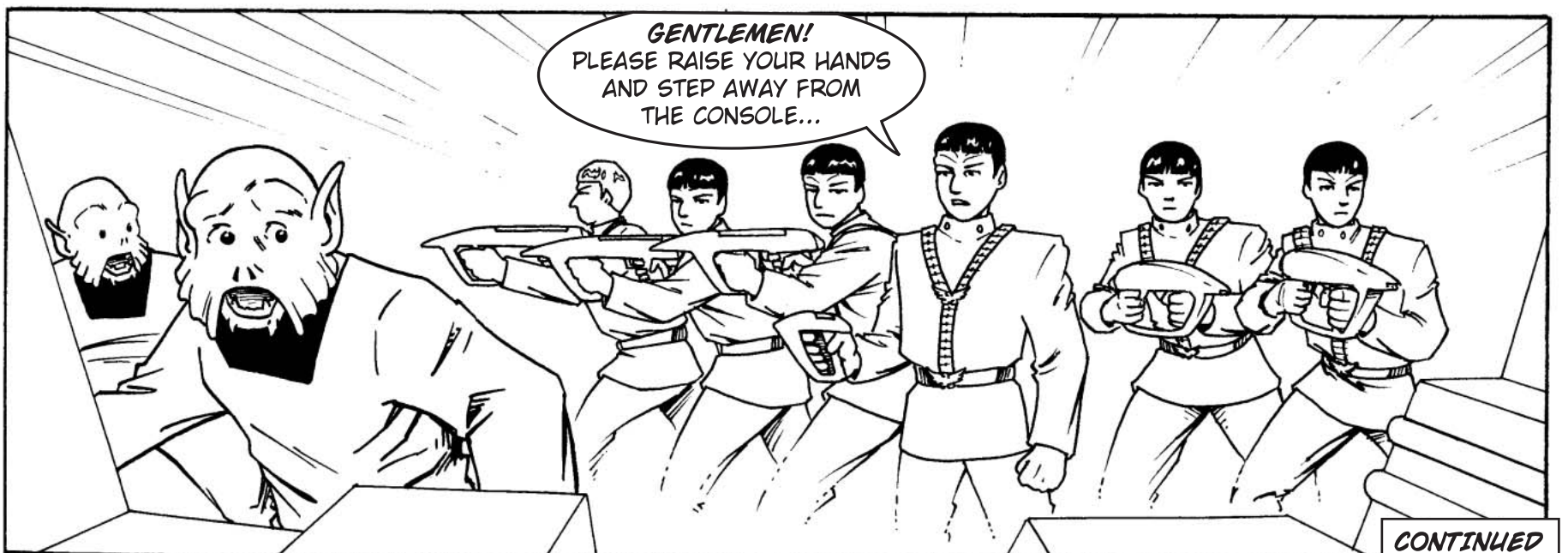
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*Dennis Rayburn delivers a hit from Section 31 on Robert Graham.*



*Jack "Towaway" Eaton gets a new hairstyle at the R2 Summit party Saturday Night.*



*Sandy Dolan at the R2 opening ceremonies.*



*SFI Quartermaster Pat Spillers dances with CS Mike Malotte.*



*Sandy Dolan smacks Dennis Rayburn with a large trout.*