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SFI WELCOMES THE LIVINGSTON/PLANTHOLD TEAM!

STARFLEET congratulates Mandi Livingston and her team for winning the 2004 Election for Commander, STARFLEET, and gives a warm welcome to our new Executive Committee and staff members!

Left: Sunnie Planthold, our new Vice Commander, and our new Chief of Operations, Commodore Jack "Towaway" Eaton, at Vulkon in Orlando, Florida - where they receive the good news via cell phone! (In this photo, she knows, but he doesn't - yet!)

Photo submitted by Ralph Planthold

Additional Vulkon photos on p. 28

TWO SETS OF NEWLYWEDS: JOAN & RICARDO BRUCKMAN...

Last issue, we had one beautiful STARFLEET wedding... and this time, we have TWO to celebrate!

Right: The happy couple, Joan and Ricardo Bruckman of the USS Hathor , pause for a group photo with too many STARFLEET members to name here (including members of the CQ team)!

Photo submitted by Wade Olsen

...AND WENDY & JON LANE!

Left: On September 5, Jon Lane and Wendy Stanford became married on a large green lawn situated along the edge of the beautiful and scenic bay at the Newport Dunes Resort.

The audience included friends from the USS Angeles and STARFLEET members from both coasts.

Photo submitted by Gary Sandridge

Additional wedding photos on back cover

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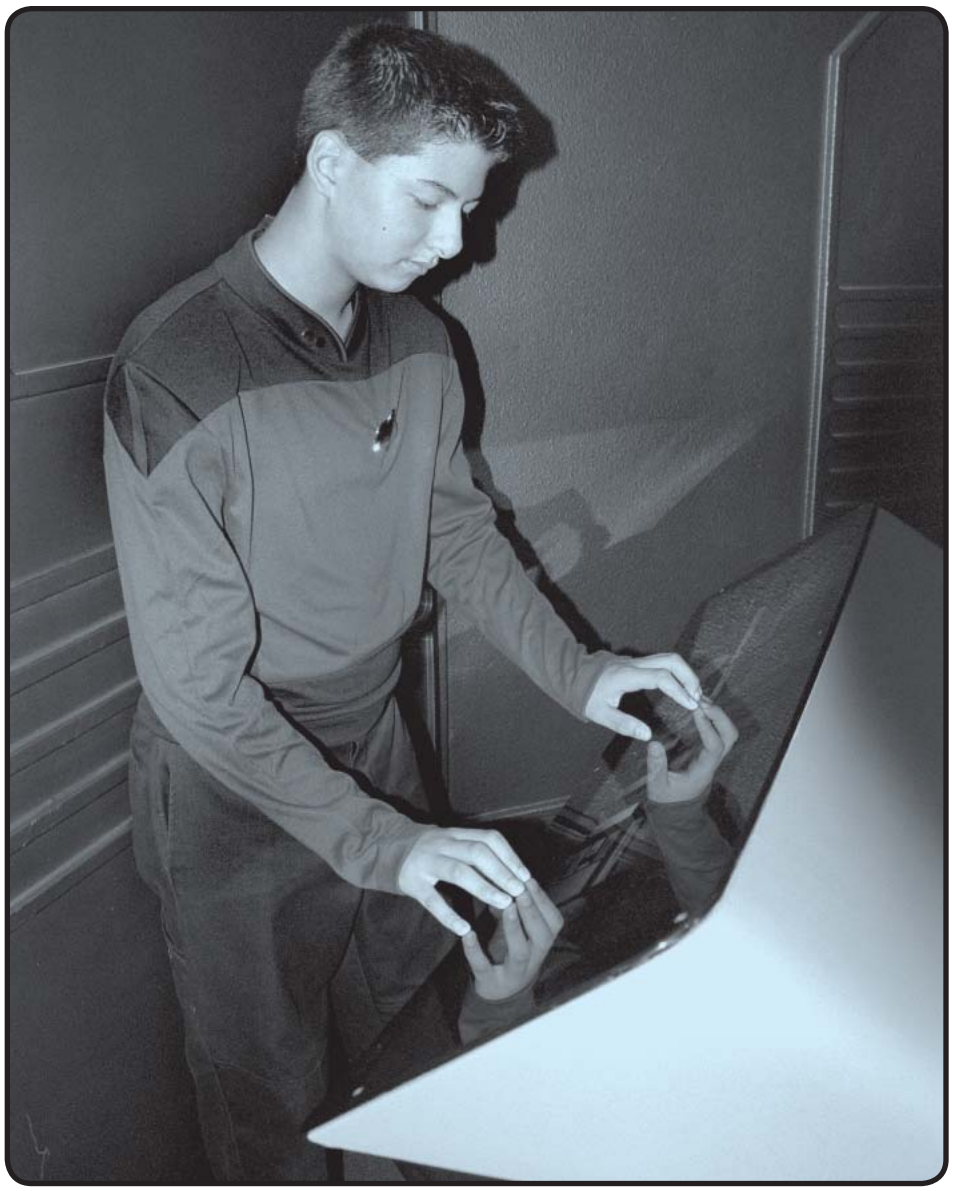
George "Sulu" Takei and USS Angeles CO Janice Willcocks. George stopped by the "Star Trek" exhibit at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum on Monday, August 30, 2004 for an hour or so to take photos with V.I.P. fans from the James Doohan convention. The Angeles crew helped man the bridge set and volunteered for crowd control.
Photo submitted by Jon Lane



Ready to energize! USS Angeles Crewmember Andrew Bundy prepares to beam the next group of VIP fans up to the Enterprise-D, at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum.
Photo submitted by Jon Lane

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JIMMY DOOHAN'S LAST CONVENTION

by CMDR Dave Mason • USS Angeles, R4

James "Jimmy" Doohan kept smiling on a weekend that brought him tributes from fans, "Star Trek" actors and the first man on the moon.

At a banquet Aug. 28 to raise funds for the Fisher's Center for Alzheimer's Research, Neil Armstrong said he wanted his next command to be a starship.

"I commanded three different types of spacecraft flying as fast as 25,000 miles an hour. None of them had warp drive," said Armstrong, who, like Scotty, is an engineer. "The Enterprise was 100,000 times faster than anything I ever flew. Our craft did not have the ability to leave the solar system. It did not have a transporter to descend onto a planet. It would have been far more effective and less traumatic if we could have beamed down (to the moon, rather than use the Lunar Excursion Module).

"When I get that command (of a starship), I want a chief engineering officer like Montgomery Scott," Armstrong said in his brief remarks.

At a press conference Aug. 29 during the "Beam Me Up Scotty ... One Last Time" convention, Doohan said he wants fans to keep up their enthusiasm.

"It's nice to look out over 15,000 and 20,000 people in the audience," Doohan said as his wife, Wende, and children, Larkin Pritchard of Tacoma, Wash., Dierdre Cruz of the San Francisco area and Chris Doohan of Thousand Oaks sat next to him. A small group of photographers and reporters briefly surrounded James Doohan, forever known as Scotty, in a small room at the Renaissance Hotel. Outside, long lines of fans were getting autographs from William Shatner, who was among the stars who came to salute Doohan.

Doohan, 84, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and he's confined to a wheelchair. As the flashes of the photographers' cameras continued, his right hand shook, and Wende repeated questions to him because of his hearing. When he spoke, he said just a few words and spoke a little softer than the Doohan of previous conventions, but his voice remained steady and enthusiastic. He still sounded like the "Trek" star fans have come to love.

The gleam never left his eyes. He obviously was enjoying the attention of the fans and the media.

This summer he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but in an earlier interview, his son Chris said the disease, which is in its early stages, has so far only affected his short-term memory.

At the convention, Doohan appeared briefly on stage Aug. 29 with "Star Trek" actors Nichelle Nichols (Uhura), Walter Koenig (Chekov), George Takei (Sulu), Majel Barrett Rodenberry (nurse Christine Chapel) and Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand) before nearly a thousand fans. He didn't speak at that time, but heard praise from Nichols and others. Wende told the audience how much their love meant to him.

"I love Jimmy Doohan," Koenig said earlier in the weekend. He praised Doohan for his integrity and loyalty and noted Doohan insisted on not having a bigger share than the other "Star Trek" actors in any royalties related to the show.

Although Shatner and Nimoy, forever known as Capt. Kirk and Spock, didn't appear on stage with him, they talked about Doohan earlier on Sunday. Appearing on stage with Shatner, Nimoy said he would never forget seeing Scotty standing in the turbolift on "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," holding his nephew's bloodied body after an attack on the Enterprise. Other memories played out on giant video screens, as clips were shown of Scotty from the original series and the movies. Fans in the audience knew the lines well enough to say, "Captain, there be whales here!" from "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" and other dialogue as they watched the clips.

Nimoy emphasized the convention's point was to celebrate Doohan's life, and Shatner said he likes the fact that Doohan, who was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, had created a character so loved by Americans. Shatner also is a Canadian.

On Saturday, Doohan shook the hands of every fan he saw in a hall as a convention volunteer pushed him in his wheelchair. As he sat at a table, a small group of fans came up, not expecting an autograph or to get a picture taken with him. They simply shook his hands and briefly praised him for playing Scotty on "Star Trek."

While bittersweet as the last planned convention for Doohan, the event had its moments of good humor. At the banquet that night, Wende kidded her husband about being unable through the years to correct picture problems on the family's TV set.

"Scotty can't fix anything!" she said.

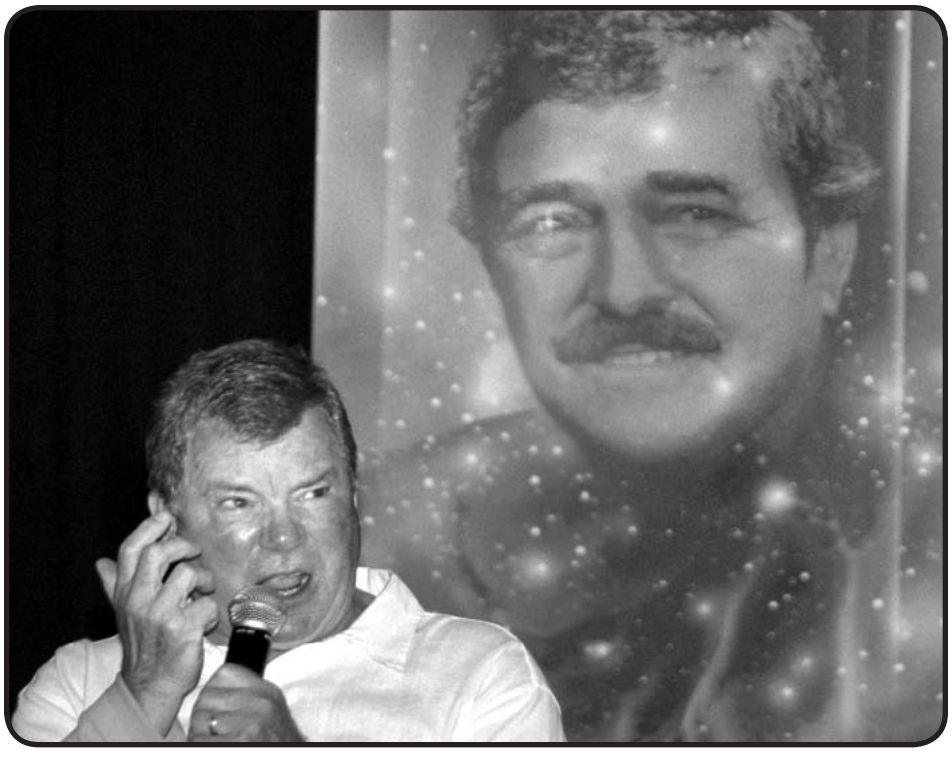
At the news conference Sunday, Wende shared another memory. She recently played "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," one of her favorite "Star Trek" movies, on their home VCR, and she and Doohan's 4-year-old daughter, Sarah, became excited at seeing her famous father on TV.

"She hadn't seen much of him on TV. She said, 'That's Daddy,' and grabbed Jimmy," Wende said.

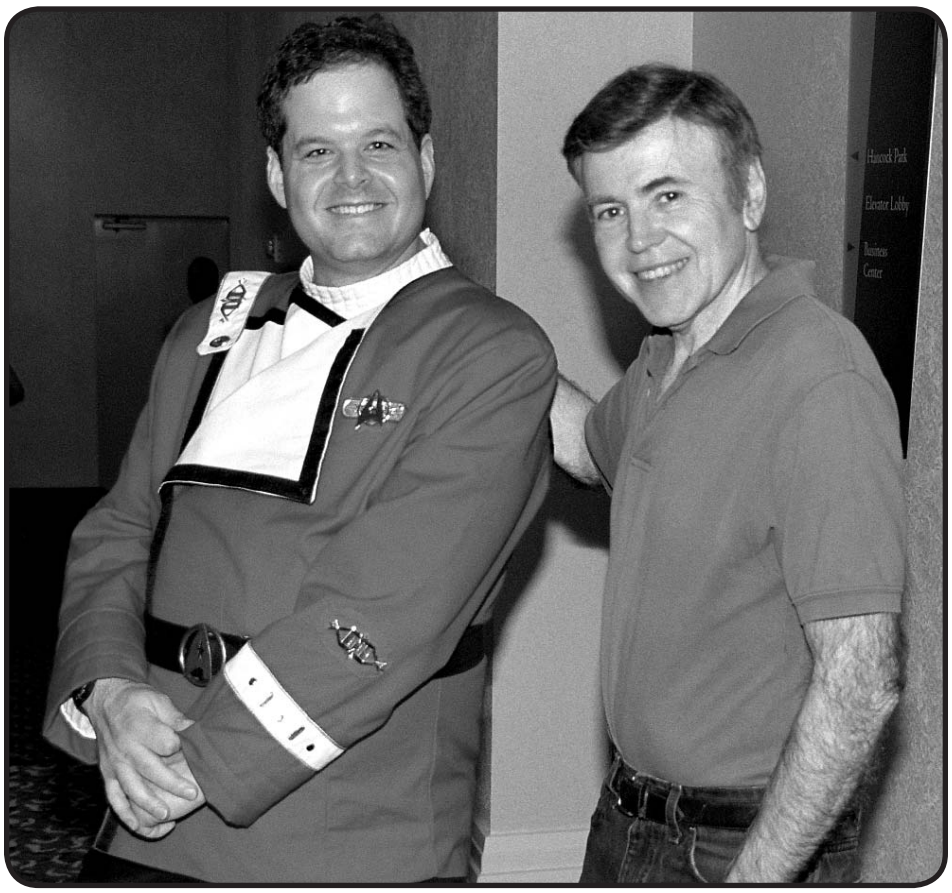
Cruz, one of Doohan's daughters from his first marriage, said he likes to watch movies such as 'The Pirates of Carribean." Wende said they go to matinees during the week. James and Wende Doohan live in Redmond, Wash., just outside Seattle, on property surrounded by trees and a pond. Recently a duck has adopted them, following them into the house despite Wende's efforts to keep it out.

At 10:30 a.m. Aug. 31, Doohan received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, just outside the Hollywood Entertainment Museum, 7021 Hollywood Blvd. Already, efforts have begun to get a star for the last original "Star Trek" actor who doesn't have one: Koenig.

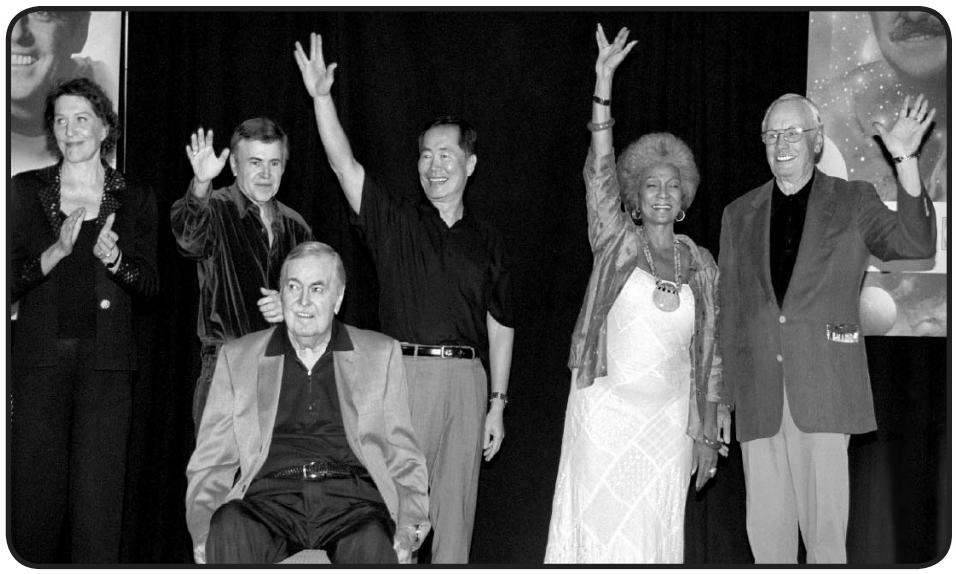
The brand new U.S.S. Angeles table display was a big hit at the convention. Located right next to registration and just in front of the dealers room, we got a lot of foot traffic and increased our club membership by over 10%. Members pictured from left to right: Jennifer Cole, Cliff Gardner, Candi Rosales, Jon Lane, and Guy Thorpe.
Photo by Jackie Bundy.



"Scotty, I said 'Beam me up!' These fans are gonna kill me!" William Shatner appeared on stage with Leonard Nimoy and provided a hysterical 90 minutes of stories, friendly jibes and jabs, and amusing reminiscences on Sunday of the con.
Photo by Jon Lane

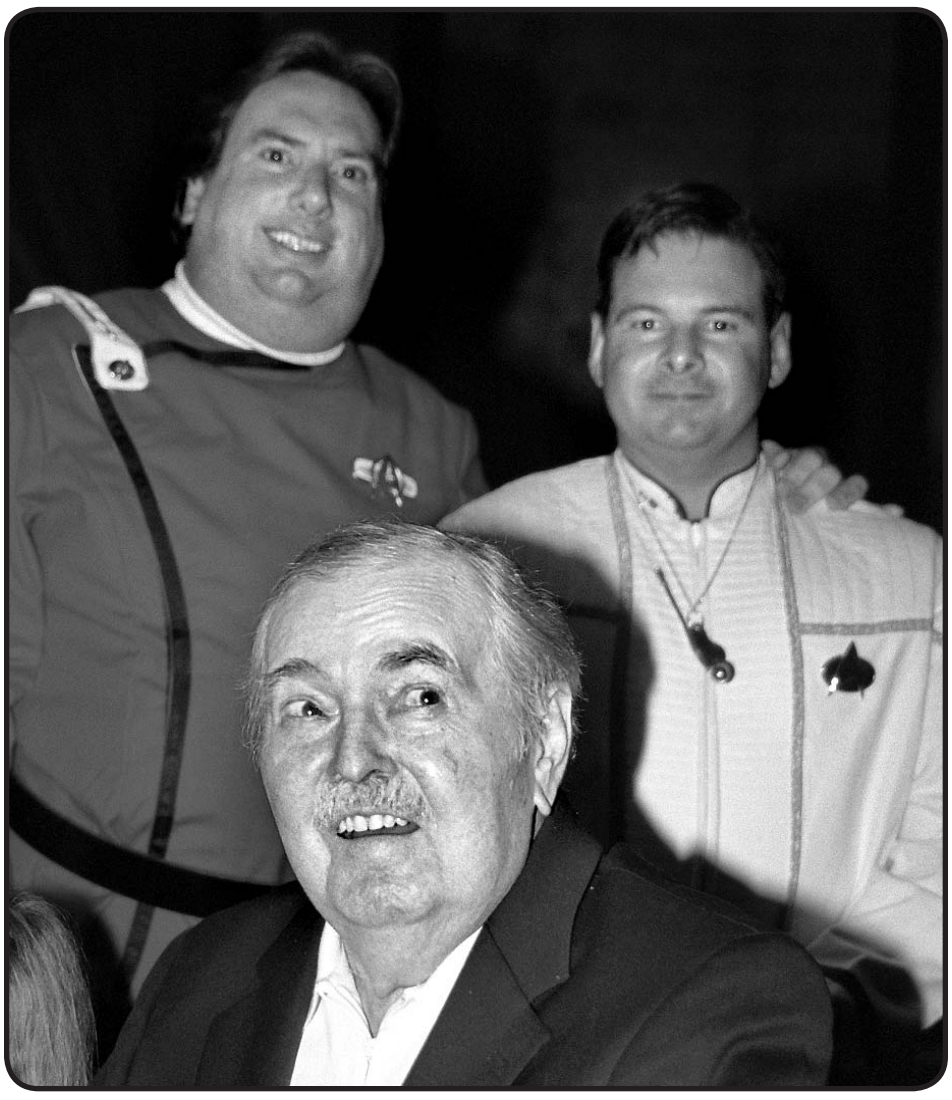


Someone is out of uniform! Fleet Captain Jon Lane poses with Walter "Chekov" Koenig in the hallway of the Hollywood Renaissance Hotel.
Photo by Jon Pajion



In front: Jimmy Doohan in his last convention appearance in Hollywood, CA on August 29, 2004. Back row (l-to-r): Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, and astronaut Neil Armstrong.
Photo by Jon Lane

Astronaut Neil Armstrong beams in! From left to right: Wende Doohan (Jimmy's wife), Sarah Doohan (Jimmy's four-year-old daughter), Dr. Neil Armstrong (the first human to set foot on the moon's surface), and Nichelle Nichols (Commander Uhura).
Photo by Fleet Captain Jon Lane



Jimmy "Scotty" Doohan poses with the U.S.S. Angeles' own Chief Engineer Gary Sandridge (back right) and Steve Simon during the Saturday evening banquet in Jimmy's honor.
Photo by Jon Lane

"Why are we here again?" Leonard "Spock" Nimoy and William "Kirk" Shatner made a special appearance honoring Jimmy Doohan on Sunday of the con.
Photo by Jon Lane

USS ANGELES AT THE HOLLYWOOD ENTERTAINMENT MUSEUM

By FCPT Jon Lane • USS Angeles, R4

You step off the transporter platform and walk onto the bridge of the *USS Enterprise* NCC-1701-D, and there you see Captain Sulu — and the crew of the *USS Angeles*.

Sounds kind of strange, but that's what happened for about a hundred lucky "Star Trek" fans Aug. 30 at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum.

It was the Monday after the "Beam Me Up, Scotty ... One Last Time" convention, and George "Sulu" Takei, and Angeles members welcomed "Star Trek" fans to the actual bridge set from "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

For the past few months, the Angeles crew has worked as volunteers manning the *Enterprise* bridge set, one of several exhibits featured at the museum. (Another exhibit, the bar set from "Cheers," is located in the next room, along with hundreds of costumes, props, and equipment from the rich history of Hollywood.)

In addition to the captain and first officer's chairs and Worf's horseshoe-shaped security station, the "Star Trek" exhibit includes the cut-away side view of the starship *Enterprise* from the engineering set of "Star Trek: The Next Generation," the fish tank from Capt. Picard's Ready Room, a transporter control console, a Bajoran prayer altar and even an original Borg costume.

These set pieces and props are on loan to the museum from Paramount Pictures, and all are completely authentic.

Playing continuously on "viewscreen" are short video clips from the original "Star Trek," "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" and "Star Trek: TNG."

Once a month, *Angeles* crew members volunteer their time on a Saturday or Sunday to come in costume and guide visitors around the "Star Trek" exhibit. Initially, the idea was just to add a little "atmosphere" to the otherwise quiet exhibit, but our Chief Engineer, Gary Sandridge, had an even better idea. Instead of just standing around and waiting to be in photographs with museum visitors, the *Angeles* members take over for this part of the tour and provide engaging background information about the exhibits.

The museum guests enjoy the following "Star Trek" experience when they reach this part of the tour. First, they enter a room that turns into the *Enterprise* transporter, and doors are opened to reveal an Angeles crewmember who has just "beamed" them up. He or she motions the group to the left, where a second crewmember, seated in the captain's chair, welcomes them aboard the *USS Enterprise*, providing a little history about the "Star Trek" television and movie series.

Another crewmember then directs the guests' attention to the horseshoe-shaped security panel, pointing out some secrets hidden among the computer readouts and buttons on the console.

The designers hid the names of cast and crew members on the panels. For example, "BR SPI" meant Brent Spiner.

Finally, a crewmember stationed at the Engineering panel points out some other inside jokes, such as the location of the *Enterprise*'s bathrooms, the captain's Porsche in the hangar bay and the hamster in an exercise wheel who powers the warp engines. All of these are tiny graphics amusingly inserted into the display by scenic designer Michael Okuda and the "Star Trek" art department.

Then, dressed as Klingons, members Cary Scherer or Max Cervantes guide the human visitors through a series of masks representing "Star Trek" aliens. The work was done by "Star Trek" makeup guru Michael Westmore and his staff.

This little presentation takes only a couple of minutes, and then the guests are invited to look around and take pictures. The *Angeles* folks will happily offer to snap photos if the guests want their picture taken sitting in the captain's chair or at his desk. And then the tourists are (usually reluctantly) led to the next room, and the *Angeles* crew sets up for the next group of visitors. Typically, the *Angeles* members switch off, so everyone gets a chance to sit in the captain's chair or be the one to beam in the tourists.

Because of our volunteer work with the museum, we were asked to man the bridge once again on Aug. 30 when VIP fans from the "Beam Me Up Scotty...One Last Time" convention were given a special tour of the museum.

This tour included a photo op with George Takei, who had been asked to stand in for Jimmy Doohan (a little worn down after the con) and take photos with the fans for an hour or so. George was his usual wonderful and jovial self, despite needing to attend the funeral of a friend after his museum appearance. But you'd never know he was anything other than delighted to be with all of the fans. He sat in the captain's chair while a seemingly endless line of fans waited to take their photos with George as the *Angeles* crew stood behind the security panel and provided a nice Trekkish background.

Along the way, Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand from the original "Star Trek" series) also stopped by, and both she and (later on) George posed with the Angeles crew in between groups of VIP fans. George talked to us and the fans the entire time ... mostly about the upcoming presidential election.

George, a staunch Democrat and vocal political activist, made no secret that he was campaigning for Sen. John Kerry.

As fan after fan sat down, George would ask, "Where are you from?" For every answer, he would say something like, "Oh, that's an important state! The race is close there. Are you going to vote?"

Those who said "no" were given quite a lecture. And those who said they were going to vote for President George W. Bush were given a different lecture.

Even so, George Takei kept his political campaigning friendly and courteous. And even if a fan was sticking with Bush, George Takei would say, "Well, just so long as you vote. It's your most important responsibility as a citizen of this great country of ours."

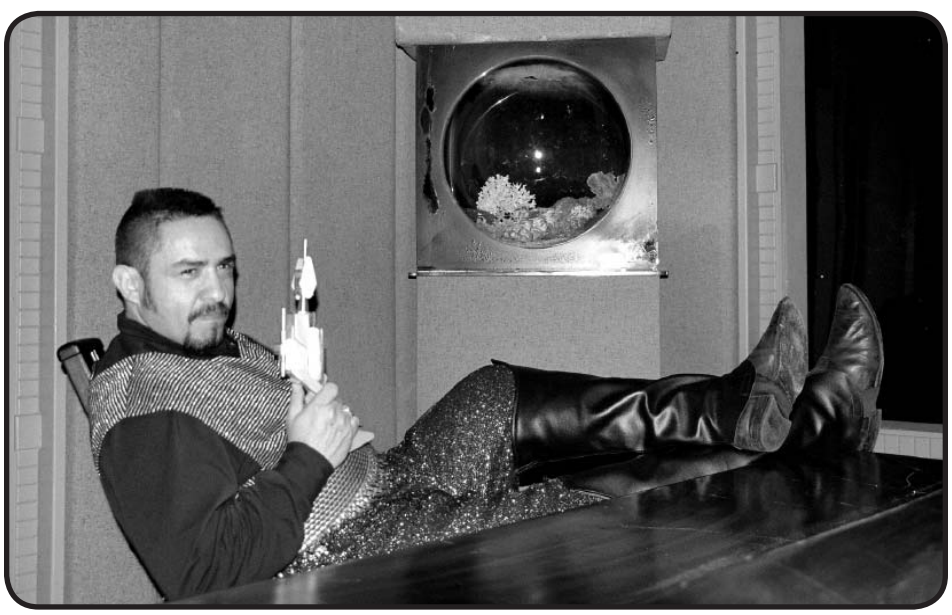
Gary kept the fan line moving at a rapid pace, despite George's tendency to filibuster, and he made sure that all the fans (probably at least a hundred) got their chance to take a photo. Gary also made sure that George left in time for the funeral.

The museum folks were extremely happy with how well and smoothly everything went, and we dozen-or-so *Angeles* members had the time of our lives. Afterward, we walked to Grauman's Chinese Theatre and took a group shot sitting around the hand and foot prints of the original "Star Trek" cast.

The *Angeles* is continuing to volunteer each month at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. A small group beamed there again Sept. 18. Gary is working closely with the museum directors to bring more set items and props from the closets and storerooms of Paramount into the museum. In the coming months, we will be helping the museum folks figure out with Paramount what the best items would be to expand the exhibit and make it even better.

So the next time you're in Hollywood, check out the museum tour at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. You might just run into the crew of the *USS Angeles*.

George "Sulu" Takei takes a moment to pose with the assembled U.S.S. Angeles crewmembers on the original bridge set from "Star Trek: The Next Generation" at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum.



"I could get used to this." Angeles member Max Cervantes, dressed as an original series Klingon, gets comfortable behind Captain Picard's desk in the "Star Trek" exhibit at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum.

INSPIRED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LTCMDR Jan Sleigh • USS New Hope, R2

The members of the *USS New Hope* were motivated by the community service work being done by members of the Gulf Quadrant of Region 2 after reading their article in Communiqué 123. Many will remember that they were involved in four Relays For Life (three in one weekend). Being thus inspired to get off our posteriors and get out into our community to make a difference, we came upon an event in which we could help wheel chair bound people raise money for their nonprofit organization. The organization is called Rolling Across Alabama (RAA), and seeks to bring equipment and technologies into the lives of the disabled. Their founder, Dennis Tomlin, set out to organize a Turkey Shoot to raise money to make disabled people in the area more independent in their own homes. You can visit the RAA website at rollingacrossalabama.org.

The Turkey Shoot (no turkeys were harmed in this event!) took place on Saturday, October 9, in a rural area outside of Wetumpka, Alabama. Members of the *USS New Hope* volunteered their time early in the morning on that Saturday to help make the event a success. Our CO, Capt. Nancy O'Shields, a licensed paramedic, handled first aid for the event. The acting 1st Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Jan Sleigh, took care of the registration desk. Our Stellar Cartographer, Wanda Austin, was our STARFLEET emissary and ambassador of good will and, last but not least, our ship's cook, Doug Sleigh, set up and ran the shooting range. We were also able to do a little recruiting for our STARFLEET chapter while we worked.

The event went well, especially considering it was RAA's first event of this kind. Everyone had a good time. Thankfully, we had only two people in need of Capt. O'Shields' ministrations, and both injuries were minor. And we didn't stop there. The very next week, on a Friday afternoon, we worked again, this time at the Autauga County Humane Shelter (ACHS). The ACHS is only one year old and is very short on funds and personnel. We went to the Shelter Director, Xanthea Kennedy, and offered to do a project for them. She told us that the front garden hadn't received any attention since the shelter opened a year ago. So we took on the task of cleaning up the garden and getting it ready for winter.

We enjoyed being able to help both groups and are looking forward to helping them again in some of their other projects. Thanks Gulf Quadrant chapters for getting us started!

See our photos in the center proto gallery!!

COLORADO SFI MEMBER GOES BALD

LTCMDR Monika Reinholz • USS Commonwealth, R1

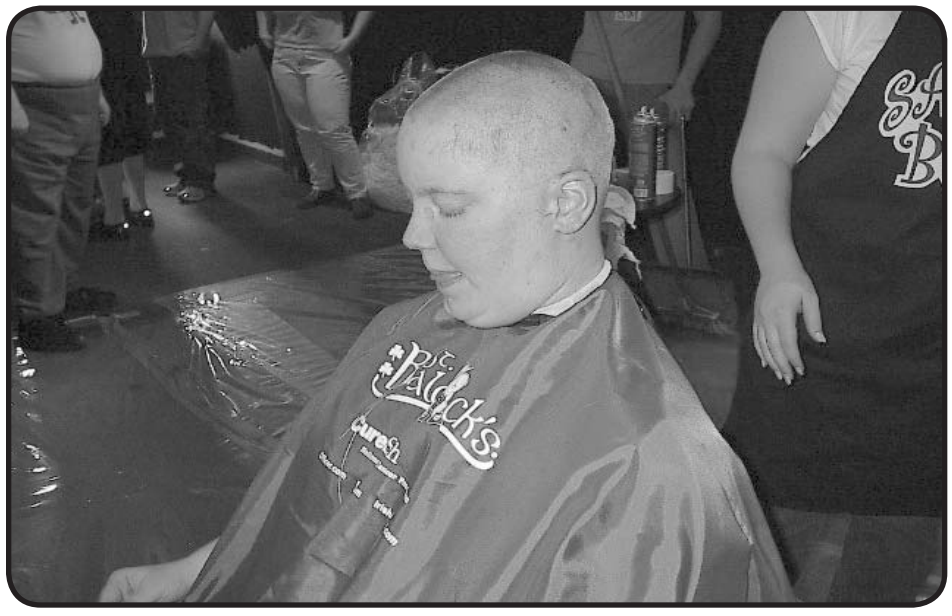
Monika Reinholz, member since 2002, went the extra mile on March 19, 2004. She joined over 200 other people in Colorado Springs getting their hair shaved for cancer research. The event was St. Baldrick's, which is a head shaving event to benefit CureSearch. "The National Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF) and the Children's Oncology Group (COG) have adopted the name CureSearch as an umbrella brand uniting both organizations in their singular purpose to cure childhood cancer.

Through CureSearch, we are able to demonstrate the strong connection between the two organizations and clearly articulate our shared mission to our donors, families, corporate sponsors and the general public. NCCF and COG have long maintained separate identities but a close partnership, the former conducting fundraising and disseminating information on behalf of the latter, which maintains the nation's most prestigious children's oncology research and treatment centers." The location in Colorado Springs, 32Bleu, for this international event, raised $38,733.82 as of this writing. Colorado Springs is only one of 163 US locations that got involved this year. Locations abroad included one each in Bermuda, France, and Ireland and two in Canada.

There are many ways to become involved; sign up to be shaved, sponsor a shavee or a local event, or volunteer at a local event. Those still interested can still get involved by visiting http://www.stbaldricks.org/default.asp. Also, you can still sponsor me, if you wish, by clicking on SPONSOR A SHAVEE, then entering my name in the SEARCH area.

I'm glad I got involved in this truly wonderful cause and can't wait to be involved again next year.

Before the shave...



...and after!

"TREKKIES 2":

A REVIEW OF THE COMMON FAN

By LTC Tracy Lilly
Shuttle Dark Star, Region 1

In 1996, Denise Crosby (Tasha Yar, ST:TNG) and filmmaker Roger Nygard set out across the United States shooting footage of Star Trek conventions and events and interviewing various actors, crew, and dozens of fans. They used this footage to create "Trekkies", an often-hilarious documentary about the Star Trek universe and the devout fans who inhabit it. It includes the afore-mentioned footage and interviews, as well as special segments reflected on individual fans such as Barbara Adams, who wore her Starfleet uniform to the Whitewater trial as a juror in 1996; Gabriel Koerner, a fourteen-year-old wunderkind engrossed with ST; and Daryl Frazetti, who would dress up his cat in medical scrubs (they are big DeForest Kelley fans) and go to ST conventions. "Trekkies" also debates a certain question: Are you a Trekkie or Trekker?

Now Crosby and Nygard are at it again, this time going global in their salute to Trekkies/Trekkers in "Trekkies 2". It revolves around the same subject as "Trekkies", but putting more emphasis on Star Trek fans in countries such as Germany, England, France, Italy, Serbia, Brazil, and Australia. The good ol' USA was not forgotten, though, as footage was shot and fans interviewed at conventions in Sacramento, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Minneapolis, and Baltimore. (Our very own Dennis Rayburn and Beryl Washington were in Baltimore at the time and have appearances in the movie.) Also, there are updates on Adams, Koerner, and Frazetti, and more interviews with various ST personalities such as Nana Visitor, Cirroc Lofton, Ethan Phillips, John Billingsley, Dominic Keating, Connor Trineer, Brannon Braga, and IC '05 scheduled guests Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Herd, and Casey Biggs. This time, the big debate covers the extreme fan and two questions are raised: How far is too far? Did "Trekkies" do ST fans justice, or did it make us look like a bunch of big freakin' geeks? "Trekkies 2" is now available on video and DVD. It is difficult to find at most stores, so your best bet would be to buy it online. (Tip: I got a "Trekkies"/"Trekkies 2" DVD set for $26.95 at Amazon.com.)

And now, a chance for you, the members, to speak up. Ask yourselves the following:

1. Do you prefer "Trekkie" or "Trekker"?
2. Is there, in your opinion, a fine line between normal and extreme?
3. What is the most extreme thing you've done as a fan?

Answer any or all of these questions and e-mail your responses to tracylilly@charter.net. Deadline is January 20, and we'll print some of the best responses. Until next issue, however you do it, keep on trekking!

TUVOK DOES ASTRONOMY WITH THE USS ANGELES

By ENS Steve Simon • USS Angeles, R4

Tim Russ, aka Tuvok from "Voyager," led *Angeles* members on a real trek to the stars Sept. 12.

Russ, an avid astronomer, brought several telescopes, which he set up for us in the back yard of the home of Fleet Capt. Janice Willcocks' parents'. He pointed out sights in the heavens above us.

Janice, our commander, arranged for Russ to appear as a surprise special guest at the party, held high above the city.

The evening was full of food, great company, and a special surprise birthday celebration honoring Janice, Gil Brumana and one of our new members, Emily Carlson, organized by newly married Jon Lane. It was Emily's first birthday; until this year, she had been in a religion that didn't celebrate birthdays. In honor of her celebration, the Angeles gave her presents related to being No. 1, such as a Pepsi One and a Will Riker action figure.

The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Tim Russ. In addition to the "Voyager" star's telescopes, Gary Sandridge and I brought our own telescope as well, but the electronic guidance system broke down. As Russ said, "The more extra gadgets, the more to break down."

Russ then provided education on types of telescopes and their use, including several methods to locate Polaris (the North Star), which is needed to get one's bearings for stargazing.

He also gave us some tips on where some of the best places are to stargaze in L.A. (celestial sightings, not the Hollywood kind). We talked about a possible future away trip to some of them if anyone is interested.

Russ amazed us at his star-finding abilities and very quickly found us several star clusters, star fields and a nebula to observe. I have been at several stargazing events staffed by "professionals," but none of them could compare to Russ. He was incredible and found obscure objects quickly by sight, and was so informative about each one.

Everyone had a great time, and the event went late into the evening.

After stargazing, Russ posed for pictures with the group before departing. It was a great event, and very surreal. As Tim's voice and appearance is so close to his character, I found myself drifting into thoughts of being at Starfleet Academy, listening and learning about the stars from a true Vulcan.

Tim Russ joined the crew of the Angeles for a night of star gazing in Palos Verdes. Pictured clockwise from upper left: Gloria Rodriguez, Candi Rosales, Gary Sandridge, Tim "Tuvok" Russ, Jennifer Cole, Michael Hoff, Steve Simon, Dave Mason, Jon Lane, Tim's daughter Madison (who adopted Jon for the night), Goldie Frankel, Goldie's son Barak, and Janice Willcocks. Photo supplied by Gary Sandridge

JON LANE GETS MARRIED

By CMDR Dave Mason • USS Angeles, R4

Fleet Captain Jon Lane cried a little at his own wedding.

Standing on a gazebo under a hot sun, Jon and his bride, Wendy Stanford, never stopped smiling as they exchanged vows they had written before a large gathering of families and friends. They "cheated" and kissed before the end of the ceremony. (It'll be our secret.) They smiled and laughed and seemed very relaxed. At one moment, Jon cried a little, then grinned.

A few hours later, under the cooler night sky, Jon, who had secretly taken guitar lessons in the weeks leading up to the wedding, sat on a stage and surprised Wendy with a serenade of the John Denver song "Follow Me". She looked up at him with eyes full of love.

Romance, surprises, some chuckles, more live music, and a definite "Star Trek" presence -- right down to the groom's cake -- made this Labor Day weekend wedding one not to be forgotten.

"Mazel Tov!" the crowd yelled after Jon performed the traditional Jewish wedding ritual of stepping on a glass.

On September 5, Jon and Wendy became married on a large green lawn situated along the edge of the beautiful and scenic bay at the Newport Dunes Resort. One of Jon and Wendy's close friends, William Scott, officiated. And the audience included friends from the *USS Angeles* and STARFLEET members from both coasts, including STARFLEET Vice Commander and longtime friend of Jon, Mark Anbinder.

The first thing that greeted guests at the wedding was giant photos of Jon Lane and Wendy Stanford from their early teenage years, a surprise supplied secretly by Wendy's and Jon's parents. A 15-year-old Jon wore a "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" admiral's uniform proudly in the poster, while a 13-year-old Wendy appeared in an elaborate white dress. Above the photos on the poster were written the words "I have been and ever shall be your friend."

Later that afternoon, a small band played the wedding processional -- Jerry Goldsmith's theme music from the first "Star Trek" movie and "The Next Generation." Although Wendy isn't nearly as much of a "Star Trek" fan as her new husband, she wanted the wedding to include some "Star Trek" flourishes to honor Jon's love of the show. So when an opportunity presented itself near the end of the ceremony, several of us held up our hands in a Vulcan salute to the couple.

It was Jon's chocolate groom's cake that really stood out, though. One of two cakes featured, the other was a more traditional wedding cake, but Jon had designed his own special tribute to "Star Trek" and his STARFLEET career. The top of the cake featured 3-D images of six different starships, all of which he had either served on or been closely involved with during his 20 years in STARFLEET. The sides of the cake featured messages written in Klingon, Vulcan, Ferengi, Romulan, Cardassian, Bajoran, and just for the heck of it, Hebrew. Translations were provided, including the Ferengi, "You humans still owe us for this cake" and Cardassian, "Hey, why weren't we invited to this wedding?" Wendy's cake was triple-layered with strawberry filling. It was colored lavender (one of the wedding colors), and white fishes swam around the edges of it.

Later during the reception, held next to the wedding area, the wedding party was introduced over the majestic music from the "awards ceremony march" that ended the first "Star Wars" movie, "Episode IV: A New Hope."

At that point, *Angeles* member Ariel Vitali, who came with girlfriend Terry Bingham all the way from Irving, Texas, for the wedding, growled like Chewbacca, completing the re-enactment of the "Star Wars" scene. There's a little wookie inside of all of us.

And as Jon perspired in the late-summer heat, attempting to be a good host with an opening wedding toast, our chief engineer, Gary Sandridge, walked up to the center of the dance floor and padded Jon's forehead and face with a napkin. The day was very hot, and Jon had remained dressed in a full tuxedo.

Gary attended the wedding with his boyfriend, Steve Simon, and other Angeles members joining in the festivities were Commanding Officer Janice Willcocks, First Officer Jennifer Cole, Ship's Counselor Katie Moss and her husband Scott, and myself. Lisa Mueller, a friend of Jon's and of other *Angeles* members, flew out from Long Island, New York for the wedding and for the "Beam Me Up, Scotty ... One Last Time" convention, which she helped to organize. Admiral Alex Rosenzweig from New Jersey completed the list of "East Coast" Trekkers in attendance.

The wedding day was a time for family, friends and strong sentiment, and it was a time for humor. Jon's brother David Lane, the best man, gave a toast that told a lot about Jon, and we all good-naturedly laughed along with the groom. Jon and Wendy also presented a slideshow of photos from throughout their lives. And most of those attending got up and danced as the wedding band played for several hours. Wendy showed her joy as she danced with most of us. And even though there was a professional photographer in attendance, every so often we would see Jon with his own camera taking photos at the reception.

Jon and Wendy Lane recently left for their honeymoon in Italy. We extend our congratulations, our best wishes and, most of all, our love to them. Live long and prosper!

See the photo gallery on the back cover of the CQ!

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET!

Welcome to CQ #126. If my calculations are correct, this is my 29th consecutive article in the CQ since the year 2000. After a year as Promotions Director and 4 years on the EC, sending in articles to the CQ has become a normal thing but this article is my last as your Commander, STARFLEET. And, believe it or not, this is harder to write than I thought it would be.

Since getting involved in 'Fleet at the AB level in 1997, it's been quite the interesting eight years. Personally, my life has flipped upside down and taken me places I never thought I'd go. Fleet-wise, to say it has been exciting would also be an understatement. In many ways, you could say this administration started those eight long years ago. 'Fleet was in bad shape - the treasury was all but non-existent, legal paperwork wasn't getting processed; membership packets weren't getting sent out, CQs were sporadic and members were leaving in droves.

Enter Smith/Freas.

For the next 4 years, they scratched and clawed this organization back up to the realm of respectability. One of those hard workers was Les Rickard. Starting as the Ops Vice Chief under Tom Monaghan, he took over as Chief of Ops at the start of the 2nd Smith/Freas term in January of 2000. Les retained this role until being elected as the 11th Commander, STARFLEET for the 2001-2002 term on the Rickard/Goldberg ticket. Les' admin was also my first foray into an Executive Committee role, coming in as his Chief of Communications. In September of 2001, Gordon Goldberg stepped down as Vice Commander, STARFLEET and Les appointed me as his successor. When Les decided not to run for re-election, I tossed my hat in the ring and the rest, as they say, will soon be history.

Throughout these four administrations, one thought was consistent. This specific goal, the common thread since 1997, has allowed 'Fleet to move forward, from administration to administration, without every new team feeling they had to reinvent the wheel. Instead, each one built on the work of the previous. This has allowed 'Fleet to grow and prosper in ways it just wasn't possible before. This goal was to give this organization back to the membership. Starting with a group of individuals dedicated to this idea and backed by a new constitution, we have seen this come closer to reality each year. I am proud and honored to be associated with this group of people. Names such as kurt roithinger, Johnathan Simmons, Chris Wallace and Tony Rowley, as well as many of those who have served and currently serve on the Executive Committee, the Admiralty Board and their respective staffs, have become synonymous with hard work and dedication to this cause. I feel that these last two years with this team have been no exception. Starting with the addition of our treasurer as 'Fleet's first Chief Finance Officer on the EC, this team has striven to carry on this goal. This consistency continues as Mandi Livingston, Smith/Freas' first head of Membership Processing, past Academy Commandant and our current Chief of CompOps, prepares to take Fleet's center seat. Joining her will be Sal Lizard, Smith/Freas' first CompOps Chief and Jerry Tien, our current ShOC Chief. I believe we'll continue to close that gap in the coming years.

As this administration comes to a close, I'd like to thank some of the folks that have made our successes possible. First and foremost, I owe a ton of thanks to my Chief of Staff Allyson Dyar; Mark Anbinder – Vice Commander, STARFLEET and JC Cohen - Mark's Chief of Staff. These three have done so much to keep things running smoothly, especially when I found myself dealing with my wife's serious health issues and subsequent surgeries. Allyson and JC proved what a difference having the CS/VCS Chiefs of Staff working hand in hand can make in the smooth running of this organization. With four sets of eyes on all critical areas at this level, very few details were missed. Because of this teamwork, we have our first Commander, STARFLEET manual, are completely caught up with both State and Federal paperwork and are in the midst of our first-ever CPA review of Fleet's books. I couldn't have done this without y'all.

Next, I'd like to recognize some very talented individuals who have stepped up to the plate when 'Fleet needed them – those who have served on the Executive Committee these last two years: Joost Ueffing, Dixie Halber, Scott Akers, Jerry Tien, Sandy Berenberg, Mandi Livingston, Tammy Willcox and Denby Potts. Any successful administration is a team effort and I have been honored to work with each of you. Thanks also to Robb Jackson, Liz Woolf and Pat Spillers for their exemplary work as members of my staff.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank someone who has had a huge impact on me in this organization – my bro, my CO and past boss Les Rickard. Les gave me the opportunity to prove that issues of the past were no longer impacting me and offered me a spot on his slate. He then supported my bid for CS and handed me over a smooth running machine. He made filling a big set of shoes a lot easier time than many of my predecessors have had. Thanks, Bro!

Special thanks to my cohort in crime, my constant source for ideas, feedback and mischief, the king of my cronies: Greg Trotter. It's been a wild ride, my friend! I look forward to sharing the balcony with you <G>

Finally, I want to thank the person who has supported me the most over these last 4 years – my wife, Deb. Through thick and thin – even when her health was at its worst – she stood by me, was always there for me with advice and a different perspective, all the while handling her own responsibilities as the Director of Promotions. She is my love and my life and I look forward to devoting more time to her as my responsibilities within 'Fleet lessen.

I want to congratulate Mandi and her team on their upcoming administration. As I and Les before me did, she takes over the reins of an organization that is running smoother than it was two years ago. But, in all that, she has some very unique challenges to overcome. You see, in the past, STARFLEET has banded together to fix the operational issues this organization has had. For the most part, these issues are finally put to rest. We have more financial accountability than we have ever had. The Executive Committee now includes the CFO, giving the membership a voice in who watches the money for the first time ever. People are getting their membership packets, their CQs and both the State of North Carolina and the Federal government know exactly where this association stands. In short, we have no dragons left to slay. Because of this, infighting is on the rise and a lot of folks are just out for themselves as individuals instead of working for the whole. Mandi's challenge, therefore, is to find something for the membership to get behind and band together for. This isn't something eight people can do by themselves. While she spelled out a lot of her plans in her platform, I challenge all of you to do what you can to help STARFLEET find its new direction and to discover what it is that will bind us together again. I wish Mandi and her team the greatest success in what is arguably the largest non-operational challenge our club has faced. Together, I know it can be accomplished.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the faith you had in me and my administration. In both good times and bad, it has been an experience I shall not soon forget. But, while I am retiring as Commander, STARFLEET, I'm not disappearing into the sunset. I am remaining on as XO of the USS Normandy and will continue my duties as TRACOM's E-Cert Coordinator. While I'll not be taking on any additional duties in 2005 so that I can spend more time with Deb, enjoy our time together on our motorcycle and concentrate more on the band, I'll be around.

It has been an honor to serve each of you. Take care and keep looking towards the future!

Michael W. Malotte

SO LONG & THANX FOR ALL THE FISH

Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar
Outgoing Chief of Staff, Commander, STARFLEET

The last time I wrote a farewell, it was December 2000. I was the outgoing Chief of Communications and I was handing over the keys to the Executive Washroom to incoming CS, Les Rickard's Chief of Communications, Mike Malotte.

My, how times have changed!

Despite my intention to "retire," I ended up working on the Communique one last time as well as serve as Les' Chief of Staff during his last year in office. Once again, I wanted to retire, but Mike Malotte and JC Cohen convinced me to come on board as Mike's Chief of Staff.

But this time, I am seriously taking a step back. I need some down time away from the hurly burly of SFHQ.

It's been a great three years serving as Chief of Staff for both Fleet Admirals Rickard and Malotte. (Little did I know that they conspired to give me a special award for Exemplary Service at IC 2004-- I'm still honored and humbled!)

I will miss coordinating the ECAB meeting at IC. Nothing like rounding up EC and AB members in one place -- herding cats is far easier.

Before anyone asks, no, I'm not leaving STARFLEET. Perish the thought! I'll still be around as Assistant Administrator of Fleetchat IRC (http://www.fleetchat.org) and I'll be taking over ownership of Starfleet-l (http://www.fleetlist.org).

Just a few more words before I take my leave. These words are from Helen Keller: Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Exactly!

See you all around the Galaxy!

"WHERE EVERY LIFEFORM KNOWS YOUR NICK"

FLEETCHAT IRC NETWORK

by Allyson M. W. Dyar • Assistant Network Administrator "Nitehawk" on IRC

Fleetchat has been around for six years and if you haven't checked us out, it's time you did! In addition to mailing lists and other forms of communications, STARFLEET members also have their own private home for online chatting via Internet Relay Chat, or IRC as it's better known as.

If you have a PC, you can use a dedicated IRC client such as mIRC (http://www.mirc.com). Mac users can use the IRC client ircle (http://www.ircle.com).

Our server information is as follows:
destiny.fleetchat.org
(Direct IP Address: 209.178.198.94)

bedrock.fleetchat.org
(Direct IP Address: 65.68.37.185)

karma.fleetchat.org
(Direct Address: 208.187.144.94)

highwind.fleetchat.org
(Direct Address: 24.121.69.108)

All connection ports are 6667, and detailed instructions are located here:

http://www.fleetchat.org/servers.html

We also have a web IRC java client available if you have problems connecting and need help or don't wish to install a dedicated IRC client:

http://javaserver.fleetchat.org

Please note, however, that the javachat client we use doesn't like the Mac computer, so you may have problems using it.

When you are online, help can be found in the channel #fleetchat, where you should find at least one or two IRC Operators (folks with @ in front of their nicks) to help you.

In addition, we have an email mailing list for announcements pertaining to the FleetChat IRC Network. You can subscribe to the list by pointing your web browser to:

http://lists.fleetchat.org/mailman/listinfo/ircstatus-l.

Or you can subscribe via email. Send an email to:

ircstatus-l-request@fleetchat.org and in the subject put "subscribe"

Subscribing to this list will keep you informed and up-to-date on FleetChat IRC status and information and is highly recommended.

Our channel owners and users guide is a good source to check if you're an IRC newbie:

http://www.fleetchat.org/channelguide.html

as well as our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

http://www.fleetchat.org/faq.html

Come and join us -- you'll have a great time!

FROM THE NEW COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Mandi Livingston • Incoming Commander, STARFLEET

Fellow members of STARFLEET:

There are absolutely no words in our known language to properly express the feelings in my heart right now. It has been my dream since joining STARFLEET to one day serve as Fleet Admiral and to have it actually come to pass has brought joy beyond belief to my heart.

Before I say anything else, I want to congratulate FAdm Les Rickard and all of Team Fleet First for a good, clean, hard fought campaign. I know losing is disappointing, especially in a close election, but I want to thank them for taking the time and having the courage to offer themselves as candidates and for the issues they raised during the campaign.

You, the members of STARFLEET, have chosen to entrust this organization that we all love into the care of our team and on behalf of all of us, we will always be grateful to you for that trust and will work to give you an administration worthy of it.

However, this will not just be our team doing this. For STARFLEET to continue to excel, it is going to take the work and effort of all of us, no matter what side we were on in this election, to accomplish this. For this to work, we must all put aside our political differences and become one great "Team STARFLEET," working for the collective good. I know this organization and its great membership body can do this. Let us begin our Year of Fellowship today.

Now the election is over and the true work begins. I close by asking everyone to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we work with FAdm Mike Malotte's administration to ensure a smooth transition, and where we can hit the ground running working for our true boss, YOU, the members of STARFLEET.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts, our thanks to each of you.

On behalf of the Livingston/Planthold team,

VAdm Mandi Livingston
Commander STARFLEET-Elect
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IC 2007 BIDS AND HELLO!

SGM Scott Grant • Incoming Chief of Staff, Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings from the office of the incoming Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET. I'm excited about stepping into this job, although I've got a very tough act to follow. My thanks to Mandi Livingston for giving me this opportunity to serve her and the new administration.

Now to business: Bids for the 2007 International Conference (IC) are due to the Chief of Staff, Commander STARFLEET, by February 15, 2005. Bidding guidelines are available from the STARFLEET Website (http://www.sfi.org) documents page or directly from myself, or my deputy Dennis Rayburn, via e-mail. The bidding guidelines are in PDF format, so you'll want a copy of Acrobat Reader available to read them.

Committees may submit their bids in hard copy, text, PDF, or word processing format. We would prefer to receive the bids in either text or word processing format for us to PDF, but we will work with the committee if the submission format is a problem.

Once the bids are received and put into PDF format, then I will be making them available to the Executive Committee. The EC will discuss the pros and cons of each, giving me any questions the EC wishes asked of the bidders.

After a suitable amount of time (ranging from 2-4 weeks), the EC votes for IC 2007. Once the EC makes a decision, the CS will contact the bidding committees. Only the bid committees will know who has won IC 2007; the formal announcement won't be made until IC 2005 in San Antonio, TX, Jun 30th – July 3rd, 2005 (http://www.ic2005.org/).

Please direct your bid questions or the bids themselves to me at:
Scott Grant
116 Burgin Rd.
Bennington, NH 09442
sgrant@ci.manchester.nh.us

or to my deputy:
Dennis Rayburn
121 South McDonald St.
Puryear, TN 38251
stoncold@wk.net

I look forward to hearing from the committees and working with you in this important process!

OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARK H. ANBINDER
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Five years in review

The Malotte-Anbinder Administration is in its final weeks, and we're working on transitioning to the Livingston-Planthold Administration as I write these words. The Executive Committee, and Mike's and my able and unsung chiefs of staff, Allyson M. W. "Why didn't you tell me about TiVo years ago?" Dyar and J.C. "My other car is a teddy bear" Cohen, are working to wrap up old business in our respective departments and get physical records and materials, info and documentation, and assorted pearls of wisdom transferred to our counterparts.

J.C. has been an enormous help to me, and the last couple of years with him serving as my chief of staff have given an official title to an arrangement I've enjoyed for about a decade. He's great for bouncing ideas off of, points out issues I need to be aware of, and even once in a while reminds me of stuff I need to do. He started out doing that as a young *USS Accord* member, reminding me to file my chapter MSR with Ops and R7 HQ, and has held many roles since.

I've been serving on the Executive Committee for almost five years, filling out the rest of Teri Smith's term as Chief of Computer Operations under Mike Smith's administration, then serving my own term as CompOps Chief for Les Rickard, and now wrapping up two years as Vice Commander, STARFLEET working with Mike Malotte. It's been about seventeen years since I joined STARFLEET (on Thanksgiving weekend), a little over seven years since the 1997 IC got me hooked on activity beyond the local scene, and a little over six years since I dived into CompOps headfirst.

Over the last several years, I've seen a number of my friends become EC members, and a number of EC members become my friends. I've worked with many dozens of fellow STARFLEET members on various projects, conferences and other events, and committees, and met hundreds of you between chapter events, regional summits and conferences and parties, and International Conferences.

The STARFLEET Family

Meantime, I've been present in person or in spirit as quite a few of you have gotten married, and, I'm sorry to say, witnessed as several marriages have ended. That so many of you have invited me to attend your weddings, or even to take part, means a lot to me. I've even got a couple to look forward to already in 2005! (But eight weddings in 2004 were too many. Don't all get married next year, please.)

Recruiting guru Bob Vosseller is fond of talking about "recruiting the old fashioned way," and quite a few of you have taken this to heart. Some of my favorite kids are STARFLEET kids, including Accord's own Anna Adinolfi, who's approaching two like a speeding freight train; Kyla Wolf, whom I first met when she was just days old; Kevin Smith, who let me stay at his house when he was two weeks old; and former First Toddler Zachary Rickard, whom I've been lucky enough to see every few months as he's grown.

We've all spent time in sushi restaurants, hotel pools, wedding showers, and parking lots. We've invaded countless hot tubs, breakfast buffets, and random stairwells. I've seen hundreds of dollars raised to help a Fleet family in need, and hundreds of dollars stolen. We've had several Communiqué editors the last several years, each building upon the efforts of the one before. I've racked up tens of thousands of frequent flyer miles on my way to and from Fleet events and weddings, and even spent some of those miles on more 'Fleet travel.

The Roddenberry Spirit

Soon after I wrote my last column, which focused on the Roddenberry Productions project to assemble photos representing fans' interpretations of Gene Roddenberry's legacy, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a package from them in the mail. It was one of their disposable cameras, along with the usual form letter describing the project, but it also included a brief, handwritten note from Eugene Roddenberry, Jr. I'd spoken with his colleagues on the phone, not him, but he appreciated my efforts to help spread the word, and wanted to say so.

I've already used the camera and passed it along to a fellow Star Trek fan, just as the Roddenberry Productions folks asked, and I'll be interested to see the book when it comes out.

What's too bad is that I didn't have the camera already when traveling to any of this summer or fall's weddings. I think a wedding with a gathering of friends united by Gene Roddenberry's vision is a perfect example of what represents the Roddenberry Spirit! I may submit one of my digital photos, as well. Remember, you can participate even if you don't get one of their disposable cameras.

Closing Credits

In addition to the oft-opinionated Mr. Cohen, I'd like to thank some of the people who've helped out as part of my staff over the last few years. I'm sure I'm forgetting some, and for that, I'd like to apologize in advance. But my thanks go out to Josephine Acton, Sandy Berenberg, J.C. Cohen, Matt Copple, Ed DiRuggiero, Rick Driver, Mike Dugas, Allyson Dyar, Chris Esquibel, Pamela Fernsler, Lisa Fogelman, Susan Fugate, Dino Gravato, Claire Halber, Dixie Halber, Jeffery Higdon, Wade Hoover, Trey Isquith, Blair Learn, Mandi Livingston, Sal Lizard, Dave McCabe, Brett Morrow, Aaron Murphy, Angel Nehl, Wade Olson, Troy Pharis, Kurt Roithinger, Jesse Smith, Teri Smith, Leslie Surgento, Gerry Sylvester, Terri Sylvester, Greg Trotter, Chris Wallace, Gerri Wampler, Don Willits, and Kyle Wolf. There are lots more folks who've held positions under them, not to mention the many unsung spouses and other family members who've chipped in. All of these folks, and the others who've helped with occasional projects, deserve a round of applause.

MHA with Kyla Wolf.
Photo by Mark H. Anbinder

Zachary Rickard with a fellow attendee, Mr. Kringle, at the 2002 R7 Holiday Party.
Photo by Mark H. Anbinder

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

John Reavis
Gregory Casper
Scott Maynard
Ed Seaman
Diane Kruse
Emily Vosseller
Ken Dohn
Tom Moore
Ellen Majika

Fleet Captain / Brigadier

Joe Kancel
Gary Telecsan
Donna Monaghan
Lauren Milan
Mary Francen Singleton
David Singleton
Jerry T. Martin

Commodore / Brigadier General

Angel Avery
Pat Stewart
Melissa Larkin
Brian Schreur

Rear Admiral

Tammy Willcox

PROMOTION NOMINATION TIPS

Colonel Deborah A. Malotte • STARFLEET Director of Promotions

Here are some helpful tips when nominating someone for promotion.

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, six 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 e-mail list immediately after receiving it if you use the online form. You can request an e-mail form also: just send an e-mail to promotions@sfi.org and ask for a blank e-mail Nomination form. This method takes a bit longer to process.

Nominee Name

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

Double-check everything

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

Give your contact information

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

Fill 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.

Be Specific

Simply stating: "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," etc., does not supply enough information. 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 about some of the nominee's contributions. Ask others to send an e-mail to me at promotions@sfi.org including specific detailed 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 Regional 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 e-mail at promotions@sfi.org if you need help.

All requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above are forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and 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 two or three 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.

EC/AB NEWS

By Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar
Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET

I'm filling in for Rear Admiral J.C. Cohen, Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET while his computer is indisposed.

With the Commander, STARFLEET election in full swing, it was very quiet on the EC/AB list from 25 September to 25 November.

Amongst those few items discussed was the disposition of the USS Britannia in Region 9.

Regional Coordinator, Region 11, Admiral Jennifer Yates bade goodbye to her own chapter, the USS Southern Cross, thereby ending 23 years of faithful service to STARFLEET.

Outgoing Regional Coordinator of Region 2, Rear Admiral Danny Potts gave an outgoing speech to the ECAB. As outgoing Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET, I'll personally miss working with him.

Fleet Captain Liz Woolf sent out a proposal to the AB members concerning the revamping of the STARFLEET Awards. Liz invited the RCs to respond to her directly, you can contact your RC for more information.

As always, contact information for all RCs can be found in the back of this and every CQ.

VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

by COMM Sunnie J. Planthold • USS Gaspirilla, Region 2

This is your VCS-Elect Sunnie Planthold saying, "Howdy," to my entire STARFLEET family!

For those few of you who don't yet know me, I grew up in Roswell, NM. I have never seen a UFO, but I keep on looking for one! I put myself through Eastern New Mexico University working full-time as a cosmetologist. I received a Master's of Education in Specific Learning Disabilities from the University of Southern Mississippi. I am also certified by the USM Dubard School for Language Disorders in the Association Method of phonetic, multisensory teaching of the learning disabled. I have successfully used this Method to teach speech and reading to children with dyslexia (I myself am dyslexic), articulation disorders, language disorders (one of my sons), attention deficit disorders, mental retardation, and stroke/head trauma. This means that if I can't get my message across one way, I keep on looking for another way until I'm successful!

I have retired to Florida with my husband and Chief of Staff, Ralph, after teaching Special Education for 30 years in Mississippi and New Mexico. My hobbies include walking, martial arts, weight lifting, science fiction, sewing, reading, cooking, deer hunting, hand bells, piano, and clarinet. I hold a First Degree Black Belt in Kumiuchi Jiu Jitsu. I'm studying to be a First Responder and Ambulance Driver as a member of my community's Emergency Squad.

I joined STARFLEET International in 1995 and was the founding Executive Officer of *USS Okatoma*. In 1997, I became its Commanding Officer, joined the STARFLEET Marine Corps as a Reservist, and was a charter member of the 650th MSG. In 2000, I was appointed Vice Zone IV (Mississippi) Coordinator in Region 2 and was promoted to Fleet Captain/Brigadier.

In 2001, I was appointed Zone IV (Mississippi) Coordinator in Region 2. In 2003, I was appointed Vice Regional Coordinator of Region 2 and was promoted to Commodore/Brigadier General. In 2004, I was selected as the SFMC Second Brigade Marine of the Year and received a Regional Commendation for outstanding service to the membership and missions of STARFLEET Region Two. I am currently the Chocolate Counselor of the *USS Gasparilla* and the founding OIC of its all-female SFMC unit "The Black Bettys", 609th MSG (that's 6-OH!-9; slogan: "Cold Hearts, Hot Blades").

Since 2005 is being designated as "The Year of Fellowship," I want to share with you my first two projects in this new administration. Just as every country has a national anthem, I believe STARFLEET needs its own anthem. ADM Helen Pawlowski has already submitted one to me, but I have not yet had the pleasure of hearing it played. Now I would like to invite every active member of STARFLEET to exercise your creative Muse and submit your entry to me by March 15, 2005. I need actual sheet music (or at least a digital image of actual sheet music). I will have a panel review the submissions and will publish the winning entry right here in issue 128 of the Communiqué. Entries should have simple but inspirational lyrics and melody.

My official e-mail address, as of January 1, will be vcs@sfi.org. The subject line should be something like, "STARFLEET Anthem Submission." If you submit an entry before that date, I'm confident that outgoing VCS Mark Anbinder will forward it to my personal address. If you prefer to send an entry by snail-mail, please send it to me at my chapter's mailing address:

PO Box 3950
Brandon, FL
33509-3950.

All submissions will become the property of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

Also, to further the idea of Fellowship between chapters and regions, I propose to create the office of Director of Recreation. Details on that office will appear here in the next issue of the Communiqué, along with my call for applications to fill it. For now, here's an advance peek at my vision of it: Say you're planning to take a trip, and you wonder if there are any STARFLEET chapter or regional events along the way or near your destination. How would you like to be able to go to a website to look up that kind of information? You'll find out soon…

CADET CORNER

By CAPT Robin Van Cleave • FDP Director, Cadet Division

Greetings Cadets and Parents!

Have you been naughty or nice this year? If you've been well behaved, BRAVO!! Hopefully Santa will leave you the best Christmas present ever! If not, maybe it's time to start cleaning out your room or maybe help with cleaning the garage. >;-D

I do know that Santa has already been very nice to some of the people in Starfleet as we have new additions to the Cadet Corps - welcome to STARFLEET! Congratulations to a job well done, mommies and daddies.

My apologies if you have been trying to reach me by e-mail or phone lately. We are in the process of closing on a new house and should be completely moved by mid-December. Checking e-mails are a tad difficult when your computer is packed in a box. The only contact information that will be changing is my physical address and telephone number.

The cadets of the *USS Joan of Arc* would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate our twelfth year as a club on January 8th, 2005 in Corpus Christi, TX. They have made plans for visiting the *U.S.S. Lexington*, the Corpus Christi Natural History and Science Museum, and the Columbus Sailing boats; the adults, meanwhile, will head out on a cruise onboard the Texas Treasure. Be sure to tell your parents they need to head south for the winter. >;-P

For more information, please feel free to check out the USS Joan of Arc's website at ussjoa.homestead.com and click on events for January 2005!

Looking forward to meeting everyone at IC!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION!!!

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1333 Ray Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
(361)851-2003

FROM THE INCOMING CHIEF OF OPS

Commodore Jack Eaton • Incoming Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

Greetings from sunny Florida.

I am Commodore Jack "Towaway" Eaton and am proud to be your next Chief of Operations. I have been in STARFLEET on and off since 1986 and am looking forward to giving back something to an organization which has added lots to my life.

I may have the easiest of all incoming EC members: I am replacing a man who has run a department as close to the concept of flawless as you can get. I hope I will be able to at least fit in the same shoes he leaves behind.

There is not much I will be changing in Operations but thought I'd share a little bit of my philosophy. I have recently been the Zone Coordinator responsible for monitoring Florida chapters for the Region 2 Coordinator. I have taken a gentle nagging mother approach to reminding chapters about their MSRs and plan on taking this approach to Operations. You will not see any change in how you submit your MSR. I'm looking to retain much of the Ops staff which has been in place for the past few years. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

I have appointed Laura Dugas of the *USS White Star* as my Vice Chief and am currently looking for two or three other volunteers to help out on staff. I haven't come up with a snazzy title for these staff positions yet but these volunteers will be helping with the sorting and review of the MSRs. If you would like to apply for one of these positions please send me your 'Fleet and "real life" resumés. Experience with, or at least working knowledge of, Excel would be helpful. Send them to the addresses below.

Again, I look forward to serving the members of 'Fleet. I look forward to meeting some of you in person and online. The door to my office is always open.

Jack "Towaway" Eaton
towaway@gmail.com
PO Box 1342
Jensen Beach FL 34958

OPS CENTER

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

"All Good Things Must Come To An End." This English proverb, quoted by Q in the Star Trek: The Next Generation series finale "All Good Things..." aptly describes the situation I face here at the moment. As I look back, I honestly must say this experience was a very good thing.

The Executive Committee for 2003 - 2004 was, in a word, great! I want to thank the past and current (until December 31, 2004) members of the EC: Mike Malotte, Mark Anbinder, Allyson Dyar, J.C. Cohen, Greg Trotter, Dixie Halber, Sandy Berenberg, Mandi Livingston, Scott Akers, Jerry Tien, Tammy Wilcox, and Denby Potts for being fantastic people to work with. Everyone was a pleasure to deal with, made me feel at home with the position, and showed me what the true value of teamwork was. I don't really think I've changed much, if anything, if I was given the chance to do this all over again.

I also had a very good experience with what I could consider my clients: the RCs and COs of STARFLEET. All were, for the most part, very pleasant to deal with. Most problems we had were dealt with in a professional manner and I had very little problems in the way of communications between my office and our clients. This, I believe, says a lot for the professionalism of your elected leaders; my hats off to everyone.

In the way of changes, no ground-breaking changes were really needed. Apart from instituting the Chapter Care Program, my predecessor left a smoothly operating department when I took over so no real changes were needed. And I hope my successor will provide the same level of service I tried to give, or even go beyond it if he can.

Lastly, I want to take the time to thank my staff for their effort in making the work I had to do much easier. Thanks to Kandyleigh Provencher for her work as the first Chapter Care Program director. Also thanks to Michelle Fanelli for her work as Correy Operations director. And last, but not least, my profound thanks to Chrissy Killian. She was my right hand (and sometime my left when I had to be away from my duties) and did an amazing job as my vice chief. Again, thank you to all my staff for the work you did while I was in office.

To be honest, I don't have anything hugely philosophical to say about my time in office. I saw the work started by Mike Smith to make the leadership more accountable and transparent become solidified by this administration. We're no longer in trouble with the IRS, we have our financial codes enshrined in our constitution / handbook, and our ability to help our members has dramatically increased with the introduction of the database and continually improving customer service. I feel we finish this administration as a well oiled machine, ready for the next administration to slip into their roles without any huge issues.

So what's on my agenda for the next while? As of this writing I have accepted the directorship for the School of Strategy and Tactics. Along with my responsibilities as the Aerospace School for the SFMCA and some projects I've put on the back burner because of my Operations Chief duties, I'll be keeping busy.

Transition

As of January 1st, 2004 Jack Eaton will offically be taking over as Chief of Operations. On the week of Dec 12, 2004 I will be shipping *all* the Operations files over to him, so I will only be able to access files on my computer and the database. I will also start forwarding any mail I receive to Jack. For those you that need to send him mail, his address is:

Jack Eaton
2423 NE Palm Ave , Lot 5
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

I wish Jack luck in his new endeavors and hope you all give him the smooth transition you gave me over the last two years.

Vessel Registry

The VR is available for your downloading pleasure. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded at http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf.

And as a reminder, if anyone wishes 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 your chapter has lost its 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 we meet again…. and thanks for all the fish!

MSR REPORTING

OCTOBER 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	54	55	98%
R2	24	30	80%
R3	18	20	90%
R4	16	20	90%
R5	4	7	57%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	26	30	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R12	20	29	69%
R13	6	5	100%
R14	2	2	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	0	1	0%
Totals:	**202**	**231**	**87%**

NOVEMBER 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	51	56	91%
R2	20	30	67%
R3	19	19	100%
R4	18	21	86%
R5	3	7	43%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	28	30	93%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	20	28	71%
R13	5	6	83%
R14	2	2	100%
R15	11	11	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	0	1	0%
Totals:	**195**	**229**	**85%**

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 an 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 is listed as someone other than the CO or designee, no worries. Any questions about this are welcome, but hopefully this will clear up some confusion.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

I am the modern man
With this guitar in hand
I'll do my best and try
To keep rock and roll alive
...keep it alive
...keep it alive
...keep it alive...

Don't let it end
Don't let it end
Don't let it end
Don't let it end

I'm gonna keep on rockin'
all through the night
Shake it, shake it, baby,
'cause it feels so right

STYX
Don't Let it End
from Kilroy Was Here

Well this is it, the election is over, Mandi Livingston has won, and Todd Brugmans will be moving in to the spacious Commandant's Office in the near future. I see bagpipes, kilts, and really weird drawings on the walls before the new paint is even dry. Yes, that's right, this is my last article as Commandant, and for some of you it is none too soon. I don't want to spend too much time getting Maudlin, but I will miss you guys, the students, the directors, the Deans, Boothby's gardening, and the short Bolian who brings me my Quad-shot Hazelnut Latte venti every morning. It has been a fantastic two years, at times fun, at times sad, always exciting and sometimes frustrating. I have more gray in my beard now, and more airline miles than before. I ask that you all give my successor a chance to move in, before you hit him with complaints, and requests for changes. He'll do a great job, and I know I left you all in good hands. (Paws, Mitts, Claws, etc)

More on the transition later, but 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

COMMANDANT:

I would again like to congratulate Todd Brugmans as our New Commandant for the Starfleet Academy. In his own words Todd has served aboard the command staffs of two Region 7 vessels, The *USS Highlander*, where he served as Chief of Communications, and currently the *USS Avenger*, where he currently holds the position of Executive Officer. An established graphic artist, he is also known for several caricatures, T-shirts, logos, and graphics that have cropped up inside Starfleet and outside as well. His experience with the Academy to date has been two-fold: first as a student, taking close to two-thirds of the Academy's overall curricula prior to my accepting a post on the current Academy staff. The second part of his experience is in the form of the current position he holds within the Academy, Director of Course Development. In this position he has helped to 'quality control' new courses being added to the ever-expanding Starfleet Academy.

DEANS & DEPUTY 'DANTS

I'm going to let Todd talk about his staff changes in his own introduction article. However I am going to use this opportunity to thank my hard working Headquarters Staff for the hard work and tireless effort that made all the accomplishments of the past two years possible for the Starfleet Academy.

To Carol Thompson who has served as my Vice Commandant, Voucher Queen, as well as running her own schools, (Survival, MURPS, VRCP) and serving on the *USS SOL*, I cannot thank you enough for keeping me sane, and for all the hours you put into providing impeccable service to the membership.

To JC Cohen and Matt Baillie for all the work you two did when you stepped in and replaced John Adcock and Dave Blaser. John & Dave set a high bar of service and you two continued in a great tradition.

To Sharon Clark, Dean of Technology; and Wayne Killough, Dean of Arts, Huge Kudos and thanks for lasting the two years working with me, you are two very brave souls.

To Peg Pellerin, Kurt Roithinger, Les Rickard, (Leadership); Greg Staylor, Sean Meyers (Military); Dean Rogers, PJ Trotter, and S. Adam Day (Cadets); thank you all for the time and effort you put in on behalf of the students and directors in the Institutes you served in.

Finally to Wendy Fillmore, Robin Smith, Todd Brugmans and Lauren Milan, may the Gods of Kobol bless you four forever, you have made possible the continuing success and growth of the Academy and its mission. We have been able to do more scholarship giving, online servicing of students, add more courses and schools, and keep a web presence alive that made the Academy shine, and I am forever in your debt and will always be grateful to your unselfish service.

DIRECTORS:

I would like to introduce the first of our new directors. Due to health reasons, Edith Padgett has had to step down as the Director of the College of Trade and Commerce. Replacing her in the role as Grand Nagus will be Chrissy Killian who is truly a Ferengi at heart, and also works as an instructor for the I.R.S. in her mundane life. You can reach her at c.killian@comcast.net, or by going to the Academy Web Page for COTAC at: http://academy.sfi.org/courses/cotac//index.shtml.

The second new director has been around the Academy for a little while already. Deborah Butcher will no longer be serving as Director of the College of History, but replacing her will be our very own Director of the Office of Fleet Historian. ME! I have already taken over the duties of this school, and will be remodeling and then expanding the courses available over the next year. In my capacity as director I can be reached at chunone@nwlink.com or you can get to the College via the Academy Web Site at: http://academy.sfi.org/courses/coh/index.shtml

NEW COURSES

The College of Science Fiction has added a new series of courses on the movie "War-Games" written by Truman Temple. For more information go to the College of Science Fiction website at: http://cosf.ussnebula.org/. Remember when the computer asks "Do you want to play a game?" PICK CHESS!!!

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

It is with regret that I must announce that the IDCP will be delayed until 2005, as Major Rob Alpizar has experienced a catastrophic loss of his computer hard drive. While Rob will be rebuilding the whole project, it will be at least next year until he gets the program back on line. Our apologies on this news.

THE BOOTHBY AWARDS

Following are the new Boothby Award winners since CQ125. The list is small, 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.

Fleet Captain Gary "Tiny" Hollifield
Bronze Award 51 Courses (15/36)

Lieutenant George Ann Wheeler
Bronze Award 51 Courses (51/0)

Major Joseph Lee White
Bronze Award 52 Courses (18/34)

Sergeant Major Marie Wilson
Bronze Award 57 Courses (41/16]

Corporal Sofyan Sahrom
Bronze Award 87 Courses (28/59)

Cathy L. Edgington
Silver Award 100 Courses (89/11)

Fleet Captain Kyle J. Wolf
Silver Award 111 Courses (78/33)

Gunnery Sergeant Bill Rowlette
SilverAward 123 Courses (92/31)

Captain Dean A. Rogers
Latinum Award 202 Courses (162/40)

Commander Thomas Pawelczak
Latinum Award 242 Courses (194/48)

Colonel Glendon Diebold
Diamond Award 256 Courses (202/54)

To recap the Boothby Awards program: it is for the recognition of those students who have consistently attended and worked at a large number of Academy classes, that we are creating the Boothby Awards. (Thank you Region One Awards Guru Victor Swindell for the idea). Once a student passes their fiftieth academy class they will receive the Boothby Award Certificate sent to them. 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 FUTURE

Well that about sums it up for my last CQ article as Commandant. Because of the timing of the CQ Deadline, right after the announcement of the election winner, Todd will introduce the new Academy Headquarters Staff in Communiqué 127.

CLOSING

Following is the list of graduates for the September/October timeframe. Take time to congratulate them, and to ask them how much fun they have had.

To end my last post from the desk of the Commandant, I thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the membership, and I wish my successor all the best in his tenure.

Fleet Matters
Trek Matters
Humanity Matters
You Matter

Scott A Akers

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – SEPT/OCT. 2004

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Erinn K. Boyd*
Arron Ehly
Luis Valentine**
Jamie Clancy *
Bill Rowlette*
Patrick Barnes*
Terrie Thomas*
Jane Laswell
Jeremy Skelton **
Kenny Watts*
David R. Lyons**
Kristina Hanson**
Annisa Aguilar*
Matt Moyer*
Jeffery Roy*
Edward Rhoades*
Richard Thompson
Kyle D. Mills *

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Darry Lewis Jennings
Diane C. Duggan**
Norma Ybarra
Kristi Stapleton*
Robert Stronach
Kimberly Hoffman**

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL

Sarom Sofyan**
James Gibbs

SCHOOL OF RECRUITING

Neal Fischer**
Dustin Williams
Kimberly Hoffman
T'Anna Harrington**

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC)

Dean Rogers*
James Lee Smith**
Mike Smith**
Joe Brouhard**
Tom Wexler**

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Scott A. Akers**
Ricardo Bruckman**
Ellen Majka**
Kevin Voet**
George Ann Miller**
Gary Amor**
Angel Avery**
Guy Blandford**
Greg Franklin**
Martha Ingles**
Dean Rogers**
Sharon Rowlette**
Sofyan Sahrom**
Jan Sleigh**
Michael Sten**
Darrell Thomas*
Linda Thomas**
Chris Underwood**
Judith Waidlich**

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Kyle Wolf

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Gary Hollifield**
Bill Rowlette**
Samuel S. Cummings**

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Richard Thompson**

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Darrell Thomas**
Avery Angel**
Kyle Wolf**
Michael Smith**
Gary Amor**
George Ann Wheeler**
Tracy Andrews-Isquith**
Bill Rowlette**

COLLEGE OF HISTORY (COH)

Glendon L. Diebold*
Judy Waidlich*

SCHOOL OF LAW

Bill Rowlette
Sofyan Sahrom
David Hines

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

G. Chen

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Bill Rowlette*
Kai'leen Gibbs*
Angel Avery**
Truman Temple*
Matthew Teats*
George Ann Wheeler*

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

Angel Avery
Barbara Buffington
Raymond Burkhart
Joseph Dorfner
Glenna Juilfs
Glenn Martin
Dean Andre Rogers
Bill Rowlette
Becky Slater
Truman Temple
Jill Tipton
Annette S. Wood
George Ann Wheeler
Marie Wilson
Kyle Wolf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

Anne Miller
Raymond Burkhart
Scott A. Akers
Dean Andre Rogers

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Bill Rowlette
Sofyan Sahrom

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER HISTORY

Shawn Gregory

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Darrell Thomas*
James Cecil*
Shawn Gregory
Bill Rowlette

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Martha Ingles**
Tracy Andrews-Isquith*
Truman Temple**
Glendon L. Diebold**
Thomas Pawelczak**
Anne Miller**
Sofyan Sahromv**
Michael Wyant*
Linda Thomas*
Dean Andre Rogers**
Darlene Topp**
Rodney Neil*

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Sofyan Sahrom
Tom Wexler
Matthew Teets
Donita Hilfinger
Truman Temple
Tracy Andrews-Isquith
Michael Edelson

COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS

Michael Timko**
Mathew Teets
Bill Rowlette**

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOLOGY

Sophia Carballo**

THE GORN ACADEMY

James Herring
Kyle Wolf
Marie Wilson
Diana Goetsch

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

USS Inferno (AE, AEMD, ME, PD)

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY

Glendon Diebold**

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Kimberly Hoffman*
Glendon Diebold*
Patrick Barnes**
James Herring**
David Hines*

SECURITY SCHOOL

Sofyan Sahrom**
Bill Rowlette**
Kimberly Hoffman**
Fred Parsons**
Erik Cowand**
Joseph Dorffner**
Thomas Carroll**
Jamie Clancy**

SCHOOL OF SURVIVAL STUDIES

Anne Miller*
Softan Sahrom

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

USS Inferno

* Honors
** Distinction

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

RADM Victor Swindell
Director, SFA School of Cryptography

Some of you enjoyed the puzzle that I last transmitted to the CQ, so I've decided to send another one for your enjoyment.

VFURRJH ZDV EHWWHU WKDQ KLV ZRUG. KH GLG LW DOO, DQG LQILQLWHOB PRUH; DQG WR WLQB WLP, ZKR GLG QRW GLH, KH ZDV D VHFRQG IDWKHU. KH EHFDPH DV JRRG D IULHQG, DV JRRG D PDVWHU, DQG DV JRRG D PDQ, DV WKH JRRG ROG FLWB NQHZ, RU DQB RWKHU JRRG ROG FLWB, WRZQ, RU ERURXJK, LQ WKH JRRG ROG ZRUOG. VRPH SHRSOH ODXJKHG WR VHH WKH DOWHUDWLRQ LQ KLP, EXW KH OHW WKHP ODXJK, DQG OLWWOH KHHGHG WKHP; IRU KH ZDV ZLVH HQRXJK WR NQRZ WKDW QRWKLQJ HYHU KDSSHQHG RQ WKLV JOREH, IRU JRRG, DW ZKLFK VRPH SHRSOH GLG QRW KDYH WKHLU ILOO RI ODXJKWHU LQ WKH RXWVHW; DQG NQRZLQJ WKDW VXFK DV WKHVH ZRXOG EH EOLQG DQBZDB, KH WKRXJKW LW TXLWH DV ZHOO WKDW WKHB VKRXOG ZULQNOH XS WKHLU HBHV LQ JULQV, DV KDYH WKH PDODGB LQ OHVV DWWUDFWLYH IRUPV. KLV RZQ KHDUW ODXJKHG: DQG WKDW ZDV TXLWH HQRXJK IRU KLP. KH KDG QR IXUWKHU LQWHUFRXUVH ZLWK VSLULWV, EXW OLYHG XSRQ WKH WRWDO DEVWLQHQFH SULQFLSOH, HYHU DIWHUZDUGV; DQG LW ZDV DOZDBV VDLG RI KLP, WKDW KH NQHZ KRZ WR NHHS FKULVWPDV ZHOO, LI DQB PDQ DOLYH SRVVHVVHG WKH NQRZOHGJH. PDB WKDW EH WUXOB VDLG RI XV, DQG DOO RI XV! DQG VR, DV WLQB WLP REVHUYHG, JRG EOHVV XV, HYHUB RQH!

As always if you would like to know more about the wonderful world of cryptography then the School of Cryptography is waiting to challenge you!!

http://academy.sfi.org/courses/crypto/index.shtml

IN COMMING...

COMMODORE DIXIE HALBER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

And outgoing, as this is my last column as Chief of Communications for STARFLEET. By the time you read this, a new administration for STARFLEET will have taken over and a new Chief of Communications will be in place. It's been a fun ride the past year but sadly now at an end.

One thing to note in the transition, I will no longer be doing the MSR Summaries for the CQ. Do not send me any more of your hardcopy MSRs. Those should now be directed to Bob Fillmore, or whomever he designates to handle that chore.

Everything else should be seamless in the transition. All e-mail aliases will be changed over and Bob has all the access he needs to run Comm.

So with that a few thanks.

These two I've told before but it doesn't hurt to say again, to Mike Malotte and Greg Trotter. Both of them had the confidence in me to give me the opportunity to serve this organization. Though I've only been Comm Chief for just under a year, I've been in the department for over three and though it's been difficult at times, I've enjoyed every minute of it.

I could not have done this job without a fantastic staff over the years. Many thanks go to Allyson Dyar and Kurt Roithinger for many many hours devoted to the Communiqué in not one but two terms at editing. To Bob Bulkeley and Chris Chontos for tackling the job as well. Rounding out the CQ layout staff were Lauren Milan and Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons who have handled the mammoth job during this past year. Additionally Lauren agreed to take over the Vice Chief - Publications spot for me when I moved up. I could not have made a better choice for that spot.

In addition to the layout teams handling the CQ there was a team of people helping out with the copyediting and writing. Many of them are staying on so you will continue to enjoy their fine work. Many thanks to the following hard working folks: Tracy Lilly, Michael Klufas, Stuart Roth, Gabriel Beecham, Gene Adams, Claire Halber and Steven Halber. Additionally, Steve asked to help out as submissions coordinator for me this past year (and gets to listen to me rant and rave about everything else that goes on!)

But the CQ is not the only thing that the Communications department does. Holding down the fort on the HelpDesk was Vice Chief Joan Bruckman. She was the person you always heard from first on the HelpDesk and she made sure that the rest of us always had work to do. Assisting her was Susan Ueffing. My thanks to both of these ladies for keeping things running so smoothly.

On the internet side of things was the Department of Web Services headed up by Vice Chief Ed Nowlin. Ed has kept that side of things running smoothly for many years now and I greatly appreciate all he has done. Also on that side of the house was webmaster Mike Wilkerson. Mike has been the SFI webmaster for two administrations now, and is taking a well deserved break. My thanks to him for handling that mammoth task. Also helping him out was Larry Barnes who's been a real go to person for me in the past few months and for that I offer my gratitude.

Finally I want to say a word of thanks to my family, my husband Steve and my daughter Lauren. They both put up with long hours and lots of work and even pitched in when needed. I cannot say how much their support has meant to me these three years.

And with that I end. My thanks also to the membership of this organization for giving me a chance to serve them these past years. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Dixie L. Halber

STARFLEET DEPARTMENT OF ONLINE GAMING

FCAPT Roger Stearns • Director, STARFLEET Department of Gaming

Greetings, Fleet gamers. Recently, I was asked to step into the role of heading up STARFLEET's Department of Online Gaming (DOG), to succeed its founder, Captain Joe Brouhard. Through DOG these past 5 years or so, I have had the pleasure of being able to call Joe friend. I appreciate that friendship, and hope I can honor it through my service. My goal is to build upon the foundation set by Joe and the others who have served on the DOG staff these past years. Though we have made several attempts in the last half decade in promoting Trek and other internet gaming in Fleet, the participation by Fleet has been less than hoped for. I would like to see regular Fleet tournaments of games our fellow 'fleeters are interested in. Some region vs. region, or even ship vs. ship friendly competition is something I would like to develop. The purpose here is to have fun, and to enhance an area of fandom by having an organized effort at Trek gaming.

As a first step towards developing a new approach to reaching our members interested in gaming among our fandom community, I have asked Regional Coordinators to each appoint a representative to DOG. I feel the best way to begin this new chapter in DOG is to develop an expanded foundation of communication. I believe having Regional Representatives is the best first step to take to have that communication.

Gaming News

Paramount is working on developing STAR TREK ONLINE, a massive multiplayer online Role Playing Game. (MMO). The release date is still a couple of years away at best. But, it is my hope there will be a strong SFI presence in the game. I would like to see us coordinate getting SFI members on the same server when it is released. That way we can all help each other in the game. In preparation for the game, I would like to ask that each chapter in Fleet with an interest in this for at least one representative to subscribe to the STARFLEET DOG forums.

I look forward to working with each of the Regions in developing the future of Gaming in Fleet. To Captain Brouhard, again, thank you for the support and the opportunity to serve. And to all those in who are interested in gaming online, please visit our forums at http://sfigaming.net.

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANDI LIVINGSTON
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET!

It's really hard to believe that this is my last CompOps article. The past year has flown by quickly, and I want to take a moment from the regular department report to say thank you to several people that deserve my thanks and your recognition. First of all, I want to thank FAdm. Mike Malotte for giving me this opportunity to serve as Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET. Mike, you have been a good leader and a great friend. Also, I want to thank the rest of the Malotte Executive Committee for their cooperation and friendship this past year as I served on the EC with them. Mark, Joost, Greg & Dixie, Scott, Jerry, Denby, JC, and Allyson, thank you all.

To the CompOps crew, you have been a great bunch of people to work with. Sandy Berenberg, Bran Stimpson, Robin Smith, Martin Lessem, Robin Pillow, Patty Heany, Mike Dugas, Pete Mohney, Steven Bowers, Kandyleigh Provencher, Lauren Milan, Isaque Fernandes, Dino Gravato, Bob Vosseller, Dustin Williams, Robbie Lewis, Laura Dugas, Sal Lizard, Michael Vermoesen, Joe Dorfner, Ron Novak, Gerri Wampler, Gerry and Teri Sylvester, Robert Graham, all the Database Testers and Coders, and the many other names that escape me right now (my apologies!), I want to say thank you to you all for the part you've had in Computer Operations during 2003-2004. STARFLEET and I appreciate the work you did these past two years for the organization. It has been a team effort for sure. Thank you and you all deserve thunderous applause and a standing ovation!

Now, on to a little business.

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the E-commerce solution for new and renewing online memberships will have been implemented. This will greatly increase the efficiency of all online renewals paid with debit/credit card. Robin Smith and the database team have had to rewrite some of the database in order to get this project implemented, so thank you for your patience in this matter. I'm looking forward to seeing it finally implemented myself, as I am sure so is the MP Team and the CFO's office!

The Membership Processing team continues to work feverishly for STARFLEET. If you have any questions regarding your application or renewal, please send an email to membership@sfi.org or CompOpsHelp@sfi.org, or contact the MP team via the address listed in the staff directory in this CQ issue. Again, please remember to accurately fill out your membership application (both on paper and online), provide accurate contact information in case the MP team has a question or issue with your renewal, print neatly on mailed-in applications, and accurately check your payment information before submitting online. This will greatly help the MP team!

Membership Totals: Currently, the membership total stands at 3697. We have 80 renewals to be processed and 14 new memberships to process as well. This gives us a total of 3790 members in STARFLEET currently. While we remain steady, I'd still like to see some growth in the future. We can do this together. I hope you all remember that a Fleet Membership is a great gift to give at the Holidays!

In closing, I'd like to thank you all, the membership, for being such a great group of people to work with and work *for* this past year. There are so many things we all accomplished together, but the work never ends. As this administration's term ends, I'm packing up the CompOps Chief office and cleaning out my desk. In a few short days, I'll be handing the keys to the office to a new group of CompOps leaders. Sal Lizard will be stepping back into a role he's held before - Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET. He served in the first Smith/Freas term (1997-1998) at a time when STARFLEET was at a crossroads and faced many challenges. I trust he'll do a fine job in his second go around in CompOps. Again, STARFLEET faces challenges, this time regarding Membership Retention & Recruitment. And I'd like to thank Sal for volunteering his services to STARFLEET.

Again, thank you all. Take care and see you in the next CQ!

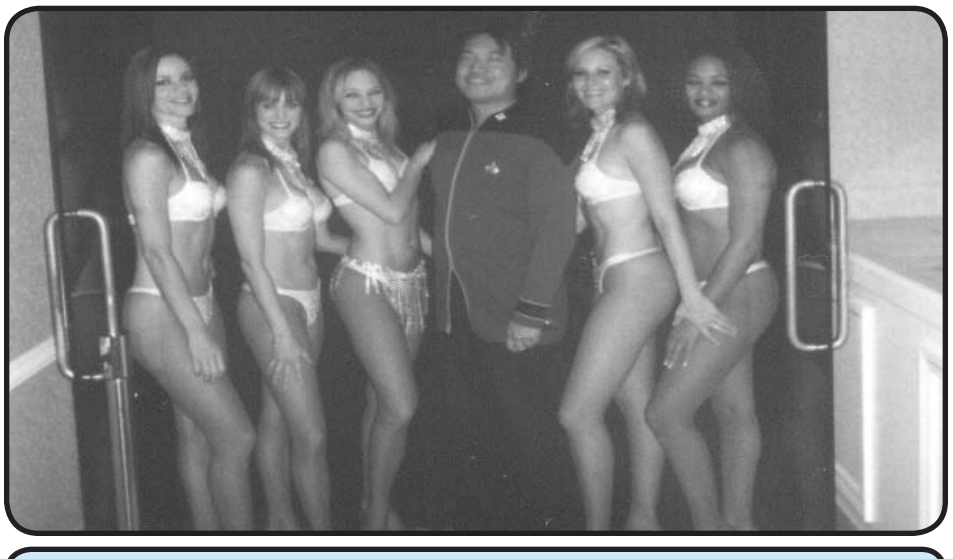
Mandi Livingston

THE SHUTTLEBAY

REAR ADMIRAL JERRY TIEN
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Season's greetings from ShOC HQ. While I didn't travel much during the Thanksgiving time frame, I did have an earlier vacation this year. As you might recall, Region 4 had its annual conference at the end of September. That resulted in a pretty busy month for me (attending BGen. Joost Ueffing's wedding in Tennessee and dashing off to Las Vegas next week...). But we had a lot of fun since it's in Las Vegas. There were the usual casino entertainments, as well as Star Trek: The Experience at the Hilton. Besides, you never know who you might encounter on those trips - maybe even enough folks to form a new shuttle (see picture to the right). Speaking of new shuttles, we added quite a few shuttles to 'Fleet since last issue:

Shuttle Dark Star (R1)
Shuttle Dauntless (R7/2)*
Shuttle Maverick (R3)
Shuttle Thunderwolf (R3)
Shuttle Top Gun (R7)
* Correspondence shuttle currently deployed in Florida



ShOC Chief RAdm. Jerry Tien and the crew of Shuttle San Remo?
Photo by Jerry Tien

Several groups also indicated interest in starting new shuttles. So we should see even more growth in 1Q 2005. If you are not sure how to start a chapter, check with your regional staff. Chances are there is a regional ShOC officer who can lend a hand. Don't have a regional ShOC officer? No problem. My office is standing by, ready to guide you through the greatest adventure in STARFLEET.

I hope you all had a great year. It's amazing how time flies. With all the new shuttles and ships, all of a sudden I am looking at the end of the Malotte / Anbinder administration. It was an amazing journey - meeting all the members, working with folks to launch shuttles, solving problems and completing the shuttle program for commissioning. I am very glad to see so many members took on those challenges and succeeded.

In November 2004, it became a mixed feeling of anticipation and uncertainty. Was it the journey's end, or a new beginning? On 11/20/04, I received the word from VAdm. Mandi Livingston to get ready for another tour of duty. I am deeply honored with the faith of the membership. And I am determined to introduce and deploy the programs that will make 'Fleet better.

One of the key goals for next year is improving the accessibility of ShOC resources. To that end, I am seeking web development experts. Interested individuals should contact me at shoc@sfi.org or the postal address at the end of Communiqué. I am also looking for members with publishing experience. Your skills will be put to good use for the new ShOC publications.

In this final issue for Malotte / Anbinder administration, I'd like to thank FAdm. Mike Malotte for offering me the chance to work in ShOC last two years. I also had a great time working with all my colleagues on the Executive Committee. Your hard work and dedication will always inspire me. For those pursuing new adventures, I look forward to working with you down the road in whatever new positions you might take up. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Jerry Tien

FROM THE "NEW" SHOC DIRECTOR

RADM Jerry Tien
Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET

I am really looking forward to serving you at Shuttle Operations Command next three years. For those of you who don't know me, I come from USS Eagle of Region 4. Adm. Alex Rosenzweig will be working in the Vice Chief position as well as handling the Department of Technical Services as he has done so well in the past. Together, we will do our best to achieve the goals of Recruitment, Retention and Recreation. All of these goals are vital to shuttle success.

We are looking at improving existing services as well as offering new resources and programs for folks who want to start new chapters. It takes people to make these programs happen. If you have any suggestions or wish to work for ShOC, be sure to drop me a line if you are interested. In addition, the shuttle program shouldn't be all work and no play. Therefore, stay tuned for changes and new services that will make the shuttle program more fun than ever.

DOLLARS & SENSE

COMMODORE DENBY POTTS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Greetings one and all.

I would like to bring everyone up to date on where we are with a few things that are still outstanding within the CFO's office.

The eCommerce system

From what I have been told, Robin Smith has run into some troubles with the revamping of the Database to merge it with the eCommerce vendor. She is doing her best to make sure this is completed by the end of the year. While I'd love to see it come to life within my tenure as CFO, I'd rather see it done right, and will be happy to know I had some part in the switchover.

The 'Review of the Books'

The 'Review of the Books'. We have heard from the CPA and it will not be till after the first of the year before the review is completed. Soon as I here from him I'll let Pat Spillers know and she can report on his findings in her article next time.

I don't have anything else left outstanding, so I don't have much left to report on. I do, however, want to congratulate Pat Spillers, STARFLEET's next CFO, on her appointment. I wish her the best of luck, and will be working with her to ensure a smooth transition between the two teams.

Lastly, let me say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as a member of the Executive Committee, but more importantly, for allowing me to become friends with many people I had only heard about in e-mails.

Mike, I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to prove myself.

To the CFO team: Tammy, Dee, Randy, Deb and Brad (who we've adopted), thanks for being there, watching my back.

To the rest of the EC and their support staff, thanks for being there to help when I called.

I will still be around somewhere but I will always be MOMMA!!

Denby A. Potts

NEW CFO BIO

by VADM Pat Spillers • Incoming Chief Finance Officer, STARFLEET

I became a member of STARFLEET in June 1992 and founding member of the shuttle and then *USS Bexar*, the first STARFLEET chapter in San Antonio. We commissioned at the SF IC in 1993 Tex-Trek and it was my honor to be the first Commanding Officer on that ship. Bill Swab put me on Region Three Staff shortly after that and it again has been my honor to still be on R3 Staff. I began on R3 staff as Communications and then Operations under Brad Pense and now Special Advisor.

With having a small in-home Collectible business and attending most if not all Regional events, I worked with Brad to expand the R3 QM department. With my husband, Gene as R3QM, we have made contacts and found suppliers for many things. We try to have one to three new items at each year's R3 Summit. As R3 Operations, I have worked with each Summit Chairman since we began in 1996 having Regional Summits. I have headed up getting items for Auction for most of the summits and we have developed a system for doing the auctions over the years including computerizing it with the help of Stephanie Izard in 2003. I was Summit Chairman in 2001 for our Waco location. This was a trial to see if the R3 ships could work together doing a summit with the idea of putting in a bid to host an IC in R3. Region Three put in a bid and won it to host the 2005 IC in San Antonio of which I am Chairman.

On the Fleet level, I was Admiralty Board Coordinator in '95 and '96. I have been helping with Quartermaster for STARFLEET since 1998 in Lubbock. In '99 I asked Laura if they had thought of having Assistant QM and next I knew, CS was announcing we have a new Asst. QM. I have worked under both Laura and Carl. Laura was not able to make the 2000 and 2002 ICs so I set up and ran the SF QM tables. CS Mike Malotte made me SF Quartermaster in February 2004. Since then I have been working on getting a lot of new items for SF QM. I took the QM to Quickbooks in 2003 along with Region Three and this computerizing has been a great improvement. I can have inventory, dollars collected, etc. at any time during or when weekend is completed instead of having to re-count all items each time. We will only have to do physical counts yearly after the last major event for the year. As long as I am able to attend some Summits and IC, I hope to be doing this SFQM job for a long time.

Due to my Fibromyalgia, I had to give up full time work in 1993. With my Accounting, Math, Management, Computer and Tax qualifications in real life, the CFO position and QM are right up my alley. I know I have met most of you over the years in the Dealer's Room and look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. As Regional CFO and now as SFQM, I will do my best to attend as many Regional Summits as my limited finances will allow. If I can not make it in person, I will be happy to help get supplies to your Summits so everyone can have the opportunity to get STARFLEET merchandise.

I look forward to having a web page for QM shortly after the new year.

Yours in Service,
VAdm. Pat Spillers

FROM THE 'DANT

by LGN Wade Olsen • Commandant, SFMC

Fellow Members:

Since the last CQ this office has issued the following awards:

Additions to the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon were:

Robyn Winans
Ed Dravecky
Robert Fritz
Liz Weber
Jan Agee
Wade Olson
Ken Olson
Lindsey Olson
Heather Olson
Thomas Carroll
Barbara Baker

Silver Nebula:
Mike Balewitz
Sean Meyer

This will be my final CQ article as the Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. This saddens me greatly. I have been through a lot with the Corps and its members, most of it good. I've been through a lot of personal problems which the Corps has been instrumental in helping me through. It's been a part of me for almost seven years during my service to the General Staff. First as COForceCom, then Deputy Commandant and finally Commandant, a position I've held for more than four years.

During my tenure we've seen a lot of change and even more progress. We've put in place a new ribbon program, a new logo, a new command, InfoCom, a new Branch of Service, Maritime Operations and we've seen the decision making body change from a sole person, the Commandant, to a group of people, The General Staff. I am very proud to have served under three consecutive Commanders, STARFLEET and during the Corps' 20th Anniversary.

There are many more things I could mention but space is limited. The one thing that any Commandant can wish for is to make a good difference. I'm quite sure I made a difference, but, I guess good or bad is in the eyes of the individual member. In my eyes, considering the praise I've received from my superiors and others over the years, I can only assume it was good. And I walk away from this office content.

I've worked with a lot of people while serving this office. I can't name each and every one here as the list would be very long, and I would probably forget to mention someone and feelings would be hurt. Or maybe someone would rather not be mentioned. Either way I'd like to say I appreciate each one of those people, regardless of what we felt about each other or how they may have left office.

When you sit in one of these command seats you learn to appreciate what these people have to put up with and the sacrifices they have to make to perform these duties. So, to all of you who have served under me during my tenure I say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

I also want to thank all of those who supported me through thick and thin and all of those who worked to make my job easier and make the Corps a better place for everyone. When my time is up in this office I shall return to the 674th Marine Strike Group aboard the USS Relentless, NCC 81001 and take over command once again, if the new CO will have me. And I'll go back to flying my A-78 Dragon as squadron leader and hopefully my position in the Black Arrows will be afforded me as well, the Slot Pilot (#4 position.) Then things will most certainly have gone "full circle."

Since the last report there were two financial reports sent to the list.

September

We started the month of September with $1793.20. There were three deposits made during the month. The first was on 9/7/04 for merchandise orders and funds collected from the IC in the amount of $296.75. The second was on 9/24/04 in the amount of $69.00. And the third on 9/29/04 was in the amount of $2.50. There was one check cashed on the account during the month on 9/10/04 in the amount of $1592.17 to JP Productions for the recent pin order. The Service Charge on the account was $1.83. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of $567.45.

We started the month with funds in Petty Cash equaling $78.36. There were four expenditures during the month. The first was on 9/7/04 for postage in the amount of $0.60. The second was on 9/24/04 for postage in the amount of $1.20. The third was on 9/29/04 for postage in the amount of $0.60. The fourth was on 9/30/04 for reimbursement to the Commandant for a ribbon order made on behalf of the Corps in the amount of $47.50. This leaves a total in petty cash at month's end of $28.46.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of $96.55. With the help of Dennis Rayburn we are making the arrangements for disbursement of these funds.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of September in the amount of $595.91.

October

We started the month of October with $567.45. There were two deposits made during the month. The first was on 10/14/04 for a merchandise order in the amount of $3.20. The second was on 10/26/04 in the amount of $96.00. There were no checks cashed on the account during the month. The Service Charge on the account was $2.06. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of $664.59.

We started the month with funds in Petty Cash equaling $28.46. There were two expenditures during the month. The first was on 10/19/04 for postage in the amount of $0.49. The second was on 10/26/04 for postage in the amount of $1.06. This leaves a total in petty cash at month's end of $26.91.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of $96.55. These funds are still awaiting dispersal.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of October in the amount of $693.05.

Though the next CQ will be published after I leave this office I will be nonetheless sending in the financial report for November, December and Year End.

Thanks for the memories.

- Wade

DEPDANT REPORT

By BGN Aaron Murphy
Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Greetings!

Well, yet another eventful year is over. I hope everyone has had a safe and joyous holiday season, no matter which holiday you recognize.

With Christmas over, Toys for Tots has also come to an end. I would like to thank all the marines who participated in this worthy endeavor, assisting the USMCR in their efforts to make the lives of unfortunate children a little brighter. Make sure you record the names of the individual marines who participated in your unit reports. This is necessary in order for them to qualify for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon.

This year marked the closest race in STARFLEET history for the office of Commander, STARFLEET, if memory serves correctly. I would like to congratulate our new CS, FAdm Mandi Livingston and her staff. The voting results were nearly split 50-50. That means that nearly half the voting membership did not get the candidate that they wanted in office.

However, the elections are over. With this being the case, we need to pull together and give our new leadership 100% of our support. Being divided in an election season is fine. It's the nature of the beast. If we want to move forward, we cannot afford to be divided as a FLEET and a Corps.

I would like to welcome to the center seat our new Commandant, Brigadier John Roberts. He is no stranger to the SFMC, having served as our Commanding Officer, Training and Doctrine Command. He has some big shoes to fill. I wish him luck and offer him the same support I gave to LGN Olson. I hope you all will do the same.

Lastly, I would like to thank LGN Wade Olson (Wade'O to all of us on the GS.) He has provided the Corps with leadership, stability, and growth. His vision and experience has strengthened the organization and for that I offer him my thanks and best wishes, as my commanding officer, a fellow staff member, and most importantly my friend. I know you won't be a stranger. We wouldn't have it any other way.

To the rest of the Corps, see you again in sixty.

ROLLING ACROSS ALABAMA, TIME W

USS New Hope crewmembers at Rolling Across Alabama. From left to right: Acting XO Jan Sleigh, *Autauga County Humane Shelter (ACHS)* ***Director Xanthea Kennedy, ACHS Mascot-Autauga (aka Big Guy!), Capt. Nancy O'Shields and Cadet Dominic Sleigh.***
Submitted by Jan Sleigh

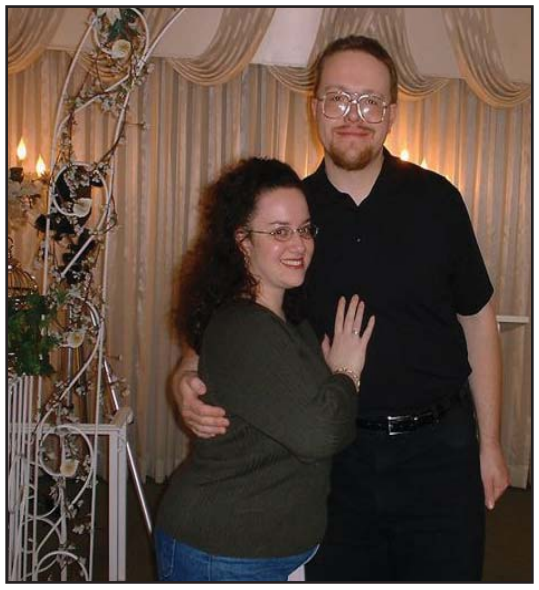
USS New Hope crew with Dennis Tomlin, RAA president and founder (seated in wheelchair). Standing from left to right are Wanda Austin, Nancy O'Shields, Doug Sleigh and Jan Sleigh.
Submitted by Jan Sleigh

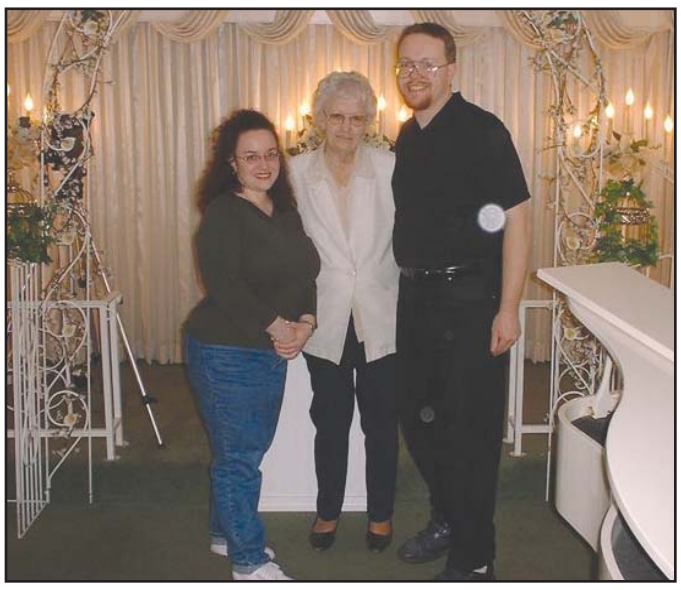
Wanda Austin and Miss Wheelchair America
Submitted by Jan

Members of the USS Alioth went to Chuck E. Cheese for a costume party and food. Pizza may not be that good, but the company sure was! RADM Keira Russell-Strong "Silky" and Capt. D. Justin Taylor, "S. Treighton Harrow."
Photo by Dayne Clarke

RADM Keira Russell-Strong, Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, Ensign Katherine Ercanbrack, SCPO Richard Knox, Ensign Joey Ercanbrack, RADM Lynnette Knox, Capt. Tiffany Knox, Rachel Bourne, Robbie Lawarence.
Photo by Alyssa Clawson

Robbie Lawarence, Capt. Tiffa
Tiffany, a memeber of the X-Men
Robbie.
Photo by Keira Stron





Dave and Peggy Sitbon of the USS Sovereign would like to announce that they just got back from Vegas. Not only was Star Trek: The Experience great, but they renewed their wedding
The whole ceremony took less than 10 minutes!
Submitted by Dave and Peggy Sitbon

ARPS, WEDDING BELLS AND MORE!

a/Alabama 2004, Trisston Wright.
Sleigh

Our fearless leader and paramedic Capt. Nancy O'Shields on duty.
Submitted by Jan Sleigh

The acting XO, Jan Sleigh, at the registration table ready to take their money, give them a target and tell them about STARFLEET.
Submitted by Jan Sleigh

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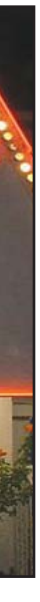
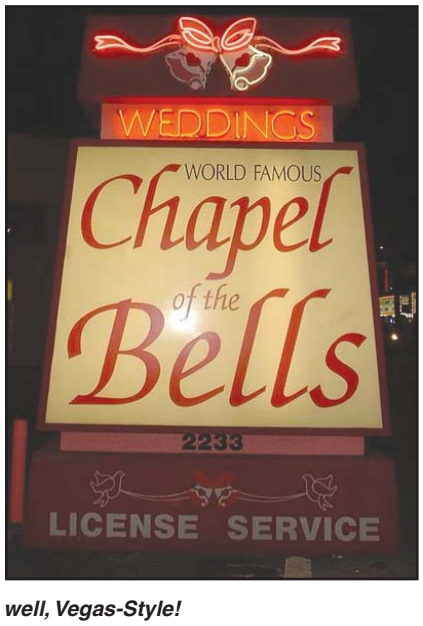
Robbie Lawarence "Ernie G. Ambler", SPCO Richard Knox, "Eddie R. Gyle"
Photo by Keira Strong

RADM Keira Strong "Silky", Capt. Tiffany Knox, "Scoop", RADM Lynnette Knox, "Molly M. Awbsterr"
Photo by D. Justin Taylor

Really, a no booze party! Dayne Clarke, Richard Knox, Janet Shepherd, Katherine Ercanbrack, Joey Ercanbrack, Lynnette Knox, D. Justin Taylor, Tiffany Knox, and in front, Robbie Lawarence.
Photo by Keira Strong





g vows as well, Vegas-Style!

Crewmembers of the USS Commonwealth got together this holiday season and volunteered as bell ringers for the Salvation Army.
Back Row: Gunnery SGT. Bill Rowlette, Lt. Cmdr. Darrell Thomas Front Row: Capt. James Cecil, Cadet Amber Rowlette, and Ensign Linda Thomas
Photo by Sharon Rowlette

After 28 years, Angeles member Emily Carlson finally broke with her parents' religious practices and celebrated her first-ever birthday--and the Angeles helped. The command staff and crew chipped in to surprise Emily with a cake and a bunch of presents...all with the theme of the number one.
Photo by Gary Sandridge.

FORCECOM REPORT

by BGN Linda Olsen • COFORCECOM

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Corps,

Happy Holidays and I hope you are all doing well. As the year draws to a close, I look back over the accomplishments of the Corps for the past year and stand proud. The members of this organization have performed some pretty impressive feats of community service as well as service of Country. I am grateful to be associated with this organization.

I also look back over the past four years under the leadership of Commandant Wade Olson and find that the Corps has grown in size, financial stability, and reputation. We can hold our heads high and be proud of what we have accomplished. I would like to thank Commandant Olson for his countless hours of service to the Corps. I know better than anyone (as his wife, past Chief of Staff and current General Staff Member) how much he has given to ensure the well being of this organization. I hope you will join me in a salute to a great leader and a good friend as he steps down. Let us continue to prove to him that his efforts were not in vain as the Corps moves forward into the new year.

Open Position

It is with much regret that I accept the resignation of Jennifer Colpitts, Deputy Commanding Officer, Forces Command, effective January 1st, 2005. I appreciate the work that Jenn has done for this office and wish her well in all her future endeavors. With that said, I am announcing that I will be accepting applications for the position. If you are interested in the position I would like a letter stating why you would like to be considered for the position, what you think you can bring to the office and a copy of your real life and fleet resumé. The qualifications are the normal ones for positions of this type, namely: being a member in good standing of the SFMC; having completed OTS and OCC, with Flag Officers Courses a plus; having completed Initial Entry Training and Professional Development; and good attitude and willingness to work for the betterment of the Corps. Some experience with management and leadership (real life or SFI/SFMC) is preferable. Send all applications to me at either the e-mail address or the USPS address that follow. Linda Olson, Commanding Officer Forces Command SFMC, 9020 N SR 53, Madison FL 32340. E-mail: ST_Dragonlady@msn.com

State of the Corps by the numbers

Brigades reporting this period

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th (not all units within these brigades reported)

Strength by Brigade (numbers based on units reporting)

	active	reserve
1st	49	23
2nd	23	27
3rd	39	35
4th	36	10
5th	8	17
6th	4	8
7th	42	37
9th	6	3
10th	5	1
12th	36	60
14th	1	0
15th	13	4
17th	20	8
20th	0	0
total	282	233

Recruits

2nd Nancy O'Shield, Kit Ramsey, Bridget Duffy, James Lewis
5th Christine Jordan, Deborah Day, Nicole Wukasch
7th Dean Rogers, Lashanna Brooks, Maire Wilson, Eugene Sanford
10th Paul Reed
12th Mark Webb

Discharges (may include members whose memberships in SFI have expired)

2nd Kaileen Gibbs, James Gibbs, Rick Gibbs, Deirdre Gibbs, Bethany Theilman
3rd Quinn Bratteng
4th Arthur Van Rhee, Kevin Mooney, Nadine Peters, Christopher Esquibel, Jessica Flores, Scott Sommer, Bruce Sommer, Melroy Houser Jr.
5th Bill Frazer, Jon Rider, Shawn McVay, Nate Martin, Rick Ervans, Sean Capellan

Units activated this period

1st 180th
2nd 681st, 609th, 645th
3rd 786th
7th 786th MEU
12th 255th
14th 469th

Units deactivated this period

2nd 651st
4th 12th, 29th, 33rd (standby)
5th 575th (standby)
15th 987th

Promotions (as reported)

1st BDE Keith Stybo to 1st Lt
4th BDE Roy Henderson to LTC
David Pittsenberger to GSGT
Cyndi Temple to BGN
5th BDE Arlene Sickels to MCPT
Nate Martin to 1st LT
Steve Eizenberg to SGM
Christine Jordan to SGT
Deborah Day to SGT
Nicole Wukasch to CPL
6th BDE Ed Seaman to COL
7th BDE Kenneth Hontz to LT COL

Awards issued (as reported by Brigades)

Wilderness Challenge Ribbon

1st Linda Olson 123rd
2nd Wade Olson 674th
Richard Graham 78th

STARFLEET Cross

1st Linda Olson 123rd
Jill Rayburn 163rd
Dennis Rayburn 163rd
2nd DJ Allen 674th
Wade Olson 674th

Gold Nebula

2nd Wade Olson (issued by VCS Anbinder)

Brigade Commendation

17th Nancy Lynch 875th
Sharon Bloom 875th
Ethel Lynch 875th
Michelle Warford 875th
Marlene Miller 875th
15th Bran Stimpson

Brigade Achievement

17th Kathy McCartney 875th
Everett Brooks 875th

Commandant's Campaign

2nd Wade Olson 674th
Ken Olson 674th
Lindsey Olson 674th
Heather Olson 674th
5th Patrick McAndrew 565th
Russell Garrison 565th
Joel Houseworth 565th
Arlene Sickels 565th
Steve Eizenberg 565th
325th BDR Robyn Winans
Ed Dravecky
Robert Fritz
Liz Weber
Jan Agee
911th BDR Thomas Carroll

Community Service

1st Jeffery Davis
5th Craig Martin 521st
Deborah Day 565th

SFMC Service Commendation

7th Martin Lessem

Good Conduct

5th Nadine Romero 521st
Stephen Idell 521st
Norman DeRoux 521st

Great Barrier

4th Jim Monroe 75th
Mike Sunderman 75th
12th Jamie Clancy
15th Bran Stimpson

Leader's Commendation

4th Mike Butwinick 7th
Brian Scheur 21st
Anthony Spotts 11th
Robert Torres 18th
Steve Machado 83rd
5th Patrick McAndrew 565th
David Kania 565th
7th Keith Keppley 760th
17th Randy Lynch 875th
Sharen Bloom 875th
Ethel Lynch 875th
Michelle Warford 875th
Marlene Miller 875th

Academic Excellence

3rd Eric Cowand
7th Kyle J. Wolf

Marine Proficiency

3rd Eric Cowand

Embassy Duty

4th Betty Scheur 21st
Brian Scheur 21st
Mike Bulwinick 7th
Jim Monroe 75th
Mike Sunderman 75th
12th Jamie Clancy
15th Bran Stimpson

International Service

Mark H. Anbinder
JC Cohen
Sandy Berenberg
Karen Goldbach
Mandi Livingston
Jill Rayburn
Dennis Rayburn
Ben Redding
Anthony Leopard
Mike Wilson
Judy Durall
Mike Malotte
Susan Fugate-Ueffing
Joost Ueffing
Scott Grant
Scott Akers
Jeanette Self
Rebecca Self
Neil Yawn
Mary Ann Morris
Larry Morris
Raye Crews
DJ Allen
Kit Ramsey
Sunnie Planthold
Ralph Planthold
Kai'leen Gibbs
Wade Olson
Linda Olson
John Roberts
Geraldine Sylvester
Roy Green
Sheila Benton
Steve Gordon
Nancy O'Shields
Ed Dravecky
Robyn Winans
Allyson Dyar
Michael Smith
Martin Lessem
Les Rickard
Deidre Rickard
Matt Copple
Greg Trotter
PJ Trotter
Thomas Carroll
Ricky Bruckman
Greg Franklin
Sean Myers

This is the final article for this publication this year. The final 2004 reports for the Corps will be gathered in December and reported in the next CQ. I charge each of you to report to your OIC. Furthermore, I charge each of the OICs to send their reports to the next link in the reporting chain. If you hold an office in this chain, it is your duty to the Marines who report to you to follow thru and make sure that their accomplishments, complaints, ideas, suggestions and compliments are passed to the next level. These reports are the basis for most of the awards granted during the year. Promotions requests can be backed up with the information from unit reports. Vacant positions in the Corps could actually find someone to fill them by scanning over good reports. Other units might find something in your report to help them become a better unit. If you have questions regarding reporting, please contact me and I will do my best to answer them

Until next time, may each of you be well and safe this holiday season.

STATE OF TRACOM

by BGR John Roberts • COTRACOM

This is to be my last State of TRACOM to you, the members of the SFMC. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving the Corps as the Commanding Officer of TRACOM and hope my successor, whoever it may be, continues the good work that has been started and remembers to have fun. I want to thank LGEN Wade Olson for giving me the chance to serve as COTRACOM for the last two years, to the staff of the best Command in the SFMC who truly work hard to make the SFMCA a better and more enjoyable experience for all of us, but I want to especially thank all of you, the members of the SFMC. You have all made this a most enjoyable experience by showing that you are willing to step up and help out when your skills are useful and beneficial to the membership. I sincerely hope you will continue to volunteer and help TRACOM and all areas of the SFMC the most successful it can be in the future. Remember, we do this for you, but we can't do it without you and your help.

Now on the State of TRACOM:

I would like to remind everyone, once again, that the Army Field Manuals called for by several SFMCA courses can be found on the SFMC site at http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/fm.shtml. If you have any questions or problems, please let me know.

I would like, once again, to call upon those of you with creative skills (writing, graphics, layout, etc.) and desire to help the staff of TRACOM, please contact me at jcroberts2@hotmail.com. Your skills and talents are needed to help us get our manuals revised and expanded for re-release to the members of the SFMC. This is an important project that has been given the highest priority for completion within TRACOM; here is your chance to make your mark on the future of the SFMC and TRACOM.

I am also pleased to welcome the following new members to the TRACOM Staff:

Rey Cordero, New Infantry Branch Director, can be reached at scaraboic@ussosiris.org;

Martin Lessem, New (returning) Maritime Operations Branch Director, can be reached at asimov_1@yahoo.com and will be assisted by Becky Slater (bslater@usssinclair.org) and James Pepe (palanx3@aol.com);

Greg Franklin, New Special Operations Branch Director, can be reached at bktalons@aol.com;

Erik Cowand, New 3rd BDE Training Officer, can be reached at raeko77@sbcglobal.net;

David Pittsenberger, New 4th BDE Training Officer, can be reached at david.pittsenberger@gmail.com; and,

Becky Slater, New 13th BDE Training Officer, can be reached at bslater@usssinclair.org;

Continuing with the Student of the Month announcement, it is my honor to announce that the Student of the Month for November 2004 is, once again, Geoff Upton. Geoff completed 10 courses, 2 of them with Honors during October. Will you be next? Take some courses at the SFMCA, expand your knowledge and try to become our next Student of the Month.

The total number of SFMCA courses completed by Marines in September was 78, of which 22 were completed with Honors and 7 with Distinction. Congratulations to all the fine Marines who completed courses. I hope they were fun and enjoyable for you.

The newest project to come of the close working relationship between the SFMCA and the STARFLEET Academy is a new course for the SFA's Institute of Leadership, "The Care and Feeding of the Marine Strike Group." This course will open on January 1, 2005 and is directed, primarily, at the Chapter CO and XO, who don't know much about the SFMC, but want to learn and see if an MSG might be right for their chapter. I encourage all of you, regardless of whether you are a Chapter CO or XO to take the course and refer others in the organization to it because you never know what you (or others) might learn.

We continue to work on new courses and other projects to improve your SFMCA experience; however, as always, if you have any ideas for future courses, things you would like to see revised in our current courses or manuals, or you want to volunteer to help us get the current manuals revised, please contact me privately at jcroberts2@hotmail.com and I will see what we can do to use your ideas and talents to help all of the SFMC.

Again, thank you all for your support and encouragement over the last 18+ months I have served as COTRACOM. I will be naming my replacement as COTRACOM on December 30. If you think you may be qualified and want to apply for the position, send your Fleet and real life resumés to me at jcroberts2@hotmail.com. I now look forward to serving you as Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps and thank all of you for your support of the Team STARFLEET ticket.

I know I speak for the entire Livingston/Planthold team when I encourage you to apply and let us know what you would like to see improved around SFI and the SFMC.

Have a great, safe and happy holiday season.

INFOCOM UPDATE

by LGN Wade Hoover • COINFOCOM

As the end of the year approaches, it starts to make one think about what has occurred over the past year, and about what the future holds. This year has held much change for STARFLEET, as well as the STARFLEET Marine Corps. Members have come and gone, and the dreaded specter of politics again came to the forefront of several regions, as well as the election for Commander, STARFLEET.

Now is the time for healing the wounds that exist, and give the Commander, STARFLEET elect, Mandi Livingston, as well as incoming Commandant of the SFMC, all the help they need to continue the work done by their predecessors to make this organization strong. Please join with me in welcoming these individuals to the leadership positions at which that I'm sure they'll excel. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Wade Olson for the years of service that he has given to the SFMC. Without him, I don't believe that we would be half the organization that we are today. Thank you, Wade'o.

Now, in looking ahead, there are changes on the horizon. However, we shouldn't fear change, but embrace it. Without change, any organization becomes stale, and withers.

Calling all members!! Do you have a desire to serve the SFMC? Do you have a basic understanding of HTML? Then you could be the person that I'm looking for. The SFMC webteam is looking for several volunteers to help with maintenance of the SFMC website. Duties include writing news articles for the website, maintenance of existing pages, and checking the site for errors. What qualifications do you need?

1) Must be a member in good standing in STARFLEET (being a member of the SFMC is not required).

2) Have reliable internet and E-mail access.

3) Have a good basic knowledge of HTML.

4) Be able to work in a team environment, and be able to work under deadlines.

5) Knowledge of .php is a plus.

6) Experience using Dreamweaver is a plus.

Please send your resume to infocom@cableone.net, and please include examples of your HTML work.

Well, I think that's all for me for this issue. Have a happy holiday, and see ya around.

GALAXYCON II REPORT

Cmdr. Eugene Sanford • Chief Historian, USS Top Gun

One week after being launched at the 2004 Region Seven Conference in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the shuttle *Top Gun* embarked on its very first away mission: GalaxyCon II in Beltsville, Maryland.

Among the celebrity guests was Richard Hatch, executive producer and star of the original "Battlestar Galactica" series and of "The Great War of Magellan." Richard, a well-known motivational speaker (details at www.richardhatch.com), featured two exclusive trailers of "Battlestar Galactica: The Second Coming" and "The Great War Of Magellan." Later, he spoke with fans, took pictures, and conducted an actor's workshop.

Other guests included Jewel Staite, star of FOX's "Firefly" — who is scheduled to appear in "Firefly: The Movie" next April and signed autographs — and Mark Lutz, star of the WB's "Angel."

The convention included a fanzine exhibit where people could buy and write fanzines from different genres, including sci-fi, fantasy, and classic TV shows. The dealers' room including patches, pins, posters and videos of classic cartoons and sci-fi/fantasy series.

One of the first things I saw at GalaxyCon was the Region 7 recruiting table. It was manned by *USS DeBraak* CO Mike Allen and *DeBraak* member Annie Wheeler, as well as Task Force 72 Commander (Vice Regional Coordinator for Region 7, Sector 2) and *USS Matrix* CO Joe Hoolihan. While at the table, I signed on to the *USS Matrix* as an affiliate member, joining a chapter that celebrated its tenth anniversary as STARFLEET's first internet correspondence chapter.

For the Shuttle *Top Gun* — founded by Captain Dean Rogers — it was the beginning of a new adventure, one of what we hope will be many for this new organization in Region 7.

HOUSECALLS

by ADM David A. Miller, MD • FDP Medicine Director

Important health and medical information gleaned from the ton of medical stuff I receive each week!

Bad Hair Genes?

Bad hair days may be inherited! Researchers at Johns Hopkins University have discovered a "Frizzled 6 gene" (I'm not making this up) in mice that can affect what kind of hair they have. Mice without the gene have "swirls and tufts of hair akin to things like cowlicks in humans."

Hide the Scrubs

Norman Hutchins is the first person to be banned from every hospital in England and Wales. He apparently likes to steal surgical masks and gowns and has already attempted to do so more than 40 times since January of this year – being already barred from more than 30 hospitals before his banning above. What if he needs medical care at a hospital? He has to call for prior approval and be supervised.

Medical Tourism

Here's a unique way to increase the tourism trade to your country – offer cheap medical services and procedures. That's what they're doing in India, where they are actively marketing their medical resources and lower prices to Western patients (especially the US and UK). Two examples include: hip resurfacing for $5,000 and heart bypass surgery for only $6,000 (that's including air fare. ("Hey, honey, let's see the Taj Mahal after I get my gallbladder taken out …")

Snack Food Package Sizes

Score one for the gluttons! Kraft Foods Inc. has announced that it has reneged on its promise to reduce package sizes of some of its snack foods. Why? Market research apparently has shown that consumers don't want to eat smaller portions after all – i.e. they want more choice. While Kraft will still provide some smaller package sizes, they're not going to discontinue their larger packaging. Interestingly, shares of Kraft stock rose in price with the news.

High Fructose Corn Syrup

One of the causes of our countries obesity epidemic may be the increased consumption of high fructose corn syrup sweeteners found in soft drinks and other foods. A recent study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition noted that consumption of high fructose corn syrup increased more than 1,000 times in the US from 1970 to 1990, corresponding to a similar rise in obesity during this same time, most likely due to the increased calories found in the corn syrup.

A Stun Gun for the Masses

Sure, stun guns are effective but they can only be used effectively against one person at a time. Now there's word of a new device in the works that can take out groups of people at a time. NewScientist.com reports a device that "can sweep a 'lightning-like' beam of electricity across a crowd" with a maximum range of 7 meters (23 feet!) Police and military are interested. ("Alright men, set phasers on parboil!")

Telling Patients What They Really Think

Here's the results of an interesting survey of physicians done in England, and reported in the Reader's Digest British Edition, where physicians were asked what they would most like to tell their patients. 61% wanted to say "Trust me, you don't need a prescription. And I'm not just trying to save money." 50% wanted to say "Please wash before you come see me." 60% wanted to tell patients bluntly to lose weight. 58% wanted to tell patients not to save their most pressing concerns for last. 20% wanted to tell patients not to show them a diagnosis downloaded off the internet. And a good percentage wanted patients to turn off and/or not use their cell phones during their office visit. ('Nuf said.)

Child Vaccinations Are Up

With next month being National Immunization Awareness Month, here's reassuring information from the CDC that the vaccination rate of children is at an all time high of 79% for last year (compared to 75% for 2002) – that is, 79% of US toddlers are getting their recommended vaccinations on time. Connecticut had the best rate at 94% while Colorado had the worst at 67.5%. Four other states had fewer than a 75% rate: Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia. Specific childhood vaccine successes include the chickenpox vaccine (almost 85% in 2003 versus 81% in 2002) and the rate for three doses of the pneumococcal vaccine Prevnar (68% in 2003 versus 41% in 2002.)

Music in the Operating Room

You might not know this, but real operating rooms are not the tense silent arenas portrayed on TV. In fact, there's often music playing. A study from the State Univ. of New York – Buffalo found that surgeons displayed less stress and performed tasks better when listening to the music of their choice. (I remember participating in a surgery as a med student while we were all listening to the local university homecoming football game. There was an exciting broken tackle and long run up field for a touchdown, and I had found that the entire surgical team had quietly moved several feet closer to the radio to hear the play-by-play better – while still maintaining our sterile fields!)

Doctor Visits and Prescriptions Are Up

A study released this week from the CDC looking at US healthcare trends in 2002 versus 2001 noted that doctor visits were up 1% at 890 million visits and prescriptions continued to rise (a full 25% over the last decade.) 60% of doctor visits were to primary care physicians (i.e. family doctors, internists, and pediatricians,) and medications were prescribed in two-thirds of these visits. The top three most prescribed medicines in 2002 were "ibuprofen and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants and antihistamines."

Soft Drinks Linked to Diabetes in Women

A study of over 51,000 female nurses by researchers at Harvard University as reported in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, noted that women who drink more than one sweetened soft drink a day were 1.3-2 times more likely to develop diabetes than women who drink less than one soft drink a month. Fruit juices and diet soft drinks didn't have an increase in risk, but sweetened fruit punch did with results very similar to the sweetened soft drinks. Critics of the study say it's really the affect of an unhealthy lifestyle that resulted in the increased risk. More studies are planned.

Toxin Warnings for US Fish

Beware of fish caught in US lakes and rivers; they're probably contaminated by toxins. Information from a database maintained by the EPA notes that every state but Alaska and Wyoming issued fish toxin advisories in 2003 – covering 35% of US lake acreages and 24% of US river miles (13 million acres of lakes and 750,000 miles of rivers). The toxins involved include: "mercury, dioxins, PCBs, pesticides and heavy metals, including arsenic, copper and lead". So far this year, 44% of states have issued fish advisories for mercury. (The advisories cover fish caught in lakes and rivers and not those caught at sea or raised in fish farms.)

Kid Safety Data

A recent study by the National Safekids Campaign notes that only 41% of kids aged 5-14 years wear appropriate helmets when on skates, bicycles or scooters – and then only 35% wear their helmets correctly! Sobering statistics when you consider that 80% of bicycle-related deaths are due to head injuries. So, wear your helmets and, if in doubt, a good suggestion is to have your local police or fire station check to see if the helmets are being worn correctly.

More Problems Due to Obesity

A recent study in the Archives of Internal Medicine noted that obese women have an increased chance of having a "false-positive mammogram" – i.e. a mammogram that is read abnormal but is, in fact, normal. The increased risk was calculated to be from 14-25% more as compared to non-obese women (using the Body Mass Index measuring system in over 100,000 US women over the age of 40).

More Benefits Due to Exercise

A study noted in Family Practice News noted that Tai Chi improved the ability of patients with congestive heart failure to walk further, have lower values of a blood protein associated with heart disease, and had a noted improvement in their quality of life.

Two New FDA Websites

Check out two new websites from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): first is their FDA Heart health Online site (www.fda.gov/hearthealth) for info on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease; second is their Drugs@FDA site (www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda) which contains a searchable directory of approved prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs, info on discontinued drugs, and info on drug recalls/warnings/shortages, etc.

Vioxx Recalled

Merck, the maker of Vioxx (a potent anti-inflammatory medication used in arthritis,) has voluntarily withdrawn their blockbuster drug effective immediately. A recent study showed a higher risk for heart attacks and stroke in those who use Vioxx for greater than 18 months. So far (and that's the best way to put it at the moment as further studies are underway) other, so called, "Cox-2 Inhibitors" such as Celebrex and Bextra are considered safe. Merck will refund prescription costs for Vioxx users; contact them via the following methods to learn how to safely return any unused Vioxx and how to get a refund: 800-805-9542, www.vioxx.com, or www.merck.com.

Another Year, Another Flu Shot Crisis

Just when you thought last year's troubles and headaches about flu shot shortages were behind us, now comes this year's debacle where HALF of the US supply was lost to possible contamination. Yep, it's gonna be worse than last year folks – a full half of the national supply is gone. I don't have ANY for my patients; none. I'm recommending two things this year: only those who truly need a flu shot should get one (see below) and I urge those who need a flu shot to contact their local branch of the Visiting Nurse Association to find out where the VNA is doing local community immunizations. Start with their website at www.vnaa.com to find your local VNA chapter and their contact information. Now here's who should definitely get flu shots this year (if you can find 'em!): all children aged 6-23 months; adults aged 65 and older; persons aged 2-64 years with chronic health conditions (i.e. diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc.); all women who will be pregnant during the flu season; residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities; healthcare providers involved in direct patient care (I always get one, not sure where I'm gonna get mine this year!); and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of kids aged less than 6 months. Good hunting.

Liposuction Update

Well, while liposuction does flatten your tummy, it appears that it doesn't improve your health. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine looking at risk factors for diabetes and heart disease in obese women found that liposuction "did not significantly alter metabolic risk factors" for these two diseases. (I wonder if you can get your money back?)

Exercise and Breast Cancer

Part of the ongoing study of over 2,000 women in the Nurses' Health Study of women with breast cancer has noted the significant role of regular exercise, especially walking, in reducing a women's risk of dying from breast cancer. Women with breast cancer who walked 1-3 hours a week had a 25% reduction. Those that walked more, i.e. 3-8 hours a week, had a 50% reduction. ***(continued on p. 25)***

HOUSECALLS
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The Internet's "Best Patient-Friendly Site"

Congratulations to the American Academy of Family Physicians' patient web site (familydoctor.org) which recently won MD NetGuide's 2004 Nettie Award for Excellence on the Medical Internet for Best Patient-Friendly site! It's really an excellent site for all kinds of healthcare information and "Housecalls" has noted it as a "Featured Web Site of the Week" in the past. (Hey, that's MY professional organization! Yep, I'm a card-carrying member of the AAFP!)

Is It Healthy? It's a Salad, Isn't It? (Part II)

In a previous "Housecalls" I detailed the calorie and fat contents of taco salads. Well, now comes sobering info on other fast-food salads – i.e. some have as many, or more, calories and fat than a Big Mac (580 calories, 33 g fat). As reported in Consumer Reports, "McDonald's grilled chicken Caesar salad with dressing has 440 calories and 26 g of fat, while Wendy's Mandarin chicken salad with dressing packs 640 calories and 35 g of fat." In contrast, Subway's Garden Fresh salad with chicken is a bit better with 310 calories and only 8 g of fat. (Buyer beware!)

Natural Head Lice Protection

With kids again in school comes the possibilities of head lice. Check out the Rosemary Repel line of children's shampoo, conditioner, and styling gels that contain organic oils to help avoid head lice. Check them out at Fairy Tales Hair Care for Children at www.fairytales4hair.com, or at 888-244-1990.

Medical ID Device for Kids

Check out www.myvoiceid.org for information on the new MyVoice ID, a recording device about the size of a pager that parents or caregivers can use to record a child's medical information (i.e. for emergency situations.)

Birds, Bees, and Video

www.healthychats.com has two new videos (VHS or DVD) to help parents discuss age-appropriate sexual issues with their children. The two videos are: "Just Between Us – A Chat About Puberty for Mothers and Daughters" and "The Birds and the Bees With Ease."

Plastic Surgery for Soldiers

You may have read recently that the US military has approved many types of plastic surgery procedures for our military personnel and their dependents – under the idea that military surgeons need to practice these skills for future war wounds (i.e. nose jobs, chin realignments, jaw reconstruction, etc.) Sounds okay, right? Well, a recent report in The New Yorker noted that, between 2000 and 2003, the US Army performed "496 breast enlargements and 1,361 liposuction procedures" – no doubt, honing their necessary surgery skills for such injuries in future combat zones!

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COMMON AND UNCOMMON ORIGINS: PEELING THE LAYERS BACK ON COMMON ORIGIN THEORY

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In previous studies of the general forms of life in the Milky Way Galaxy, prevailing theories of "Common Origin" have been proposed to explain the relative common characteristics of humanoid life. These theories are based on the following questions: 1. Why are so many forms of life, particularly humanoid forms, so similar physically? 2. Why do the majority of humanoid forms act and think so similarly and in such a narrow range of psychology and intellect? 3. Why do species that at first seem so diametrically opposed (even those species at war with each other) still find themselves ultimately thinking on common terms?

The prevailing theory of Common Origin is based on evidence of common seeding of genetic material by an ancient proto-humanoid species, and a subset has been put forth which describes a subset of humanoid-reptilian life that developed originally on Earth and which developed into modern species such as the Voth, Hirogen, Gorn, and other similar species. Few, if any, native 'humanoid' species in the Milky Way Galaxy appear to fall outside this relatively ubiquitous 'humanoid' characteristic. However, there exist those species that are so different from the majority of other (humanoid) species that the expert student of Xenological Sciences may feel compelled to ask questions about these 'outliers' and explore the possibility that (perhaps) humanoid life is in fact unique to *this* galaxy, and any forms of life outside the Milky Way are bound to be fundamentally different, and perhaps forms the basis for explaining why we find those rare anomalies that don't seem to fit into "the grand scheme of humanoid life."

What are those species like? Which species are truly not "humanoid" life forms? To answer this question, we must first relax our concept of what it is to be humanoid: the conservative (and somewhat narrow) description defines a number of uniquely humanoid characteristics that make up the humanoid form, i.e. two legs, two arms, hands with opposable digits, erect form of walking, head in line with long axis of the body, stereoscopic vision, and so forth. However, a majority of life forms fall in some way into the humanoid characteristic. Even species which bear much less resemblance to the Human species, including reptilian species and several other felinoid, canid, and other species that, despite their outward physical differences, are still derived from genetic seed material, can be traced to the ancient proto-humanoid species (a few different species such as the Sheliak may or may not be truly humanoid.) What we are examining is that subset of species within this galaxy that do NOT share common characteristics with the majority of species and/or those species native to other galaxies; these include: species known to be native to other galaxies; a variety of space-borne organisms; metallic and inorganic forms of life; shape-shifting species; extra-dimensional species; and hyper-evolved species.

Species of extragalactic origin

Very few species have been encountered that have been verified to be of extragalactic origin. These species, which include the Kelvans, the Nacene (a sporocystian life form,) the insect-like species encountered by USS Enterprise ("Catspaw"), the Shar'nn, Daomasrai, and Idjalich (species encountered by the crew of the USS Jaguar), the Makers (the species known to have created the Mudd Androids) and the Old Ones (the species known to have created the androids studied by Dr. Roger Korby on Planet Exo III), are known to be non-humanoid, often insectoid species. The Kelvans are the sole representative of the Andromeda Galaxy that have been encountered to date, and it is speculated that the Shar'nn, Daomasrai, and Idjalich are also species native to the Andromeda Galaxy; current theory states that, as humanoid life has evolved in the Milky Way Galaxy, the indigenous life forms in the Andromeda Galaxy are of insectoid origin. This, of course, leaves us with the perplexing question of how insect life forms came to evolve in the Milky Way Galaxy. However, current evidence suggests that, on most worlds, insect life predates humanoid life (Earth, for example, appears to have developed insect life far earlier than mammalian and humanoid life) and thus this suggests that insect life forms either precede the humanoid genetic seeding OR that insect life forms may have been seeded by species not native to our own galaxy. The Makers and the Old Ones are interesting, since the only evidence we have for their existence lies in their android creations. This is perplexing, since these androids are clearly modeled after humanoid forms, which raises the question of whether their creations are based upon life forms encountered in this galaxy or whether these species were themselves humanoid. This remains a subject of some interest to the field of Xenoarchaeology, since clues to these species true forms are, to this point, completely absent. The most pressing question, of course (given the similarities between the Mudd and Exo III androids) is whether the Makers and the Old Ones were in fact the same species or related species. (The possibility exists that these species, like many humanoids, were ancient species seeded in other galaxies by the same proto-humanoid species from the Milky Way.)

Space-borne organisms

There are a number of space-borne organisms that have been encountered that fall into three general categories: organic life forms, such as 'Junior' and Gomtuu, and the Swarm Aliens encountered by USS Voyager; a variety of non-corporeal forms, which include the Farpoint Aliens, the space wyrm encountered by USS Voyager, and the Calamarain; and a variety of apparently energy-based creatures, which include the Beta XIIa entity, Beta Renner cloud, Companion, dikironium cloud creature, and Zetarians and Organians. The organic life forms are remarkable in their characteristic ability to survive in the vacuum of space, but since so few of these creatures have been encountered, their study remains elusive. The various non-corporeal and energy-based life forms may have several common characteristics, which include their capacity to feed off the physical and emotional energies of organic life forms, their capacity to communicate telepathically/empathically with organic life forms, and in some cases, such as the Zetarians and the Organians, their apparent evolution from previously corporeal forms. Many of these characteristics suggest that these forms of life are generally evolved from 'lower' forms of life and thus represent species much older than many organic life forms. This also raises the question of whether these are species intermediate on the process of development into advanced life forms such as the Q Continuum and perhaps the wormhole aliens and pah wraiths.

Metallic and inorganic forms

Relatively rare, the few inorganic life forms that have been encountered - the Horta, Excalbians, Exocomps, and crystalline entity - are all silicon based life in one form or another, and therefore they are interesting both as proof that silicon, like carbon, supports 'siliganic' (as opposed to 'organic') life and that silicon and carbon are unique in their ability to form stability in chemistry that supports intelligent life. The Tholians, thought to be liquid-metallic in some form (their true form is still uncertain) may also be inorganic life forms.

Shape-shifting species

Although generally organic life forms, the natural state/form of shape-shifting species (where known) is very different than humanoid forms. The known representatives of shape-shifting life, which include the Dominion Founders, chameloids, Daliwakan Wraiths, shape-shifting Antosians, and allasomorphs of Daled IV, have natural states which are very different from humanoid life: ***(continued on p. 26)***

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the Founders are known to exist in a gelatinous state (and chameloids, a rare species, may in fact be a subset of the 100 changelings sent out into the galaxy,) the Daliwakan Wraiths appear to be wormlike creatures capable of form alteration and projection, and the allasomorphs and shape-shifting Antosians are known to alter form by cellular manipulation (in fact, these two species may be considered to be a subset of humanoid life, given their natural forms.)

Trans-dimensional species

A variety of trans-dimensional species of varying physical characteristics and 'potencies' have been encountered. These have ranged from somewhat 'humanoid' appearing species, such as the solanagen-based life forms encountered by the Enterprise-E, the Suunyati described in the USS Jaguar mission logs, and the sphere builders also known as the Xindi "Makers", to wormlike aliens, such as the trans-spatial aliens encountered by USS Voyager and USS Equinox, to creatures without form, such as the Edo god, Nagilum, the holographic fifth-dimensional beings encountered by USS Voyager, and the wormhole aliens and pah wraiths. These have also included species such as Species 8472 that exist in other forms of space, such as fluidic space. These species all appear to be either organic forms of life or life forms capable of existing to some degree in our space, either directly or through manipulation of our own space-time dimension, and thus may represent equal or correspondent life forms to our own in other physically different dimensions of space-time. A subset of these, such as Nagilum and the wormhole aliens and pah wraiths, appear to be somewhat transcendent species, leading us to describe a subset of trans-dimensional/extra-dimensional life forms which are 'hyper-evolved.'

Hyper-evolved species

These are the rarest (and perhaps oldest) of species, encountered most often by chance or by their own design, and may in fact be described as a subset of trans-dimensional species. Included in this subset are the Q Continuum (and it is currently thought that the alien known as Trelane was a member of this species), the Douwd (an ancient and powerful energy being), and perhaps the wormhole aliens and pah wraiths and Nagilum. What these species appear to have in common (which makes them very different than most other forms of life) are their capacity for almost limitless power and their apparent separateness from the confines of space-time.

Connections

One of the goals of Xenoarchaeology (or any subset of Archaeology, for that matter) is to make connections between the past and present, and from a biological point of view one seeks to make connections between the various forms of life throughout the galaxy. Xenoarchaeological Science has, to some degree, found significant similarities on two major points - humanoid life (seeded by the ancient proto-humanoids discovered through the work of Professor Galen) and reptilian life (discovered and studied through the Voth and Distant Origin Theory). Current areas of study seek to connect many other forms of life through the following examinations/questions: 1. Are species of extragalactic origin, i.e. those species not indigenous to the Milky Way, derived from a common insect-like ancestor, much like those species from the Milky Way are derived from a humanoid ancestor? 2. Are the Makers and the Old Ones, whose only evidence of existence are found in the Mudd Androids and androids of Exo III, the same species or related species? 3. Are organic space-borne forms such as Gomtuu, Junior, and Swarm Aliens all related species, and if so, how did these species develop the capacity to survive in the harsh space environment? 4. Are the non-corporeal and energy-based space borne life forms related in some way as either stages of evolution of organic life into 'higher' life forms? 5. Are metallic and inorganic forms of life all derived from silicon, and, if so, are these rare forms of life mere aberrations of chemistry and/or technology (such as the Exocomps) or, if silicon is capable of supporting 'siliganic' life, why have we not seen far more numbers of these forms of life? 6. Are the chameloids in fact a subset of the changeling Founders of the Dominion? 7. What unique circumstances have allowed the rare development of shape-shifting ability in allasomorphs, Antosians, and Daliwakan wraiths? Are these all somehow related? 8. Are trans-dimensional species all bound by some common chemistry and biology within their own respective dimensions/universes? 9. Is there a continuum of evolution from the 'lowest' forms of life, such as prions, viruses, and bacteria, to the 'highest' or most powerful forms of life, such as Nagilum, the wormhole aliens and pah wraiths, and the Q Continuum? 10. Finally, are inconsistencies in the age and potency of species delineated by periods of catastrophe on a galactic/transgalactic scale? Are species such as the Q Continuum, Organians, and others merely survivors of ancient catastrophes (such as the destruction of many life forms by the Slavers) and are, as a result, many of the 'modern' species simply the result of evolution of the survivors of these major upheavals or seeding by those survivors? The more we study, the more questions we raise as to the Common Origin of species from the continuum of simple to complex, from dissimilar to common, and the more avenues we find to expand our views as to what constitutes humanoid and non-humanoid and begin to relate species both taxonomically and on an evolutionary scale.

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XENOARCHAEOHISTORY: CONNECTING THE SPECIES OF STAR TREK PAST/PRESENT/FUTURE

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Recently, I discussed the role of Xenoarchaeology and History in the context of the Star Trek universe with Alex Rosenzweig [Thanks to Alex for his contribution and conversation], and we talked about the past, present, and future and the "what if" and "what next" scenarios of what is likely to happen in the 25th century (2400s) and beyond. The springboard for these ideas is rooted in post Dominion War times [2375ff.] and the various directions STARFLEET might take in a period of post-war recovery.

This has led me to a brief study (more of an editorial actually) of "Xenoarchaeohistory" and the examination of the eras of Star Trek.

One might define 'eras' within the Star Trek universe, which include what predates First Contact in 2063, the formative stages of the Federation [2063-2151 and following], the "Original Series" era [2250-2300 and following], the recently described "Lost Era" [2300-2350], and the uniquely "Next Generation/Deep Space Nine/Voyager" era [2350-2380].

The eras beyond that have been only briefly touched upon in occasional story lines, ranging from the introduction of the Tox Uthat of the 27th century [ST:TNG "Captain's Holiday"] to the very notable temporal incursions whose origins are found in the 28th and 29th centuries [various ENTERPRISE season 1 episodes, and a number of Voyager episodes and other 'temporal timeline' episodes] and the briefly mentioned Kelvan exodus of the Andromeda Galaxy in the 33rd century [TOS "By Any Other Name"].

The goal of an archaeologist is, of course, to fill in the gaps in (and in between) these periods and ask questions, and to pose the following questions:

What happens from the 25th and 29th centuries that leads to the temporal incursions, the Temporal Cold War and related events?

What happens after that?

I take some liberties as usual, of course, since (in the context of the Star Trek universe), none of this has actually happened yet. My attempt here is to make connection between past, present, and future and to relate all this to a grand scheme that relates the aliens and their place in time and space.

What fascinates me as much as how all the alien races might be connected [my Xenoarchaeology article appears elsewhere in this Communiqué] is to think what has happened to them and even more so what WILL happen to them in the future Star Trek universe, and to play with ideas that provide insight to everything outside the relatively small enclave of the Federation, STARFLEET, and what's really a small part of space.

So here, for your thought, is my speculation of "what comes next" [a lot of this comes from USS Jaguar's fiction at http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis] detailed as some 'significant' events that relate the NOW of Star Trek (i.e. the 2370s) to the 'next' of Star Trek (everything from that point on)...

The 2380s

I introduce the notion that slipstream becomes a functional form of propulsion, and we ultimately re-establish contact with the Delta Quadrant.

By the late 2380s we go to war with the Voth [ST: VGR "Distant Origin"] and we establish somewhat regular contact with the Delta Quadrant.

[Alex asks] What starts the Voth conflict?

ANSWER:

Our 'incursions' into their space in the Delta Quadrant and discovery that their Doctrine is based on their desire to keep secret the fact that, in their early millennia after leaving Earth, they survived by cannibalizing the proto-species that would become the Gorn, Hirogen, etc, they try to quell the knowledge of their more seedy past. We use the transphasic torpedoes to destroy what turns out to be Voth outposts in the Pleiades Star Cluster, and turn the whole cluster into a wasteland, and so a moratorium is put on their use due the interstellar environmental concerns.

The interesting twist is it introduces the fact that the Voth are more ubiquitous (due to their transwarp technology) and introduces the idea that they themselves have had run-ins with the Borg as well, and the Borg were unable to handle the Voth.

My other major plot dynamic [and this is *really* where I integrate xenoscience into history] is the incursion of a number of extragalactic insectoid species called the Shar'nn, Daomasrai, and Idjalich into the Delta and Gamma Quadrants; the Idjalich turn out to be able to devour entire civilizations, the Shar'nn try to drop this 'nuisance' into our galaxy, and the Jem'Hadar and Voth suffer in the process, which further drives their conflictive tendencies. We manage to introduce a plague to destroy the Idjalich, but the Shar'nn are still out there, and they're hundreds of millennia more advanced, and they think TOTALLY like a hive mind - their ships have an uber-transwarp/slipstream technology. The comparison for them to us is like for us ***(continued on p. 27)***

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to an anthill, they barely consider our existence but are studying us now that they are in our galaxy, and this is where I start introducing the very different forms of life in other galaxies and follow through with the idea that life in our galaxy was a proto-humanoid seed [ST:TNG "The Chase"] and I introduce that life in other galaxies is, in fact, more ancient and more sinister.

This Voth conflict fills the better part of the 2380s.

The 2390s and early 2400s

The 2390s become, in a sense, another post-war recovery period where we explore the new technologies and the growth of individuals beyond their relatively narrowly focused lives into new roles (after all, Picard can't be in command of a starship for his whole life, can he?)

The pivotal year becomes 2399, where I introduce outlines for the 2400s where we start sending massive slipstream engine vessels to these other galaxies. These are big unmanned probes, much bigger than anything we've ever made, that use tremendous amounts of energy; we build a number of prototypes between 2399 and 2408. This is in effect a 'space age' era cf. the first Mercury/Gemini/Apollo missions, and storylines in that decade will focus as much on the building as the launching of these ships.

From this point, we enter another 'dark era' for much of the century, since what these unmanned probes encounter are all those very nasty very alien species and we "awaken the beast," as it were. Still, the 2400s become the 'slipstream' era and in the process we manage to map and understand much of our own galaxy (which offsets the darker more sinister implications of our failure to successfully explore other galaxies).

The entire time period is based, of course, upon a certain superiority of technology that thrusts us ahead of our competition (Klingons, Romulans, Dominion, and so forth) and the fortunate relative absence of the Borg, for a time.

2500-2800: the path to temporal dynamics

Interestingly, the Krenim [ST:VGR "Year of Hell"] themselves play a part in the Voth War of the 2380s (it turns out that the Krenim build temporal vessels even WITH the alteration in timeline, and we meet them again, but they're more benevolent) and their involvement plants the seeds of growth that, along with our use of slipstream technology, opens us up to the possibilities we explore in the 26th-29th centuries.

Alex, of course, brings up a very good point, "That makes sense. Have you built in anything to explain why the 29th Century tech seems so little changed from the 24th, at least on the surface, and obviously not including the temporal tech that's completely unknown in the 2300s?"

My answer to him was, "A little, more or less a manifestation of us still having hands, being humanoid, but I also have some thoughts on the Borg by the 29th century, that they become a more or less liberated species [from the collective] and their cybernetics become a more useful thing - they become individuals: engineers, technological scientists..."

This is predicated on a massive catastrophe in the collective, worse than their run-in with species 8472 [there are thoughts I have with the Borg encountering species like Species 8472 again and extragalactic aliens like the Shar'nn resulting in the collective being overwhelmed.]

I also have thoughts on holographic life forms as well; they eventually run the path to independence by using Data's case as a precedent [ST:TNG "Measure of a Man."]

The result is that the Borg that do survive discover a way to move beyond their more sinister characteristic [Alex raises a very good point, that "the 'new Borg', as it were, would probably take the lessons of their history to prevent any collective-esque formations from becoming that controlling again."] and people then become capable of being *willing* members of that segment of society, and the contribution of these cybernetic individuals and of the holographic forms of life add something distinctive to big picture.

3000 and beyond

By 3000 there are "Borg" and holograms that are citizens of society - that's another story, and it's not on paper yet ;)

What does seem certain (to me) is that the integration of cybernetic and holographic forms of life benefits 'humanity' and much of the temporal technology is probably in part due to their input as much as by our own hands. To me, this seems a logical progression, and my supposition is that by the 3000s we're definitely visiting other galaxies, less constrained by the more sinister dynamics of those places, and we're trying to understand THOSE life forms with those very different characteristics and perhaps exploring the history of our own galaxy from the pre-Slaver times.

Species like Nagilum, the Q, and those other 'super species' [remember the Metrons' comment from TOS "Arena" that perhaps in a thousand years we might establish a relationship?] are the survivors of the pre-Slaver times (I wrote an article on THAT too!) and perhaps the Iconians [ST: TNG "Contagion"] may have themselves been an ancient pre-Slaver species that survived and developed into the species that used gateway technology.

Come to think of it, doesn't this just sound a bit like Babylon 5?

Old Races. Hm. Perhaps I should do a comparative article between the Star Trek older races like the Q and the Babylon 5 older races like the Vorlons and Shadows.

This kind of thinking, as you can guess, is how I came up with the field of "Xenoarchaeology."

Alex admitted to me, "That's something I've been thinking about, too. One thought I had was that, along with humanoids being scattered all over, the preponderance of Earthlike planets in places where they really shouldn't exist is also an 'artifact' of ancient super-engineering."

History and Xenoarchaeology

I think of the proto-humanoid intervention as a seeding of planets and of terra-forming going hand in hand, and perhaps the proto-humanoids 'bit the dust' in the Slaver wars, but their imprint remained in all the planets they seeded, and although sentient life was nearly wiped out, their genetic seeding remained. Earth, for example, was still in its early seed stage between 4 billion and 1 billion years ago (life was still pretty primitive,) so the Slaver weapons would not have affected us to the same degree as they did all the sentient life that was more or less wiped out 1 billion years ago.

Those seed worlds that did survive were able to develop.

Alex also brings up a good point, "If the proto-humanoids existed 4 billion years ago, they could have been Organian-level or higher long before the Slavers showed up, too."

My response to Alex (more or less in agreement) was that anything from BEFORE 1 billion years ago was either a survivor that became a superspecies, a non-corporeal or space-borne form, or was something very non-humanoid (Alex agreed.)

So insect life, for example, was a different seed set, even on Earth, just in competition with the proto-humanoid genetic material - similar, of course, but from a time before the Slavers, thus immune in its own way.

The proto-humanoids, then, may have existed along with insectoid life and perhaps all these ancient species were somewhat more multigalactic in their scope, and it leads us to think that the proto-humanoids may have in fact engineered entire solar systems.

Alex pointed out "One thought, though. If you go down to the cellular and subcellular levels, the basic biological foundations of insects and other species on Earth are still the same. If the two were from that radically different an origin, how does one explain that commonality?"

My thought: Perhaps the proto-humanoids and insectoids were themselves similar - organic life is, after all, organic life; it's just a matter of what took hold where. The protohumanoids' focus was in this galaxy, and the insectoids were here as well, whereas in the Andromeda galaxy (for example, the Kelvans,) the insectoids were more dominant, and so the natural forms of the Kelvans, the creatures from TOS "Catspaw", etc. were more insectoid. The difference would be seen in our galaxy because the Slavers wiped species out 1 billion years ago in THIS galaxy (not in other galaxies) and what was left was predominantly the seed material from the proto-humanoids due to its relative ubiquitousness cf. the insectoid genetic seed material.

END RESULT: we end up with mostly humanoids in our galaxy.

[Alex's explanation: "I'm thinking that the genetic manipulation was probably only keyed to enhance certain evolutionary pathways."]

BOTTOM LINE: It's the best way I can think to explain it and include all the material, including the Slavers and it DOES allow for those superspecies to be the older races (and there aren't that many of them - Q, Douwd, Nagilum, Organians, a few others) but they all do tend to be more energy based.

THE CHALLENGING THOUGHT [from Alex] "Well, wait. The problem remains that even here, using Earth as our sample, there are many more insect species than primates. It's obviously more complex than just having certain species wiped out, because by any measure except sentience, the insects have it all over primate species. So, then, is Earth typical, or atypical, and if it's typical, how does that factor into that sort of macro-history?"

Honestly, Alex's point hit home at that time, and I admitted to not being sure how to explain that, beyond the fact that since we see a LOT of humanoid species perhaps the survivors of the Slaver holocaust were in opposition to the ancient insects and pushed things in their direction. They lost in *numbers* cf. insects but established sentience and intellectual dominance.

Alex's thought: "It might be that the proto-humanoids and proto-insectoids were both competing, and in this galaxy, the genetic strategies the humanoids used were better. In other galaxies, perhaps the outcomes are different."

A storyline for the 3000s!

Perhaps we'll spend that millennium dealing with the repercussions of awakening species in other galaxies and drawing the attention of the 'older races' [there I go channeling J. Michael Strazynski again] and the 4000s will be the aftermath.

Alex's thought: "There we go. Or, even simpler, it's not the original insectoids that are back, it's species from one of the other galaxies, where the outcome of the competition was different, who start interfering in the Milky Way. Sub-arc becomes the question of whether we were right to go poking in there in the first place. Old debate, new context."

BOTTOM LINE: Maybe we need to ask ourselves if maybe the Q were right and if we should admire Q for his decision to drag Enterprise-D into Borg space. Why?
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Because he was right in some way of his assessment of our conceit - that we COULD handle anything.

As Alex pointed out, "Definitely. We needed a kick in the head at that point, 'cause whether it was just Picard or all Humanity, the arrogance was a bit much." The Shar'nn are simply another example race that fill a similar role to the Borg. They came to this galaxy more or less to get rid of their own problems, and the effects on our galaxy are irrelevant to them. Our conceit, such as with the Borg, is that we can understand *every* species we encounter.

*[Editorial note: I know I've talked about them a number of times, you'll have to read the fiction to learn more - suffice to say that the Shar'nn are about 12-16 feet tall mantis-like creatures that travel in big pitchfork-like ships more than a mile long that travel at speeds faster than those of ships traveling through the Bajoran wormhole, and they have electric type discharge weapons which can swallow whole worlds. They're not 'bad guys', they just think in a way that makes us insignificant. There's no actual thought to outcome. In addition, they have DNA *so* complex, it makes Species 8472 seem simple, and in our stories we actually find a large mass of Borg ships completely decimated by them.]*

As Alex described it (quite well), "Antagonists, not evildoers."

Philosophy, Archaeology, History, Xenology, and the far future of Star Trek's fictional presence

Anything we haven't seen on screen or in print is, of course, mere conjecture, but the real fun of Star Trek for some of us is the (relatively) consistent history that Star Trek has created for itself. The fact that we have seen only a small part of what is certainly a much bigger Star Trek universe just means that there are many open doors for us to explore.

Given that we've only really seen a piece of a puzzle that spans a few centuries and met a relative 'handful' of species that all seem more or less alike should spark our imaginations and lead us to the question "Is Star Trek bound just by what we see on screen, or is it as much a product of our imaginations as it is of Paramount's capacity to produce?"

I'd certainly like to think that our imaginations drive it as much if not more than what we see on screen. Now you can all go take something for your headaches.

Just keep reading and keep imagining.

VCS-ELECT VISITS VULKON ORLANDO

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November 20 began as a brilliantly sunny (no pun intended) morning and ended on an even brighter note for a number of us who attended Vulkon in Orlando, Florida.

My wife Sunnie (Region 2 VRC and the OIC of MSG 6-Oh!-9 "The Black Bettys") and I met *USS Gasparilla* Chief of Operations Jon Williams, then hit the highways bound for Orlando. Ordinarily, we would have been in a caravan with James and Michelle Muench, our illustrious CO and Second Officer, respectively. But James was busy nursing a broken wrist suffered in a fall from the moving van he'd rented the day before, and Michelle was busy nursing James.

The convention began with the traditional Captain's Call. The *USS Blackstar, Shuttle Dauntless*, *USS Gasparilla*, *USS Myrddin, USS Paegan*, *USS Relentless*, *USS Trident* and *USS Triumph* were among the chapters represented. The R2 Chocolate Vault was opened as we exchanged news and information about the Florida Zone, Region 2 and STARFLEET.

Presentations followed:

• As a fitting postscript to a thread recently ended on the R2 email list, R2 Zone 1 Coordinator and *USS Trident* CO Jack "Towaway" Eaton presented *USS Myrddin* XO Kevin Reid with an action figure that can be positioned in various poses. The figure's upper half was clad in a TNG uniform top and whose lower half sported TNG boots and homemade western chaps… and nothing more!

• With outgoing *USS Gasparilla* XO Leslie Ryan and outgoing *USS Gasparilla* Chief Engineer Dave Ryan looking on from the audience, Sunnie and I then presented Jack with a fitting reminder of the upcoming R2 Summit in Tampa: a memento from Towaway Avenue in one of the Tampa suburbs.

After Captain's Call, a group composed of Jack Eaton, *USS Paegan* CO Norm Ennis, his son Kyle, *Shuttle Dauntless* CO Tom Donohoe, his fiancée Kimi Brooks, Sunnie and myself in an early lunch at a nearby Denny's restaurant.

Then it was back to the hotel, taking up station in the lobby with the R2 Chocolate Vault. This strategy worked because, before the afternoon was over, we had R2 RC candidates Jennifer Rosbury and Tom Donohoe along with their retinues, several Romulans, and all manner of Klingons spending time with us in anticipation of the phone call announcing the results of the election for Commander, STARFLEET.

The long awaited call came through during mid-afternoon, confirming that Sunnie was now the Vice Commander, STARFLEET-Elect and that Jack Eaton was now the Chief of Operations-Elect! Once again the chocolate flowed like a river, even into the Dealers Room, where Sunnie managed to turn 5 Kit-Kat bars into a $20 discount on the purchase of a double-folding Klingon mini-bat'leth ironically called the "Doves of Peace."

Someone asked Sunnie what she was going to do now that she had been elected VCS. It hardly seemed appropriate to say, "I'm going to Disney World," because it was only a few miles down I-4. So we sent Jennifer, Steve and Rowan Rosbury instead.

Later in the afternoon, actor Vaughn Armstrong (Admiral Maxwell Forrest on Enterprise) stopped briefly at the hotel bar. On his way back, while walking through the lobby, he stopped by to compliment Sunnie on her hair. After thanking him, Sunnie informed him that she had just been elected Vice Commander of STARFLEET. The next thing we knew, we were posing for photos with the late Admiral Forrest (may he rest in peace) and Kyle Ennis.

As evening approached, 13 of us left the hotel in search of an unsuspecting Bennigan's for dinner and "Death by Chocolate." As Sunnie's Chief of Staff and protocol adviser, I placed her at the head of the long table with an R2 RC candidate and party on either side of her, then took a place of my own along with Kirylyn Dreamer, Jon Williams, Kyle Ennis, and Jack Eaton and his crew further down the table.

Inexcusably, I had overlooked the most important member of our party. I learned this when I looked back up toward the head of the table and discovered that the restaurant staff had moved Sunnie backward and inserted a small table between her and Jennifer Rosbury to make room for Cadet Rowan Rosbury's highchair! Sunnie had a ball, spending the entire period before dinner entertaining Rowan, handing him crayons, listening to him talk, and answering him.

Following dinner, we reluctantly left for Tampa, unable to stay for the *USS Myrddin*'s anniversary party. After all, we had to return Jon Williams to his apartment and get ourselves home for the rerun of *Enterprise* in time to see Admiral Forrest get blown up!

Sunnie Planthold meets up with the Romulans...believe me, they ARE smiling...
Photo submitted by Ralph Planthold

Sunnie and Commodore Jack "Towaway" Eaton get the good news!
Photo submitted by Ralph Planthold

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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

Apr 29-May 1 PersaCon, Madison, Alabama; Info: PO Box 1035, Madison, AL. 35758 http://www.geocities.com/chibicon2k3/ PersaConInfo@aol.com

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

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 18-20 WonderCon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 http://www.comic-con.org/ cciweb@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 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 Angels, 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.comic-con.org/ cciweb@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

Colorado

Feb 17-20 Genghis Con XXVI, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 472664, Aurora, CO 80047-2664 Ph: 303-690-6054 http://www.denvergamers.com/genghis/ dgagames@aol.com

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

Connecticut

Mar 11-13 ConnCon, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: PO Box 444, Sherman, CT 06784-0444 http://www.conncon.com/ Willi@ConnCon.com

Florida

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 Sharonrpotts@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 12-13 Spooky Empire: Pop Culture Con, Plantation, Florida; Info: PO Box 460574, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33346 http://www.spookyempire.com/ info@spookyempire.com

Mar 16-20 IAFA-26, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 10416, Blacksburg, VA 24062 http://www.iafa.org/ Guests: Rudy Rucker, Damien Broderick, John Kessel, Albert Goldbarth, Brian Aldiss

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

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

May 13-15 Batty's Best Game Fest, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 3631-C Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341 Ph: 770-939-8455 http://www.battysbest.com/bbgf.html info@battysbest.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/ creamyjeremy@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.hollywood collectorshow.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 Rigoni, 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

May 13-15 Anime Central, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 1694 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 http://www.acen.org/ aceninfo@acen.org

Iowa

Feb 25-27 Gamicon XI, Iowa City, Iowa; Info: 308 East Burlington PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 Ph: 319-790-2893 http://www.mindbridge.org/gamicon/ gamicon@mindbridge.org Guests: Lacy Hensley, Steve Crow, Nigel Ray, Gary Lange, Cathy Klessig

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: Wayne Pygram, David Franklin, Jeffrey Combs, Tony Amendola, Bob Bergen, Kathy Garver, Shannon McRandle, David Gerrold, Terry Rioux, Marc Okrand, Inge Heyer, Howard Weinstein, Prometheus Radio Theatre, Boogie Knights, Chromatics

Massachusetts

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

Feb 24-27 Total Confusion, Mansfield, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 70585, Worcester, MA 01607 Ph: 603-644-0437 http://www.totalcon.com/ info@totalcon.com

Mar 4-6 Intercon E, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: 88 Beacon Street, Apt. 11, Lawrence, MA 01843 http://www.interactiveliterature.org/E/ con-chair-e@interactiveliterature.org

Apr 1-3 Conbust, Northampton, Massachusetts; Info: Box 8489, 1 Chapin Way, Northampton, MA 01063 http://sophia.smith.edu/ssffs/ conbust/ Guests: Jennie Breeden, Tiffany Grant, Patricia Briggs, Lynn Flewelling

Michigan

Mar 11-13 Marmalade Dog 10, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Info: PO Box 19284, Kalamazoo, MI 49019 Ph: 269-387-2292 http://www.marmaladedog.org/ eboard@wmgg.org

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 Penguicon 3.0, Novi, Michigan; Info: PO Box 401302, Redford, MI 48240-9302 http://www.penguicon.org/ info@penguicon.org

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.mnstf.org/minicon/ request@minicon.mnstf.org Guests: Terry Pratchett, Jim Young

Mississippi

Mar 4-6 CoastCon XXVIII, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: PO Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 http://www.coastcon.org/ coastcon@coastcon.org Guests: Walter Koenig, William Johnson, Judy Johnson, Mark Worrell, Sharon Green, Andrew Fox, Glenda Finkelstein, Dave Arneson, Dale Kemper, Carl Lundgren, Debbora Wiles, Dr. James Kakalios

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.

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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

New Jersey

Mar 11-13 Ubercon V, Meadowlands, New Jersey; Info: 370 Ramsey Rd, Yardley, PA 19067 http://www.ubercon.com/ kevin@ubercon.com

New York

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

Apr 8-10 I-Con 24, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 http://www.iconsf.org/ info@iconsf.org Guests: Tracy Mann, Peter Mayhew, Steve Bacic, Inge Heyer

Apr 16-17 UBCon, Buffalo, New York; Info: 308 Student Union, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260 http://www.ubsarpa.com ubsarpaweb@hotmail.com

Apr 22-24 EerieCon VII, Niagara Falls, New York; Info: PO Box 412, Buffalo, NY 14226 http://www.eeriecon.org/ info@eeriecon.org Guests: Allen Steele, Steven Brust, Julie Czerneda, Anne Bishop, Marilyn Mattie Brahen, Carolyn Clink, David Clink, David DeGraff, Lynn Flewelling, James Alan Gardner, Mark Garland, Lois Gresh, Derwin Mak, Will McDermott, John-Allen Price, Robert J. Sawyer, Darrell Schweitzer, David Stephenson, Edo Van Belkom, Ookla

North Carolina

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

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 1-3 Cinema Wasteland, Strongville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 http://www.cinemawasteland.com/ info@cinemawasteland.com Guests: Reggie Bannister, John Cardos, Greydon Clark, Eileen Dietz, Marilyn Eastman, Karl Hardman, Gary Kent, Kyra Schon, William Smith, Tom Sullivan, A. Ghastlee Ghoul, Baron Von Wolfstein, The Bone Jangler, Butch R. Cleaver, Count Gore De Vol, Dr. Creep, Dr. Freak, Dr. Mor B.S., Dr. Shock, The Ghoul, Halloween Jack, I. Zombie, Professor Anton Griffin, Son of Ghoul, Suspira

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

Oregon

Mar 25-27 Gamestorm, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 http://www.pdxgames.com/ chair@pdxgames.com

Pennsylvania

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

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

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 Tenessee 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 21-24 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

Mar 18-20 Madicon 14, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Info: PMB # 340, 1866c East Market St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801 http://www.madicon.org/ conmistresses@yahoo.com

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: Joan Hess, Carole Nelson Douglas, H.R.F. Keating, Ellis Peters, Anne Reece

Washington

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/ rainninghollywood/ dreamlogicfilms@aol.com Guests: David Carradine, Gary Conway, Don Marshall, Don Matheson, Deanna Lund, Heather Young, Stefan Arngrim, 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/

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

Mar 18-21 Best Of Both Worlds 24, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 6241 4555 http://www.bobw.com.au/ alc@bobw.com.au

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

New South Wales

Mar 25-28 Necronomicon, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 878, Newtown 2042, NSW 2774 http://www.necronomicon.org/ comrades @necronomicon.org

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

South Australia

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/ lhhup@bigpond.net.au Guests: Connor Trinneer, John Billingsley, Walter Koenig

Victoria

Feb 6 First Contact Conventions, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: 2 Ardmore St, Mitcham, Vic, 3132, Australia Ph: +61 03 9873 0231 http://www.firstcontactconventions.com.au info@firstcontactconventions.com.au Guests: John deLancie, Michael DeMeritt, Ken Ludden

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

Mar 26-29 Conquest, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: Suite 42, 85 Grattan St, Carlton, Victoria, 3053 http://www.conquest.asn.au/ enquiries@ conquest.asn.au

Western Australia

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

Canada

Ontario

Feb 25-27 Pandemonium 22, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Ken Barton, 1975 Memory Lane, #22, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, L1V 3M3 Ph: 416-220-3927 http://www.realmsquest.org/ pandemonium/ pandemoniumcon@ rogers.com

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

Apr 8-10 Ad Astra, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 Ph: 866-563-5426 http://www.ad-astra.org/ info@ad-astra.org Guests: Nalo Hopkinson, Don Hutchison, Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Tom Smith, Ray Fawkes, J. Torrest

Germany

May 5-8 Federation Con XIV, Bonn, ; Info: Schisslerstr. 4, D-86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49 821 219 1936 http://www.fedcon.de/ info@fedcon.de Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Jolene Blalock, Brent Spiner, Dominic Keating, John de Lancie, James Darren, Joseph M. Straczynski, Bobbi Sue Luther, Andrew Robinson, Stephen Furst, Richard Arnold, Marc B. Lee

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Ireland

Mar 11-13 Dominicon 10, Maynooth, ; Info: C/O Students Union, NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland http://www.dominicon.ie/ info@dominicon.ie

New Zealand

Apr 16-17 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Wellington, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 http://www.pulpexpo.com/ info@pulpexpo.com Guests: John Billingsley, Connor Trinneer, Walter Koenig

United Kingdom

England

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

Feb 25-27 Redemption, Hinckley, England; Info: 26 King's Meadow View, Wetherby, LS22 7FX, UK Ph: +07 956 440702 http: //www.smof.com/redemption/ redemptioninfo@smof.com Benefits: The National Asthma Campaign & The Woodland Trust

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 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

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 29-May 2 Collectormania 7, Milton Keynes, England; Info: 2 Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes. Bucks, MK6 3DG. England Ph: +44 (0)1908 671138 http: //www.collectormania.com/ info@ showmastersonline.com Guests: Michael Shanks, Jolene Blalock, Jake Lloyd, Temuera Morrison, Daniel Logan, Nichelle Nichols

Apr 29-May 1 Creation, London, England; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 http://www.creationent.com/ tickets@creationent.com

Scotland

Apr 29-May 1 Hush, Aberdeen, Scotland; Info: 14 Silverburn Place, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB23 8DE http://www.phoenix-events-scotland.co.uk/ hushinfo@phoenix-events-scotland.co.uk Benefits: Cash for Kids

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Region 1

Shuttle Banshee
NCC-74916 Maryville, TN
Crewmembers helped out at a zoo event with other area chapters. An away team visited the Star Trek Experience. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming night. An away team attended the Reprisal's award dinner. Crewmembers attended a Christmas parade. Crewmembers enjoyed movie events.

Shuttle Dark Star
NCC-63545 Summerville, SC
Work beginning on getting crew and rank established.

SS Bennu
NCC-SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team volunteered at a zoo event.

SS Nikola Tesla
NCC-SS005 Puryear, TN
Preparations underway for the annual Toys for Tots campaign.

USS Aeon
NCC-75022 Memphis, TN
Plans for the holidays are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed Thanksgiving together.

USS Alaric
NCC-503 Asheville, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Appomattox
NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA
Crewmembers participated in a local festival. An away team attended the anniversary party of another regional chapter. The ship sponsored a successful bake sale.

USS Arizona
NCC-71839 Alliance, OH
Crewmembers are gathering donations for a local family.

USS Asgard
NCC-72402 Lancaster, OH
An away team traveled to a Hunter Moon festival. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming. The ship sponsored a Halloween party. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie after the monthly meeting.

USS Athena
NCC-51896 Oak Hill, VA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. An away team attended a Renaissance Festival. Crewmembers raised money for the Julien Flemming fund.

USS Bonaventure
NCC-102-A Thomasville, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Plans underway for the holidays.

USS Charleston
NCC-71813 Charleston, SC
Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team manned a booth at a flea market. Crewmembers enjoyed lunar eclipse party. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary.

USS Chesapeake
NCC-1887 Glen Allen, VA
Crewmembers celebrated the XO's birthday. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Columbia
NCC-75017 Shelby, OH
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Columbus
NCC-72401 Columbus, OH
Crewmembers participated in a UN festival. Plans underway for the holidays.

USS Commonwealth
NCC-74670 Richmond, VA
Crewmembers enjoyed Halloween. An away team volunteered with the Salvation Army. Plans underway for the 2005 Polar Bear Plunge. Recycling efforts begin.

USS Dark Wolf
NCC-75002 Kingsport, TN
An away team enjoyed a trip to a nearby ghost train. Crewmembers preparing for a Christmas parade. Plans for the 2005 Polar Bear Plunge underway.

USS Dominator
NCC-18076 Charleston, SC
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Gallifrey
NCC-81631 Elyria, OH
Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights and role playing games. An away team worked at a local haunted forest. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended a local convention. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Hathor
NCC-3063 Louisville, KY
The ship celebrated the weddings of several of its members. Plans for the upcoming Toys for Tots drive underway.

USS Heimdal
NCC-1793 Amherst, OH
The ship sponsored a Halloween Costume contest. Plans for the holidays are underway. The ship decided to donate to the Salvation Army food bank after a presentation at the monthly meeting. Donations to several other charities continue.

USS Hornet
NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a night out at a local restaurant. Crewmembers assembled shoe boxes for charity.

USS Jamestown
NCC-1843-D Newport News, VA
Crewmembers attended the MAAT's anniversary party. Crewmembers enjoyed a stupid movie night. An away team attended a local Halloween bash. An away team attended the anniversary party of another area Trek organization.

USS Jurassic
NCC-3500 Hammersville, OH
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a party. Work on the afghan project continues. Box top and soup label collection efforts continue. An away team traveled to Nova Scotia.

USS Kitty Hawk
NCC-1659 Raleigh, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout in the rain.

USS Lagrange
NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a party. Collection efforts for a local food bank continues. The ship sponsored an auction for charity.

USS Liberator
NCC-75008 Akron, OH
Collection efforts for OCP continues. Work on the web site and newsletter continues.

USS MAAT
NCC-1794-A Norfolk, VA
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 17th Anniversary. Plans for the annual Blood Feud underway. Crewmembers helped out at the annual Blood Feud.

USS Maelstrom
NCC-74218 Tyner, NC
Crewmembers judged a Halloween contest at a local charity event. An away team attended the anniversary dinner of a local Klingon group.

USS Normandy
NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, NC
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS North Carolina
NCC-75019 Hickory, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party with other area trek clubs. An away team attended a Renaissance faire. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Ohio
NCC-75007 Barberton, OH
An away team volunteered at a marathon. The ship sponsored a Halloween party. An away team volunteered at a local convention. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Pathfinder
NCC-2121 Lima, OH
Crewmembers still processing packets for SETI@Home. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Powhatan
NCC-1967-A Chesapeake, VA
An away team attended the MAAT's anniversary party. Crewmembers helped bag food at a local food bank.

USS Pride of Scotland
NCC-S8812 Louisville, KY
Crewmembers enjoyed a bad movie night. The ship donated calling cards to a local children's hospital. An away team participated in the Breast Cancer March for research. Plans for the annual Toys for Tots campaign underway.

USS Providence
NCC-71796 Cedar Grove, TN
Plans underway for the ship's anniversary party. Crewmembers donated food to a local family for Thanksgiving.

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USS Questar
NCC-75435 Louisville, KY
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans for local Toys for Tots drive underway.

USS Renegade
NCC-2547 Youngstown, OH
Plans underway for the holidays. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Reprisal
NCC-1896 Fall Branch, TN
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual awards banquet.

USS Richmond
NCC-2003 Covington, VA
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise night and celebrated Scott Bakula's birthday with a cake.

USS Ronald E McNair
NCC-61809 Columbia, SC
Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Rutledge
NCC-74215 Ladson, SC
Work on Operation Eagle continues. Crewmembers still working on ship fiction. An away team traveled to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to deliver supplies to troops.

USS Star League
NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC
Crewmembers enjoyed Halloween party. Crewmembers participated in the Git Fit For Duty program. An away team visited a local planetarium.

USS Star Runner
NCC-74222 Greer, SC
Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to the beach. Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party.

USS Starward Fury
NCC-2122 Spring Lake, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Crewmembers enjoyed dinner at the COs house.

USS Tristar
NCC-71829 Knoxville, TN
Crewmembers volunteered at an annual Halloween event at the zoo.

USS Tycho
NCC-59325 Toledo, OH
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Wasp
NCC-1721 Shelbyville, KY
Plans for the holidays are underway. Plans for the ship's 15th anniversary are underway.

USS West Virginia
NCC-2008 Charleston, WV
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party.

USS White Eagle
NCC-2302 Jacksonville, NC
Crewmembers still working on their adopted highway. Collection efforts of soup labels continue.

USS Yeager
NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV
Plans underway for an upcoming convention. Recruitment efforts continue. Work for local Christmas charities underway.

USS Yorktown
NCC-1704-A Catawba, SC
Plans for the holidays are underway.

Region 2

Shuttle King George
NCC-78501/1 Savanna, GA
Crewmembers enjoyed night club trips.

Shuttle Victorious
NCC-40967 Clearwater, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

SS Dark Silence Station
NCC-007 Florence, AL
The ship sponsored a beverage booth at a local renaissance faire. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Blackstar
NCC-75003 Miami, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans for the holidays are underway. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Dark Phoenix
NCC-74920 Leaksville, MS
The ship has adopted two children for the holidays.

USS DaVinci
NCC-74671 Columbus, GA
Crewmembers enjoyed a game and hobby expo. The ship sponsored a very successful river cleanup. Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Wars Movie Marathon. Crewmembers participated in the 8th annual clean the river event.

USS Drakenfire
NCC-71822 Odenville, AL
An away team enjoyed shopping outings. An away team enjoyed a museum visit.

USS Gasparilla
NCC-74400 Brandon, FL
Crew menbers said farewell to a member that is heading overseas for duty. Plans for the holidays are underway. Crewmembers attended a local convention.

USS Guardian
NCC-26244 Cocoa, FL
An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Haise
NCC-74664 Brandon, MS
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise party. An away team participated in a walk to raise money for the Diabetes Foundation. Another away team enjoyed a trip to a local observatory. Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's annual after Thanksgiving Pizza party.

USS Hephaestus
NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL
Recruitment efforts underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Khai Tam
NCC-81000 Tallahassee, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team cleaned a trail.

USS Myrddin
NCC-72172 Dunedin, FL
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 6th anniversary with a party.

USS New Hope
NCC-50335 Montgomery, AL
Crewmembers volunteered at a local animal shelter. Crewmembers helped to run a fun night at a local church.

USS Odyssey
NCC-454-A Hattiesburg, MS
Plans underway for an upcoming convention. An away team participated in a local convention.

USS Okatoma
NCC-74695 Colins, MS
Plans underway for a regional zone meeting.

USS Paegan
NCC-1755 Lake Mary, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming day. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Pleiades
NCC-72388 Douglasville, GA
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 1st anniversary with pizza and Dalmuti. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Relentless
NCC-81001 Palm Bay, FL
Crewmembers volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and cleaned local parks. An away team attended a nearby convention. The ship sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for a local family.

USS Republic
NCC-1371 Douglasville, GA
An away team participated in a local Halloween parade. An away team enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Shadow Hawk
NCC-74660 Opelika, FL
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Spiritwalker
NCC-31097 Decatur, GA
Collection efforts for a local animal shelter continue. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights. The ship sponsored a movie night.

USS Trident
NCC-74692 Jensen Beach, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. The ship celebrated Halloween with a party. An away team enjoyed a movie event. Another away team traveled to a nearby convention.

USS Triumph
NCC-26228 Dania, FL
Crewmembers met at a local restaurant to remember a fallen shipmate. Recycling efforts continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Yamato
NCC-71807 Gardendale, AL
An away team attended a Halloween party. Plans for the holidays are underway.

Region 3

Shuttle Maverick
NCC-61914/01 Idalou, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans for the holidays are underway. Crewmembers chose the ship's colors, charities and motto.

SS Freedom III
SS-001 Euless, TX
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Ark Angel
NCC-1889 Georgetown, TX
Crewmembers welcome a new member, born on the 1st of October. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming event after the regular meeting.

USS Aurora Vulcanus
NCC-1888 Houston, TX
An away team attended a convention and a renaissance faire. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended a renaissance festival.

USS Bethel
NCC-74663 Justin, TX
An away team volunteered at a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a Sector movie day.

USS Bexar
NCC-71718 San Antonio, TX
Plans for the holidays are underway. Collection efforts for local food banks continue. An away team enjoyed a laser tag event. Crewmembers participated in a holiday parade.

USS Comanche
NCC-71809 Weatherford, TX
Plans for the future are underway. An away team participated in the Brigade's Fall muster. An away team attended the Panther City's Thanksgiving day meeting and football party.

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

USS Gunslinger
NCC-6019 El Paso, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween pot luck dinner. An away team participated ina a battle reenactment.

USS Intangible
NCC-65421 Bryan, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

USS Joan of Arc
NCC-73289 Corpus Christi, TX
Crewmembers handed out candy and coloring books at a Halloween Festival. Plans for the holidays are underway. The ship sponsored a poker night.

USS Laredo
NCC-03 Laredo, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed regular meetings. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Lone Star
NCC-73628 Lubbock, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise party. An away team volunteered with the Salvation Army. Crewmembers enjoyed pool days and chess. An away team attended the Brigade muster. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. The ship prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald house.

USS Palo Duro
NCC-61914 Amarillo, TX
An away team attended an Enterprise party. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Panther City
NCC-74917 Benbrook, TX
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers gathered to celebrated Thanksgiving. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Rhyanna
NCC-1892 Marble Falls, TX
The ship held its annual Halloween party. Collection and volunteer efforts for a local food bank continues. An away team volunteered at a local food bank.

USS SpiritWolf
NCC-74300 Houston, TX
An away team attended an Enterprise party. Another away team attended a local convention. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Trinity River
NCC-6425 Dallas, TX
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Victory
NCC-74208 San Antonio, TX
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. An away team volunteered at a local Thanksgiving dinner festival.

Region 4

ISS Pegasus
NCC-9755 Las Vegas, NV
Annual Toys for Tots campaign is underway. Collection efforts for Pop Tops continue.

Shuttle Battle Born
NCC-23104/1 Carson City, NV
Plans for the annual Toys for Tots campaign underway. Crewmembers are participating in a local food

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drive. Plans for the holidays are underway.

SS Cascade Station
NCC-SS003 Redding, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's end of summer barbecue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

SS K Ehleyr
NCC-009 Las Vegas, NV
Crewmember enjoyed the ship's Halloween party. The ship sponsored a Thanksgiving day feast. An away team participated in a movie outing.

USS Angeles
NCC-71840 Los Angeles, CA
An away team participated in walks for charity. Crewmembers enjoyed a bowl-a-thon. Plans for the holidays are underway. An away team visited Disneyland. The ship sent holiday packages to troops stationed overseas.

USS Angelfire
NCC-75025 Glendale, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Halloween party. The ship hosted a pre-holiday dinner.

USS Augusta Ada
NCC-55011 Campbell, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a rocketry presentation at the monthly meeting.

USS Centurion
NCC-74801 San Bernardino, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Klingon feast. Collection efforts for the Ronald McDonald House continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Dragons Cub
NCC-81003 Shafter, CA
Collection efforts for Betty Crocker and KoolAid points continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Eagle
NCC-1719 Fremont, CA
Crewmembers volunteered at a local PBS station's pledge drive. Crewmembers enjoyed movie and dinner outing.

USS Gallant
NCC-4890 Fresno, CA
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Highroller
NCC-23104 Reno, NV
Plans for the holidays are underway. Collection efforts for a local food bank continue. Plans for the ship's 12th anniversary party are underway.

USS Northern Lights
NCC-27001 Newark, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's Halloween party. Crewmembers enjoyed a new game series.

USS Onizuka
NCC-71815 Chico, CA
An away team attended an air show. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party with scary movies. The ship delivered trays of cookies to local fire stations on Thanksgiving day.

USS PeaceKeeper
NCC-73200 Visalia, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual anniversary party. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual poker night. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS S L heya
NCC-1601 Fresno, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Crewmembers gathered at the COs house to watch Enterprise.

USS Tikopai
NCC-1800 San Jose, Ca
Crewmembers enjoyed a Trek movie viewing. Plans for the holidays underway.

USS Vanguard
NCC-75026 Fillmore, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming.

USS William O Darby
NCC-12474 Grand Terrance, CA
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

Region 5

USS C M Russell
NCC-75285 Great Falls, MT
Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans for the holidays are underway.

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

USS Crusader
NCC-74711 Otis Orchards, WA
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 7th anniversary. The ship held its annual bake sale. Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving with games and food and then shopped for the ship's adopted family.

USS Rubicon
NCC-71816 West Richland, WA
Crewmembers attended a local convention. The ship sponsored a Halloween party. An away team went to see Disney on Ice. The ship sponsored a LAN party. An away team participated in a charity walk.

Region 6

USS Czar ak
NCC-1798-A Richfield, MN
Crewmembers enjoyed a mini golf tournament, despite the fact that they lost. An away team attended the regional conference. Crewmembers enjoyed lunch and a movie. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Fox River
NCC-81002 Neenah, WI
Plans for upcoming events are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner event.

USS Imperium
NCC-2125 Fargo, ND
The ship hosted the Region 6 Conference. An away team participated in a bowling challenge. The ship celebrated the COs birthday.

USS Saint George
NCC-63541 Slater, IA
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Plans for this year's Toys for Tots campaign are underway.

USS Thunderchild
NCC-3122 Belle Fourche, MN
An away team volunteered for a local AIDS support group.

Region 7

ISS Lexington
NCC-1703-C West New York, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. An away team attended the regional Halloween party. An away team attended the Region 7 conference.

Shuttle Dauntless
NCC-74214 Orange Park, FL
Crewmembers in South Africa working on an upcoming convention. An away team attended and participated in a choral event. An away team attended a convention. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming. Plans for the holidays are underway.

Shuttle Top Gun
NCC-75029 Oxon Hill, MD
Recruitment efforts are underway.

USS Accord
NCC-1842 Ithaca, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Watkins Glen Weekend. An away team went on a mission to an art trail and enjoyed lunch at a deli. An away team attended the regional conference. The monthly meal and mission was to a local raceway.

USS Adamant
NCC-3029 Hatfield, PA
Crewmembers attended a local convention. Members also traveled to Las Vegas with another regional chapter. The ship cohosted a very successful regional Halloween party. The CO attended the Region 7 conference. Members enjoyed a dinner and movie event. Members also attended a nearby convention.

USS Albany
NCC-587 Scotia, NY
An away team participated in a local Heart Walk. Crewmembers enjoyed bowling events. The ship held its 16th annual Halloween party. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Alpha Centauri
NCC-71812 Temple Hills, MD
Crewmembers attended a fall festival. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Archer
NCC-1069 Mantua, NJ
An away team attended the regional Halloween party. Plans for the ship's 1st anniversary party underway. An away team attended the regional conference. An away team attended the Region 7 Holiday Cookie exchange.

USS Ari
NCC-1723 Buffalo, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Ascension
NCC-2520 Allentown, PA
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a craft day at the COs home. Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway. An away team traveled to Las Vegas with other area chapters. An away team attended the regional conference. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 14th anniversary. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Asimov
NCC-1647 Paoli, PA
An away team attended the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. Crewmembers attended the region's Halloween party. An away team attended the regional conference.

USS Avenger
NCC-1860 Linden, NJ
Plans for the ship's 20th anniversary continue. Plans for the 2005 Polar Bear Plunge are underway.

USS Challenger
NCC-1676-D Toms River, NJ
An away team attended the regional conference.

USS DeBraak
NCC-63543 Dover, DE
An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers attended a sector bowling event. An away team enjoyed a movie event. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Dragon Star
NCC-52135 Walden, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise games and movie nights. Crewmembers gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving together.

USS Edinburgh
NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, MD
An away team attended the regional conference.

USS Flying Fox
NCC-3116 Bethlehem, PA
An away team attended the regional Halloween party. Crewmembers enjoyed trips to the renaissance faire and a corn maze. Crewmembers attended the regional conference. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Highlander
NCC-10530 Randallstown, MD
Crewmembers participated in a local parade. An away team attended the regional conference.

USS Inferno
NCC-15202 Pittsburgh, PA
An away team traveled to Indiana to attend a convention. An away team attended a beach bash in South Carolina.

USS Justice
NCC-556 Florham Park, NJ
Crewmembers played paintball with William Shatner.

USS Malverne
NCC-2205 Upper Darby, PA
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Matrix
NCC-72296 Laurel, MD
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 10th anniversary. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Niagara
NCC-75634 Cheektowaga, NY
Plans for the holidays are underway. Crewmembers preparing donations to a local orphanage.

USS Northstar
NCC-10462 Bronx, NY
The ship sponsored a toy drive for a local hospital.

USS Osiris
NCC-3092 Bronx, NY
Crewmembers traveled to Las Vegas with other regional chapters. Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party.

USS Prevailing Wind
NCC-74667 Harrisburg, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's Halloween party.

USS Sovereign
NCC-75000 Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's Halloween party. The ship co-hosted the region's Halloween party. Crewmembers attended the regional conference.

USS Starlord
NCC-74225 Aberdeen, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. The ship sponsored a Halloween party. An away team attended the regional conference.

USS Thagard
NCC-652 Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed poker night. An away team enjoyed a dinner event.

USS Thor
NCC-2549-A Baltimore, MD
Work continues on the ship's website and logo. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Triton
NCC-71819 Glen Burnie, MD
The ship sponsored a Halloween party at the monthly meeting. Plans for the annual Toys for Tots drive are underway.

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Region 9

USS Europe
NCC-74668 Lisboa, Portugal
Crewmembers enjoyed weekly MSN meetings. Work on online gaming continues. Regional newsletter was created.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star
NCC-1160 Eagle River, AK
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Majestic
NCC-78601 Victoria, BC
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Sol
NCC-1733 Ester, AK
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

Region 12

Shuttle Dragonstrike
NCC-74305 Oswego, KS
Crewmembers collected stuffed animals for charity. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Allegiant
NCC-07 Lenexa, KS
Crewmembers participated in the first annual Kansas City Inter-ship banquet. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva
NCC-4101 Wildwood, MO
Collection efforts for STARFLEET scholarships continue. Collection efforts for Stampede and OCP also continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an ice cream outing. An away team attended the county fair.

USS Arlington
NCC-2375 Boonville, MO
Crewmembers are enjoying STARFLEET academy classes.

USS Atlas
NCC-75013 Bridgeton, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Black Hawk
NCC-75004 Rockford, IL
Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary party are underway.

USS Bortas
NCC-74211 Urbana, IL
Crewmembers held a fundraiser for a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night. An away team participated in a local convention.

USS Celt
NCC-75018 Elkins, AR
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Discovery
NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO
An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 20th anniversary. The ship sponsored the annual Thanksgiving eve dinner.

USS Firestorm
NCC-36005 Ottawa, KS
Crewmembers collected goods to send to units in Iraq. The ship sponsored a Halloween party.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone
NCC-3143 Emporia, KS
An away team attended the Discovery's 20th anniversary party. Crewmembers enjoyed a Thanksgiving party and gaming session.

USS Hexum
NCC-2199 Belleville, IL
An away team attended the Discovery's 20th anniversary party. Plans for the holiday are underway.

USS Horizon
NCC-1000-B Jefferson City, MO
An away team attended a nearby Renaissance festival. An away team attended movie event.

USS Jeannette Maddox
NCC-14514 Wichita, KS
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary. An away team participated in a geocaching event. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights.

USS Marko Ramius
NCC-23103 Fayetteville, AR
Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party. The ship donated goods to needy families.

USS Morning Star
NCC-4126 Lawton, OK
An away team participated in a breast cancer fundraising walk. Soup label collection efforts continue.

USS Phoenix
NCC-2155 Columbia, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming activities. Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Royal Sovereign
NCC-72201 Leavenworth, KS
An away team attended the Discovery's anniversary party. Crewmembers attended a nearby renaissance festival. Crewmembers enjoyed a happy hour. An away team attended a movie and dinner event.

USS Sunflower
NCC-74679 Augusta, MO
Crewmembers assisted with "Candy Day" sponsored by another area organization. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

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

USS Titan
NCC-72303 Atchison, KS
Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party.

USS William Wallace
NCC-2555 Joplin, MO
Plans for recruitment events are underway.

Region 13

Shuttle Aurora
NCC-62004 Dearborn, MI
An away team toured a local cider mill then went out to dinner. An away team attended a local festival.

Shuttle Sinclair
NCC-74209 Waterford, MI
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Banting
NCC-17220 Guelph, ON
Crewmembers participated in a charity walk for a local humane society. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event.

USS Empress
NCC-15025-A Shelby Township, MI
An away team attended the White Star's 7th anniversary party. Crewmembers gathering toys for local children.

USS Hadfield
NCC-75020 Georgetown, ON
Crewmembers participated in a fundraising barbecue. Crewmembers enjoyed a bad movie afternoon. An away team attended a winter fair.

USS Parallax
NCC-74657 Livonia, MI
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Valkyrie
NCC-74658 Clawson, MI
Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS White Star
NCC-71012 Ft.Gratiot, MI
Crewmembers enjoyed a book and movie event. The ship sponsored a Halloween and anniversary party. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie party.

Region 14

USS Jaguar
NCC-74750 Dartmouth, NS
One crewmember is preparing to move while the CO completes her move to Canada. Work on fan fiction continues. The ship started a new Marine unit in the region.

USS Magellan
NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, QC
CO is wrapping up the post IC report.

Region 15

SS Ian Fleming
NCC-SFR-1501 Newburyport, MA
Plans for the holidays are underway. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Ares
NCC-26291 Boston, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Atlantis
NCC-71803 Litchfield, MA
Crewmembers participated in a local convention. Some members participated in the November Fan Con in Springfield, MA

USS Avalon
NCC-74914 Standish, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming. Collection efforts for a local food bank continue.

USS Endeavor
NCC-1716 Baltic, CT
Plans for the holidays are underway. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Galaxy
NCC-70637 Springfield, MA
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. The ship held its annual Halloween party. Crewmembers attended a local convention.

USS Hood
NCC-1707 North Chelmsford, MA
Plans for the holidays are underway. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Kasimar
NCC-1784 Bangor, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed a star gazing event. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Nelson
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Collection efforts for a local food bank continue. Collection efforts for OCP also continue.

USS O Bannon
NCC-5372 Sanford, ME
An away team participated in a walk for diabetes. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. The ship held an Enterprise night. Crewmembers volunteered at a local blood drive.

Region 17

Shuttle Moontype
NCC-74213/01 For Collins, CO
Crewmembers participated in a nearby convention. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Alioth
NCC-72383 Orem, UT
Crewmembers enjoyed a costume party. Crewmembers enjoyed a murder mystery dinner.

USS Anasazi
NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM
Recruitment efforts continue. An away team toured the site of the first nuclear bomb detonation. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party and movie marathon. The ship conducted a Toys for Tots campaign. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Arc Royal
NCC-63546 Colorado Springs, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed a Thanksgiving party.

USS Mir
NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM
Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Halloween party. Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and movie night.

USS Omega Glory
NCC-NCC-26917 Denver, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. An away team hiked a local trail. Crewmembers enjoyed caving events. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. An away team enjoyed Thanksgiving at the zoo. Crewmembers enjoyed a holiday dinner at a local restaurant.

USS Orion
NCC-74915 Colorado Springs, CO
An away team attended the Stormbringer's Halloween and anniversary party.

USS Pioneer
NCC-5280-D Westminster, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights. An away team attended a haunted house. Crewmembers enjoyed a Halloween party. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Wars movie marathon and Thanksgiving dinner.

USS Stormbringer
NCC-74213 Englewood, CO
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for the holidays are underway.

USS Wind Spirit
NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO
An away team attended a Halloween event at the zoo. Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise viewing at the monthly meeting. The ship held its annual Thanksgiving pot luck dinner. Plans for the holidays are underway.

Region 20

USS Britannia
NCC-5311 Bristol, UK
Crewmembers mulling over the choice of a new CO.

STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2004.11.29: Mandi Livingston, Commander STARFLEET-elect, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) announced the appointment of Neal Fischer as the Director of Public Relations & Marketing.

2004.11.29: Rear Admiral Danny Potts, Region 02 Coordinator, (TrekNoid@aol.com) announced a date change for the Region 02 2005 Summit.

2004.11.28: General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced some staff changes at the Academy.

2004.11.28: LGN Jill Rayburn, DCOTRACOM-Academy, (jazdan@wk.net) announced new TRACOM assignments.

2004.11.24: COMM Dixie Halber, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org) announced that the CQ deadline has been extended until Monday, November 29th.

2004.11.24: General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced a new project for the Office of Fleet Historian.

2004.11.23: BDR John Roberts, SFMC Commandant-Designate, (jcroberts2@hotmail.com) announced that he is now accepting applications for the Commandinding Officer for the Training and Doctrine Command until December 23, 2004.

2004.11.21: Vice Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) announced the outcome of the 2004 STARFLEET Election. (What? You thought I'd give it to you here? What's the fun in that?)

2004.11.17: Captain Dave Forrand, Region 15 Events Officer, (david.forrand@verizon.net) announced that the Region 15 Annual Summit will be held May 21 and 22, 2005 in Seabrook, NH.

2004.11.14: LGN Jill Rayburn, DCOTRACOM-Academy, (jazdan@wk.net) welcomed Rey Cordero as the new Infantry Branch Director.

2004.11.13: Trey Isquith, SFI Charities Coordinator, (tnt@pivot.net) requests that all chapters and regions please report in regarding their charity participation.

2004.11.08: RAdm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Top Gun.

2004.11.06: Michael W. Malotte, Commander - STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org) announced the re-election of Ed Nowlin as Regional Coordinator for Region 4.

2004.10.30: General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced that the History of Spaceflight webpages at http://fleethistorian.info/ have been updated.

2004.10.29: Eddie Allen (ocp@mchsi.com) announced that he is looking for volunteers to help process donations from coupon clearing houses.

2004.10.17: RAdm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Maverick in Region 3.

2004.10.17: Craig Wood (oak3@twave.net) announced that the pages for signing up for the 2005 Region 1 Summit are NOW UP!

2004.10.15: Commodore David E. Klingman, Flag Officer School Course Director, (d.klingman@cox.net) announced that Flag Officer School will be closing until the results of the STARFLEET election are announced.

2004.10.13: Fleet Captain Robin Smith, Communications/Database Flunky, (robin@ussdragonscub.org) announced that the DB Back Online at http://www.sfidatabase.com/.

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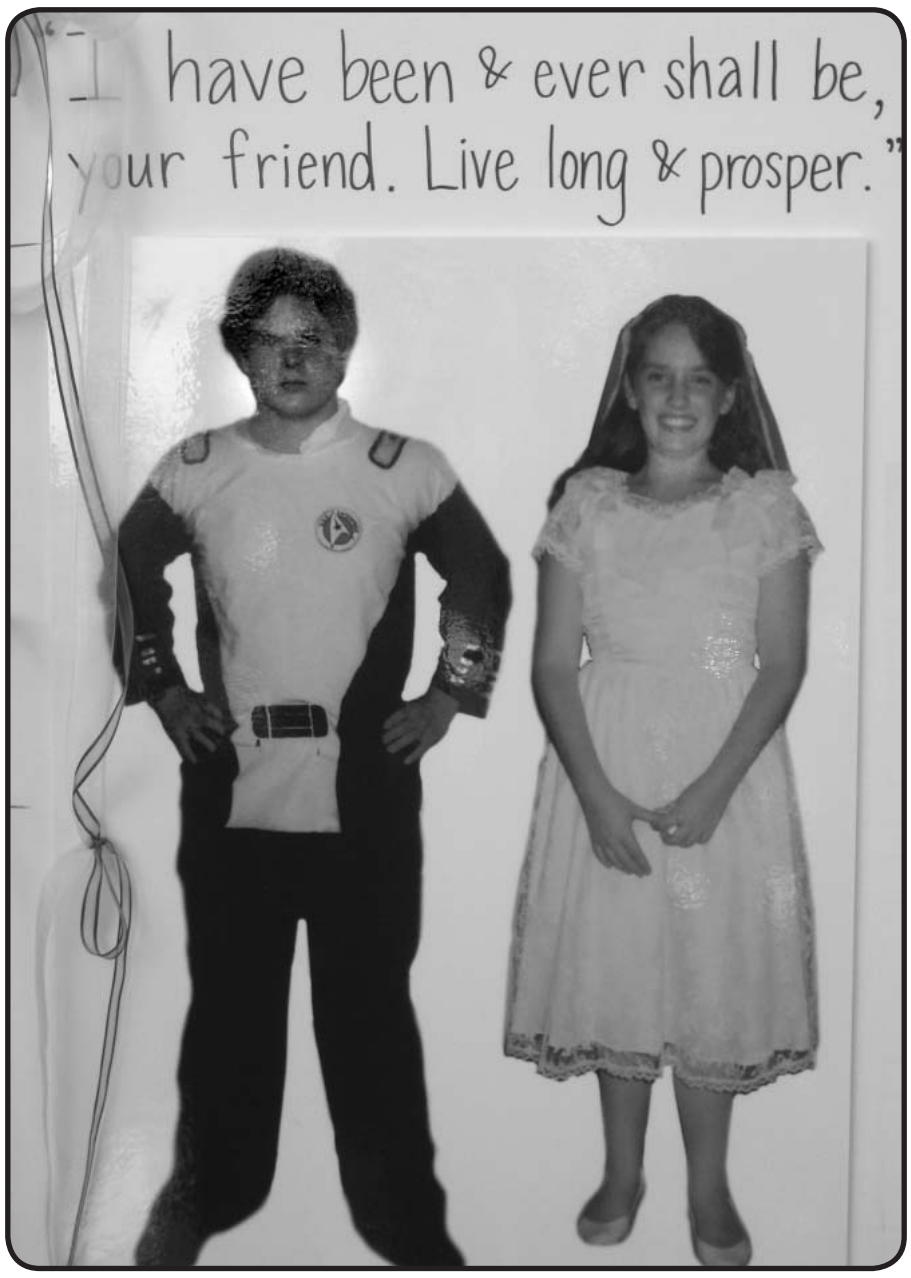
HIGHLIGHTS FROM WENDY AND JON LANE'S WEDDING!

Photos by Gary Sandridge

The real star of the show is the groom's cake, designed by Jon, to feature all the starships (chapters) he's served on or been an active part of, plus greetings from six different alien races.

Jon and Wendy prepare to cut the cake!



Guests were greeted by giant photos of Jon Lane and Wendy Stanford from their early teenage years, a surprise from Wendy's and Jon's parents.

Here's a close-up of the digital file the bakery used to make the cake. (Jon actually needed to get a permission letter from Paramount Licensing - whom he works with - in order for the bakery to make the cake!)