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CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN & JOOST UEFFING!



The Staff of the CQ would like to congratulate Jaguar CO Susan and STARFLEET Chief of Operations Joost Ueffing on their September wedding!

The beautiful ceremony was performed in Kingsport, Tennessee on September 18th, with many of the couple's "extended Fleet family" in attendance!

Left: The smiling faces of all the STARFLEET members celebrating the Fugate-Ueffing wedding. Photo submitted by Wade Olsen.

Additional photos on back cover.

R4 SUMMIT LIVES IT UP IN LAS VEGAS!

Right: Saturday evening banquet highlight — commissioning the USS Gallant NCC 4890. (l-r): Jerry Tien (Chief, STARFLEET Shuttle Ops), Ed Nowlin (R4 RC), Chrissy Killian (Vice Chief, Fleet Ops), Larry Barnes (Gallant CO) and Joe Martin (Gallant XO). Photo submitted by Wendy Fillmore.

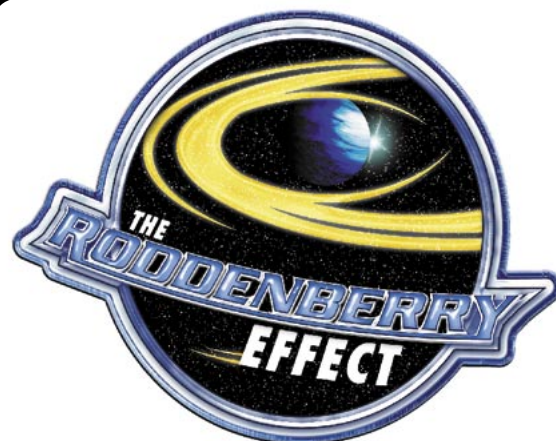
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WHAT IS THE "RODDENBERRY EFFECT"?

"Gene Roddenberry's dream affects different people in different ways, and inspires different thoughts... that's the Roddenberry Effect, and Eugene Roddenberry, Jr., Gene's son and co-founder of Roddenberry Productions, wants to capture his father's spirit — and how it has touched fans around the world — in a book of photographs."

- For more info, read Mark H. Anbinder's VCS report on p. 7



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CMO Capt. Dave Singleton and his commanding officer, Bob Vosseller, discovered a 'Dabo Girl' in the casino during their visit to the Star Trek Experience in Las Vegas.
Photo submitted by Bob Vosseller



Keela sutai-Septaric, CPT Vicky Adkins and CMDR Scott Love of the USS Yorktown, attending Borg Assimilator Media Day at Paramount's Carowinds theme park.
Photo by Leila McMichael

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Vegas. Yeah, baby.

Over 50 gathered for the 2004 STARFLEET Region 4 Conference hosted by the wonderful crew of K'Ehleyr Station! This event saw old friendships renewed and new friendships kindled. Many traveled from Region 4, Region 17, Region 5 and Region 3 to the city of Lost Wages for this weekend of overindulgence. I traveled with 5 other members of the Stormbringer, who made the trip from Denver over the rocks and through the dirt to get to the sand. The event was fantastic! I had the opportunity to see our Region 4 partners in crime for yet another memorable weekend of FUN, FRIENDS and FLEET! I even had the opportunity to provide security and escort services for the R4. More on that in a bit...

The Hotel at the End of the CSI Episode

Arriving in Vegas, we found no room at the inn and were in desperate need of accommodations. We looked high and low and learned that due to the race and other big things scheduled the same weekend, hotel prices had more than tripled. Even the Travelodge wanted \$189 per night. Ouch. We lucked out and found a motel right across the street from the San Remo and the nice lady hooked us up for cheap. The fact that she looked as if she got out of jail as early as that morning never caused us concern. The room was clean and the beds were comfortable. Were it not for the faint outline of a body on the floor, the carpet would have been perfect. But hey, we're in Vegas, baby!

Another Con, Another Casino

I don't know what it is, but it seems that every time we travel to Region 4, we end up at a casino.

Smuggler's Blues

I took my STARFLEET armor with me to add to the Star Trek atmosphere of the event. As I was suiting up for opening ceremonies, it occurred to me that the weapon props we brought might not go

AFTER ACTION REPORT: STARFLEET REGION 4 CONFERENCE 2004 LAS VEGAS, NV

by ADM Johnathon "Gumby" Simmons, • USS Stormbringer, R17

over too well walking through the casino to get to the meeting areas of the con. This was in direct conflict with General Order 7, "No flag officer shall beam into a hazardous area without armed escort." Since I was the escort, I was truly perplexed. Luckily, as a good flag officer should, I had with me a Gunnery Sergeant. It was Gunny Severson who suggested that we smuggle the weapons into the hospitality suite, then skirt the perimeter of the casino to the meeting areas.

It was a classic textbook Section 31 Operation and the Gunny departed for his mission with a remark about dead men walking. I then proceeded to provide the Gunny a distraction of hotel security by walking thru the casino to the conference, in full kit, of course. I explained to a security officer what I was doing and why I was there and he allowed me to pass. I stopped at the bar and ordered a shot of 100 proof Old Thought Provoker. I did this for two reasons. One, to quench my thirst and, the second to allow the security officer time to communicate to the desk upstairs and request the other four guards that would follow me for the rest of the day. That thought warmed me almost as much as the nectar of synaptic jumpstart I had imbibed and I decided to make a better entrance to the event.

First impressions are important. Instead of walking into the entrance of the meeting room, I walked into the back door of the opening ceremonies to see about 40 faces staring at me. Gasps and the ooohs/ahhhs

followed as I made my entrance and folks checked out the armor. I stopped in my tracks right beside the podium, as Bob Fillmore announced that Security had arrived and I quietly assumed a parade rest. In true Section 31 fashion and befitting his status as a member of the Stormbringer, Gunny Severson walked up, having completed his mission; details are CLASSIFIED, and handed me my CQB (Close Quarters Battle) Phaser. The crowd was impressed. Stormbringer scores again.

Stalling for Dinky

Standing there with my armor and CQB phaser, we went through the welcome and the folks from other regions were introduced. I got to brag about the excellent job that Joshua Andrews and the program book team did to produce the beautiful full color guide that came in our packages. Becca did a fantastic job with the badges and my wife and I hung ours on the wall with all the other ones we've gathered over the years we've been a part of fandom. I noticed that some folks kept looking at their watches and I took the opportunity to get into the anteroom and ask what was up. We were short a Vice Admiral. We were short one Dinky. Seems that Ed Nowlin was running late and I was asked to escort him in under arms and make sure he was glued to the podium. After some "strategic stalling" (you learn things like this from the Academy when you become an Admiral), we were able to help keep the crowd entertained until the R4RC arrived. It turned out the line at Starbucks

was longer than expected and traffic was even worse. I remember thinking that if I were that late to my regional conference's opening ceremonies, I sure as hell better have coffee for everybody.

You guys eat like this in Vegas all the time?

The Hotel San Remo had FOUR restaurants nestled inside the hotel. There was something for everyone. We ate and ate and ate and ate URP (s'cuse me) and ate and ate and then we had a really cool idea, let's go to the banquet! The banquet was an Italian feast and the pepperoncinis were outstanding. I sampled heavily and took advantage of the cash bar to find something imported with which to wash down the goodness.

It's about the Recognition

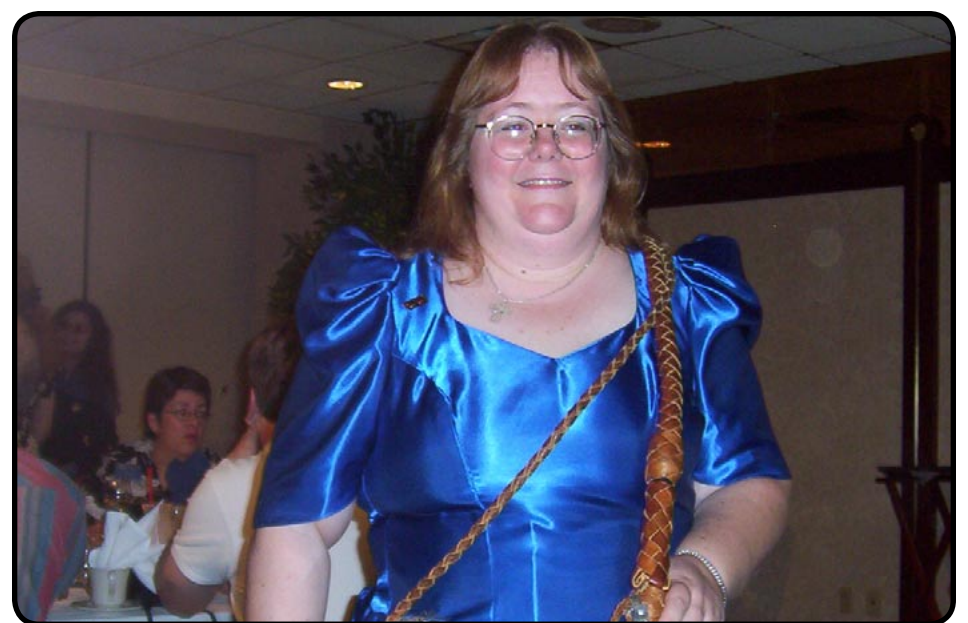
Since I am the R17 RC and I had members of R17 present that I get to see once a year or so, I asked to present some accolades to the folks from R17 who traveled so far to come have fun. Region 17 had four from the USS Mir, four from the USS Arc Royal and six from the USS Stormbringer in attendance, and I made it a point to briefly recognize each one by name. I was able to present our R17 Member of the Year, Commander Everett Brooks, USS Mir, with his regional award plaque and made a couple of promotions. Every one I recognized also got a ceremonial shot of tequila, compliments of Admiral Gumby, and that helped them blush just a wee bit more. You know Gumby when it comes to recognizing folks for their hard work and participation. They had to drag me away. Again.

A REALLY GOOD cigar

We retired to the room for a break to change from our formal wear and then set course for Boyd Harmon's timeshare and the party that would surely ensue. We arrived relatively early to find that a few folks were there. Boyd perked up when we showed and (continued on p. 4)



Saturday morning found FCapt. Bob Fillmore (CO, K'Ehleyr station) MC'ing the General Session with none other than Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons in full battle armor to perform escort duties.
Photo submitted by Wendy Fillmore



Conference coordinator, RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, enjoys playing hostess to "Da Whip" (thanks, Allyson!)
Photo submitted by Wendy Fillmore

STARFLEET REGION 4 CONFERENCE

(continued from p. 3)

gave us a tour of his condo. Niiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiice. The Guinness and Harp flowed as I made Black & Tans for the gang from the Arc Royal and Stormbringer as well as Boyd and the illustrious Ed Nowlin. Ed knew a good cigar when he saw it and we all sucked happily on our cheroots; enjoying the company and the conversation.

The Wormhole at the end of the Utah Sector

The drive home was long and quiet as we drove through the Utah badlands. We talked about the conference and the highlights and thought that the roundtable discussion on apathy was about the best panel we've attended in many moons. We wished it could have lasted longer and we immediately missed our friends from afar.

What to Drink

Guinness

What not to Drink

We tried, but we couldn't find anything that sucked.

What to Eat

Everything. Vegas is a GFFD-FREE Zone.

What to See

The Borg 4D at the Star Trek Experience!

Wow, all I can say is;

(spoilers redacted for your pleasure)

That's all I have to say about that.

A very heartfelt thanks

I must thank Wendy & Bob, the Bobster, Fillmore for their outstanding service as hosts. Folks, these people were EVERYWHERE. The consummate host, Bob Fillmore looked stunning in his tuxedo and tie. Wendy was equally stunning in her evening dress. Both of them were constantly with someone offering to help and pointing out the sights and the amenities of the hotel San Remo and the R4 Conference.

Region 4 is still kickin'!!!

With the con behind us, we set our sights on returning home to spread some of the camaraderie that we've come to enjoy from Region 4.

The cool thing is that this time we didn't lose a dime in the casino!

Until my next mission, I remain...

Admiral Gumby at Large

MIRACLES AND WONDERS. SPIES BY NIGHT: 2726 A.D. A SF NOVEL

by CPT Dale A. Kagan, • USS Avenger, R7

In 2726 A.D., Dion Rendahl escapes in an instrument balloon from an angry crowd on Star Colony Alioth. They are accusing him of being a cultist.

So begin Spies By Night, a fast-paced, exciting science fiction story and prequel to Lanterns Over Demner: A Science Fiction Murder Mystery. Both were written by USS Avenger Communications Chief, Dale A. Kagan.

Lanterns Over Demner is an Agatha Christie type mystery set in the Demner mountain range of the planet Dauropa. A castle, loosely based on Gilette's castle in Old Lyme, Connecticut, is the locale for the Special Forces Council. The Council taught Governor Eccles how to use a telepathic block. Now their telepaths can't find out what he is trying to hide. Eleven guests are in his castle-like mansion. One is a murderer.

Lanterns sells for about \$18 on Amazon.com and www.xlibris.com/bookstore. Barnesandnoble.com can ship in 48 hours. Spies By Night is about the engineers who built the teleport gates used in Lanterns. Someone is trying to steal the plans.

Young executive Dion Rendahl is always in his brother's shadow. He's Operations Manager on the project to get the prototype going and he decided to solve the problem of corporate spies alone.

His hobby is scuba diving. He has brown hair, blue eyes and is well muscled from wrestling. He meets his

match in the lovely Alyson Dahlia Forbs of Alioth, a tall beauty full of surprises. An amphibious alien, a Bluenian, is Dion's ultimate boss at General Transit corp.

Star Colony Alioth, featured prominently, is loosely based on a Wall Street Journal article which appeared in the 1970's asking what happens in a cashless society when someone can't get a credit card.

The answer is the Outerlands.

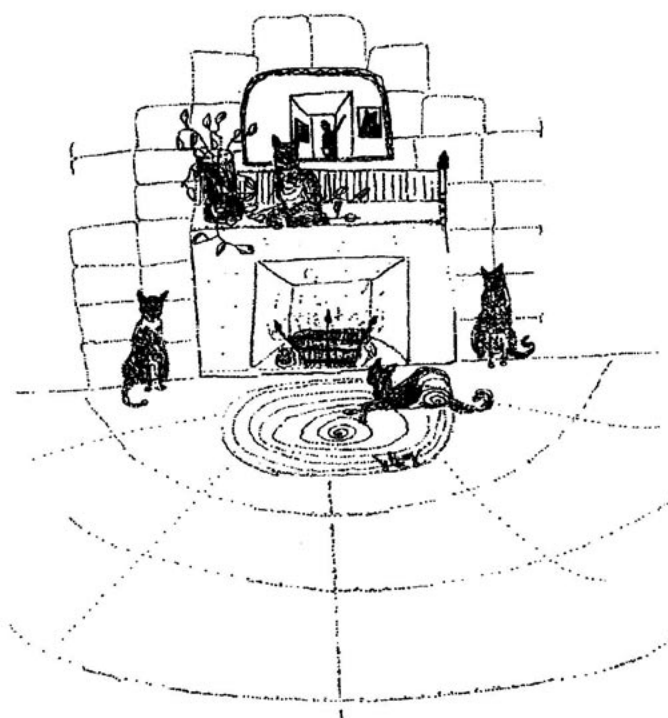
The author studies the collapse of the ruble in Russia in the 1990's and the barter system in the countryside of Argentina when building Alioth.

Alioth is 81 light years from Earth and the cities are under domes. They were built the century after great floods hit the Earth, retarding the advancement of technology for 100 years. Volans Mirfak, an engineer from Earth, grew up in an underwater city off Long Island.

How much trouble can Dion get into by refusing his brother's help? Read the book. It's about \$18-20 on Amazon.com or www.xlibris.com/bookstore. Or mail order by phone at 1-888-7-XLIBRI.

If you're at a meeting of the USS Avenger, Dale will autograph your book.

Dale's next book will be a children's picture book, Trip Into Space. It will be available in January on www.xlibris.com/bookstore.



A LETTER TO THE FLEET

By David R. Lyons
USS Reprisal, Region 1

As I read what is in actuality the very first Communiqué I've seen in over a decade, an article by Scott Akers of USS Jaguar stood out above the rest. Here is my reply to it.

I'm proud to announce my return to STARFLEET. When last I was a member here, Rob Lerman was Admiral of the Fleet. So why the 10 year absence? I got sidetracked. Not much of an excuse, but it's true. Life has a way of taking you off course, and though I wasn't officially a member, my uniform was always ironed and I assisted the now decommissioned USS Nighthawk on many occasions. My heart was always with STARFLEET, and never left.

With an absence comes a renewed vigor to get involved and make a difference. "One man can make a difference" was the theme behind the series Knight Rider, and is so very true today. STARFLEET seems relatively unchanged from a decade ago. While consistency often equals longevity, it also can equal boredom for some. This can be fixed; and together this WILL be fixed.

Why is it that so many chapters conduct the same activities year after year? Fund raising, conventions, movie nights and parties. But there is so much more we can do.

I look at organizations like the Red Cross, Lions Club, or Boy Scouts. These are groups that get out in the community, bringing people together, and collectively impacting the lives of millions. Why can't we, as STARFLEET officers, do the same?

In order to grow, we must constantly stretch ourselves, our ideas and our methods -- being ever true to our morals, principles and convictions. STARFLEET isn't just about space; it's about reaching out to others to promote peace and good relations everywhere we go. It's about being responsible, being educational, and extending a helping hand. Are there STARFLEET Away Teams reaching out to the poor in other countries? If not, why not?

The ideals of Gene Roddenberry and the society he envisioned are what our STARFLEET is built upon. Instead of the status quo, let's branch out. Let's see and be seen. If we're not active in the community, working for its benefit, then we will forever be seen as those "Trekkie geeks" that the media likes to portray us as. Let's make them take us seriously.

And yes, we are a fandom of one of the greatest shows ever conceived. We deserve our fun, our conventions, our Laser Tag duels and much more. But all the while, there's work we can do. I'm willing, are you?

We are an organization spanning several continents, full of wonderful people who all believe in what our future can be. THAT is the STARFLEET I know us to be. So let's make it happen.

BORG ASSIMILATOR MEDIA DAY

Photos by CDR Leila McMichael • USS Yorktown, Region 1



USS Yorktown crew, in front of the Borg Assimilator ride.



Yorktown crew at the entrance to Carowinds theme park for Borg Assimilator Press Day.



Keela and her mate, Katkith (aka Andy Fairbanks)



Marina Sirtis and Borg ride... no, she would not get on it! (I don't blame her, neither would I!)

MYSTIC REALMS FANTASY FESTIVAL

Story & Photos by VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, Region 7



USS Avenger members Todd Brugmans dressed in period garb joins Ops Chief Tony Lopes during the Mystic Realms Fantasy Festival held in Pine Hill NJ on May 8.



USS Challenger First Officer Capt. Mary Singleton is seen in a new period dress she purchased during the day. She plans to wear it for the upcoming R7 Conference which this year sports a Medieval theme.



USS Challenger Counselor Emily Vosseller joined the Whirlwind/Alliah Saleem Dance troupe for three performances during the May 8, Fantasy Fair event.



A Winged Warrior was among the colorfully costumed individuals present at the annual fair hosted by the role playing group Mystic Realms.

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Greetings STARFLEET!

Welcome to CQ #125 and fall in 'Fleet. The leaves are starting to turn (and fall – ick), the temperatures are dropping and the days are getting shorter. It won't be long before the last holiday seasons of the year are upon us. Here at HQ, we continue to keep busy, especially in preparing for the upcoming transition. I certainly hope everyone took the time to vote in the election. This is the best way for our voices to be heard. EC and staff have also been busy in other areas... congrats to Joost & Susan Ueffing and Ricky & Joan Bruckman on their recent nuptials.

I'd like to take a moment and send out a huge "Thanks!" to Allyson Dyar and Mark H. Anbinder for stepping up to the

plate and taking care of things these past couple of months. As a lot of you know, Gateway closed down its internal technical support departments in Kansas City and North Sioux City. This left a lot of folks – including me – without a job as of the 30th of September. Due to all the final preparations for the closure and subsequent job hunting, I've been really tied up on getting things back on track. I've got more interviews coming up and it looks like things should get back to some sense of normalcy in the next couple of weeks. I apologize for not being as accessible as normal as of late and really appreciate Mark and Allyson making sure everything continued to move forward.

Speaking of things moving ahead, we're in the midst of the first-ever CPA review of

our books. Knowing how meticulous both Tammy and Denby have been, I have no doubt that we will come through this with no issues. Another thing coming up in the very near future is the time to file our annual Form 990 to the Internal Revenue Service. This is due on the 15th of November and is well on its way to being completed.

Looking at items within the departments under this office, I have a request from Deb, our Promotions Director. She gets a lot of requests for Captain's rank changes in the database and/or nominations for promotion from Captain to Fleet Captain. The issue comes from the lack of records for Captain's promotions – specifically the dates of the promotions and who promoted them. You see, in the past, Ops promotions and RC's promotions have not been

tracked in any one place. The RCs have been requested to inform the Promotions Office when a Captain's promotion is given but it doesn't always happen. The result is a sometimes lengthy delay in getting changes made in the database or promotion nominations processed. So, in order to try and avoid these issues in the future, Deb is asking EVERYONE who hold the rank of Captain to send her your name, SCC number, promotion date and who did the promotion. This information can be sent to her at promotions@sfi.org. When she receives the info, she'll put it in the appropriate spreadsheet and verify that the correct information is in the database.

In closing, I hope everyone goes into the upcoming holiday season healthy and happy. Behind all the commercialism and materialism, it really is a great time to step back and reflect on all that life has given us, both in family and friends. Treasure those you have, life is short and you never really know how long you'll have them.

See ya in 60 for my final article as Commander, STARFLEET!

Michael W. Malotte

Promotions are denied for two primary reasons: failure to meet minimum Time in Grade (TIG) or insufficient information.

Minimum TIG scale, effective January 1, 2003:

Captain/Colonel
24 months Time in Fleet

Fleet Captain/Brigadier
18 months Time in Previous Rank

Commodore/Brigadier General
21 months Time in Previous Rank

Rear Admiral/Major General
24 months Time in Previous Rank

Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General
30 months Time in Previous Rank

Admiral/General
36 months Time in Previous Rank

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

Use the online form at <http://promotions.sfi.org> for the fastest results. I can forward your Nomination to the EC Promotions listserve immediately after receiving it if you use the online form. You can request an email form also—just send an email to promotions@sfi.org & ask for a blank email Nomination form. This method takes a bit longer to process.

PROMOTION NOMINATION TIPS

Colonel Deborah A. Malotte • STARFLEET Director of Promotions

Nominee Name

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

Double-check everything:

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

Give your contact info:

Make sure you supply a phone number &/or email address for yourself...just in case the EC needs to reach you regarding your Nomination. This can save weeks or more of time.

Filling out the Nominee Qualification section:

The most common reason a promotion is denied by the Executive Committee is insufficient information in the promotion request.

The Nominee Qualification section requires you to document, in your own words, why you believe this nominee deserves the promotion at this time. Be specific, and comment about each contribution made by the nominee at the International, Regional, and Chapter levels

of STARFLEET. You can prepare this ahead of time and paste it into the "Nominee Qualifications" area on the online form if you wish.

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

Endorsements:

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

Nominee and Nominator must be different individuals

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

Brief note on procedures:

Promotion requests for Captain/Colonel are forwarded to the respective Region Coordinator for approval. I can track them if the RC informs me of the promotion. Requests for promotions to Commander and below are redirected to the appropriate Chapter Commanding Officer for approval. If you have any questions about promotion requests for the ranks up to and including Captain/Colonel, please contact the appropriate CO or RC, or send me an email at promotions@sfi.org if you need help.

All requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above are forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration & approval. If a promotion is approved by the Executive Committee, the promotion certificate is then prepared and mailed out or sent to an event for presentation. Once your promotion is announced you should receive your new rank certificate in 2 or 3 weeks time.

If you have questions or need help drop me a note at promotions@sfi.org. I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Colonel Deborah A. Malotte
STARFLEET Director of Promotions

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

Michael Romero
Eric VanArsdale
John Kirwin
Laura Arculeta Latrell
Daniel Spence
Samuel S. Cummings
J. William Robertson

Fleet Captain/Brigadier

Gary Davis
Laura Sprouse
Marilyn Romero
Ann Marie Reilly
Todd Brugmans

Commodore / Brigadier General

Cyndi Temple

EC/AB NEWS

By Rear Admiral JC Cohen
Chief of Staff to the
Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET! This
month's summary should be briefer
than the last one. Not having an IC
tends to do that.

It was briefly discussed whether or
not STARFLEET should expand from a
Star Trek to a Sci-fi fan association.

The AB continued to review and work
on correcting minor inconsistencies in
the governing documents that have
cropped up as the FLEET Constitution
has been amended over time.

Lastly, the AB bid a fond farewell
to the RC of R20, Adi Jones, and
discussed what could be done when
small regions lose their RC.

As always, if you have concerns
about these or any issues, you should
talk to your AB member, your Regional
Coordinator. A list of each and every
RC can be found in the back of this
and every CQ.

OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARK H. ANBINDER
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



What is the Roddenberry Effect?

I've said many times in this space that
STARFLEET is different things to different
people. Would it surprise you to hear the
opinion that Star Trek, too, means different
things to different people? That Gene
Roddenberry's dream affects different
people in different ways, and inspires
different thoughts? That's the Roddenberry
Effect, and Eugene Roddenberry, Jr.,
Gene's son and co-founder of Roddenberry
Productions, wants to capture his father's
spirit — and how it has touched fans around
the world — in a book of photographs.
We've been asked to help spread the word.

The Roddenberry Spirit

What is it about Gene Roddenberry's
vision that has made such a connection
with so many? Roddenberry Productions
calls this force the Roddenberry Spirit. It
has been defined as hope for the future,
technological innovation or the dream of
peace. It has as many meanings as it does
fans. The Roddenberry Spirit has touched
so many people in so many different
ways that they believe it deserves its own
photographic book.

They're sending disposable cameras to
fans around the world who are registered
at Roddenberry.com, but even if you don't
receive a camera, you can participate
by submitting a picture of something you
think defines the Roddenberry Spirit. It
could be a picture that represents peace,
innovation, space, the future, humanity or
something completely different, as long as
it represents the Roddenberry Spirit to you.
If you do receive one of the Roddenberry
Spirit cameras, after you take your picture,
you'll send the camera on to another fan,
and when it's full, back to Roddenberry
Productions.

To submit your own photos without
one of their disposable cameras, send a
high-resolution digital photo (publication
quality, or 300dpi) with your contact info
and a written description of why the photo
represents the Roddenberry Spirit to you,
to effect@roddenberry.com. Or mail a
hardcopy submission to:

Roddenberry Effect
c/o Roddenberry Productions
1640 S. La Cienega Blvd, Suite 2
Los Angeles, CA 90048

At the conclusion of the project,
Roddenberry Productions will be publishing
a photography book collecting many of the
submissions. They say it will be a voice for
fans everywhere, encompassing the various
ways people define the Roddenberry Spirit.

Catching the Election Spirit

Speaking of spirit, I've been enjoying the
flurries of discussions on STARFLEET's

online election mailing list, as we consider
our leadership for the future. Two things
are clear: lots of folks are thinking seriously
enough about our future to raise some
very good questions for our candidates to
answer, and whoever wins, we're sure to
have a dedicated leadership for the next
three years.

Not long after you read these words, we'll
be hearing the results of this year's election,
and learning who'll be succeeding Mike and
me in driving STARFLEET forward. Whether
"your team" or "your candidate" wins or not,
I urge you, and all STARFLEET members,
to remember that once the campaigns
and election season are behind us, we
need to reunite behind our new leadership.
New faces mean new ideas, new energy,
and new opportunities for STARFLEET to
grow, and I'm very much looking forward to
seeing where the next administration takes
this organization. I realized months ago that
either of the two prospective teams could do
a fantastic job, and I hope we'll all give them
the chance to grow into their new roles and
do just that.

Where to next?

I can hardly believe the 2004 VCS World
Tour is winding down! September has
been a month for STARFLEET weddings,
and there are two weddings still ahead of
me this fall, one Fleet and one not, as I
write these words. Watkins Glen Weekend
promises another fun gathering of Fleet
friends next month, as we celebrate our
15th annual hike weekend with many of the

same folks who've attended year after year,
or even just once or twice in the past. If you
don't make it this year, I hope you'll consider
joining us for the 16th annual Watkins Glen
Weekend, a casual hike surrounded by
good food, good fellowship, and good times,
in the fall of 2005.

Last on the slate before my STARFLEET
travel season gives way to my hockey
travel season is the 2004 Region 7
Conference on November 5th-7th, in
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. It's actually
an interesting mix of the two, since I'll
be heading there immediately following
the Cornell vs Harvard hockey game that
Friday night! (If you're a hockey fan, and
the NHL doesn't get back on track for this
winter, find some college hockey near you
— or come to Ithaca to check out Cornell
hockey, a legendary hockey program with
a remarkable tradition that includes dozens
of league championships and even national
championships. And if you have the chance
to see Cornell and longtime rival Harvard
play, don't pass it up. That's hockey.)

I'll look forward to seeing many of you at a
wedding, or the R7 Conference, or perhaps
a holiday party as the year draws to a close.
Beyond that, we can look forward to next
year's IC in San Antonio! Yes, I'm already
thinking about July.



STARFLEET VCS Mark H. Anbinder & Summit Chair Lisa Pruitt.
Submitted by Robert Graham

OPS CENTER

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings Fleet! Well, this is going to be a rather short article, primarily because I was somewhat on vacation for about a month. And why, would you ask, would I do that? That can be answered on September 18, 2004, when my lovely bride, Susan Fugate (now Ueffing) and I were wed. Factor in the two week honeymoon, and the week and a half of packing and moving up to Nova Scotia.... you get the idea. I just want to take this time to thank my vice chief, Chrissy Killian, for filling in for the last two reporting periods and the time in between.

As the year is winding down now, please remember that there will be a transition period while records are moved from one location to another. The good news is that you won't have to worry about a disruption like this for the next three years. The bad news is that things may be disrupted for a month and a half or so. So if you have a CoC or otherwise, please get it in as soon as you can in case I have dig through the records, because in about a month they won't be there anymore. I will try to accommodate every request in a timely manner, but excuse the delay if there is any.

Welcome To the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations welcome the latest additions to the fleet:
USS Gallant, Region 4, Fleet Captain Larry Barnes commanding.

Monthly Status Reports

Just to review Ops policy on reporting: reports are due by the 5th of the next month for the month you're reporting for (April MSRs are due May 5th for instance) and late MSRs are considered between the 6th and 10th of that month (April MSRs are late between May 6th and May 10th for instance). Four FTRs (failure to report) or eight late reports in one year will result in a contact from me. Another FTR or two more late reports will be cause to put the chapter on 60-day standby.

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.

Vessel Registry

The VR is available for your downloading pleasure. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to chapterinfochan@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 a printed

copy sent to them please contact me with your name and address.

Reminders

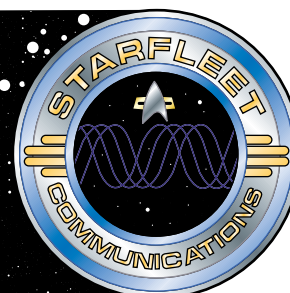
Please remember that when you use the Change of Command tool on the DB to make sure your passwords are as correct as you can get them. If there is a wrong p/w I will reject the CoC and ask you to resubmit.

Please also remember that Operations does not recognize temporary changes in command for chapters. If you chapter has lost it's CO and you expect the interim CO to be in charge for more than a month than it is best that the chapter submit a change of command to make the temp CO the permanent CO until such time as a new CO is chosen. This is especially important for any RC elections or the upcoming election for CS/VCS because Operations will use the data it currently has on hand for mailing and voting purposes.

That's about all I have to say for this issue. Keep smiling, reporting, and making a difference. Till next time...

IN COMMING...

COMMODORE DIXIE HALBER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Happy October everyone.

I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. The weather has cooled off finally here in Southern Indiana and I'm quite looking forward to the winter.

It's been a quiet month here in the Comm department. In September I traveled to Kingsport where I was honored to attend the wedding of Ops Chief Joost Ueffing and Jaguar CO Susan Fugate. The wedding was lovely and the reception was a lot of fun. A lot of Fleet folks attended, it felt like an IC light! To Joost and Susan I say thank you for including me and my family in your special day and may your life together be long and happy.

On the business side pretty much the same as last time. We're working on getting

the website cleaned up a bit. I'm trying to track the slow down in the international CQs being delivered. I know that there's still a delay there and I'm trying to track it down and clean it up.

We're also working on the HelpDesk turnaround times. I've written a short article on procedures that should help the user help us a bit. Please take a few moments to look it over.

As always we're looking for help. We particularly need to add more artists to our Office of Graphic Design. For those of you not familiar with OGD, it was established to give Fleet members a place to go for help with graphic design. If you need a logo, we can do it. If you need a web banner, we can do it. But we can't do it without more talented people. We have a crack staff

but they need a little help. So if you like to design then contact me at comm@sfi.org and let me know what you can do. If you need graphics help the address to write is ogd@sfi.org.

I want to thank the Marines for their contributions. The goal of the CQ staff is to turn the Attention on Deck section into a showpiece for the Corps. But to do that we really need your help. If you have articles about the Marines, a Marine activity or just the Marine experience in general then send the submission to cq@sfi.org.

Well that's it from this end. So you in 60.

USING THE HELP DESK

Commodore Dixie Halber
Chief of Communications

By now, you're probably all familiar with the HelpDesk. If you're not, let me take a few minutes to explain it to you.

The HelpDesk is your one stop shop for answers within STARFLEET. Have a problem with your membership? E-mail HelpDesk@sfi.org. Need to know your database login and password? E-mail HelpDesk@sfi.org. Have some problem and you just don't know the best person to start with? E-mail HelpDesk@sfi.org.

The HelpDesk has been a tremendous success and a big help for STARFLEET. Our staff works hard to keep up with all the tickets. They do a great job but there are a few hints that you can do to help them along and to help your tickets move through the system more easily.

1. Make sure to include your full name and SCC number in your correspondence. This will make it much easier to check the database and get the answers that you need.

2. Put as much information in the e-mail describing your problem as possible. The more information we have, the more quickly we can solve your problem.

3. If the staff e-mails you, try to reply in the same e-mail, rather than sending a new one. Every time you send a new e-mail, it opens a new ticket for you. Having multiple tickets can actually slow down the process, because all the history of work is not on the new ticket and sometimes it causes the person working your ticket to start all over again, not realizing what all has been done by someone else.

4. When you send an e-mail to the HelpDesk you'll receive a confirmation e-mail with your ticket number. If you need to contact anyone about your HelpDesk ticket refer to that number, it will help the process out a lot.

I want to thank my superb HelpDesk Staff, Vice Chief Joan Bruckman and her assistant Susan Ueffing. They do a phenomenal job keeping everything running and I want to thank all of the users for embracing the system and making it a key tool for STARFLEET members.

-Dixie Halber

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY



Contemplate the workings of this world, listen to the words of the wise, take all that is good as your own. With this as your base, open your own door to truth. Do not overlook the truth that is right before you.

~ Morihei Ueshiba
Founder of the Martial Art of Aikido
from The Art of Peace

The voting is on, and by the time you get this, it will probably be over. Who did you vote for? Who cares, as long as you did vote. As long as you took the time to study the candidates, their slates, and their platforms, and made a decision based on the facts as they apply to you. For 11 issues I've tried to promote not only the Academy, but academic thought, and I am confident in the knowledge that the electorate of STARFLEET, more often than not will make the right decision. Remember, STARFLEET has been around for thirty years, and if we want it enough, it will be around another thirty years.

That is all on the election, and all things political, now on to the Fun, Fun, Fun. So read on, as we cover our usual topics such as: New and Changing Directors/Deans/Staff, New Schools and Courses, New Features, and the Future of STARFLEET Academy.

Now on to the Academy. As always I would like to start by welcome the following new personnel to the Academy

PERSONNEL

DIRECTORS:

Please join me in welcoming Brigadier Kyle J. Wolf, as the Director of the College of Temporal Physics. Kyle can be reached at uss_dragon_star@yahoo.com. We have gone back in time, and ensured that Kyle has always been the Director, so he is not replacing anyone but fulfilling his temporal destiny. I would also like to thank all of the members who have been so patient as we searched for a Director, it was like time flew by.

I would also like to welcome Brandy Hallman of the USS Charleston as the Instructor for a new course that will teach the Basics of using Internet Relay Chat. Many members already use this medium to communicate in real time, and many members would like to do so, but are put off by the mysteries and strange words of the various programs. Brandy has created a short tutorial, and accompanying course that should help the most inexperienced internet user become an IRC Expert in no time. Brandy can be reached at bhallman@sc.rr.com.

A correction from last issue, David Lynch had to step down the very day he was selected to serve as Director of the School of Engineering. Alex Rosenzweig over at DTS stole David to serve as the new Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau. Congrats Dave, Curses to you Alex. Fortunately, we had so many outstanding applicants, that I was able to choose Joe Hinson of the USS Arc Royal to step up as the new Director. Joe will be keeping Anthony Spotts to serve as Assistant Director. Joe can be reached at: engineering@arcroyal.org.

DEANS & DANTS

The only note in this section is a repeat of the passage from last month:

STARFLEET Academy is currently still seeking a new Canadian Campus Director. Successful applicants will have completed OTS & OCC as well having completed FOS (or be willing to complete it within a 6 month period), be a resident of Canada and be a member in good standing with STARFLEET. Applicants are requested to forward their real world and STARFLEET resumes to mattrb@charter.net or by snail mail to Matt Baillie, 10 Northwood Drive, Brampton, ON (Canada) L6X 2L2.

NEW COURSES

The College of Alien History and Culture has added a new course on the Q-Continuum, write Tony Lopes at AvengerOps@att.net, for more information.

LET'S CHAT ABOUT I.R.C.

One of our new courses this issue is one designed to teach people how to use Internet Relay Chat, a computer tool used by many members of STARFLEET to communicate in real time via the Internet. The new director Brandy Hallman explains:

Greetings, Everyone! I am pleased to introduce to you a new course on IRC! Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is one of the most popular and most interactive services on the Internet. Internet Relay Chat lets people all over the world participate in real-time conversations. (And it even saves on the phone bill!) Using an IRC client (program) you can exchange text messages interactively with other people all over the world. Some of the more popular chat clients are mIRC, Pirc, and Virc for Windows and Homer or Ircle for Macs. What program you use doesn't really matter; all of them connect to the same chat networks. When logged into a chat session, you "converse" by typing messages that are instantly sent to other chat participants. IRC is great fun and you will meet lots of interesting people and find nice spots to hang out! But, IRC is not something that you should just jump into without first reading up on it and learning some of the commands. You could feel very lost if you do not know some basic

commands before you enter IRC, and you might not even know how to get out of IRC after that So, I suggest you take (ISOC) Internet School of Online Chat, before you get connected to an IRC server, or it can be very frustrating for you when you get stuck. However, even if you think you are an expert in IRC, this is a great way to test that knowledge! You may even learn something in the process! IRC is a great way for Corry chapters to meet online, as well as those who just want to join and converse with others. You can meet new people and create friendships from all over the world! This is a leadership course, and probably the only one that will never require OTS and OCC to take. Enjoy!

Any questions or comments, please email me at bhallman73@yahoo.com. Thank you!

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF THE M.S.G.

This new course is near and dear to my heart as it has been an idea that has been knocked around since I was the Commandant of the SFMC. (That was back in 1997, when the Spice Girls were the Number One Pop rock group in the country.) The idea was that a handbook and course should be developed for the Chapter President, so that he may have an idea what the SFMC is about, what it could provide the chapter, and what the chapter would need to provide a Marine Strike Group (M.S.G.) if they decided to have one. Sadly when I moved on to my duties as Fleet Historian, this project got left on a dusty shelf at SFMC Headquarters until the recent International Conference, when while in conversation with Wade Olson, Scott Grant and John Roberts (3 of the 5 SFMC General Staff Members) it was decided that the Corps and the Academy should work together in providing this course to all of STARFLEET. As of this writing we have not selected a director, but this will be announced as soon as possible, online as well as in these pages no later than next issue.

NEW FEATURES

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The IDCP is now online, and ready for applicants, for information on how you can apply for certificates and the requirements for each level, turn your browser to: <http://academy.sfi.org/courses/itcp/index.shtml>, or write Major Rob Alpizar directly at rob@ussjaguar.org. We are very excited about this program, which is designed to encourage members to take advantage of a wide array of courses and schools, and hopefully to broaden their enjoyment of both the Academy and in Fandom in general.

THE BOOTHBY AWARDS

Following are the new Boothby Award

winners since CQ124, the list is smaller, but will include the new additions and/or those who have moved up one or more levels since the last list. Congratulations are in order for all those who continue to strive for academic excellence throughout the academy.

Lt. Colonel Tracy Lilly
Bronze Award 51 Courses (27/24)

Lieutenant J.G. Becky Slater
Bronze Award 51 Courses (47/4)

Crewman Apprentice Bill Rowlette
Bronze Award 52 Courses (47/5)

Commander Shawn Gregory
Bronze Award 57 Courses (57/0)

Fleet Captain Kyle J. Wolf
Bronze Award 80 Courses (52/28)

Commander Glenn D. Martin
Silver Award 102 Courses (86/16)

Captain Dean A. Rogers
Gold Award 155 Courses (115/40)

Colonel Glendon Diebold
Latinum Award 215 Courses (172/43)

Brigadier General Truman Temple
Dilithium Award 303 Courses (237/66)

To recap: the Boothby Awards program is the recognition of those students who have consistently attended and worked at a large number of Academy classes. (Thank you Region One Awards Guru Victor Swindell for the idea). Once a student passes his fiftieth academy class, he will receive a Boothby Award Certificate. For each fifty classes thereafter they will receive an endorsement to attach to that certificate as per the following schedule:

Bronze	50 Courses
Silver	100 Courses
Gold	150 Courses
Latinum	200 Courses
Diamond	250 Courses
Dilithium	300 Courses

THE CARE AND FEEDING SERIES

As explained above, we are starting a new series of courses in the Institute of Leadership Studies, to help and assist the Chapter Commanding Officers and Executive Officers work with various aspects of their chapters. The Care and Feeding courses will be offered very much in a Buffet Style manner, where the student (current CO/XO, prospective CO/XO, or anyone just plain interested) can pick and choose which courses are applicable to his needs, their chapters, or their interests. Following the Marine Strike Group course, we will be developing a Corps of Engineers Detachment course, a JAG course, a Burser's course, etc. All of these will essentially directed at the real world aspects of these departments and how they may benefit the chapter and its members. In addition these are meant to complement not replace the fictional aspect courses offered here at the Academy and over at the SFMC-Academy. For more information please feel free to contact Scott A. Akers at chunone@nwlinc.com. (continued on p. 12)

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – JULY/AUGUST 2004

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Ed Dravecky*
Angela Phillips**
Sofyan Sahrom**
Amy Pray*
Darrell Walker II*
Donna Jean Diehl*
Eric Kleffman
Kallyann Seaman*
Donita Hilfinger*

Martha Kirkland*
Teresa Remaly*
Gary Amor*
Rebecca Beckett**
Jan Sleigh**
John Stock**
William Ashley*
Terry Bryant**
Avery Krouse**

Steven Fredette*
Micahel Lewallen*
Matthew Reilly*

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Gerald D. Diehl
David Megel
Nancy Milford
Michael Myron**
Clint W. Green**
Adam W. Wenclewicz*
Becky Slater
Eric Kleffman
Michael A. Wyant **

Wilton Stapleton
Angela Phillips
Robert MacAlpin
John Stock
Avery W. Krouse**
Craig Martin
Jan Sleigh
Teresa Remaly

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL

Kieth Keppley

SCHOOL OF ACCESSABILITY

Mysteri Tullis**
Tracy Andrews-Isquith*
Truman Temple*
Patricia Heany**
Sofyan Sahrom**
Glendon L. Diebold

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Angel Avery **
Guy Blandford*
Erik Cowand**
Nancy Hall**
Denise Hanke*
T'Anna Harrington*
Sofyan Sahrom
Harold Spears**
John Sullivan*
Kevin Voet**
Ricardo Bruckman**
Brandy Hallman
Bill Rowlette**
Harold Spears**
Raymond Spiteri**

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Martha Ingles

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Kyle J. Wolf**
Michael Timko**
Greg Franklin**
Erik Cowand**

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Bill Rowlette**

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Becky Slater*
Erik Cowand**
Cline Green
Glenna Julifs*

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT

Scott Akers*
Robin Smith**
Neal Fisher*
Kyle J. Wolf*
Kai'leen Gibbs*
Bill Rowlette*
Truman Temple*
James Cecil*

SCHOOL OF LAW

Sophan Sahrom*
Shawn Gregory
Monika Reinholz*
Kyle J. Wolf*
Glendon Diebold*

John "Kiwi" Kane
Kyle J. Wolf**
Eric C. Kleffman**
Bill Rowlette**
Becky Slater*
Eric Kleffman**
Gary Hollifield, Jr.*
Dustin Williams**
Antonio Lopes III*

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE

Sofyan Sahrom

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Sean Meyers*
Clint Green*
Eric Kleffman*

COLLEGE OF TREK CHRONOLOGY

Sofyan Bin Sohram
Eric Kleffman*

Ray Burkhart**
Denise Hanke**

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

Scott A. Akers**
Tracy Andrews-Isquith**
Angel Avery**
Barbara Buffington**
James Cecil
Stephen Farris**
Nancy Hall*
Dawn Jenkins**
Glenna Julifs**
Glenn Martin**
Becky Slater**

Truman Temple**
Raymond Burkhart**
Eric Cowand**
Royce Essig*
Scott Grant**
John "Kiwi" Kane**
Eric Kleffman**
Tracy Lilly**
Antonio Lopes III**
Dean Rogers**
Bill Rowlette**

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

David Klingman
Glenn D. Martin
Dale Anderson
Michael Timko
Dean Rogers
Glenn D. Martin
Anne Miller

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Kevin Voet
Tracy Andrews-Isquith
Harold Spears
Eric Cowand

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER HISTORY

Belva Hall
Shawn Gregory*

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

John 'Kiwi' Kane*
Eric Kleffman
Bill Rowlette*

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Sue Johanson*
Samuel Cummings
Truman Temple**
Joseph Bouchard**
Monika Reinholz
Susan Mahaffey
Michael Balewitz**
Tracy Andrews-Isquith
Glendon L. Diebold**
Anne Miller**
Sofyan Sahrom*
Terrie Thomas*

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Jennifer Scott
Eric Kleffman

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Steve Mirick*
Michael Timko III**
Guy Blandford **
Craig Wood III **
Wayne Killough*
Arnel Carigo
Dino Gravato**
Eric Johannson**
Jason Davis*
Kurt Roithinger**
Marie Wilson**
Jonathan Wilson*
Truman Temple
Julie Gohlke**
Shane Evans**
Sean Meyer**
Tracy Lilly**
Scott Grant

Josiah Tullis*
Micheal D. Soucy**
Ed Nowland**
Kyle J. Wolf**
Glendon L. Diebold*
Dustin Williams**
Monika Reinholz
Maxim Khaytsus**
David Pittsenberger**
Thomas Pawelczak**
Sofyan Sahrom
Victor Swindell*
Bill Rowlette**
Tracy Andrews**
Darrell Thomas**
Linda Thomas**
Becky Slater**
Patrick Barnes**

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)

Shavon Carmer
Debbie Artrip*
Eddie Milbrandt**
T'Anna Harrington*
David Hines*
Darlene Topp*
Denice Hanke*
James Lee Smith**
Glenn Martin**
Sean Meyer*
Tracy Andrews-Isquith*
Shaun Kenyon
Anne Miller**

COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS

Scott Grant
Truman Temple**
Antonio J. Lopes III**
Erik Cowand*
Eric Kleffman*
Michael Timko

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOLOGY

Fredrick Petterson
T'Anna Harrington

THE GORN ACADEMY

Diana Goetsch
Anne Miller
Bill Rowlette

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

USS CENTURION (ME, NCO)

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Christina Doane
Clint Green
Sofyan Sahrom
Eric Kleffman

SCHOOL OF SURVIVAL STUDIES

Anne Miller*
Sofyan Sahrom*
Eric Kleffman

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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THE FUTURE

NEW COURSES AND SCHOOLS

As of this time, except for the Care & Feeding series, no new schools are planned, however the directors are still and continuously hard at work, updating and improving their individual schools, and I suggest that everybody stay prepared for new offerings throughout the Academy both before and after the turnover to the next administration.

NEW INSTITUTES

Research has begun on expanding the number of institutes, specifically splitting out the various Alien oriented schools: Klingon Warrior Academy, Gorn Academy, Borg Studies, Xenoarchaeology, etc, into their own institute. This will not happen until next year, but stay tuned for more developments.

NEW ACADEMIES

Finally, the last project we have begun near the end of this administration will take at least a year if not more to complete. In cooperation with the SFMC Academy, the STARFLEET Academy is going to sponsor the creation of another and new specialized Academy. The plan is for the two current bodies to help form the Corps of Engineers Academy. After the Marines, the Engineers are probably the most dynamic branch of STARFLEET and the ones with the most promise to form their own academy and affiliated processes. Anybody interested feel free to contact either Commandant Akers or the TRACOM Commander John Roberts.

CLOSING

Following is the list of graduates for the July/August timeframe. These students have worked hard and played hard, and hopefully have had lots of fun doing these courses. As always we invite all STARFLEET members to attend the Academy, to make suggestions for improvements, and to volunteer your talents where you see they can help the organization.

From the desk of the Commandant, I encourage you all to Search, Discover and Share, the last being the most important part, because once we share our knowledge and gifts we can never be stopped.

Fleet Matters

Being a visionary, is simply having the capacity to see into tomorrow, and then having the courage to make it happen.

- anonymous



AN ESSAY ON LEADERSHIP: THOUGHTS FROM THE NOW AND FUTURE LEADERS OF STARFLEET

by Commodore David E. Klingman • Course Director, Flag Officer School

For the last several months, I've had the privilege not only to serve as the Course Director for Flag Officer School but also to have the opportunity to talk to a large number of people and ask questions and have excellent dialogue over questions concerning leadership, teamwork, and of course the organizational aspects of STARFLEET. One of the types of questions that the students and I have explored the answers to together is the nature of leadership as it applies to the characters we know from the Star Trek television series and movies.

I'd like to take the opportunity in this installment of my regular contribution to the Communiqué to share with you some of the questions and more importantly some of the thoughts and answers (or at least excerpts) from the students themselves. The types of questions we've discussed deal, for the most part, with leadership styles and skill sets as they pertain to either the missions or the people themselves.

The course has proven to be challenging for both myself and the students, and of the over 100 people that have enrolled since the new course came online in May, only a few have completed the course. I believe those people would agree, if asked, that the course was both challenging and interesting, and I hope they would say they learned something valuable and worthwhile.

I'll introduce each set of questions and then introduce the people who came up with the answers (my thanks to them for allowing me to share their thoughts with you)

Choose ONE individual (from the Star Trek universe) and list 2 qualities, traits, characteristics, or specific actions that made that person a good commander. Contrast with one quality, trait, characteristic, or specific action that made that person a poor commander. Cite at least one situation that demonstrates these qualities or shortcomings.

Brandy Hallman, USS Charleston, writes...

[James] Kirk does what he can to make sure his crew gets what they need to survive, even if it's to take Spock home to his wife to mate or die (or in this case die trying).

James Kirk makes sure his crew are treated properly even in the court of law. [In Episode number 036 in Star Trek: Original Series] Scott is being tried for murder, Kirk decides to step in to make sure his crewmate gets a fair trial.

Captain James Kirk's obsessions puts his crew in danger. [In Episode number 047 in Star Trek: Original Series] Captain Kirk's obsession winds up in a death of a crewmate and nearly destroys the Enterprise.

Examine the situational leadership model in the context of a single command decision made by the following individual(s): Captain Picard's orders to the crew of USS Enterprise NCC 1701E on how to deal with the Borg both before and after his conversation with Lily Sloane [ST: First Contact]. What situational leadership style would you expect to be most appropriate in this situation given the skill sets of the individuals involved and the mission at hand?

James Gibbs, USS Haise, writes...

Delegating. Picard has given up on his single minded quest for personal vengeance and decided to save his crew and destroy the Borg faster. Blowing up the ship requires three command staff, thus the delegating. As a side note, Worf and Lily both used selling on Picard, to get him to agree with their idea. They successfully sold Picard on the idea.

What situational leadership style do you feel was used, and why?

James writes...

Delegating, again. To get the job done faster, he needed the help of others, and since they can do a job unattended, he can safely delegate.

What would you have done in this situation of you were in the position of authority, and what situational leadership style does this describe?

James writes...

I don't think I would have done what amounted to a frontal assault on the Borg. Given that they'd adapt in minutes to a single, small assault group, I would have gone straight for what killed them: Direct contact with the plasma gas (or whatever it was) via drone or small squad. If that wasn't possible, and the frontal assault is my only option, I'd arm everyone on the ship and send them marching down to the Borg levels. While the Borg can adapt, they'd still have nearly, say, 500 people to adapt to, which hopefully would tilt the odds back in our favor. Also, since energy weapons become useless, how about a futuristic flame-thrower? In any event, I'd be sure to delegate jobs to those who could do better or faster than I could.

Delegating is my best bet; I'm in

command of a very competent crew. They are strongly self-motivated, and can solve any problem in the best way. I'd be more than happy to command them, and would rest easy knowing they're on the job.

Examine the situational leadership model in the context of a single command decision made by the following individual(s): Captain Sulu's decision to violate orders in order to rescue Kirk and McCoy from Rura Penthe in the context of the reservations of his crew [ST VI: The Undiscovered Country]. What situational leadership style do you feel was used, and why?

Kai'leen Gibbs, USS Haise, writes...

The first time we see Sulu after the opening and the great explosion (so wonderful on a nice surround sound system!), he is watching the trial of Kirk and McCoy. He says, "Send to commander Enterprise: 'We stand ready to assist you. Captain Sulu, U.S.S. Excelsior.' Attach our co-ordinates." The Communications Officer says, "Is that wise, sir? I mean, given their situation - (off Sulu's look) Aye, Sir!" This is clearly the "telling" style of situational leadership. Sulu gives an order and expects the crew to obey, while taking the full responsibility of his actions. He does not tell the Communications Officer why or explain anything: he just says, do this.

The next time we see Sulu, he is asleep. The trial is over, the Enterprise is on her way to Rura Penthe, and Sulu is awakened by the knock on the door.

Sulu: "Come in....?"

His communications officer enters. Officer: "Sorry to wake you, Sir, but STARFLEET urgently requests any data we may have on the whereabouts of the Enterprise."

Sulu (groggy): "What?"

Officer: "Apparently they're refusing to acknowledge a signal to return to spacedock, Sir."

Sulu: "Signal STARFLEET that..... we have no idea of the location of the Enterprise."

Officer (astonished): "Sir?"

Sulu: "You have hearing problems, Mister?"

Officer: "No, Sir!"

He salutes and leaves. Sulu stays awake. Once again, the "telling" style. I believe at this point, if something goes wrong, Sulu is planning on taking (continued on p. 13)

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full responsibility for his actions, absolving his crew, who were just following orders. I don't believe his crew were completely in the dark, but Sulu still felt a loyalty to Kirk and McCoy, so he was willing to step out of bounds to help.

What would you have done in this situation of you were in the position of authority, and what situational leadership style does this describe?

Kai'leen writes...

Sulu's voice: "Captain Kirk....?"

Kirk: "Kirk here."

Sulu appears on the view screen.

Kirk (continuing): "As much to the crew of the Enterprise, I owe you my thanks, Captain Sulu."

Sulu: "Nice to see you in action one more time, Captain Kirk. Take care."

And another Star Trek story has a happy ending, as our Space Cowboys fly off into the sunset.

I would expect that, under the secretive circumstances, Sulu used the best situational leadership style. Sulu didn't want any of his crew to be held responsible for his breaking the rules, so he kept the details to himself. There are times when you can't share everything with your crew that you would like to, no matter how trustworthy they are. So, I believe not only did Sulu do the right thing, I believe I would have done the same if I had been in his situation.

Choose two leaders (from the Star Trek universe) who you feel exemplify ideal leadership qualities. Compare or contrast 3 of the leadership qualities.

Vern Mueller, USS Valkyrie, writes about Captain Picard and Commander Riker...

COMPETENCE

As defined in the FOC Manual, competence is knowledge of the skills of your crew and their limitations. Captain Picard made it his business to know each member of his crew and he knew how far to push them and when to back off. This was very apparent after his rescue from the Borg when he recalled some rather brilliant strategy employed by Commander Riker enabling Picard to be rescued.

DECISIVENESS

The leader always makes his decisions with authority and in a clear forceful manner. Commander Riker knew what was at stake when the Borg headed to Earth using the life experiences and knowledge of Captain Picard when they assimilated him. The plan to use the

deflector dish to disable the Borg Cube was brilliant. Unfortunately the Borg had already adapted to this as they were prepared. Commander Riker was not aware of this when he gave the order to fire on the cube that Picard was on. Despite this he was clear and firm on this. Without wavering he essentially issued an order that would have killed his captain if the Borg had not adapted.

RESOURCEFULNESS

The ability to deal with a situation in the absence of normal resources or methods. In this case the methods were already there but the Borg already knew about them ahead of time so Commander Riker used this to his advantage. Knowing that the Borg would anticipate the Diversion with the Drive section of the Enterprise he modified the strategy to distract the Borg long enough to rescue Captain Picard. Using the Captain's own knowledge against him and the Borg but with a slight twist to it with no outside support allowed Worf and Data to enter the Borg Cube and rescue the Captain using a Shuttle. Commander Riker knew that the Borg would ignore the saucer section because it was not perceived as a threat. All attention was on the Drive section which was the original plan to allow the saucer to escape. This worked to Riker's advantage when the Saucer section threw antimatter at the Borg Cube and took them by surprise.

I feel that these three qualities when compared to each other go hand in hand as they complement each other but can also contrast each other in that by themselves they can work but together they complement each other filling in those qualities that each lack by themselves. Competence is fine but if you are not decisive than you will never accomplish anything. If you are decisive but not competent, again you fail. An example is if you learn a task wrong and then use the wrong method but you use it decisively it ends up all wrong. Resourcefulness helps to bind competence and decisiveness together in a way that if you lack resources or methods to accomplish your goal this allows you to improvise and use all the resources at hand decisively with the competence of your skills and knowledge from proper training and personal experience.

If the tables had been turned and Riker had been assimilated, how do you think Picard would have acted? Which leadership style(s) do Picard's and Riker's actions represent in this case?

Vern writes...

Picard and Riker have what I would say a father-son type of relationship. A captain knows that life in STARFLEET comes at a high price and every crew member lost is a personal loss to the ship her crew and to the captain. If Riker had been Assimilated Picard would have done everything to get Riker back.

Both embody the Equalitarian Style. Granted, Picard and Riker approach

situations with a certain individual style they are essentially the same when it comes down to the final solution with one exception. Picard is more the Diplomat.

If you had to pick ONE of the three leadership qualities described above, which of the three is MOST DIFFERENT between Riker and Picard? Choose one other mission that you feel demonstrates this.

Vern writes...

Resourcefulness. The episode where Riker and the first officer of a Klingon cruiser exchange posts as part of the officer exchange program. And the episode "Darmok." Riker tends to use knowledge he has gained from his captain and when ever he is in opposition of Captain Picard he exploits his weakness. Picard on the other hand can come up with solutions without any forehand knowledge of his opponent. Picard is more analytical than Riker. Riker tends to be more of a swashbuckler when dealing with situations.

Choose ONE individual (from the Star Trek universe) and list 2 qualities, traits, characteristics, or specific actions that made that person a good commander.

Royce Essig, USS Prevailing Wind, writes...

Captain Jellico, Commander *USS ENTERPRISE* NCC-1701-D [TNG SEASON 6 "CHAIN OF COMMAND"]

Captain Jellico is a confident leader, he has the ability to step into a pressure situation and take command. He needs little input for others to make his decision, and as such there is no need to make a committee to help make a command decision. Captain Jellico is also a demanding officer. He knows what he wants and will not take no or any excuse for an answer as to why things he orders did not get done.

Contrast with one quality, trait, characteristic, or specific action that made that person a poor commander.

Royce writes...

CPT Jellico has an inability to listen to his officers. While taking command he orders added undue stress into an already stressful situation. As such, I feel it lead to low morale among the crew and a drop-off in production and response times.

Choose a species from the Star Trek universe and describe three traits that makes members of this species good leaders or three traits that makes members of this species poor leaders.

Keith Keppley, USS Prevailing Wind, writes...

The species that I am choosing for this question is the El-Aurian species. While like all species, El-Aurians have their faults, however, I feel that overall this race has the

potential to be good leaders. I feel they can be good leaders because of their ability to live a long time, the ability to be good listeners, and their ability to make decisions in a humanistic way.

First taking a look at the El-Aurian ability to live hundreds of years, it is known that El-Aurians are not considered to be adult until they have lived 300 years. Compared to the human life span, the El-Aurian life span is at least 9 to 10 times longer. In this longer life span allows for a certain level of knowledge and understanding about life and the universe that is incomparable to human knowledge. With this said, the adult El-Aurian could obtain a level of knowledge that would make them a good leader of others.

The El-Aurians also have the potential to be good leaders because of their ability to listen. In order to be a good leader, a leader must be able to listen to all sides of a story and be able to sort out all that information in a way that a fair and reasonable decision. The uncanny ability of the El-Aurian's ability to listen allows them the ability to hear all the facts and make a decision based on those facts. By being such good listeners, the El-Aurians can also gain the trust of others in being able to put their needs and wants aside to hear what other people's needs are.

Unlike the Vulcans, I believe that the El-Aurians also are good leaders because of their ability to interject emotion into the decision making process. This is an asset in the light that their decisions are not totally composed of wisdom or empathy, they are able to add their own feelings and emotions into the decisions they make. By doing so, this allows them to know the difference of when to fight and when to watch quietly on the sidelines.

With these attributes in mind, I believe that the El-Aurians possess the qualities of good leaders. Like all species, leaders are defined by the methods they use to lead, therefore, also like all species, not all the members of it are cut out to be good leaders.

Who was the more qualified officer, Kirk or Picard, in dealing with Dr. Tolian Soren on Veridian following their encounter in The Nexus [ST: Generations]?

David Hines, USS Matrix, writes...

I believe Picard would have been more qualified to handle the situations.

Why?

David writes...

The main reason would be the Picard is from the present, he has the past to can upon, but he knows of the current situations within the Galaxy. Whereas Kirk, even (continued on p. 14)

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though he was a very good Captain, he knows nothing of the Klingon alliance. And Kirk has a habit of jumping in feet first and then dealing with the consequences.

Which specific skills and leadership traits made each a better officer in the situation?

David continues...

I would not say that there are a handful or even a few skills or leadership traits that were used in this situation. It is more like all the skills and leadership abilities that are learnt over the years of experience was use. There may have been times when more than one trait was used, but all in all a true leader is someone that has the ability to use little bits of everything to accomplish the task at hand, no matter how difficult or easy it may be.

What would you have done either the same or differently in either Kirk's or Picard's position?

David completes his thought...

There would not have been much different that I would have done in that type of situation. I may have come up with maybe a slightly different approach. But everyone has different ways of looking at a situation, or dealing with events. And most of the time, people do not know what they would do, until the situation arises.

Finally, for this article, I asked Sofyan Sahrom, *USS Europe*, to **choose ONE individual (from the Star Trek universe) and use one situation or example to demonstrate an AUTHORITARIAN style of leadership, a PERMISSIVE style of leadership, and an EQUALITARIAN style of leadership.**

Sofyan writes...

AUTHORITARIAN STYLE OF LEADERSHIP(CAPTAIN JELICO)

Captain Jellico was assigned on board the *USS Enterprise* to replace Captain Picard, who was reassigned to covert operations infiltrating the Cardassian border. His leadership style, significantly different from Captain Picard more equalitarian style grated upon the crew, who was not used to the strictly military discipline that he imposed. Captain Jellico took command of the *Enterprise* over from Captain Picard in a situation of tension. The crew of the *Enterprise* was aware of the oncoming Cardassian negotiations and in a mild state of surprise over the sudden reassignment of their commanding officer.

leadership along with the tense situation along the border caused resistance to Captain Jellico's demands for a changing of *Enterprise* operating procedures, such as increasing the number of shifts. In the face of such uncertainty over his orders and necessity, he did not choose to explain the rationale, situation and the need. Instead, he chose to assert his authority as captain and pushed over any objections from Commander Riker. He was also made aware of the crew feelings towards him, when Deanna, ship's counselor informed him. His sole response was to blame the unbecoming attitudes of Picard and the crew, as well as to simply state that the situation required such measures.

During negotiations with the Cardassians, Captain Jellico did not seek to consult with any members of his team and asserted his authority and tactics, without prior notice. When the Cardassian team informed him that they were aware of the Federation covert operations within their territory and have captured Captain Picard and his team, he staunchly refused Commander Riker request to acknowledge such operations, which would have accorded Picard the honours of being a prisoner of war.

As a result of these actions and what the crew regarded as Jellico's arrogant attitude, Commander Riker was reluctant to carry out the special mission assigned to him by Captain Jellico, until his sense of professionalism and duty took over.

PERMISSIVE STYLE OF LEADERSHIP (CAPTAIN JANEWAY)

Captain Janeway is the captain of *USS Voyager*, an Intrepid class starship that was transported to the Delta Quadrant in an accident of fate. There, she destroyed the Gateway that would have carried her back to the Federation, and was isolated there. Cut off from STARFLEET Command, she adopted a permissive style of leadership to maintain the morale of her crew, and give them hope that they will survive the dangers of the Delta Quadrant and return home. While she is certainly strong-willed, she has expressed guilt over the fate of her actions at times.

When she was trapped in a planet over where the winds of time was significantly faster on the surface than in the universe, she expressed remorse over the fate of the planet, that the appearance of the *USS Voyager* had so crucially changed the fate of the inhabitants, making her starship the target of their worship, hate, dreams and nightmares. Interestingly, while she had expressed concerns over the Prime Directive and remonstrated to her crew the importance of the Prime Directive, most clearly in an incident where she forbid her crew-members to exchange cultural and historical information on the Federation to an more advanced culture, which had the technology to send *Voyager* home, she had on many occasions broken the Prime Directive before.

destruction of the Gateway. Psychologists suggest that her constant verbal reverence for the Prime Directive is guilt over her violation of the Prime Directive that isolated her crew in the Delta Quadrant expressing itself. Her then-willingness to commit or tolerate further violations, to save members of her crew or to gain minor advantages must be viewed in light of her need to purge the guilt over her actions trapping the crew in unknown space. She is constantly worried over the state of her crew morale, having taken exorbitant measures to maintain their morale.

This has been as simple as appointing Neelix, a generally tolerated member of the civilians she brought aboard Morale Officer, in charge of rations and functions to maintain the morale of the crew, to actions as drastic as engineering changes to her ship so that the power-intensive holo-decks may be used. She has constantly failed to discipline her crew, even when they had violated their orders or committed actions which can be viewed as mutiny.

For example, Lieutenant Torres in her desire to return home, decided to secretly transmit information about the Federation to a more advanced culture in return for technology to retrofit on the ship warp drive, despite that culture own version of the Prime Directive as well as her captain decision to obey it. Following that, she secretly installed the technology and in a failed jump, also destroyed *Voyager* due to the incompatibility of the technology with STARFLEET subspace technology. Despite the violation of her orders by both Tuvok and Torres, her accomplice, and actions that may had destroyed the ship, Captain Janeway did not discipline either of them other than some words.

EQUALITARIAN STYLE OF LEADERSHIP (CAPTAIN PICARD)

Captain Picard leadership style is best categorized as equalitarian. He is able to motivate his crew, delegate responsibility and authority, yet maintains his own command amongst the crew. In the face of adversity, he is capable of heeding advice from others. Captain Picard has always been able to inspire his crew to do of their best. A good example may be that of Ensign Sito. Ensign Sito was a Bajoran attached to the *Enterprise*, and had participate in a harebrained stunt at Starfleet Academy that had been fatal. Many other commanders would had been reluctant to take on such a crew-member, but Picard chose to do so, so as to give her a second chance. During a performance review, Picard was able to encourage Ensign Sito to perform her duties well under mental stress and doubt.

As a sign of her belief in her captain, she accepted a mission to return a Cardassian spy across the border, despite the dangers of such a mission, especially in lieu of Cardassian atrocities to Bajor. Even when faced with impending death and defeat, *Enterprise* has never failed to push on irregardless. The Borg failed invasion of Earth, and the Queen subsequent trip

back into time to change the fate of the Federation was halted by the *Enterprise*, which followed her through the temporal wake. In this crisis, the *Enterprise* was boarded by the Borg, and almost assimilated.

Despite incredible odds, the members of the crew fought on, until Captain Picard decided to save as many lives as possible by ordering an evacuation. Such a fate must have been terrifying, to be consigned to the unknown in an unfamiliar time period, yet her crew obeyed. Finally, Data, an android, was inspired by Picard brave stand against the Borg queen, such that he turned against her and ultimately saved the *Enterprise*. His ability to delegate tasks to others, to allow others to do what they excel at, to not over-manage is perhaps best seen in the Lysian incident. In this incident, the *Enterprise* was boarded by an alien lifeform, whose advanced technology allowed them to alter the memories of the *Enterprise*. Deprived of the memories of their past, yet, still in full possession of their skills and knowledge, they were convinced by the alien, Macduff that their mission was to penetrate the Lysian border and destroy the enemy HQ. During this difficult period,

Picard did not over-manage his crew, instead allowing them to work as they are to both complete the mission and recover their memories. Dr Crusher efforts may have been thwarted by Macduff, but it was this delegation of tasks, and the taking of their advice that raised Picard suspicion about his mission, thus averting a tragedy. The loyalty of the crew to him, was also amply shown when they refused Macduff's orders to fire on Lysian Central Command.

I ended the discussion by asking him the simple question of **"Who do you feel, given these descriptions, who the most effective leader was?"** and Sofyan replied without hesitation - Captain Picard.

I hope you've enjoyed this examination of leadership and this opportunity to discover some of the characteristics learn something about the people who have been taking Flag Officer School. Again, my thanks to Brandy, James, Kai'leen, Vern, Royce, Keith, David, and Sofyan for their candid answers. Flag Officer School is as much about interpretation and the thought process as it is about the actual 'answers' to the questions.

I hope this has given you, the members of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. a better understanding of what we're trying to accomplish and perhaps the enthusiasm and desire to try the course!

Uncertainty over the transition of

The first such instance would be the

COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS

Brigadier Kyle J. Wolf
Director, SFA College of
Temporal Physics

Sisko: Where do you want to start?
Dulmur: The beginning.
Lucsly: If there is such a thing.

Deep Space Nine:
Trials and Tribble-ations
Season 5

After being closed, the College of Temporal Physics has reopened for business. Now, we could say that we knew that was going to happen and that we know what will happen with the college and students, but we cannot. The Temporal Directive, regardless of the truth, prevents such a discussion. I can say this; it is a pleasure working at the SFA and with the many students that have already participated in the college.

At this time, I am currently using the course work created by the original director. There are changes planned for the college. Until the completion of the new course outline, all students will work from the old course outline. When the new course outline goes live, those students who are on the old course track will follow it through. Therefore, the students will not have to switch course material.

The COTP is designed for those who are interested in temporal mechanics, the ability and possibility of time travel. The first course deals with the basics of temporal mechanics as they apply to the *Star Trek* universe starting with the TOS. The second course continues the work from the basic course. The third course delves into the physics of temporal mechanics; time travel outside of the *Star Trek* universe.

From here the student begins to examine the reasons and logic behind how time travel works and the consequences of travel through time. The last course requires a thesis in temporal physics. The student will select a topic for the thesis. Upon completion of the last course, the student will graduate with a doctorate degree offered through the SFA.

I look forward to hearing from fleet members who wish to participate in the COTP. SFA has many other courses that may also interest our members. Please visit the Academy web site at: <http://academy.sfi.org>.

THE SHUTTLEBAY

REAR ADMIRAL JERRY TIEN
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STARFLEET



It seems the excitement never let up this year. I had a jam-packed schedule before the STARFLEET International Conference 2004. It only got more so after that.

It has been a very busy time since the IC. Lots of travel for conventions and 'Fleet events. In September alone, I went to Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. But it's all worth it. I am always looking forward to meet our members and even manage to recruit a few new ones at these events. Most of the 'Fleet events also include interesting local diversions such as visits to Star Trek: The Experience in Las Vegas during Region 4 Conference. So I would highly encourage everyone to attend whenever possible.

As for the usual ShOC business, we had the following commissionings and launches:

USS Gallant (R4)

This ship commissioned at the Region 4 Conference on 9/25/04. Congratulations to FCapt. Larry Barnes and his crew! During the banquet, the DJ even managed to play "Yatta" - the song brought to us courtesy of FCapt. Barnes and RadioSTARFLEET (OK - most people who saw the video probably preferred to forget the experience, but the song keeps coming back, despite VAdm. Ed Nowlin's order to seek out and destroy that video. But seriously, it's nice to see another ship joining the thriving Central Sector of Region 4.

When ships are finally commissioned, they signal new beginnings to ShOC, not

the end. After all, ShOC is here to facilitate 'Fleet growth. Thanks to all the recruiting efforts and members desire to cover new grounds, new shuttles are in the works all the time.

The following shuttles should have launched by the time you read this:

Shuttle Dauntless (R7/2)* Shuttle Top Gun (R7)

*Correspondence shuttle currently deployed in Florida

Speaking of new shuttles, motherships play an indispensable role in the shuttle program. As I mentioned in last issue, I am looking for more chapters to join our Certified Mothership Program. If your chapter is interested, please contact me so we can add you to the list. This will go a long way toward helping new shuttle groups.

Other departments in ShOC are working hard to help folks with their ship designs. We have several new designs in progress, paving the way for refits / upgrades. If you want to create some interest in the chapter, this can be a great way to go. Need some help with that? No problem. That's what Department of Technical Services (DTS) and Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB) do best.

A word of advice to all chapters that wish to design new classes prior to commissioning or launch - be sure to contact the ever helpful Adm. Alex Rosenzweig at dts@sfi.org or Capt. Dave

Lynch at asdb@sfi.org and work out the details as soon as possible. This will speed up the launch and / or commissioning process and avoid last minute surprises. Hard copies of drawings are welcome too. You can mail them to the addresses listed in the back of Communique.

That's all for this time. See you around the galaxy!

ASDB UPDATE

Captain David Lynch
Director, ASDB

Greetings! As I reflect back over my first couple of months in office, I am mildly surprised how often requests come in for information, but are not complete. When I was working on the specs for my past vessels I relied on information from a number of different sources, the internet (mainly <http://www.asdb.net>) and the various Star Trek Technical Manuals that have out on the market.

I am always here to help you along the way, and I still use these materials to guide me in assisting you on your way to designing your ship. Another big tool I used was my imagination. Some of the information I had to work with was from the 23rd century, using my imagination I was able to convert the information over to the 24th century, since little had changed from the late 23rd. One big thing I would suggest to anyone thinking of designing a new type of starship, please check asdb.net or any Star Trek technical manual you may have, there may already be a starship to suit your needs within the era that you are looking to do whether it be 22nd century (NX-01 Enterprise) to the 24th Century NCC-1701-D or NCC1701-E. I will always be happy to discuss other ideas with you, but I do ask you consider existing classes first.

Until next month,

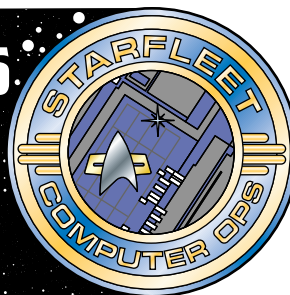
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**BGen. Joost Ueffing, RAdm. Jerry Tien, VAdm. Greg Trotter and the
"wedding shuttle."**
Submitted by Mark H. Anbinder

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

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Greetings, STARFLEET! It's hard to believe that 2004 is soon drawing to a close. As I sit here writing this article, fall has arrived here in my part of the world, and soon the leaves will begin to change. Time has passed quickly this year, and it's hardly any time between writing articles for the CQ. This month, I'm kinda at a loss for words, so this article will probably be considerably shorter than my last one. So, let's get down to business.

STARFLEET Database - The Database Team is hard at work, as they never seem to rest. For those of you that use the database, I'm sure you notice small changes and enhancements from time to time. As always, the Database Team is interested in hearing your suggestions and feedback. Feel free to contact them at Database@sfi.org or CompOpsHelp@sfi.org. To access the database, go to <http://database.sfi.org> and log in. If you don't have your username or password yet, again, contact us at the previously mentioned email addresses. And, if you do use the database, *please* make sure you keep your address and contact information up to date so that your CQ arrives on time to you, and, we want to make sure any emails from the Database get to you as well. The Database is good at renewal reminders and other tasks!

Membership Processing - Robin Pillow and Patty Heany are working hard as

usual in the MP office. Due to a snafu with ordering some supplies, they got a little behind, but I am told they are currently caught up and sending out packets in a very timely basis for those of you that are new members or renewing members. Thank you for your patience, and please understand that our volunteer staff is working tirelessly for you.

If you have any questions regarding your renewal or application, please send an email to membership@sfi.org or CompOpsHelp@sfi.org. Or, feel free to contact Robin or myself at the addresses in the staff directory in this CQ issue. A few reminders of things that help ensure a smooth application or renewal process and timely delivery of membership packets:

- If you mail in an application, please PRINT neatly.

- If you join/renew online, please be sure to double check your information before you click on the Submit button. We've run into several instances of wrong addresses due to user error when originally entering information. This also is the cause for many credit card issues from the CFO's office because of incorrectly typed credit/debit card numbers.

- If you renew online and use Paypal, be sure to actually use the renewal interface *and* be sure to click the link to PayPal

to create the payment. We've had several people that forget to do the last step and if we don't have a payment, we can't activate your membership.

- If you have an email address, please give that either on the printed application or be sure to enter it when you renew/join online. This is important in case we have problems or questions regarding your renewal. Robin and Patty often try to contact a member, and email allows for the quickest resolution. Also, if you get an email from Membership Processing, *please respond* to their inquiries! We really do want to help, but sometimes we need your assistance and feedback.

Membership Totals: Currently, the membership total stands at 3841. This is 45 fewer members than my last CQ article. But, overall, I suppose we are remaining steady. However, I think we could still have 4k in '04. Chapter COs and RCs, let's try to improve this number. Focus on things that will help retain members and think of new recruiting tools and methods. So, here's a few fun facts and figures.

The top 3 regions in size:

R1 - 868 members
R7 - 480 members
R2 - 470 members

Largest Chapter in Each Region:

R1 - USS Maat - 41 Members
R2 - USS Davinci - 32 Members
R3 - USS Panther City - 34 Members
R4 - USS Angelfire - 23 Members
R5 - USS Rubicon - 39 Members
R6 - USS Saint George - 26 Members
R7 - USS Starlord - 35 Members
R9 - USS Europe - 39 Members
R10 - USS Crystal Star - 14 Members
R11 - USS Southern Cross - 11 Members
R12 - USS Claymore - 27 Members
R13 - USS Empress - 33 Members
R14 - USS Magellan - 17 Members
R15 - USS O'Bannon - 20 Members
R17 - USS Stormbringer - 31 Members
R20 - USS Britannia - 14 Members

Final Words - Well, I hope you and your chapter are doing fine. If you need any help, please email me at CompOps@sfi.org or call me at 843-832-2359. I'll be glad to talk to you. Take care and see you in the next CQ!

Mandi Livingston

DOLLARS & SENSE

COMMODORE DENBY POTTS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET



Greetings one and all, hope everyone is enjoying the Fall Season. I am, with the change in the temperature, football games, and my favorite, my son's soccer games. :) Not much has changed since last time. Things are moving smoothly as possible within the CFO's office.

As you may recall from my last article, we are in the process of implementing an eCommerce system. The eCommerce 'test' site is about ready. We need to make sure everything is set right between the vendor and the Database before we release it to the membership. The renewals keep coming in, keeping the Membership Processing team and myself pretty busy. There have been delays here and there but we are doing our best to keep up with the process. And you the

member can help with the delays by double and triple checking the information that you enter when you fill out the online renewal form or mail in a hard copy one. There are several things you can do to help your membership renewal move quickly through the system:

- 1.) Make certain that all the pertinent information has been entered correctly. Robin and Patty (in Membership Processing) check all information before placing it into the database for me to process. When information is left out (or mistyped) it can slow down the process significantly.

- 2.) If paying by a Credit Card, make certain that the Credit Card number has been entered correctly. Numbers get

transposed often, and sometimes simple miskeying mistakes occur. Any problem with your Credit Card number stops the process, and I end up having to seek people out for correct info, sometimes without an e-mail address.

- 3.) Make certain the correct method of payment has been properly selected.

- 4.) If you select PayPal as method of payment make sure you follow through to the PayPal screen and complete the transaction. We've had people try to separate the actual Paypal portion of their transaction from the actual renewal, and it *never* works out correctly.

- 5.) Last, but not least, please don't try renewing when you're tired :) I see more

errors result from people trying to do things 'just before they go to bed', and the oddest things get entered into the system.

You may think that I am fussing and coming down a bit hard here because I have said these things over and over before. But this does bear repeating because the situation seems to have gotten a bit out-of-control here lately. Within the next two weeks I will be composing the Form 990 for Mike Malotte to send into the IRS and the review of the books should be completed by then also.

Until next time keep those dollars rolling in.

Cent-serely,

Denby A. Potts

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — AUGUST/SEPT 2004

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - AUGUST

08/01/2004 through 08/31/2004
Opening Balance: \$ 26,936.89

8/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	-163.39
8/2/04	Skipjack/Paynet Systems	eCommerce	-199
8/3/04	Discover	Discount Fee	-2.25
8/6/04	IC 2004	International Conference 2004	-131.00
8/9/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	-18.99
8/9/04	Ed Nowlin	International Conference 2004	-28.76
8/9/04	The Countywide News, Inc.	Election Expense	-1500.00
8/11/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-19.90
8/11/04	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	-1350.37
8/11/04	Pat Spillers	Postage/Delivery	-100.00
8/16/04	Associate Advertising	Quartermaster Expenses : Quartermaster Items	-3011.58
8/18/04	Frost Bank	Quartermaster Purchases	1506.00
8/19/04	Joe Motes	Reimbursement	-13.00
8/19/04	Thawte	Web Hosting	-359.00
8/23/04	Deborah A. Malotte	Promotions	-138.21
8/30/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	327.51

Ending Balance: \$ 21,734.95

* MP = Membership Processing

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

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER

9/01/2004 through 9/30/2004
Opening Balance: \$ 21,734.95

9/1/04	M&M Engraving	Annual Awards	-393.33
9/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	-2.50
9/2/04	NPC	Membership Processing	937.00
9/3/04	Discover	Membership Processing	15.00
9/7/04	NPC	Membership Processing	1584.00
9/8/04	Discover	Membership Processing	113.00
9/8/04	Skipjack/Paynet Systems	eCommerce	-10.00
9/8/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	-18.99
9/10/04	Stamps.com	Postage/Delivery	-475.00
9/10/04	Association of Collecting Clubs	Dues	-25.00
9/13/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-11.90
9/16/04	Denby Potts	HQ Office Expense	-22.95
9/17/04	NPC	Membership Processing	931.00
9/21/04	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Printing	-258.57
9/27/04	Randy Norris	Split/Multiple Categories	-70.67

Ending Balance: \$ 24,026.04

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

8/01/2004 through 9/30/2004

Scholarship Account:

Opening Balance: \$ 5,673.34

Interest Gained: \$ 1.76

Donations: \$ 0.00

Ending Balance: \$ 5675.10

SFI Savings:

Opening Balance: \$ 5,668.25

Interest Gained: \$ 1.92

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

8/01/2004 through 9/30/2004

Opening Balance: \$ 3,551.24

No Transactions

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$ 2,459.95

August:

8/23/04	Tuition	Other Income	\$ 36.00
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September:

No Transactions

Ending Balance: \$ 2,495.95



FLEETERS FALL FOR V



The Borg Queen looks over her domain at the Star Trek Experience. Submitted by Bob Vosseller



A dragon is seen at Excalibur during the Challenger's recent Away Team trip to Las Vegas. Submitted by Bob Vosseller



Mary "Helga" Singleton dons some headwear at the Excalibur Casino. Submitted by Bob Vosseller



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Security Chief Ken Dohn was placed in the stockade at the Excalibur. Submitted by Bob Vosseller



Challenger CO Bob Vosseller joins a Klingon and Challenger Ops Chief Ken Diehl during their time at the Star Trek Experience. Submitted by Bob Vosseller



The admiral doesn't seem to mind sipping a Borg sphere. Submitted by Bob Vosseller

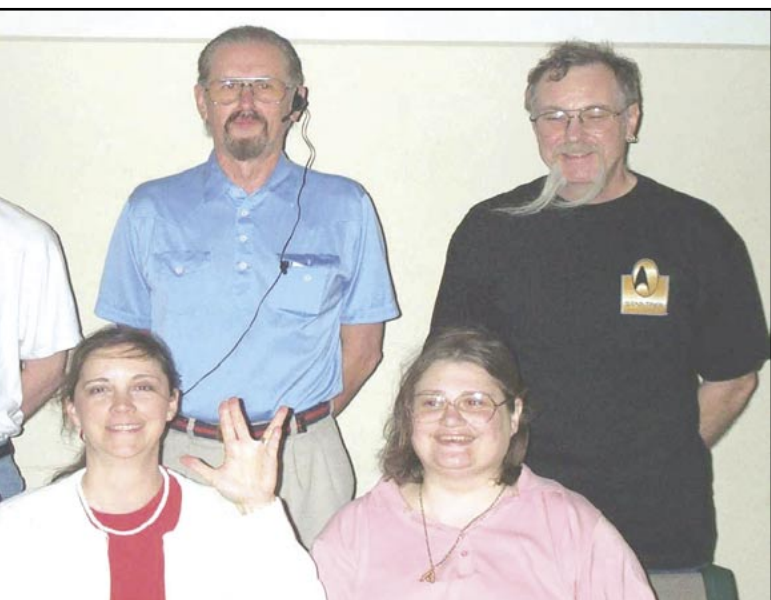


*Capt. Ken Diehl was ve
two Dabo Girls in the o
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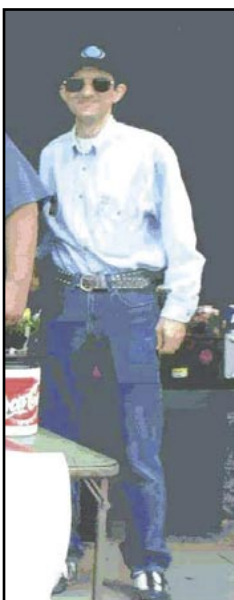


The USS Maelstrom is two years old, but emerging as a swift powerful ship. It has strong alliances in the Klingon Empire, with a special detachment of Klingon Marines on board for tactical mission. Brian Chappell who leads us to seek out new charities and boldly have fun where no one has before.....

EGAS & THE R3 SUMMIT!



Shawnee NCC-71802 on an Away Mission (Movie Night '04)
Back Row [l to r] : Chris(CO), Steve(IRS), Jim(EO).
Front Row [l to r]: Jenny (COM) and Evelyn(TO).
Photo submitted by Vance Watkins



XO of Shawnee (Commander Vance Watkins) Submitted by Steve Farris



Information Officer of Shawnee, Commander Steve Farris. Submitted by Steve Farris



USS Shawnee NCC-71802 Submitted by Steve Farris



Very lucky, he found a casino. Submitted by seller



R3 Summit Guest David Gerrold. Submitted by Robert Graham



The Crew of the USS Rhyanna at the Summit. Submitted by Robert Graham



...ns important to both the Federation and the Klingon Empire in keeping peace in our quadrant. Our commander is Capt. ... Submitted by "Matt Sh."



USS Lone Star crew at the R3 Summit. Submitted by Robert Graham



ATTENTION ON DECK

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First off I'd like to say congratulations to Susan and Joost on their recent marriage. They both are exceptional officers and fantastic friends. I wish them the best of luck in the future. Maybe there will be a break in the hurricanes so they can make their cruise. Linda and I thoroughly enjoyed ours.

As the summer comes to an end I hope you all had a safe and eventful season. I certainly did. I am very happy to see the cooler weather arrive.

With the fall comes the Toys for Tots season. I hope to see many of you participating this year. It is a very rewarding experience. And don't forget to report your activities in this area in your reports. We love to hear how our Marines made an impact during the Christmas season.

The Wilderness Challenge for Region One was the weekend of September 25 & 26. It was a hike starting at Clingman's Dome and descending to Newfound Gap in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We met at Newfound Gap on Saturday morning for the drive up to the Dome and arrived back at the Gap in the afternoon on Sunday following an overnight stay at the Mt. Collins shelter. The Park sustained quite a bit of damage from high winds associated with hurricane Ivan but the roads were open as was the trail we hiked.

I'm a little disappointed that lots of people asked that the Challenge be changed to let each Brigade have their own yet no one has submitted a bid. I've been told that two of the criteria, the bandana and picture, are impossible to do, yet in the three Challenges set up so far they have not proven to be any sort of a problem. I'll be glad to assist in any way I can with helping you create your bid and ideas for setting up your event. I'd really like to see every Brigade participate.

As this year comes closer to its close thought needs to be given to the Commandant's Campaign submissions. I'll be making a recommendation to the new Commandant about awarding the Commandant's Campaign streamers after the end of the year so every Unit, Battalion and Brigade needs to compile the data I'll need. When I ask for submissions I'll need to know for each unit in the Corps how many Great Barrier Expeditions were issued and how many members are in the unit. Assuming the new Commandant supports the Campaign I set up for this year streamers will be authorized for the top three units in the Corps for participation. Consideration will be given for the number if GBEs compared to the number of members in the unit. Streamers will also be authorized for recruitment. Units of four or less that are up by at least one member and Units above four

who are up by at least 25% will be authorized to display a Streamer for their accomplishment. Battalions and Brigades that are up by at least 20% will be authorized a Streamer as well.

Speaking of the Commandant's Campaign, I'd like to post the awards I am issuing for last years participation. The following Marines are authorized to wear the Commandant's Campaign ribbon for the 2003 Campaign:

Michael Balewitz
Earl Beighley
Kimberly Brooks
David Cerame
Susan Cerame
Craig Chearis
Rey Cordero
Alan Dawson
Margaret DeLorenzo
Mike Dethlefs
Philip Dillard
Steve Eizenberg
Rich Eseke
Russ Garrison
David Gomex
Joel Housworth
Carol Hubbard
Donald Jones
Anthony Leopard
Martin Lessem
Patrick McAndrew
Rodney Magann
Lynn Magann
Colin Magann
Michelle Magann
Johnny Magann
Christopher Magann
Susan Magann
Crain Martin
Lauren Milan
Kris Murphy
Aaron Murphy
Larry Neigut
Jeannette Olano
Linda Olson
Ben Redding
Dave Reustle
John Roberts
Alex Rosenzweig
Rebecca Self
Jeffrey Self
Jeanette Self
Meggie Self
John W. Self
Arlene Sickels
Jonathan Slavin
Kristoffer Strothers
Geraldine Sylvester
Terri Sylvester
Edgar Torres
Maria Torres
Diana Van Dyke
Gerri Wampler
Shirley Weaver
Paul Wheeler
Sonny Wright

Awards issued from this office in the last couple of months include:

John Philip Sousa Award to Scott Grant and Mandi Livingston
United Nations Service to Kriszia Venqua

Silver Nebula award to Brian Davis
SFMC Service Commandation for Martin Lessem

Now on to our Financial report. There were two financial reports sent since the last CQ, July and August.

July:

We started the month of July with \$1878.15. There were two deposits made during the month. The first was on 7/8/04 for merchandise orders in the amount of \$10.65. The second was on 7/22/04 for merchandise orders in the amount of \$4.90. There was no Service Charge on the account for the month. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1893.70.

We started the month with Petty Cash owing the 'Dant \$8.29. We had two deposits during the month. One on 7/25/04 in the amount of \$83.95 was funds received for merchandise sales at Region One Summit. The other was on 7/29/04 in the amount of \$7.65. There were four expenditures during the month. The first was for postage on 7/8/04 in the amount of \$0.98, the second was for postage on 7/22/04 in the amount of \$0.49, the third was for supplies on 7/29/04 in the amount of \$1.59 and the fourth was for postage on 7/29/04 in the amount of \$1.29. This leaves a total in petty cash at month's end of \$78.96.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$96.55. We are awaiting a reply from the benefactor and should be sending a check in the next week or so.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of July in the amount of \$1972.66.

August:

We started the month of August with \$1893.70. There was one deposit made during the month 8/2/04 for a merchandise order in the amount of \$34.50.

There was one expenditure during the month on 8/11/04 for reimbursement to the Commandant for funds spent to renew the Corps domain name in the amount of \$135.00. There was no Service Charge on the account for the month. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1793.20.

We started the month with funds

in Petty Cash equaling \$78.96. There was one expenditure for postage during the month in the amount of \$0.60. This leaves a total in petty cash at month's end of \$78.36.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$96.55. No reply was received from the chosen benefactor though I will not rule out the problems I had last month with my email Spam Filter. I am making another attempt at contact. This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of August in the amount of \$1871.56.

In service to the Corps,
LGN Wade Olson
Commandant, SFMC

DEPDANT REPORT

By BGN Aaron Murphy
Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Greetings! I hope everyone is having a safe and joyous holiday season, regardless of which faith you profess and of which holidays you recognize. It's been an eventful year and I'm sure one we will remember for quite some time.

In the coming weeks, I hope to have the SFMC Uniform Manual complete, reviewed, and ready for release to the Corps. There are a few changes and additions to the current uniform guidelines presented in the SFMC MFM. I hope that the Uniform Manual will help to clarify any contradictions or vague instructions, as well as helping the uniforms to become more, well, uniform.

By now, the units' Toys For Tots campaigns should be coming to their conclusion. I hope everyone had a smooth and successful campaign, as well as having a lot of fun. Be sure to include your unit's participating members and totals in your next unit report. All marines participating will be eligible for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon.

With the end of the year, we will not only be welcoming a new year, but also a new Commander, STARFLEET. As with any administration change, there are bound to be repercussions throughout the organization. The STARFLEET Marine Corps is no exception. I would like to thank all the Marines for their input, participation, and support throughout the year. I hope that no matter what challenges might come in the future, the Corps will meet them with the same honor and determination as they always have. Just remember, Adapt and Overcome.

SEMPER FIDELIS!

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Corps:

This has been an interesting couple of months. Here in Florida, we have been host to Bonnie, Charlie, Francis and Ivan. We still watch and wait to see if Jeanne, Karl and Lisa are going to pay us a visit. No these are not new members of the Corps or even of the Fleet. They are storms that remind us how fragile we truly are as humans.

Wade and I have been extremely lucky. We experienced a lot of rain, some high winds, and a day without power, but all in all, we had no real damage done either here or in Tennessee. Family members in Georgia and Alabama were also very lucky. Friends in other parts of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama may not have been as lucky. I urge everyone to do what they can to help with the recovery of those less fortunate.

I saw the damage that Francis and Ivan spread through out North Carolina and Tennessee: great trees felled, rivers running angry, slides that washed away entire sections of roads or closed them with massive landslides. These are physical things that can and will be repaired. However, the loss of life and the suffering of those in the path of these great natural occurrences can not be replaced or repaired so easily.

I was also reminded this past weekend of the close ties of the Fleet Family as we gathered to witness the marriage of Susan and Joost in Kingsport. It was a beautiful day, a lovely ceremony, a fabulous dinner, and the best in company. We met the families of both the bride and groom and I was most impressed at the genuine love that surrounded everyone there. Many of our Fleet family were able to attend and it was wonderful to share the occasion with them.

As I looked around the gathering of friends, family, and strangers who were soon to be either friends or family, I felt a great sorrow for those who do not share in the “experience of Fleet”. By this I mean the closeness and love expressed by most of the members of this organization.

Sure we have disagreements, all families do. We have fights on occasions, all families do. We have some members of the family that aren’t as well accepted as others, all families do. We have some who step up and handle the problems and some who prefer to sit in the shadows and merely watch, all families do. And occasionally we have the Black Sheep who just does not agree with anyone about anything, but don’t most families have that too? We have the prideful, the jealous, the vain, the silly, the geeks and the dummies; we have the athletes and the couch potatoes, just like any other family.

I guess what I am trying to say here is remember that even though we have an election going on and both sides would like to win, we don’t need to throw the friendships and the good times out in our

FORCECOM REPORT

by BGN Linda Olsen • COFORCECOM

effort to do so. One candidate is going to become the Commander, STARFLEET, but WE are STARFLEET. Without us the CS has no reason to be. Our organization is important. Sure we are “just a fan club”, but what a fan club! We, as a whole, have helped schools, churches, neighborhoods, families, pets and people alike. We give blood and sweat, time, and money to help make this world a better place. We try, many of us, on a daily basis to help bring Gene Roddenberry’s vision of the perfect world to fruition.

We look beyond the outward appearances and into the hearts. So many of our members have found more than just a “fan club” in this organization. Some of us, like myself and Wade, Susan and Joost, and many others, have found their future as well as the present. Let us each make the effort on January first to support the new CS whomever it is and look to the future of the organization, putting what will at that time be the past in its proper perspective, the continued foundation upon which our organization builds.

State of the Corps for June/July 2004

Brigades reporting

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 15th

Brigades Not Reporting

10th, 17th, 20th

Corps strength as reported:

272 Active 247 Reserve

By brigade:	Active	Reserve
1st	8	45
2nd	22	37
3rd	39	37
4th	52	7
5th	7	15
6th	1	8
7th	69	21
9th	6	3
12th	36	60
14th	1	0
15th	25	11

Units Activated - 5

1st - 198th, 199th
4th - 18th
12th - 210th
15th - 980th

Deactivated - NONE

Recruits

7th - Patrick Barnes,
12th - Matthew G. Copple
15th - Kathy Mullins, Laurie MacFarland

Discharges

6th - Wade Wantoch, Marshall Peterson
7th - Edward Hoffarth

12th - Matthew G. Copple, Glenn A. Hicks
15th - John Gregas

Units NOT reporting this period

54th, 66th 100th, 112th, 113th, 121st, 123rd, 126th, 127th, 135th, 144th, 145th, 155th, 157th, 161st, 165th, 166th, 169th, 182nd, 187th, 188th, 199th, 201st, 225th, 237th, 242nd, 252nd, 276th, 282nd, 411th, 420th, 424th, 575th, 616th, 622nd, 625th, 669th, 701st, 707th, 724th, 731st, 742nd, 757th, 781st, 801st, 832nd, 850th, 862nd, 875th, 862nd, 882nd, 898th

Promotions

1st - Eric Livingston to 1st LT.
2nd - Andy Kodger to LTC, Larry Morris to COL, Mary Morris to BDR, Neil Yawn to BDR
6th - Bernard Doddema to 1st LT

Awards Issued

Medical Proficiency

1st - Joseph Gallagher Jr.
2nd - Raye Crews
3rd - Joseph White, Dan Long, Kristi Long, Kristie Harford, Carmen Williams

Silver Nebula

1st - Harold Spears

Leadership

1st - Greg Franklin
2nd - Raye Crews
3rd - Kyle Schugart

STARFLEET Cross

1st - Mandi Livingston, Scott Akers, Sandy Berenberg, Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, Linda Olson
2nd - Wade Olson, DJ Allen
3rd - Aaron Murphy
4th - Chris Esquibel
5th - David L. Kania, Patrick McAndrew
7th - Mark Anbinder
12th - Wade Hoover, JD Clancy
14th - Joost Ueffing
15th - Scott Grant
17th - John Roberts

Shield of Valor

1st - Bill Herrmann
4th - Kimberly Temple

Cross of Valor

3rd - Joseph White
4th - Truman Temple

Legion of Valor

1st - 101st MSG
3rd - 318th MSG
4th - 001st MSG

Sword of Valor

4th - James Monroe

Star of Valor

4th - John Marcus

Meritorious Unit Citation

3rd - 333rd MSG

Brigade Achievement

1st - Mandi Livingston

SFMC Achievement

4th - Truman Temple
12th - JD Clancy

Community Service Citation

2nd - Jerry Watkins, Stephanie Watkins

Marine Proficiency

2nd - Kaith Rush

Good Conduct

5th - Nadine Romero, Stephen Idell, Norman DeRoux

Academic Excellence

3rd - Erik B. Cowand, Aaron Murphy

Great Barrier

3rd - Mark West, Kyle Schugart
5th - Patrick McAndrew, Russell Garrison, Arlene Sickels
15th - Scott Grant, Thomas Carroll, Matt Ingles, Martha Ingles, Mark Libby, Robb Jackson

Embassy Duty

3rd - Kyle Schugart
5th - Stephen Idell, Norman DeRoux, Craig Martin, Patrick McAndrew, Russell Garrison, Arlene Sickels
15th - Thomas Carroll, Thomas Guertin, Shawn Levesque, Brian Caton, Bran Stimpson

Joint Service

3rd - Mark West
5th - Stephen Idell, Norman DeRous, Nadine Romero, Patrick McAndrews, Russell Garrison, Arlene Sickels

Brigade Service Commendation

3rd - Mark West

Prentares

4th - Cyndi Temple, Kimberly Temple, Roy Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Thomas McCracken

Honor Guard

15th - Thomas Carroll, Thomas Guertin, Shawn Levesque, Brian Caton

Reading Competition

Individual - Scott Akers
Unit - 218th MSG
Cadet - Christopher and Max Miller

Linda Olson Reporting CO Forces
Command ST_Dragonlady@msn.com

INFOCOM UPDATE

by LGN Wade Hoover
COINFOCOM

It's been an interesting couple of months, hasn't it? Between the hurricanes in Florida and the election for CS, who needs any other things?

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Brouhard for his service to Infocom. I would also like to recognize that Joe is no longer on the development team, but he is now SysAdmin for the Corps Server. With that, I need to announce that Infocom is taking applications for people to help maintain the SFMC website. The qualifications are as follows:

1) be a member in good standing of STARFLEET;

2) have a working knowledge of HTML;

3) be able to work in a team environment, and be able to work under deadlines;

4) have reliable Internet and E-mail access.

Please send your fleet resume to infocom@cablone.net, and include examples of your work.

I would also like to remind everyone that if you find problems with the SFMC site, or find something that needs to be changed, please send the request to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org, along with the URL of the page that needs to be changed.

I guess that's all for now. See you in 60.

LGN Wade Hoover
Co-Infocom
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OPERATION: EAGLE UPDATE

by BGN Bill Herrmann • Director, Operation: Eagle

Greetings to the 'Fleet.

Want to do some holiday shopping and support the troops and their families at the same time? Please share the following across SFI-related Cyberspace.

OPERATION: EAGLE

Trekkers For The Troops and the Office of Chaplain 1st. BDE, SFMC have joined forces to obtain Phone Calling Cards for troops recovering in hospitals in the USA from wounds and injuries received in the War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, over 1,000 have lost their lives and over 4,000 have been wounded, many very seriously, in defense of freedom and liberty.

The Phone Calling Cards will be donated to the wounded troops so that they will be able to communicate with their families and loved ones, which will greatly help them in their recovery and uplift their morale and spirits in a significant manner.

I am pleased to announce that the Following Star Trek collectibles are available for all those devoted Star Trek collectors with the donation of a Phone Calling Card containing the hours required to receive the item as specified. No money is being requested here. Only donations of Phone Calling Cards will be accepted. They should be mailed to me at the address below. Any money will be returned. Please do NOT send any money to OPERATION: EAGLE HQ, only Phone Calling Cards. Upon receipt of the Phone Calling Card, I will send you the requested Star Trek collectible within 2-4 weeks. Duplicate responses and requests will be treated on a first come, first served basis. So don't procrastinate. Send in your Phone Calling Card immediately.

This is a good and noble cause to aid and benefit our courageous men and women serving in defense of freedom and liberty who have sacrificed much while in harm's way.

Here is what is now available:

Minimum of 30 minutes on a Phone Calling Card per action figure. Ninety Minutes on a Phone Calling Card guarantees your choice of four action figures. Please specify which four you want. All action figures will be shipped without the stand and various accessories such as tricorders and phasers.

Assorted Action Figures- Excellent Condition

Geordi LaForge with visor in Duty Uniform – Next Gen
Geordi LaForge with visor in Dress Uniform - Next Gen
Captain Sisko - DS9
Jadzia Dax – DS9
Odo - DS9
Kira Nerys - DS9

Dr. Bashir - DS9
Quark - DS9
Worf -DS9
Worf - Next Gen
Worf as Klingon Warrior from Redemption - Next Gen
Captain Picard -Next Gen
Cmdr. William T. Riker - Next Gen
Picard as Locutus of Borg - Next Gen
Cardassian, Gul Dukhat - DS9
Ambassador Spock from Unification - Next Gen
Ensign Wesley Crusher - Next Gen
Q as STARFLEET Officer - Next Gen
Romulan, Sela - Next Gen
Romulan Officer - Next Gen
Klingon Chancellor Gowron - Next Gen/ DS9
Cmdr. Data - Next Gen
Lor - Next Gen
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XENO STUDIES BORG:

STUDYING THE BORG

By FCAPT Kyle Wolf

The Borg are considered one of the most dangerous enemies of the Federation to date (at least in the 24th century). Their hive mind, near invulnerable defenses, and their numbers help to give them this distinction. As the Borg say, "Resistance is futile," but in the interest of the Federation, and Earth in particular, "Resistance is Not Futile." For the Federation, the best defense is knowledge. Therefore, both the Starfleet Academy and the Starfleet Marine Academy offer training and course work dealing solely with the Borg.

Under the SFMCA, the student takes a look at the basics of who and what the Borg are. Once the student has a basic understanding of the Borg, they move on to the technology used by the Borg. Once the student understands the basics, a thesis topic is chosen and approved. Upon completion of the thesis, the student graduates with a bachelor in Xeno-Studies: Borg. At this time, this is the outline for the course work within this academy course.

The current course work is being looked over for possible changes. I am looking into advancing the course to the master's degree level. The changes, when completed and approved by the SFMCA, will be announced. Also, a Borg manual that will list all the available information needed to take the course work will be completed by the end of this year. To participate in Xeno-Studies: Borg, please go the SFMCA web page, which you can find by going the STARFLEET Marine Corps main web site. Or, simply use the following address:
<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/academy/index.shtml>.

For those who may not be interested in the Borg courses offered through the SFMCA, there are Borg courses offered by the SFA. There is the School of Borg Technology, which offers course work up to a doctorate degree; and there is the School of Delta Quadrant Studies: Borg. Both of these courses are excellent.

For those who may be interested, there is work on a project known as the STARFLEET Borg Institute. Simply put, the SFI-BI is for graduate students who want to continue work in the Borg culture. Once all of the details are completed, a report will be filed for all to view. Therefore, keep your eyes here to hear more about the project; and the Federation's dealings with the Borg.

PLANETARY SOCIETY CALLS FOR 2-STEP CREW EXPLORATION VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT

SHUTTLE-DERIVED HEAVY-LIFT LAUNCH VEHICLE SHOULD FOLLOW COST OF HUMAN MOON-TO-MARS PROGRAM ESTIMATED AT \$4.3 BILLION PER YEAR

A Press Release from the Planetary Society

The Planetary Society today released a study that calls for the planned Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) to be built in two steps - the first allowing completion of the International Space Station (ISS) core assembly and retirement of the shuttle, the second permitting human space transportation beyond Earth orbit.

The report, "Extending Human Presence into the Solar System," outlines a strategy for the proposed U.S. Space Exploration policy and was drafted by an independent study group chaired by former astronaut Owen Garriott and aerospace veteran Mike Griffin and convened by The Planetary Society.

The CEV would be launched on a new human-rated vehicle based on the existing shuttle solid rocket motor (SRM), augmented with a new liquid oxygen (LOX)-hydrogen upper stage. Such a system could be available by 2010, allowing the shuttle orbiter to be retired as planned. If ISS assembly has not been completed by that date, the remaining international modules can be deployed on the heavy-lift launch vehicle (HLLV) that must be developed to support the proposed exploration initiative, or on suitable international vehicles such as Ariane or Proton. The study group supported the use of foreign launch vehicles in the space station assembly.

The Planetary Society has put forward a human space exploration plan with regular, significant, and publicly appealing milestones," said Griffin, "while at the same time respecting the political and programmatic constraints inherited from the past and the fiscal constraints likely to exist in the future."

The group considered the entire architecture for a Moon-Mars program and estimated its cost, stating, "A Mars Exploration Program starting in 2014, launching a first mission in 2024 and a mission every 26 months thereafter through 2044, is estimated to have a total cost of no more than \$129 billion over that period, or about \$4.3 billion per year."

Louis Friedman, Executive Director of The Planetary Society, stated, "That is less than the current year-by-year cost of the shuttle program."

The study recommends a three-stage strategy to send humans to the Moon and Mars: Stage 1 would establish Earth orbital capabilities with a new CEV capable of

carrying four to six persons to and from low-Earth orbit (LEO), including the ISS, by 2010. It requires an appropriate launch vehicle, which could be based on a single SRM augmented with a new LOX-hydrogen upper stage. With this system in place, and with the agreement of the international partners, the shuttle orbiter could be retired after ISS assembly reaches the milestone "U.S. Core Complete."

Stage 2 of the exploration program should focus on robotic missions to interesting destinations within the solar system, such as the Moon, near-Earth objects, the Lagrange points, and Mars, including the Martian moons Deimos and Phobos. Each of these locations offers the potential of fascinating scientific return and broad public interest, while remaining within reasonable fiscal bounds.

Stage 3 would encompass human landings on the Moon and Mars. Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., President of The Planetary Society, thanked the independent study group, "The report outlines bold, innovative steps that must be taken to enable the new vision for human space flight." He added, "The recommended strategy is also resilient to inevitable schedule delays and technical problems."

The study report cites the need to retire the shuttle by 2010 or 2011, after reaching the "U.S. Core Complete" stage with the space station. To continue using the shuttle until ISS is totally completed would take more than 20 additional flights, which would stretch the program too far. The report also strongly endorses international cooperation in the new Moon-Mars program.

"The proposed US exploration policy was developed without any international or broad political input," notes Friedman. "But all of the international partners share the space transportation problems, most specifically completing the assembly of the space station. Beyond that, China and India have joined the US, Europe and Japan in planning lunar exploration." The study group recommended that the heavy-lift launch vehicle (developed in Stage 2) be a design that utilizes existing space shuttle components (e.g., the solid rocket motor and external tank). Some proposed Shuttle-derived HLLVs could have a payload capacity in excess of 100 metric tons and offer a near-term approach to meeting exploration requirements with a minimum of non-recurring investment.

The Planetary Society commissioned the study as part of its support for the proposed re-direction of the human spaceflight program to exploration beyond Earth orbit. The full report is at <http://planetary.org/aimformars/initiatives.html>. The Society has also commissioned two other studies: one on how Russia would approach the Moon-Mars strategy, conducted by Russian aerospace organizations; and a second on a specific first step preparing for a Mars Outpost- an International Lunar Way-Station.

The Society is conducting the Aim For Mars! Campaign to encourage public support of the proposed policy: <http://aimformars.org/The> studies commissioned by the Society are part of this campaign.

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Five years after The Planetary Society helped launch SETI@home, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence that utilizes a distributed computer system, the project now operates as the most powerful computer on Earth and has racked up an impressive list of accomplishments:

-- Nearly 5 million participants in 226 countries

-- Nearly 2 million CPU (Computer Processing Units) years of work

-- Over 1.3 billion results received

Not bad, considering that the project's founders, David Anderson and Dan Werthimer of University of California, Berkeley, originally hoped to attract a few thousand people to participate in the program!

The Planetary Society is the founding and principal sponsor of SETI@home, which is based at UC Berkeley. Original funding was provided by The Planetary Society's members and a grant from Paramount Pictures.

The program harnesses the computing power of individual computers worldwide to analyze data from the Arecibo radio telescope. SETI@home sends packets of raw data to the personal computers of volunteers around the world. When the volunteer is not using his or her computer, SETI@home kicks in as a screensaver and begins processing the data. Today SETI@home serves as a model for distributed computing systems, and the technology developed for the project is being adapted for use by many other scientific research projects in fields ranging from medicine to mathematics.

To celebrate SETI@home's 5th anniversary, The Planetary Society is honoring those participants who have processed the greatest amount of data

SEARCHING FOR ET AT HOME: PLANETARY SOCIETY SALUTES TOP 10 TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS ON SETI@HOME'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

A Press Release from the Planetary Society

over the past five years. The top 10 teams in each of nine categories and the top 10 individuals will each receive a certificate of accomplishment.

The top 10 teams represent a broad spectrum of participants, ranging from companies that employ thousands to primary school teams where a few individuals manage the system for the entire school. The common bond is a commitment to SETI@home and, in many cases, the enjoyment of a little friendly competition. A complete list of SETI@home top 10's can be found at <http://www.planetary.org/setiteams.html>.

Our original ambition was to make it to the top 100 SETI@home clubs," said Ron Eunson of BroadbandReports.com Team Starfire, ranked sixth among Clubs. "Obviously we went a little further."

Some well-known names figure in the team lists. The US Navy, Air Force and Army all made the cut among top 10 Government Agencies, but then so did the Ministry of Silly Walks.

The top 10 Large Company list is a veritable who's who of high tech: Hewlett-Packard, Sun Microsystems, SGI, IBM, Microsoft, Intel Corporation, Unisys, Apple Computer, Cisco Systems, and VERITAS.

Jon Redinger of VERITAS is pleased that data he processed included one of SETI@home's most interesting radio sources, "I know that at least one person on the team, myself, was lucky enough to catch a top 150 candidate signal."

There are also nearly 20,000 Small Company teams. Michael Bader, leader of Spot_E.T., whose company LAN Solutions sponsors the team, began to process data himself the very day SETI@home launched on May 17, 1999.

James R. Davis, who leads top 10 Small Company team The Master Strategy Group, said one of the reasons his company joined SETI@home was because, "We believed that the project was a very useful foundation for the development of distributed computing functions."

There are four different educational team groupings: Primary, Secondary, Junior Colleges and Universities. The top University team is the University of West Bohemia in the Czech Republic with 192 team members, while the University of Washington's group is not only in 9th place among University teams but was also the ninth SETI@home team to form back in 1999.

As technology evolves, so does SETI@home. Simon Holmes of Australia, in seventh place among individual users, said software upgrades and the use of additional computers has helped him reduce the time it takes to process a unit of data from 60 hours to about 2.

SETI@home is extraordinary in many ways, not least of which is the opportunity it offers people anywhere to become part of a vast scientific research project. While it comes as no surprise that the United

States is first in the list of 226 countries in terms of SETI@home data processed, it is remarkable that tiny Pitcairn Island, with just 67 registered participants, is in 65th place, beating out many nations with hundreds or even thousands of users.

But all have the same goal. As Ian Tullie, leader of The Turnips (eighth place among Primary Schools), said, "Let's hope that the advances being made in the science of the detecting equipment mean that SETI@Home will produce a 'Wow!' signal, and it will turn into being humanity's first proof of not being alone in the universe!"

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Top 10 Teams
<http://www.planetary.org/setiteams.html>

USS INFERNO AWAY MISSION TO PITTSBURGH AUTO SHOW

Story & Photos by COL Larry French
USS Inferno, Region 7

An away team of the USS Inferno attended the Pittsburgh Auto Show on Saturday, February 21st. We planned to meet other SFI & R7 members at the Convention Center about 11 AM, but nobody else showed up.

A good time was had by all. After the Auto Show, we went back to the XO's & Ops Chief's Quarters for refreshments and further socialization.



RETURN TO LAS VEGAS: THE CHALLENGER TAKES ON SIN CITY!

Story & Photos by VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, Region 7

In the last few years, the *USS Challenger* has been going on a group vacation to Region 18 in Cozumel, Mexico. We jokingly call it the R18 Conference. This year, however, it was decided that the bridge crew head out west to Las Vegas. For Security Chief Ken Dohn and I, it was a return trip, as we had stayed for nearly a week at the Luxor Casino Hotel two years ago and had a fantastic time. We knew we'd have to return, as we just didn't have enough time to spend out in that corner of Region 4.

This time, First Officer Mary Singleton, Chief Medical Officer David Singleton, Ops Chief Ken Diehl, Security Chief Ken Dohn and I made our way out to Sin City for a full week and had a fantastic time. We credit our Asst. Med. Chief Jeffrey Victor for arranging a great hotel deal for us at a Super 8 Hotel, which was right behind Bally's Casino and near the Las Vegas strip.

Of course, one of our first adventures was to visit the Star Trek Experience. For Ken Dohn and I, it would mark the first time for the Borg Invasion attraction, which was only in the planning stages the last time we were at the Star Trek Experience at the Hilton Casino.

The new attraction was incredible, a 4D event featuring new footage of Robert Picardo as the holographic Doctor of StarTrek: Voyager, a new scenario involving Space Station, Copernicus, which has a special mission called "Project: Resistance." The plotline involved volunteers to be tested for a new anti Borg nanite test. But of course, the Borg, complete with Borg Queen, Alice Krige, the original and still the best Borg Queen, attack the station. For those who have never been to the Star Trek Experience, GO! You'll be glad you did.

As our photos illustrated, the fun didn't stop with the attractions. The casino has the theme of a space station; even the rest rooms feature the theme with the men's room urinals talking to you.

Quark's Restaurant is fantastic. A bit pricey, but you are paying for the 24th Century atmosphere. A Klingon heckled us. I was wearing a short-sleeved DS9 shirt, so I became a great target for the bump head. "So, STARFLEET personnel are now wearing their pajamas!" Our meals were good, and Kent, "I'm your ambassador for the day," was an excellent server and a big *Star Trek* fan. Our trip wasn't complete until after we raided the Star Trek Experience store and picked up some items ranging from t-shirts, bumper stickers, address books, *Star Trek* cards etc.

Following our time at the Star Trek Experience, Ken Dohn and I joined the crew of Space Station K'helyr, who were enjoying a Labor Day Party during the day,

which also served as a birthday celebration for one of their members, Brad. Keith was the host of the day and we enjoyed some good food, fun, and I got to catch up with former R7 alumni Bob and Wendy Fillmore and their sons Bobby and Sean. It was great seeing them all. I served with Bob many years ago during the early days of the *USS Avenger*, where I was a founding member and XO. The Fillmores moved out to Nevada a number of years ago and have been very active on the station. It was great fun meeting the members of the station and we all watched the expanded version of *Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country* on DVD.

Our other adventures during the week included a trip to The Venetian, where we had dinner at Emeril Lagasse's restaurant Delmonico. As Emeril is a hero to our CMO, we expected a fantastic meal. Well, while the service was great, the amount of food on my plate was pretty scarce. A family of starving Ethiopians gets to eat larger helpings and my shrimp and penne pasta dish was average. The dessert, which my XO, CMO and I ordered, was a banana ice cream pie. It had freezer burn or the equivalent of such. All this for \$35! Let's just say I'm glad I won a little money at the money wheel during our stop at that casino. The Venetian itself is incredible, like a holodeck experience.

Ken and I showed everyone the Luxor, where we stayed last time, which recreated ancient Egypt perfectly. It is still my favorite casino hotel in Las Vegas. We also got to visit Excalibur, Paris, MGM Grand, Bally's, New York, New York, and a host of other places.

Some of our best meals were at Ellis Island, a great brewery, restaurant, and casino next door to us, which served generous portions at very cheap prices.

Our trip to Las Vegas featured a movie, *The Day After Tomorrow*, a relatively good movie. It was ironic that we were watching what could be called the ultimate disaster film during a flight. Dave enjoyed seeing the lions of Siegfried and Roy. Ken Diehl loved his time at the NASCAR Café, dinner at Paris, the shows he saw, including Jubilee, and his highflying rollercoaster ride on the Stratosphere.

We didn't get to do everything we would have liked to do in Las Vegas; time and our personal budgets limited our escapades. But, as always, we had a great time just being together as a group, doing what we could, trying to tempt fate and fortune at the casinos and also meeting some new and familiar STARFLEET members in the area. That's what STARFLEET is all about. I have a feeling we'll return again, in a few years!



VAdm. Bob Vosseller of the USS Challenger appears to be ready for assimilation into the Borg Collective during his visit to the ST Experience. Submitted by Bob Vosseller.



Challenger XO Mary Singleton tries to make time with a Gorn. Submitted by Bob Vosseller.

FORE . . . LUAU STYLE!

Story & Photos by RADM Gary Halverson • SS Ian Fleming, Region 15

Aloha from Region 15! This year's Region 15 mini-golf tournament was held at Jurassic Park Mini-Golf in Salisbury, MA, and what an event it was! Over 40 people attended, the most ever for the Region! Ten out of thirteen Chapters were represented and it was truly an outstanding success.

Though the weather was hot, the course tough, and the competition fierce, the contestants were up to the challenge. "Red Alert" declarations permeated the air as "holes in one" were achieved and occasionally one could hear the unmistakable Klingon-like reaction to a missed shot. In the end three survived, as five time Champion, Joe "Ironman" Ruttar of the USS Endeavor took home the first place trophy. Second place went to Scott Grant of the USS Hood and third place went to Jeremy "Burl" Gilbert of the USS Atlantis.

But the festivities did not end there. As is the tradition for the Region 15 Mini-Golf Tournament, a BBQ was held after the event and this year we celebrated it with style... Luau style that is!

As the guests arrived they were greeted with leis and a dolphin key chain souvenir and entered into a yard decorated with raffia, flamingos, parrots, tropical flowers

and the sounds of steel drums in the background. Supreme BBQ Master, RC Garry Halverson appeared in a Hawaiian shirt, shell necklace and hula skirt and dazzled the crowd with his prowess in the use of cooking tools as he relentlessly presented the attendees with a continuous stream of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and polish kielbasa.

The sounds of conversation, laughter and fun filled the air as the party went into full swing. Many took advantage of the swimming pool and others just relaxed in the shade of a large maple tree located in the middle of the yard. Joe Ruttar entertained everyone with his guitar, singing various Jimmy Buffet tunes and later in the evening Rich DeMidio of the USS Atlantis set up his Dobsonian telescope for observing the wonders of the night skies.

As the day drew to its end and people started to leave, we all left with a good feeling and memories that will last a lifetime. In short we drew a little bit closer together as an extended family and Region. It impressed upon us that events like this one is what Starfleet should be all about... fun and friendship and we plan to do our part here in Region 15 to keep that trend going.



Garry Halverson appears in full luau regalia.



Joe Ruttar entertained everyone with his guitar,



Rich DeMidio of the USS Atlantis set up his Dobsonian telescope for observing the wonders of the night skies.

Caffeine: historically, it has been the life blood of military groups, geeks, and many other people. Many of us grew up with Jolt Cola (real sugar and twice the caffeine!), Mountain Dew, or the like. Others have family members who had to have that cup of coffee every morning, or the rest of their day was shot.

Caffeine has a rich history. (For those of you who like their coffee so strong that it reaches out of the cup to say hi, no pun intended.) It is the belief of some anthropologists that the use of caffeine may date back to the Stone Age, and that the first plants that contained caffeine may have been as early as 600,000 BC. In 1475, the world's first coffee shop opened in Constantinople. Under Turkish law, it was legal for a woman to divorce her husband if he failed to provide her with her daily quota of coffee.

In 1668, coffee replaced beer as the breakfast beverage of choice in New York City. Caffeine was first isolated by the German chemist Friedrich Ferdinand Runge in 1819. German coffee importer Ludwig Roselius gave a batch of ruined coffee beans to a researcher in 1903. That researcher perfected the process of removing the caffeine from the beans without ruining the flavor. Roselius then marketed the decaffeinated coffee under the brand name "Sanka." This was introduced to the US in 1923.

Caffeine is found in several products, including coffee, tea, chocolate, mate, and soda. What is mate, you ask? Well, it's pronounced MAH-teh, and it is a tea-like beverage, brewed from the dried leaves and stemlets of the perennial tree *Ilex paraguarensis* or Yerba Mate. It is consumed primarily in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Southern Brazil.

As we step forward into the Star Trek future, we can get some more insight on caffeine. We all know about Jean-Luc Picard's vice (Tea. Earl Grey. Hot.). Deanna Troi had to have her chocolate: her favorite was the Ktarian chocolate puff. Coffee was programmed into the food units of Kirk's Enterprise. Coffee was also Benjamin Sisko's favorite beverage, and he always drank it black: Miles O'Brien drinks his black, doublesweet, and never after noon. The Klingons even had their version of coffee, called raktajino. But when it comes to the 21st century STARFLEET, just how important is it?

Inspired by a discussion on the STARFLEET list and a suggestion by Admiral Allyson Dyar, and armed with this history lesson and my trusty old computer, I reached for my glass of sweet tea and decided to find out.

I posed these questions to my fellow Fleeters.

CAFFEINE: HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

by CAPT Kai'leen Gibbs • USS Haise, Region 2

1: Do you drink caffeinated beverages?

2: If not, is there a reason you wouldn't mind sharing?

3: If yes, how important are they to your survival/well being/peace of mind/consciousness/sanity?

4: If caffeine is a necessary part of life, what do you drink and is there a particular time of day you like to drink it? Why do you prefer this particular drink?

The answers were as varied as the caffeine lovers themselves. Everybody that responded drinks some sort of caffeinated beverage. Most drink often and drink them for a purpose. Allyson Dyar of the USS Jaguar said, "Caffeine helps with keeping my migraines from getting out of control. And for waking up when I have to get up at 4am."

Brenda Bell of the USS Avenger said, "Over the past couple of years, I've picked up a tendency to be *chilled* most of the time. Warm fluids are essential to my not shivering and -- if I'm feeling particularly cold -- my being able to feel (and use) my fingers. While I prefer the flavored fluids, I will sometimes drink hot water with lemon instead -- so, caffeine isn't *necessary* for my psychological well-being, but it *is* enjoyable."

Jeff Davis of the USS Indiana replied, "Preferred is either Diet Coke or Diet Mountain Dew. If you include hot chocolate, I do occasional of that too, but am diabetic. I did try Jolt once, but that was out of my league; never again. I think I have an addiction to carbonated beverages is part of the reason I go for these two, and I have never liked the fruit pops, except for grape. I'll do Pepsi, but not if a Coke is available. I start in the morning and go all day; doesn't matter to me. I can polish off a pair of two liters in a day, if I let myself."

Lucy Ferron of the USS Haise responded, "I've drunk Coca-Cola since infancy and believe that it flows through my veins! I was allergic to milk from birth through much of childhood. My mother put Coca-Cola in my baby bottle many times. I guess they didn't know any better in those days. So I'm a life-long caffeine junkie."

Several responded with interesting ways of getting the caffeine into their systems. For example, Brenda Bell of the USS Joan of Arc responded: "Coffee is consumed with as much sugar and cream that I can fit into the cup after a jigger of Bailey's and a jigger of coffee (a jigger is about 2 ounces). The Bailey's come from a long line of Irishmen (and women) in my family. Most of my family had a nip Bailey's before coffee was even considered.

The first Region Three summit I went to, the AC was broken on our side of the hotel. Not that too many were complaining about the refrigeration temperatures that plagued all of the panels rooms, but after the first three hours of frost bite, I decided it was time for a good ole' mug of Bailey's, coffee, and a large dollop of whipped cream. Walking back to the room, several people asked what I was drinking. Evidentially this sounded like a good idea to everyone. By the time I went back an hour later to get a second one, the Bartender gave it to me for free because she had had this extraordinary run on Bailey's and coffee which put her well over her sales for her shift."

Anne Bellinger of the USS Matrix added, "This from a WW2 USN submarine captain I knew: use a huge old fashioned coffee pot, put in an egg, throw in two hands full coffee grounds, add water, boil the heck out of it. Drink black. Guaranteed to keep you awake. Forget about the taste. No, I never tried it, but I did see it made once."

The Navy officer was Admiral Leffler, and his daughter was a friend of mine long ago. They used that method because they had poor galley facilities and little chance to do much cooking. Those old WW2 subs were small."

For some, caffeine is absolutely necessary. Larry French of the USS Inferno said, "In the U.S. Air Force, I used to drink several pots of coffee when I was on graveyard (7 pm - 7 am) shift. Our main job during that shift was to stay awake. Our secondary job was to run a few computer jobs and the daily back-ups. It took about a half hour, tops." For another, caffeine is necessary for the survival of other people. Joseph Sare of the Shuttle Sinclair says, "Well, seeing how I'm in the Law Enforcement profession on midnights.... I might accidentally shoot the good guy if I'm too tired!"

Caffeine has a history with Fleet as well. Mandi Livingston of the USS Rutledge said, "Every IC since 1998, I get a picture of me holding a Dr. Pepper. It's become a bit of tradition!"

Brad Pense, Commander of the Third Fleet, shared this story. "Dr. Pepper has been the Official Drink of Region Three since VADM Bill Schwab was Regional Coordinator back in the early 90's when he started the tradition that the Commanding Officer of a newly commissioned R3 chapter would have to serve Dr. Pepper to all COs present at the commissioning.

It was not until our Summit in 1998 that it was decided to turn the Official Drink of Region Three in to a fund raiser where folks could put money in to mason jars to vote on the Official Drink of Region

Three. The first year Dr. Pepper went up against Coke and of course, Dr. Pepper won.

"Over the years, the fund raiser has evolved to include many different types of soda ... A&W, Mug, Mr. Pibb, Mountain Dew, Pepsi, Sprite ... etc. as well as how the money counts in the voting. Originally all of the money counted positively towards the drink score. However, over the years we have seen several different ways of doing this ... for example, this year all coins (from pennies up to the \$1 coins out there) counted negatively and only paper money counted positively towards the score.

It was also at this year's Summit that Coffee was added in to the list of challengers for the title of the Official Drink of Region Three. The fund raiser brought in \$140 with DP having a score of \$37.50 (\$70 positive and \$32.50 negative) Coffee's score of \$19.88 (\$22 positive and \$2.12 negative). All other drinks scored negative and thus did not come close to Coffee or the reigning champion ... Dr. Pepper."

There were even varying responses concerning the most famous caffeinated beverage in Star Trek: Jean-Luc Picard's "Tea. Earl grey. Hot." Jeff Marlowe, VRC of Finances, said, "Give me an iced tea anytime. Or a hot tea (Earl Grey, orange pekoe, or green) when there is a nip in the air."

Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, OIC of the 5th BN/1st BDE said, "A guy I used to work with told me he knew of no one who liked that Earl Grey tea, except Capt. Picard Cracker Barrel's hot tea is Earl Grey, and we do sell a lot of it."

Derek Sauls of the USS Joan of Arc stated, "I actually bought some Earl Grey once, steeped it and tried to like it - honestly. UGH! It reminds me of when I accidentally got steel shavings in my mouth. I can't abide the stuff. Sorry Jean-Luc, I gave it my best shot!"

So, caffeine in its various forms helps Fleeters move smoothly. As a respondent from the USS Rogue Phoenix stated, "The USS Rogue Phoenix runs on caffeine.....those aren't dilithium crystals...they're Folgers!"

Well, my glass of sweet tea is empty, and I need a refill. Please join me soon for the next installment: Chocolate and STARFLEET.

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Region 1

Shuttle Banshee

NCC-74916 Maryville, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed gaming night. An away team hiked in the Great Smoky Mountains. Another away team attended a baseball game. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights.

Shuttle Essex

NCC-72402/01 Newark, OH

Crewmembers attended the regular monthly meeting. Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue.

Shuttle Schweitzer

NCC-51896/01 Westminster, MD

Crewmembers preparing for a Labor Day Parade.

SS Benu

NCC-SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team traveled to Las Vegas.

SS Nikola Tesla

NCC-SS005 Puryear, TN

An away team attended the IC. Work for the annual Toys for Tots campaign has begun.

USS Aeon

NCC-75022 Memphis, TN

The crew celebrated the ship's anniversary.

USS Alaric

NCC-503 Asheville, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed gaming at the monthly meeting. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Appomattox

NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

An away team toured the Smithsonian Annex at Dulles Airport. The ship celebrated its 3rd anniversary.

USS Asgard

NCC-72402 Lancaster, OH

An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers attended a Renaissance faire.

USS Athena

NCC-51896 Reston, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a Tribbles and Tranya gathering. An away team visited the National Zoo.

USS Bonaventure

NCC-102-A Thamasville, NC

An away team attended a local convention.

USS Charleston

NCC-71813 Charleston, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. A party was held to proof and print the crew manual. An away team traveled to a nearby convention. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

USS Chesapeake

NCC-1887 Glen Allen, VA

Crewmembers welcomed a new CO. Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to the Air and Space Museum with

members of other area ships.

USS Columbus

NCC-72401 Columbus, OH

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 15th anniversary with a picnic. An away team traveled to a local observatory.

USS Commonwealth

NCC-74670 Richmond, VA

Crewmembers participated in many Academy classes. An away team attended a civil war reenactment event. An away team enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Dark Wolf

NCC-75002 Kingsport, TN

Crewmembers took some time to deal with school and life. An away team enjoyed a movie out and a local fair.

USS Dominator

NCC-18076 Charleston, SC

Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

USS Gallifrey

NCC-81631 Elyria, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights and role playing events. The ship celebrated crewmembers birthdays. Work on a haunted forest continues. Work continues on the upcoming haunted forest.

USS Hathor

NCC-3063 Louisville, KY

Work continues on a new ship website. An away team participated in a memorial walk.

USS Heimdal

NCC-1793 Amherst, VA

The ship sponsored the annual crew auction to raise money for Christmas charities. Crewmembers enjoyed "Shrek Trek" night with plenty of green treats.

USS Hornet

NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC

The crew celebrated has a sweet 16 birthday party for one of their members. Crewmembers enjoyed a local Greek festival. An away team enjoyed a dinner event.

USS Indiana

NCC-79158 Indianapolis, IN

Crewmembers hard at work on the ship's newsletter.

USS Jaguar

NCC-74750 Kingsport, TN

An away team attended a camping weekend hosted by another area chapter.

USS Jamestown

NCC-1843-D Newport News, VA

Away teams attended meetings at several other area chapters. Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 22nd anniversary with a dinner.

USS Jurassic

NCC-3500 Hammersville, OH

The ship celebrated its 10th anniversary with dinner and a live amateur radio event. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. Lap robe project continues. An away team attended WorldCon in Boston.

USS Kitty Hawk

NCC-1659 Raleigh, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a month off to relax. Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and cookout. Plans for fundraising and future events underway.

USS Lagrange

NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual picnic. Plans for the anniversary party are underway.

USS Liberator

NCC-75008 Akron, OH

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS MAAT

NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach, VA

Plans for the anniversary party are underway. An away team attended the anniversary party of another area chapter. An away team also toured the Udvar-Hazy center of the National Air and Space Museum.

USS Maelstrom

NCC-74218 Tyner, NC

Crewmembers attended a promotional event sponsored by a local radio station. They were able to promote the chapter on air.

USS Nebula

NCC-61800 Newark, OH

Recruitment efforts continue. Shuttlecraft mockup work continues.

USS North Carolina

NCC-75019 Hickory, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. Plans for a Halloween party and other future events are underway.

USS Ohio

NCC-75007 Barberton, OH

Crewmembers answered phone at a public television telethon. An away team attended a local convention and helped man a recruitment table. An away team enjoyed a laser tag event. Crewmembers helped administer amateur radio testing.

USS Pathfinder

NCC-2121 Lima, OH

Crewmembers helping out STARFLEET's membership processing team. Processing work for Seti@home continue.

USS Powhatan

NCC-1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Crewmembers helped clean the ship's adopted highway spot. An away team attended the anniversary party of another area chapter.

USS Pride of Scotland

NCC-S8812 Louisville, KY

An away team enjoyed a British dinner. An away team visited a Wolf preserve and adopted a timber wolf. An away team enjoyed a trip to the East coast. Crewmembers collected and donated phone cards to a local children's hospital. An away team volunteered at a local Irish festival. Donations to various charities continue.

USS Providence

NCC-71796 Cedar Grove, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed the normal monthly meeting.

USS Renegade

NCC-2547 Youngstown, OH

An away team attended a nearby convention. Plans underway for a movie marathon.

USS Reprisal

NCC-1896 Fall Branch, TN

Crewmembers participated in the regular monthly meeting.

USS Richmond

NCC-2003 Covington, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie at the monthly meeting.

USS Ronald E McNair

NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

Crewmembers took a month off because of their busy schedules.

USS Rutledge

NCC-74215 Ladson, SC

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers continue to support Operation Eagle. Fiction writing continues.

USS Star League

NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed a Get Fit for Duty Walk. The crew threw a party to welcome back to members from various locations. A crewmembers flew emergency supplies to hurricane victims.

USS Star Runner

NCC-74222 Greer, SC

An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Starward Fury

NCC-2122 Spring Lake, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Tycho

NCC-59325 Toledo, OH

Crewmembers decorated the display case that the library where the ship meets.

USS Wasp

NCC-1721 Shelbyville, KY

Crewmembers working on redesigning the ship's website. Work on the newsletter continues.

USS White Eagle

NCC-2302 Jacksonville, NC

Collection efforts for soup labels continue. Crewmembers continue to clean their adopted highway.

USS Yeager

NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV

Preparations underway for an upcoming convention.

USS Yorktown

NCC-1704-A Catawba, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the monthly meeting. An away team went to a nearby amusement park and had a wonderful time.

Region 2

Shuttle King George

NCC-78501/1Savannah, GA

An away team attended a nearby convention.

Shuttle Victorious

NCC-40967 Clearwater, FL

Shuttlemembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

SS Dark Silence Station

NCC-007 Florence, AL

An away team attended the Region 2 Summit. Plans for an upcoming Renaissance faire are underway.

USS Blackstar

NCC-75003 Miami, FL

Crewmembers mourned the tragic loss of Chief Engineer Ben Feld. An away team attended a nearby convention. Plans for a Halloween party are underway.

USS Continuum

NCC-71821 Milton, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner after the monthly meeting.

USS Dark Phoenix

NCC-74920 Lucedale, FL

Fundraising underway for a diabetes walk.

USS DaVinci

NCC-74671 Columbus, GA

Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet month. Plans underway for the upcoming months. An away team attended a viewing of Trekkies 2 presented by the director of the film. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual good bye summer cookout. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Drakenfire

NCC-71822 Odenville, AL

An away team enjoyed a shopping trip. The engineering department began a sewing project.

USS Gasparilla

NCC-74400 Apollo Beach, FL

Krewemembers attended IC and Adm Dave was given a lifetime membership after over 26 years of service. An away team attended a free day at a local museum and enjoyed the exhibits and the IMAX.

USS Guardian

NCC-26244 Cocoa, FL

Activities in August and September were delayed or cancelled due to hurricanes.

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USS Haise

NCC-74664 Brandon, MS

Plans for an Observatory trip are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a season premiere party for Enterprise. An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Hephaestus

NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL

Crewmembers relaxed after hosting the IC. An away team enjoyed a movie outing. The hurricane curtailed activities.

USS Khai Tam

NCC-81000 Tallahassee, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team helped clean up a local trail.

USS Myrddin

NCC-72172 Dunedin, FL

An away team attended a local convention.

USS New Hope

NCC-50335 Montgomery, AL

An away team attended the IC.

USS Okatoma

NCC-74695 Collins, MS

Crewmembers enjoyed a joint meeting with another area chapter.

USS Paegan

NCC-1755 Lake Mary, FL

The ship sponsored a Hurricane Charlie barbecue.

USS Pleiades

NCC-72388 Douglasville, GA

Crewmembers attended and volunteered at a nearby convention. Plans for upcoming events underway and the entire crew is excited about plans.

USS Relentless

NCC-81001 Madison, FL

Crewmembers volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and with a local motorcycle club. An away team enjoyed a bowling night and a cookout.

USS Republic

NCC-1371 Douglasville, GA

Crewmembers Attended and volunteered at a local convention. The ship participated in a local parade.

USS Spiritwalker

NCC-31097 Decatur, GA

Donations to a local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Trident

NCC-74692 Jensen Beach, FL

Crewmembers attended the monthly meeting.

USS Triumph

NCC-26228 Dania, FL

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Recycling efforts continue as well. September meeting was called on account of a hurricane.

USS Wernher von Braun

NCC-72069 Madison, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. The ship sponsored its annual rocket day.

USS Yamato

NCC-71807 Gardendale, AL

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 12th anniversary.

Region 3

SS Freedom III

SS-001 Eules, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a relaxing month. Crewmembers gearing up for the beginning of school and the upcoming holiday season.

USS Ark Angel

NCC-1889 Georgetown, TX

The ship sponsored a baby showed for a crewmembers. Fundraising efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed roleplaying events.

USS Aurora Vulcanus

NCC-1888 Houston, TX

An away team attended the IC. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a day at the beach. Ship awards were given out.

USS Bethel

NCC-74663 Justin, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a sector movie outing.

USS Bexar

NCC-71718 San Antonio, TX

Crewmembers practiced for the upcoming Region 3 Darts tournament. Plans for upcoming events are underway.

USS Comanche

NCC-71809 Weatherford, TX

An away team enjoyed a movie event. Fundraising efforts continue.

USS Gunslinger

NCC-6019 El Paso, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed an anime night.

USS Intangible

NCC-65421 Bryan, TX

The ship held a barbecue.

USS Joan of Arc

NCC-73289 Corpus Christi, TX

Plans for the ship's 12th anniversary party underway. New ship t-shirts were distributed to members.

USS Laredo

NCC-03 Laredo, TX

Away team enjoyed several outings.

USS Lone Star

NCC-73628 Lubbock, TX

Crewmembers prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night at a local drive-in. Monthly gaming nights continue. The ship held a fundraising garage sale.

USS Panther City

NCC-74917 Benbrook, TX

The ship sponsored a sector moving outing.

USS Palo Duro

NCC-61914 Amarillo, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a sci-fi night.

USS Rhyanna

NCC-1892 Marble Falls, TX

The ship donated tomato products to a local food pantry. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a party at a member's home.

USS SpiritWolf

NCC-74300 Houston, TX

Plans for the ship's 6th anniversary party are underway. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Tejas

NCC-9756 Vernon, TX

An away team toured an historic theater.

USS Trinity River

NCC-6425 Dallas, TX

An away team attended the IC. The ship sponsored an event at a book store to celebrate Gene Roddenberry's birthday. An away team attended a local convention. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Victory

NCC-74208 San Antonio, TX

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a pool party. Crewmembers participated in a local festival.

Region 4

Shuttle Battle Born

NCC-23104/1 Carson City, NV

Recruitment efforts continue. Charities are being discussed. Engineers are hard at work designing the ship. An away team participated in the MDA telethon. Another away team attended the Region 4 conference.

SS Cascade Station

NCC-SS003 Redding, CA

Plans underway for the end of the summer barbecue. An away team attended the Region 4 conference.

SS K Ehleyr

NCC-009 Las Vegas, NV

Crewmembers enjoyed movie events and the monthly meeting. The ship hosted a successful Region 4 conference.

USS Angeles

NCC-71840 Los Angeles, CA

An away team attended the farewell convention for James Doohan. Crewmembers welcomed Trek star Tim Russ and his family to their monthly meeting. An away team attended the Region 4 conference.

USS Angelfire

NCC-75025 Tolleson, CA

The ship held a luau and pool party to celebrate crewmembers

birthdays. The ship hosted a bowling party.

USS Augusta Ada

NCC-55011 Campbell, CA

The ship sponsored Water Wars and the SiliCon Internet lounge.

USS Centurion

NCC-74801 Highland, CA

Crewmembers gearing up for fall activities. Recruitment efforts continue. Community service efforts quite rewarding.

USS Dragons Cub

NCC-81003 Shafter, CA

Collection efforts for pop tops, KoolAid points nad Betty Crocker Points continue.

USS Eagle

NCC-1719 Fremont, CA

An away team attended a neaby convention. The ship held a barbecue and potluck dinner. Recruitment efforts continue. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Gallant

NCC-4890 Fresno, CA

Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Hells Fury

NCC-74304 Fresno, CA

The ship welcomed aboard a Marine unit.

USS Highroller

NCC-23104 Reno, NV

An away team attended a convention in California. Crewmembers answered the phones at the MSA telethon.

USS Northern Lights

NCC-27001 Newark, CA

The crew welcomed three prospective members during the General and Senior Staff meetings. Crewmembers watched Trekkies 2 at the monthly meeting.

USS Onizuka

NCC-71815 Chico, CA

An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS PeaceKeeper

NCC-73200 Visalia, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed barbecue at the monthly meeting. Practice for the November Poker and game night is underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team attended the Region 4 conference.

USS S L heya

NCC-1601 Fresno, CA

Recruitment efforts are underway.

USS Tikopai

NCC-1800 San Jose, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Trek Movie night. The ship hosted a hospitality suite at a local convention. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Vanguard

NCC-75026 Fillmore, CA

Plans for upcoming activities are underway.

USS William O Darby

NCC-12474 Grand Terrace, CA

Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers attended the Region 4 conference.

Region 5

SS Grey Wolf

NCC-SFR-501 Boise, ID

An away team attended a fair day. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS C M Russell

NCC-75285 Great Falls, MT

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Regular meetings are being planned. The ship will adopt another family for the upcoming holidays.

USS Carson

NCC-0592-A Weiser, ID

Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Crusader

NCC-74711 Otis Orchards, WA

Crewmembers enjoyed playing pool when a trip to the beach was rained out. Crewmembers enjoyed a comedy movie event. Plans for a back sale are underway as well as plans for the ship's 7th anniversary.

USS Destiny

NCC-97301 Salem, OR

Collection efforts for OCP continue. A crewmember participated in the ADA Walk America.

USS Rubicon

NCC-71816 West Richland, WA

Crewmembers participated in a benefit bike and car show. An away team enjoyed a chili pepper festival. An away team attended a baseball game. The ship sponsored a birthday party and geocache event.

Region 6

USS Czar ak

NCC-1798-A Richfield, MN

An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers answered the phones at a public television telethon. An away team enjoyed a trip to a Renaissance festival. Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck meeting.

USS Fox River

NCC-81002 Appleton, WI

Crewmembers enjoyed a pot luck dinner with another area group that is considering joining STARFLEET.

USS Imperium

NCC-2125 Fargo, ND

Crewmembers helped out at a public television pledge drive.

USS Saint George

NCC-63541 St. Paul, MN

Crewmembers continue to correspond online.

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USS Thunderchild
NCC-3122 Belle Fourche, WI
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

Region 7

ISS Lexington
NCC-1703-C West New York, NJ
The unit insignia patch development project continues. An away team attended the commissioning of an area chapter. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 12th anniversary. An away team enjoyed a paintball event.

Shuttle Dauntless
NCC-74214 Orange Park, FL
The ship published its first newsletter. Plans underway to start the VRCP.

USS Accord
NCC-1842 Ithaca, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meal and a mission. A contest is underway to design this year's Watkins Glen Weekend shirt. Crewmembers enjoyed a minigolf event.

USS Adamant
NCC-3029 Hadfield, PA
An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie night. Crewmembers enjoyed the regional picnic. An away team toured a game preserve. Crewmembers enjoyed a space exhibit at a local science museum.

USS Albany
NCC-587 Albany, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a mini golf and lunch outing. An away team attended a local baseball game. Collection for OCP continue. Crewmembers participated in local Scottish games. Crewmembers volunteered at the MDA telethon.

USS Alpha Centauri
NCC-71812 Temple Hills, MD
Crewmembers planning to attended the Maryland Renaissance Faire.

USS Archer
NCC-1069 Mantua, NJ
Plans for fall events are underway.

USS Ari
NCC-1723 Buffalo, NY
An away team attended a county fair. Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. An away team traveled to the local zoo. Another away team enjoyed a nearby concert.

USS Ascension
NCC-2520 Allentown, PA
An away team attended a nearby convention. The ship sponsored a very successful Region 7 picnic.

USS Asimov
NCC-1647 Paoli, PA
Crewmembers took the summer off due.

USS Avenger
NCC-1860 Linden, NJ
An away team attended the IC. Plans continue for next years 20th anniversary party. An away team attended Watkins Glen Weekend.

USS Challenger
NCC-1676-D Toms River, NJ
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for fall activities are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed an end of summer party. An away team traveled to Las Vegas.

USS DeBraak
NCC-63543 Dover, DE
An away team attended the regional picnic. An away team attended the Maryland Renaissance festival.

USS Dragon Star
NCC-52135 Walden, MD
Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights and gaming nights.

USS Edinburgh
NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, MD
An away team traveled to Boston for WorldCon.

USS Flying Fox
NCC-3116 Bethlehem, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed a tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary. An away team attended the IC. Plans for fall activities are underway.

USS Highlander
NCC-10530 Randallstown, MD
Plans for upcoming fundraisers are underway.

USS Inferno
NCC-15202 Pittsburgh, PA
Plans for a trip to Indiana for a convention are underway.

USS Justice
NCC-556 Florham Park, NJ
Crewmembers have begun their second video project. The ship is gearing up for paintball with William Shatner.

USS Malverne
NCC-2205 Upper Darby, PA
Plans for fall and winter activities are underway. Crewmembers attended a camping trip hosted by another area chapter.

USS Matrix
NCC-72296 Laurel, MD
Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary are underway. Crewmembers are participating in a region wide writing project.

USS Niagara
NCC-75634 Cheektowaga, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual pool party. An away team attended a convention in Ohio and in Toronto.

USS Northstar
NCC-10462 Bronx, NY
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Osiris
NCC-3092 Bronx, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. The crew was wowed by the beginning of a digital movie that a new crewmember is making for the ship.

USS Prevailing Wind
NCC-74667 Harrisburg, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed Space Day. The ship held its annual picnic.

USS Sovereign
NCC-75000 Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue after the monthly meeting. An away team attended the Region 7 picnic. An away team traveled to New York City to visit the Natural History Museum.

USS Starlord
NCC-74225 Aberdeen, NJ
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights.

USS Thor
NCC-2549-A Baltimore, MD
Crewmembers are working on an update to the ship's website. Plans underway for the ship's 15th anniversary. Fundraising efforts continue.

USS Triton
NCC-71819 Glen Burnie, MD
Crewmembers enjoyed Trek night at the Captain's quarters. The ship sponsored a bake sale.

Region 9

USS Europe
NCC-74668 Lisbon, Portugal
Crewmembers developed an enlisted officer's guide and crew manual. The awards program was completed.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star
NCC-1160 Eagle River, AK
Crewmembers enjoyed a summer barbecue at the captain's house.

USS Majestic
NCC-78601 Victoria, BC
The ship sponsored a movie night. A crewmembers continues to volunteer at a local food program. Crewmembers enjoyed a video night.

USS Sol
NCC-1733 Ester, AK
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. A representative from Big Brothers and Big Sisters gave a presentation at the monthly meeting.

Region 11

USS Southern Cross
NCC-1886 Harbord, Australia
Donation efforts continue.

Region 12

Shuttle Dragonstrike
NCC-74305 Oswego, KS
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's first annual crew picnic. Can food drive collections continue.

USS Allegiant
NCC-07 Lenexa, KS
Plans for the upcoming Halloween banquet are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed movie and sandwich night. Plans underway for the return of the intership banquet. The ship raised money for Juvenile Diabetes.

USS Bortas
NCC-74211 Urbana, IL
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and pizza party. Crewmembers volunteered at light the night.

USS Celt
NCC-75018 Elkins, AR
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Claymore
NCC-72292 Midwest City, OK
Fundraising efforts by the cadets continue. The ship donated Halloween costumes to a local youth center and to area schools. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout and a movie night. The ship donated goods to a local food pantry. Ships cadets working on mittens, hats and scarves for the warm the world project.

USS Delta Clipper
NCC-72302 Atchison, KS
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Discovery
NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. An away team toured a local winery. Crewmembers attended a barbecue held by another area chapter. Everyone hard at work for the ship's 20th anniversary.

USS Firestorm
NCC-36005 Ottawa, KS
Crewmembers donated blood at a blood drive. The ship sponsored a campout. An away team attended a picnic hosted by another area chapter. The ship sent goods overseas to its adopted unit in Iraq.

USS Hexum
NCC-2199 Belleville, IL
An away team traveled to Las Vegas. The ship donated goods to the humane society and to the Emergency Society for Hurricane Assistance.

USS Jeannette Maddox
NCC-14514 Witchita, KS
An away team attended an intercultural event. Plans are underway for the ship's anniversary.

USS Marko Ramius
NCC-23103 Fayetteville, AR
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly

meeting with a dinner out. Plans underway for the ship's anniversary party and annual fundraiser.

USS Nomad
NCC-78500 St. Louis, MO
An away team attended a baseball game.

USS Phoenix
NCC-2155 Columbia, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed Tactical Tuesdays. Crewmembers participated in a parade.

USS Royal Sovereign
NCC-72201 Leavenworth, KS
Crewmembers taking some well deserved R&R

USS Shawnee
NCC-71802 Lenexa, KS
Plans underway for future events.

USS Thunderbird
NCC-71845 Oklahoma City, OK
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Titan
NCC-72303 Atchison, KS
Crewmembers prepared and delivered meals for the homeless.

USS Titanic
NCC-75015 Lawton, OK
Recycling efforts continue.

USS Umiak
NCC-3142 St. Louis, MO
Crewmembers attended a local convention.

USS William Wallace
NCC-2555 Jolin, MO
Recruitment plans underway.

Region 13

Shuttle Aurora
NCC-62004 Dearborn, MI
Commissioning plans underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and Labor Day festivities.

Shuttle Sinclair
NCC-74209 Waterford, MI
Work on the ship's website continues. Plans underway for the commissioning ceremony. Plans underway for future activities.

USS Banting
NCC-17220 Guelph, ON
Crewmembers enjoyed a quiet month off. An away team attended a baseball game. Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner night.

USS Empress
NCC-15025-A Shelby Township, MI
Work on the crew handbook revision continues. The ship donated to the International Red Cross, the American Cancer Foundation and MDA.

USS Hadfield
NCC-75020 Georgetown, ON
An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers enjoyed a camping

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trip. The ship sponsored a charity car wash. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's second anniversary. An away team visited a local train museum.

USS Parallax
NCC-74657 Livonia, MI
Recruitment efforts underway.

USS Valkyrie
NCC-74658 Clawson, MI
An away team participated in an MDA bike-a-thon.

USS White Star
NCC-71012 Ft. Gratiot, MI
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual cookout. Plans underway for the new Relay for Life. Plans also underway for the ship's anniversary party.

Region 14
USS Magellan
NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, QC
An away team attended the IC. Work on chapter fiction continues.

Region 15
SS Ian Fleming
NCC-SFR-1501 Newburyport, MA
Crewmembers attended the Region 15 Lawn Olympics. An away team attended a Ghost Hunting at the Lizzie Borden house which included an overnight stay. Crewmembers enjoyed a Labor Day Weekend campout.

USS Ares
NCC-26291 Boston, MA
The ship celebrated its 5th anniversary with a party featuring poker, trivia and great food. Crewmembers enjoyed a new role playing game. Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event that members from all over the region attended.

USS Atlantis
NCC-71803 Litchfield, MA
Plans for upcoming events are underway.

USS Avalon
NCC-74914 Standish, ME
The cadets raised money with a bottle drive. An away team attended a local festival. Crewmembers enjoyed the R15 Lawn Olympics.

USS Darwin
NCC-1166 Brockton, MA
Crewmembers working on the upcoming UFC.

USS Endeavor
NCC-1716 Baltic, MA
An away team attended the Region 15 Law Olympics. The weather did not dampen the fun. Crewmembers enjoyed videos and board games at the monthly meeting.

USS Galaxy
NCC-70637 Springfield, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. Plans for future activities are underway. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Hood
NCC-1707 North Chelmsford, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed the regional Lawn Olympics. Crewmembers participated in local Highland games.

USS Kasimar
NCC-1784 Bangor, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed a lakeside barbecue. An away team attended the premier of a new fan movie. Crewmembers participated in the ship's 15th annual campout over Labor Day weekend. The ship sponsored a yard sale.

USS Nelson
NCC-74804 Northhampton, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed the R15 lawn Olympics. Plans for UFC underway. Crewmembers enjoyed pizza and a movie.

USS O Bannon
NCC-5372 Sanford, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. Plans underway for an upcoming blood drive. An away team attended the region's lawn Olympics. Crewmembers enjoyed the third annual Mini Golf Tournament. An away team attended a movie night. The ship held a yard sale.

USS Omar Khayyam
NCC-79001 Watertown, MA
An away team attended the region's lawn Olympics.

Region 17
Shuttle Moontype
NCC-74213/01 Fort Collins, CO
Work on the shuttle newsletter continues. Plans to have it done in large print, Braille and audio versions are underway. Plans for an upcoming convention are underway.

USS Alioth
NCC-72383 Orem, UT
Crewmembers participated in a yard sale. The ship sponsored a family picnic topped off with fireworks. Crewmembers attended a concert sponsored by the Red Cross.

USS Anasazi
NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM
The ship celebrated its 3rd anniversary with a party at a local convention. Plans underway for this years Toys for Tots campaign.

USS Arc Royal
NCC-63546 Colorado Springs, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting with gaming afterwards. An away team traveled to Region 4 for their conference.

USS Mir
NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM
Crewmembers took a trip to the zoo. Crewmembers participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. An away team attended the Region 4 Conference.

USS Omega Glory
NCC-NCC-26917 Denver, CO
Crewmembers completed Amateur radio training. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. Away team enjoyed bike rides, geocaching and a trip to an amusement park. An away team enjoyed a caving trip. Another away team took a trip to a local zoo.

USS Orion
NCC-74915 Colorado Springs, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Pioneer
NCC-5280-D Westminster, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway. The ship sponsored a camping trip. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team enjoyed a picnic and golfing. Crewmembers participated in a laser tag event.

USS Stormbringer
NCC-74213 Englewood, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed happy hour. An away team attended the Region 4 conference in Las Vegas.

USS Wind Spirit
NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed a putt-putt rematch. Because of the Water Hazards encountered at the Putt-Putt Golf tournament. An away team attended a hot air balloon festival.

MEMBERS WANTED

A new correspondence chapter is forming. Like writing fiction? Like storylines? Like a continuing saga? Then look no further. The USS Gorkon will be re-forming for a fantastic voyage. The chapter will be based as a play-by-e-mail group. For further information, e-mail FCAPT Ken Oziah at USSGorkonCO@aol.com or GamingKen@aol.com

ATTENTION: Unassigned Members and any other members of STARFLEET residing in the Houston, Texas metropolitan area. We are looking for new members to join the USS SpiritWolf, a Region 3 meeting chapter in the Houston area. Anyone who might be interested please e-mail Robert Graham at



Robert_26884@msn.com or send a snail mail to 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St. #C, Houston, TX 77006.

EVENTS

Calling all STARFLEET personnel! The USS Allegiant in Kansas City is looking for members to take part in the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade on Thursday, March 17, 2005. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS NEW ADVENTURE!

We need STARFLEET members from any part of Region 12 or as far

out as they want to come, to help construct the BIGGEST Star Trek/Starfleet parade float the world has ever seen, and then to join us on March 17, 2005 as we take part in the Kansas City traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade!

For more information, go to the Allegiant's website at <http://www.thirdtap.org> and don't miss out on the fun!

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Producer of the Spiderman Movies, Nemesis Station Armorer to the Fleet. Film Production: Reggie, Berryman, GiGi, & Brennen. Starfleet, Special Star Majel Barrett Roddenberry. (2 hour VHS) Please use U.S. Post Office Money Orders, \$10 Donation + \$2 tape + \$4 S/H = \$16. Send to: Rachel Hawken, 3919 N. Clark St, Apt. D, Fresno, CA. 93726-4808. Email: slheya@comcast.net

FOR SALE

For Sale - pins and t-shirts from Starfleet International Conference 2004. Just a few left! Shirts are black, small and medium, and are \$5 plus \$2 each for postage. Pins are \$3 each, \$1 postage for up to 3 pins. Email pdmohney@aol.com, or write to Pete Mohney, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham, AL 35215. All income goes to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

CONVENTION LISTINGS

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Convention attendees: When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. 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. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

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Alabama

May20-22 Mobicon, Mobile, Alabama; Info: PO Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/president@mobicon.org> Benefits: Make A Wish Foundation

Arizona

May 6-8 LepreCon 31, Carefree, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/lep31@leprecon.org> Guests: Dave Dorman, Kevin J. Anderson, Bear Burge, Sarah Clemens

California

Dec 2-5 Gen Con So Cal, Anaheim, California; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave Suite #100, Seattle, WA, 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencon.com/events@gencon.com>

Dec 4 San Jose Super Toy Show, San Jose, California; Info: 532 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128 <http://www.timetunneltoys.com/toyshow.html> ttunnel@concentric.net

Jan 13-17 Further Confusion, San Jose, California; Info: PMB #236, 105 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/info@furtherconfusion.org>

Jan 21 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street,

Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Feb 18-19 WonderCon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comiccon.org/ccweb@nucgen.com>

Feb 18-19 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Feb 18-20 Gallifrey One, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/info@gallifreyone.com> Guests: Nicholas Courtney

Feb 25-27 Corflu, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 662, Los Altos, CA 94023 <http://www.corflu.org/info@corflu.org>

Mar 4-6 Potlatch 14, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 5328, Berkeley, CA 94705 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/info@potlatch-sf.org>

Mar 11-13 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Mar 18-20 Wizard World Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/la.cfm>

Mar 25-27 ConDor XII, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://www.condorcon.org/Info@ConDorCon.org>

Apr 9-10 Alternative Press Expo, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comiccon.org/ccweb@nucgen.com>

Apr 23-24 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

May 27-29 FanimeCon, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 8068, San Jose, CA 95155-8068 <http://www.fanime.com/help@fanime.com>

Jun 4-5 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Colorado

Apr 29-May 1 Starfest, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 24955, Denver, CO 80224-0955 Ph: 303-

757-5850 <http://www.starland.com/starland@starland.com>

District of Columbia

Dec 3-5 SMOFCon 22, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: 7113 Wayne Dr., Annandale, VA 22003-1734 <http://www.seahunt.org/smocon22/peggyraes@comcast.net>

Florida

Jan 9-16 Cruise Events, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/Susan@CruiseEvents.net> Guests: Peter Woodward

Jan 28-30 Florida Extravaganza, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 300546, Fern Park, FL 32730-0546 Ph: 407-788-7469 <http://www.fxshow.com/tickets@fxshow.com>

Feb 25-27 MegaCon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 1097, Safety Harbor, FL 34695 Ph: 727-796-5725 <http://www.megaconvention.com/info@megaconvention.com>

Mar 3-6 Sleuthfest, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 22475, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335 Ph: 954-581-8912 <http://www.mwa-florida.org/sleuthfest.htm> Sharonpotts@aol.com Guests: Lisa Scottoline, Christopher Whitcomb

Mar 6-13 Cruise Events, Miami, Florida; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/Susan@CruiseEvents.net> Guests: Vic Dunlop, Bruce Baum, Stephen Austin Benefits: Bob Hope Hollywood USO at LAX, Nicole Brown Charitable Foundation

Mar 16-20 IAFA-26, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 10416, Blacksburg, VA 24062 <http://www.iafa.org/Guests:RudyRucker,DamienBroderick,JohnKessel,AlbertGoldbarth,BrianAldiss>

Apr 9-16 Cruise Events, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/Susan@CruiseEvents.net> Guests: Richard Hatch

Georgia

Jan 7-9 Gafilk, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 702, Alpharetta, GA 30009-0702 <http://www.gafilk.org/registration@gafilk.org> Guests: Mich Sampson, Mary Crowell, Rand Bellavia, Adam English

Feb 11-13 Furry Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 1361 Fairbanks St., Atlanta, GA 30310 <http://www.furryweekend.com/furryweekend@furryweekend.com>

Apr 16-17 Atlanta ComiCon, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 2225

McQuiston Dr., Marietta, GA 30064 Ph: 770-623-3496 <http://www.atlantacomicon.com/tickets@atlantacomicon.com>

Hawaii

Mar 13-20 SuperTrek 3, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: 10370 USA Today Way, Miramar, FL 33025 Ph: 866-456-1263 <http://www.supertrek.com/registration@supertrek.com>

Idaho

Mar 25-27 Anime Oasis, Boise, Idaho; Info: 420 9th Ave North, Nampa, ID 83687 <http://www.animeoasis.org/creamyjereamy@animeoasis.org>

Illinois

Feb 4-6 Winter War 32, Champaign, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873 Ph: 217-469-9917 <http://winterwar.prairienet.org/winterwar@prairienet.org>

Feb 10-13 Capricon 25, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/info@capricon.org> Guests: James P. Hogan, Shaenon K. Garrity

Apr 30-May 1 Hollywood Collectors Show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net> Guests: Val Kilmer, Adam West, Frank Gorshin, Catherine Bach, Mary Linda Rapelye, Cindy Morgan, Melissa Jo Hunter, Karolyn Grimes, Larry Thomas, Candace Kita, Darlene Tompkins, Scott L. Schwartz, Samson Burke, Cammie King, Sybil Danning, June Wilkinson, Chanel Ryan, Robyn Douglass, Greg Evigan, Mark Goddard, Marta Kristen, Ernie Hudson, Antonio Fargas, Dobie Maxwell, Mike Myers, Melissa Marin, Wilma Terry, Toni Galster, Tiffany Haarsma, Lauren Brennan, Debbie Radke, Melissa Riconi, Tiffany Madro

May 6-8 To Be CONTinued, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1582, No. Riverside, IL 60546 <http://www.2becontinued.com/info@2becontinued.com> Guests: George R.R. Martin, Virginia Hey, Stephen Austin, Steve MacDonald

Kentucky

May 28-29 Wonderfest, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 5757, Louisville, KY 40255-0757 <http://www.wonderfest.com/>

Louisiana

Dec 5-12 Cruise Events, New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/Susan@CruiseEvents.net> Guests: Rusty Wallace

Mar 16-20 Slanted Fedora - Beam me to..., New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Mar20 Slanted Fedora, New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Maryland

Feb 11-13 Farpoint, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.farpointcon.com/trekcontact@comcast.net> Guests: Jeffrey Combs, Tony Amendola, Bob Bergen, Kathy Garver, Marc Okrand, Inge Heyer

May 27-30 Balticon 39, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/balticoninfo@balticon.org>

Massachusetts

Jan 14-16 Arisia 05, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Building 600, PMB 322, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/info@arisia.org>

Feb 18-20 Boskone 42, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/info@boskone.org> Guests: Orson Scott Card, Alan Pollack, Mike Glyer, Urban Tapestry

May 6-8 United Fan Con East, Quincy, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-8735 <http://www.unitedfancon.com/infobot@unitedfancon.com>

Michigan

Dec 27 Motor City Comic Con, Livonia, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Road PMB#286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/info@motorcitycomiccon.com>

Jan 21-23 ConFusion 31, Troy, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/2005/confusion@stilyagi.org> Guests: Derek Grime, Christian Ready, David G Hartwell, Kathryn Cramer, Steven Brust, Emma Bull, Will Shetterly

Mar 31-Apr 3 AmberCon, Detroit, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4062, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4062 <http://www.ambercon.com/conchair@ambercon.com>

Apr 22-24 Penguincon 3.0, Novi, Michigan; Info: PO Box 401302, Redford, MI 48240-9302 <http://www.penguincon.org/info@penguincon.org>

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May 27-30 MediaWest*Con 25, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm> mdiawestcon@aol.com

Minnesota

Feb 4-6 Supercon XII, Austin, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 6123, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://www.supercon.info/registration@supercon.info>

Feb 18-20 Con of the North, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 18096, Minneapolis, MN 55418 Ph: 651-698-8565 <http://www.conofthenorth.com/info@conofthenorth.org>

Mar 4-6 Marscon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 651-339-0397 <http://marscon.org/info05h@marscon.org> Guests: Jeremy Bulloch, Richard Herd, Timothy Zahn, Stephanie Gannaway-Osborn, Luke Ski

Apr 1-3 Minicon 40, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnsth.org/minicon/request@minicon.mnsth.org> Guests: Terry Pratchett, Jim Young

Mississippi

Apr 4-6 CoastCon XXVIII, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: PO Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 Ph: 228-435-5217 <http://www.coastcon.org/coastcon@coastcon.org>

Missouri

Feb 18-20 Visioncon, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/junior@visioncon.net> Guests: Gary Bedell, Mary Capps, Fredd Gorham, Mike Strain, Al Turner

Nebraska

Apr 8-10 Willycon VII, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: WillyCon Registration, Student Center, Rm. 103, Attn: Ron Vick, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, ND 68787 http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/sfclub/text_site/willycon/scifict@wsc.edu Guests: Julie E. Czerneda, AB Word, Rodney Ruff

Nevada

Dec 3-5 Klingon Feast, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 165 Horizon View Dr., Henderson, NV 89015 <http://www.klingonfeast.org/Kanuchi@aol.com>

New Jersey

Jan 7-9 Slanted Fedora, Newark, New Jersey; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

New York

Jan 21-23 Genericon XVIII, Troy, New York; Info: c/o Rensselaer Student Union, Attn: Cameron McLean, 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180 <http://genericon.union.rpi.edu> info@genericon.org

Feb 25-27 NonCon V, Poughkeepsie, New York; Info: Nonhuman Student Organization, Box 3817, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12604-3817 <http://www.noncon.net/chair@noncon.net>

Apr 7-10 World Horror Convention 2005, New York, New York; Info: PO Box 755, New York, NY 10009 Ph: 718-443-8290 <http://www.whc2005.org/Committee@whc2005.org> Guests: Harlan Ellison, Joe R. Lansdale, Jack Ketchum, Allen Koszowski, Tom Monteleone, Elizabeth Monteleone, Stan Wiater, Linda Addison

North Carolina

Jan 1 NCSC Nearly New Year's Party, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: 1717 Oak St, Charlotte, NC 28269-4812 Ph: 704-598-2495 waikato@earthlink.net Benefits: Loaves & Fishes Food Bank

Mar 11-13 Stellarcon 29, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: 5701 Running Ridge Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.stellarcon.org/info@stellarcon.org>

May 27-29 Animazement, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 1383, Cary, NC 27512-1383 <http://www.animazement.org/information@animazement.org>

Jun 3-5 ConCarolinas, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9100, Charlotte, NC 28299-9100 <http://www.secfi.org/concarolinas/concarolinas@yahoo.com>

Ohio

Mar 18-20 Millennicon, Blue Ash, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-659-2258 <http://www.millennicon.org/millennicon@mvfl.org> Guests: David Drake, Tom Smith

Apr 16 Small Press and Alternative Comics Expo, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 20550 Columbus OH 43220 <http://www.backporchcomics.com/space.htm> bpc13@earthlink.net

May 27-29 Marcon 40, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 <http://www.marcon.org/marchair@cshellsweb.com>

Pennsylvania

Dec 10-12 PhilCon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3, Orelan, PA 19075 <http://www.philcon.org/info@philcon.org> Guests: Brian W. Aldiss, Joe DeVito,

Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta, Jolly R. Blackburn, Brian Jelke, Tom Purdom

Apr 22-24 Pittsburgh Comicon, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsbu.rghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Benefits: Make A Wish

South Carolina

Apr 23 Annual NCSC Sectional Picnic, Blacksburg, South Carolina; Info: 1717 Oak St, Charlotte, NC 28269-4812 Ph: 704-598-2495 waikato@earthlink.net

Tennessee

Jan 14-16 Chattacon XXX, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 <http://www.chattacon.org/info@chattacon.org> Guests: Larry Niven, Chris Bunch, Charles Grant

Apr 1-3 MidSouthCon 23, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/info@midsouthcon.org> Guests: Esther M. Friesner, Steve Hickman, Cullen Johnson, Bill Allen, Dr. Brett Bolen, M.M. Buckner, C. J. Cherryh, Barbara Christopher, Glen Cook, Lionel J. Crews PhD, Jane Fancher, Mitch Foust, Chris Hanther, Les Johnson, E.E. Knight, Grant Kruger, Lee Martindale, Jana G. Oliver, Selina Rosen, Michael Sheard, Dr. Amy H. Sturgis, Laura J. Underwood

Apr 1-3 Middle Tennessee Anime Convention 4.01b, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 290423, Nashville, TN 37229-0423 <http://mtac.animenashville.org/>

Texas

Feb 4-6 OwlCon XXIV, Houston, Texas; Info: c/o Rice University, Fast Warp MS 526, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892 <http://www.owlcon.com/registration@owlcon.com>

Feb 25-27 ConDFW IV, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2183 Buckingham Road #282, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/info@condfw.org> Guests: Steven K. Z. Brust, David Cherry, C. Dean Anderson, Jayme Blaschke, Rachel Caine, Lillian Stewart Carl, Cat Conrad, Bill Crider, Scott A. Cupp, P.N. Elrod, Rhonda Eudaly, Brad Sinor, Victory, Martha Wells

Apr 7-10 AggieCon 36, College Station, Texas; Info: c/o Cepheid Variable (958460), PO Box 5688, College Station TX 77844 Ph: 979-268-3068 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/lurkz@shadowswolf.com>

Utah

Apr 29-May 2 CostumeCon 23, Ogden, Utah; Info: 289 West

Hidden Hollow Drive, Orem, Utah 84058 <http://www.costume-con.org/info@crossroadsutah.org>

Virginia

Feb 18-20 Katsucon 11, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 7064, Silver Spring, MD 20907 <http://www.katsucon.com/katsucon@katsucon.com>

Feb 25-27 SheVaCon 13, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 Ph: 540-248-4152 <http://shevacon.org/> Guests: Tim Hildebrandt, L.E. Modesitt Jr, Rikk Jacobs

Apr 1-3 Technicon 22, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 <http://www.technicon.org/info@technicon.org> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold

Apr 29-May 1 Malice Domestic, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 31137, Bethesda, MD 20824-1137 <http://www.malicedomestic.org/Guests:JoanHess,CaroleNelsonDouglas,H.R.F.Keating,EllisPeters,AnneReece>

Washington

Jan 14-16 Rustycon 22, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591 <http://www.rustycon.com/>

Feb 18-20 Radcon 4a, Pasco, Washington; Info: PMB# 162, 2527 West Kennewick Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336-3126 http://www.radcon.org/shawn_pack@yahoo.com

Mar 24-27 Norwescon 28, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/info@norwescon.org> Guests: Michael Bishop, John Howe, Suzette Haden Elgin, Tom Doherty, Alan Dean Foster

Apr 1-3 Raining Hollywood, Seattle, Washington; Info: c/o Dream Logic Films, PO Box 45393, Tacoma, Washington 98445 Ph: 253-538-0883 <http://www.geocities.com/raininghollywood/dreamlogicfilms@aol.com> Guests: David Carradine, Gary Conway, Don Marshall, Don Matheson, Deanna Lund, Heather Young, Stefan Arngren, June Lockhart, Bill Mumy, Angela Cartwright, Marta Kristen, Mark Goddard, Bob May, Michael Jai White, Richard Kiel, Russell Johnson, Dick Durock, Felix Silla, Maud Adams, Lisa Loring, Kevin Hagen, Jackson Bostwick, Cindy Morgan, Shannon McRandle, Mike Quinn, France Nuyen, Kim Darby, Mako

Apr 8-10 Sakura Con, Seattle, Washington; Info: 800 5th Ave, Box 142, Seattle, WA 98104 <http://sakuracon.org/>

West Virginia

Jan 21-23 Marscon, Williamsburg, West Virginia; Info: 117 Wichita Lane, Williamsburg VA 23188 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net>

Wisconsin

Apr 8-10 Odyssey Con V, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.oddcon.org/oddcon@oddcon.org> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold

Australia

Australian Capital Territory

Apr 22-24 Conflux, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 903, Belconnen, ACT 2616 Ph: +61-2-6241-3211 <http://www.conflux.org.au/info@conflux.org.au>

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Apr 29-May 1 Highlander DownUnder 6, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 5310, Manuka, ACT 2603, Australia <http://www.hldu.org/buzz@hldu.org>

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Apr 23 Terra Nova One, Adelaide, South Australia; Info: PO Box 13419, Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +61 08 8396 2517 <http://www.terra-novaevents.com/lhup@bigpond.net.au> Guests: Connor Trinneer, John Billingsley, Walter Koenig

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Jan 20-23 Arcanacon XXIII, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 181, Ashburton 3147 Ph: +61 0408 842 266 <http://arcanacon.org/orgs@arcanacon.org>

Mar 18-20 Lord of the Rings, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: 9 Rennison crt, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150, Australia Ph: +61 3 9848 1068 OneliaH@iinet.net.au Benefits: Royal Childrens Hospital

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Mar 24-28 SwanCon XXX, Perth, Western Australia; Info: GPO Box G429, Perth WA 6841, Australia <http://www.swancon.com/Swancon30@westnet.com.au> Guests: Charles de Lint, MaryAnn Harris, Grant Watson, Anna Hepworth, Simono

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Mar 26 TransformersCon, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 87 Hadeland Avenue Hamilton ON L9C 6X8 <http://www.transformerscon.com/tfcon@mountaincable.net> Guests: Pat Lee, Joe Ng, Alex Milne, Rob Ruffolo, Adam Patyk, James McDonough

Apr 1-3 Filk Ontario 15, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: 98-145 Rice Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.filkontario.ca/info@filkontario.ca> Guests: Steve Macdonald, Judith Hayman, Carla Ulbrich

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Dec 11-12 German City Con, Nuremberg, ; Info: Ute Schuh & Ulrike Hartmann, Albrecht-Duerer-Strasse 58, 90513 Zirndorf, Germany Ph: +49 911 96587058 <http://www.germancitycon.de> info@germancitycon.de Guests: Michael Greenburg

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Jan 14-16 Wolf Events, London, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.com/wolfevents@aol.com> Guests: Ellen Muth

Feb 11-13 SFBall, Bournemouth, England; Info: Flat 3, "Blighwood", 57 Surrey Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 1HF <http://www.sfball.com/info@starfleet-ball.com>

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Mar 18-20 Autographmania, Manchester, England; Info: PO Box 2102, Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 7YA, United Kingdom Ph: +44 1268 691 685 <http://www.autographmania.co.uk/> info@autographmania.co.uk Guests: Michael Hurst, Danielle Cormack, Joel Tobeck, Robert Trebor

Apr 1-3 Creation, London, England; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Apr 9-10 Star One, Bedfordshire, England; Info: 10th Planet, 36 Vicarage Field, Barking. Essex. IG11 8DQ. Ph: +44 020 8591 5357 Guests: Paul Darrow, Steven Pacey, Michael Keating

Apr 15-17 Autographmania, Manchester, England; Info: PO Box 2102, Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 7YA, United Kingdom Ph: +44 1268 691 685 <http://www.autographmania.co.uk/> info@autographmania.co.uk Guests: Mercedes McNab, Robia LaMorte

Apr 15-17 OLNFC 2, Warwickshire, England; Info: 22 Purefoy Rd,

Coventry, West Midlands, England, CV3 5GL Ph: +44 02476 503113 <http://www.theofficialleonardnimoyfanclub.com/conventionpage.html> maggyolnfc@yahoo.com Benefits: Cystic Fibrosis trust & Dogs Trust

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STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2004.10.08 : Mike Smith, Regional Coordinator and 2004 R7 Conference Vice Chair, (msmith@acmecorp.org) announced the Region 7 Conference, November 5-7.

2004.10.02 : Rear Admiral Joseph P. Hoolihan, Correspondence Chapter Operations Assistant Director, (joehooli@erols.com) announced that the Correy website, <http://users.erols.com/joehooli/correy>, is now new and improved.

2004.10.02 : RAdm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Dauntless.

2004.10.01 : David E. Klingman, Commodore, Flag Officer School Course Director, (d.klingman@cox.net) announced that he will be stepping down as Course Director effective January 1, 2005.

2004.10.01 : David E. Klingman, Commodore, Flag Officer School Course Director, (d.klingman@cox.net) encourages us to review the myriad of documents available to members so that we may better understand how STARFLEET is run.

2004.09.28 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced

that the Graduate School of XenoAnthropology is now online at <http://u.s.s.avalon.tripod.com/gsxa/index.html>.

2004.09.20 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that the SFA Portal is temporarily offline.

2004.09.17 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced that until after the week of October 11th, all Operations duties will be handled by Vice Chief of Ops, Chrissy Killian (chrissy.killian@comcast.net).

2004.09.17 : Vice Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) announces that he will be out of the office for a few days and reminds us that missing ballot requests may be sent to election@sfi.org.

2004.09.17 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, R4 '04 Conference Coordinator, (r4lv04@cox.net) reminds us of the upcoming Region 4 Conference.

2004.09.17 : LtCmdr. Scott Smith, School of Security Director, (GreggScottSmith1@aol.com) announced the reopening of the SFA School of Security.

2004.09.13 : Lieutenant General Mark H. Anbinder, Vice Commander - STARFLEET, (mha@ussaccord.org) announced that Trey Isquith has been appointed the new International Charities Coordinator.

2004.09.11 : Mike Smith, Region 7 RC, (rc@region7.com) invites us all to the 2004 STARFLEET Region 7 Conference/2004 7th Brigade Muster, November 5-7.

2004.09.10 : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that CQ #67 has been added to the Online CQ Archive.

2004.09.07 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, R4 '04 Conference Coordinator, (r4lv04@cox.net) provides yet another R4 Conference update.

2004.09.07 : Angel Avery, 2004 R7 Conference Chair, (njel@aol.com) provides an update on the Region 7 Conference.

2004.09.06 : Commodore David E. Klingman, Flag Officer School Director, (d.klingman@cox.net) announced that the Flag Officer's School is now reopened.

2004.09.06 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 2004 Conference Coordinator, (kitten63@cox.net), provided the latest information on the Region 4 Conference.

2004.09.06 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that the Flag Officers School is temporarily closed.

2004.09.03 : Claire Halber, School of Accessibility Director, (chalber@comcast.net) announced the opening of the Cadet School of Accessibility.

2004.09.01 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 2004 Conference Coordinator, (kitten63@cox.net), reminds us of the approaching deadlines for the Region 4 Conference.

2004.08.29 : Vice Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) announced that the ballots for the election for Commander, STARFLEET are now in the mail.

2004.08.28 : Monika Reinholz, KWA Co-Director, (ladyyaraina@pcisys.net) announced that the KWA site is now up and running at http://www.geocities.com/lady_yarina_witch/honorage.html.

2004.08.28 : Commander Ann Marie Arnold, Delta Quadrant College Director, (ussaurora@comcast.net) announced that the Delta Quadrant College is now online at <http://home.comcast.net/~deltaquad/index.htm>.

2004.08.20 : Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Region 17 Coordinator (R17RC@hotmail.com) announced that the Region 17 Recruitment Tools are now online at <http://www.region-17.org/recruiting.htm> for use by all STARFLEET members.

2004.08.18 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that Lt. Commander Brandy Hallman has been appointed the Director of the new Internet School of Online Chat.

2004.08.18 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that Brigadier Kyle J. Wolf has been appointed the new Director of the College of Temporal Physics.

2004.08.15 Admiral Kurt Roithinger, Officer's Command College Director, (kurt@ssnexus.org) announced that the new OCC is now available at <http://academy.sfi.org/courses/occ/>.

2004.08.15 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 2004 Conference Coordinator, (kitten63@cox.net) provides an update on the Region 4 Conference.

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A NEW PAGE IN THE STARFLEET WEDDING ALBUM!

Photos by Mark H. Anbinder



Joost Ueffing kissing his new bride Susan...



Fleet friends shower the couple in bubbles (the traditional tossing of dilithium crystals at the happy couple was prohibited at the church.)



Ricky Bruckman and Joan Pierce smile nervously at the camera as they realize they're the next in line to be married!



A nod to Joost's Canadian heritage, the "Moose" groom's cake!



This couple knows how to make a cool getaway!