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# SHUTTLE DAUNTLESS MEMBERS CHECK IN FROM SOUTH AFRICA!

Recently, the Dauntless' Science Department was involved in the running of StarCon: "The Wildcard of Gaming Conventions".

StarCon 2004 intended to be the first of an annual event in which gamers and the general public are invited and encouraged to learn about and participate in some of the lesser-known sci-fi and fantasy gaming systems available. It was hosted by Willowmoore High School in Benoni (a city to the East of Johannesburg in South Africa's Gauteng Province).

The event was a great success! Many new players were introduced to some of the finest less-popular games around... including Heroclix, Mage Knights, Pirates, Wars TCG, and , of course, Star Trek CCG.

Another crowd-puller was the tourney being held by Griffin's Tor, the local chapter of the SCA. Their members dressed all in armor, and beating the living daylights out of each other with all manner of medieval weaponry went down very well. The spectacle even managed to lure some of the LAN gamers from the glow of their monitors!

The success of StarCon has inspired some other members of South Africa's gaming community to create a similar convention, but on a far larger scale. If all goes according to plan, this will be the largest sci-fi and gaming convention the subcontinent has ever seen.

The mission with this con (which has yet to be named) is to bring the previously unknown and back-alley gaming community out into the mainstream. By marketing this convention through above-the-line advertising and incorporating the support of gaming manufacturers, distributors, retailers and fans in one combined effort, we'll be making a statement to South Africa: "We are sci-fi gamers. Gaze upon our games. Are they not nifty?"

Once again, the Dauntless' intrepid Science Department has been invited to take part in the organizing committee. Everything is still early in the planning phase, and many decisions still need to be made. We'll be keeping you all up-to-date on all the exciting developments!

CMDR Owen Swart, Chief Science Officer LTCDR Michele Santos, Asst. Chief Science Officer





Above: Shuttle Dauntless wedding - Hope Anne Fields & Raimondo Benatar exchanged vows on 1/23/05, in Cape Town, South Africa. The private ceremony was held at Groot Constantia, the oldest wine estate in South Africa. The couple will reside in Cape Town. Picture taken by Auri Benatar; submitted by Kimberly Donohoe

Below left: Michele Santos.

Photo taken by Riccardo Spagni
Below right: Owen Swart

Photo taken by Riccardo Spagni



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Outgoing Vice Commander, STARFLEET Mark H. Anbinder ceremonially swears in the new Commander, STARFLEET, Mandi Livingston, at midnight on New Year's Eve, on the Fleetchat IRC network's #starfleet channel. Fleet Captain Doc Kinne looks on.

Photo taken by Scotty Matthews, submitted by Mark Anbinder



New Ops Chief Jack "Towaway" Eaton and new VCS Sunnie Planthold, celebrating at Vulkon about five minutes after they found out that the Livingston/Planthold team had won the election. Photo submitted by Kimberly Donohoe



VCS Sunnie Planthold, actor Vaughn Armstrong ["Admiral Maxwell Forrest" on Enterprise], Kyle Ennis [son of USS Paegan CO Norm Ennis), and FCapt Ralph Planthold pose for the camera at Vulkon. Photo taken by Steven Rosbury, submitted by Ralph Planthold



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# An Open Letter

# to the members of STARFLEET

by FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1

On January 11th, we were contacted by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, regarding possible plagiarism in articles published in the STARFLEET Communiqué during 2002 and 2003.

Immediately, we began an internal investigation researching the claims and studying the original material by Mr. Halliday and the Communiqué articles in question. Regretfully, it became painfully clear that Mr. Halliday's claims were true and that materials were taken from an in-development RPG game called "Time War," which is being published this year.

Substantial portions of a series of columns on Time Travel & Temporal Investigations in Communiqué issues 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, and 118 were originally written by Chris Halliday and not by the author on the byline, Robert Jackson.

The articles in question were accepted and published in the Communiqué in good faith since the editors of the Communiqué at the time believed it to be original material. However, as the Communiqué is the official publication of STARFLEET, we are responsible for its content.

As a reminder to all of STARFLEET, only original materials are acceptable for publication in the Communiqué.

If you use another's work in your article, you must site references and give proper credit to the original author. STARFLEET will not tolerate plagiarism.

On behalf of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., I want to apologize to Mr. Halliday and Argent Games for this incident. I and my staff are working with him on resolving this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I also want to thank him for his cooperation in this matter. He has been very cooperative with our requests and has been wonderful in his dealings with us. I have read his materials, and they are well documented, interesting, and thought provoking. If you are a fan of RPG's and time travel, you may want to check out "Time War - Adventures in Eternity" when it is published. You can find out more information at the Argent Games website - http: //www.argentgames.com/.

In Fellowship,

Mandi Livingston

FAdm Mandi Livingston Commander, STARFLEET cs@sfi.org

# **EC/AB SUMMARY**

by J. C. Cohen • USS Accord, R7

Greetings, STARFLEET members. Once again I bring you news of the EC/AB's ongoing discussions.

The STARFLEET department of online gaming requested each RC find someone from their region to act as a liaison/representative to their department.

An AB committee issued its recommendations for STARFLEET procedures for what would happen if no one chooses to run for RC. On a related matter, the issue of what would happen in a tied election has also begun to be discussed.

One RC asked on behalf of his region how STARFLEET's antiplagiarism policies applied to chapter level publications.

The AB discussed alterations to the STARFLEET promotions criteria to reflect alterations to the STARFLEET Constitution, such as the addition of the CFO.

Fleet Admiral Livingston announced the resignation of Robb Jackson as Inspector General and the AB discussed the qualities they are looking for in her nomination for successor.

The AB bid a fond farewell to Danny Potts as R2 RC and welcomed Jennifer Rosbury to that role. They also wished Jonathan Simmons well as he stepped down from the role of R17 RC, and Manon-Lessard Belanger from R14 RC. These roles are filled by interim officers until an election cycle is completed. The RCs of R5 and R13 were both reappointed for another term.

If you have any comments on any issue before the AB, or wish to see an issue raised, you should talk to your RC. A listing of each RC can be found in the back of this and every CQ.

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# FROM THE EDITOR

### **CORRECTIONS**

From FCapt. Ralph Planthold: "The CQ 126 article as I submitted it gave full credit to Steve Rosbury for all photos. While the CQ was technically correct in saying they were submitted by me, that was not as important as giving credit to the guy who took the photos!"

The CQ staff wishes to apologize for this inadvertant omission. Thank you, Ralph, for letting us know!

ALSO: from Jerry Tien - credit for the photo in ShOC article in CQ #126 should be given to San Remo Hotel staff.

Thank you, Jerry!

# STARFLEET and SETI

by RADM Victor Swindell • Shuttle Dark Star, R1

The last issue of the Communiqué had a wonderful article about 'Searching for ET at Home' and talked about the SETI@HOME project and the Planetary Society.

SETI@home (http://setiathome .ssl.berkeley.edu) is a scientific experiment that uses Internetconnected computers in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). You can participate by running a free program that downloads and analyzes radio telescope data.

Did you know that there are over 400 registered SFI members who are part of the SETI program? Did you also know that the STARFLEET effort is in the top 200 groups that use the

program? Perhaps we don't have starships that allow us to explore strange new worlds, but these people are attempting to seek out new life and new civilizations through the efforts of their personal computers and the internet. According to the SETI Site our collective efforts has 773.754 years of CPU (Computer Processing Time) and sent 543748

packets of Data. (Stats as of December 2, 2004.)

If you are using the SETI program and wish to join be counted in the STARFLEET Team please go to http://setiathome2.ssl.berkeley.edu/stats/team/team 2179.html

# **USS INFERNO REPORTS...**

### by COL K'moghjiH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) • USS Inferno, R7

The last few months of the year were very busy for the USS Inferno, the 740th MSG, and their sister ship, the ICV Heghnach. October started with Maquis Gras in Valparaiso, Indiana. November had Beach Bash in Myrtle Beach, SC. December has our Christmas party and Toys for Tots program. Maquis Gras was a blast again this year. You can see the report and photos at http://www.angelfire.com/trek/heghnach/MG2004.html.

Maquis Forced International's Zone 3 and the Maquis Freedom Alliance commissioned a new ship, the RS Hecate, with Captain David Ferber commanding and Commander Jeff

Jones as the Executive Officer. Ferber is the Chief of Operations of the ICV Heghnach in the House Ki'RK and Commanding Officer of the USS Inferno. He was never an official member of the Maguis until he decided to command the RS Hecate. Ferber and Colonel K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) performed Security, while Captain Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French) worked Registration most of the weekend. Beach Bash was great also. Captain David Ferber was inducted into House Ki'RK as a human rather than Klingon. We had a virtual wrestling tournament Thursday night and warrior

competitions all weekend. Captain Ksimka took 3rd place in the warrior competition.

The 740th MSG did manage to participate in another Toys for Tots program. The Allegheny County Department of Children Youth and Families discovered they had a need to have someone transport their toys from donating businesses to the Regional offices for distribution due to the designated van losing their brakes. We volunteered to pick up the toys and deliver them in our office's van with my supervisor's approval. We delivered three completely full vanloads of toys for

the children. We helped, but it was not according to the original plan of serving with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots.

On December 18th, we had our holiday party with photos included. Captain Ksimka cooked the meal of Ham, vegetables, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. A good time was had by all. Qapla'!

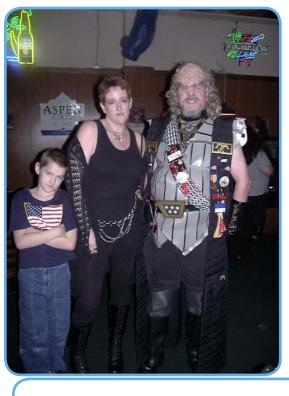
COL K'moghjlH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) XO, USS Inferno, NCC-15202 OIC, 740th MSG OIC, 6th BN 7th BDE



Above: Captain Syrak, the smiling Vulcan (Chris Roark), and K'moghjlH. Photo submitted by Larry French.

Below: Admiral Kijo (Charles Smith), military leader of House Ki'RK and his sister/my wife, Captain Ksimka (Debbie French). Photo submitted by Larry French.







Left: Taj, her son, and Colonel K'moghjlH (Larry French)
Right: Captain K'Paw (Charles Smith Jr., Kijo's son) and Colonel K'moghjlH
Photos submitted by Larry French

Right: USS Inferno 12/18/04 Holiday Party. Photo submitted by Larry French

More USS Inferno pictures on back page!



# **COMUNE/CONNELLY WEDDING**

by VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7

Last year had its share of STARFLEET weddings. For members of the USS Challenger, however, the most notable was that of our very own Asst. Security Chief/SF MSG OIC Col. Patrick Comune to Cathleen Connelly.

Pat and Cathleen got hitched on a very special day, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004. It wasn't a Halloween themed wedding, but had a stylish theme of a masquerade complete with old time masks more similar to Mardi Gras. I had the honor of serving as Best Man and threw quite a bachelor party, but that is another story, perhaps one that should remain classified.

The wedding was fantastic featuring a traditional Catholic ceremony at St. Lucy's in Newark. Later we adjourned for a lavish reception with enough food to feed an army and satisfy all tastes. Pat had support on his special day from not only his crewmates on Challenger, but his friends from the USS Avenger in the form of XO Todd Brugmans and USS Hathor members Joan and Ricky Bruckman, who had just tied the

knot a week prior in Kentucky. ISS Lexington CO Mark Hanford and his lovely date, shipmate Hazel Gilbert, were also on hand to enjoy the day. Challenger was well represented with XO Mary Singleton and hubby David, Ken Dohn, and Emily Vosseller, all of whom enjoyed the food, conversation and dancing.

There were sculptures made of food and some made of ice; an entire room filled with hors d'oeuvres, and later replaced as a dessert room. No one went home hungry. The DJ kept the music going and the spirit of the special event up. It was an atmosphere of fun and Pat and Cathleen wanted everyone to know that nothing was too great for their family and friends.

Both enjoyed a honeymoon in Florida later in the week and are living in North Brunswick. We all look forward to seeing the happy couple more in the new year. We won't long forget their special wedding and we know neither one will ever forget their anniversary.









Todd Brugmans

Hazel Gilbert & Mark Hanford

# STARFLEET RETENTION & RECRUITING OFFICE NEWS

### by RADM Pete Mohney • USS Heaphestus, R2

As you may remember from 2004, SFHQ Computer Operations ran a Fleet-wide recruiting contest, pitting the regions against each other to see which ones could grow the most from IC 2003 to IC 2004. Awards in the form of Starfleet Quartermaster gift certificates were passed out to the Regional Coordinators of 6 regions for their recruiting successes in 2003-2004.

This year, the record keeping for the contest did not start until January, due to the change in administrations and some reorganization of the departments - particularly being that Retention and Recruiting is now an office directly under the Commander, Starfleet. In addition, this year instead of the contest being Region vs. Region, it's Chapter vs. Chapter! The member counts for every chapter will be recorded monthly, starting with January 1 numbers, and the final numbers, taken just before IC 2005, will determine the winners. I haven't been able to nail down the amounts of the awards yet with CS Livingston, but I hope to give awards to at least the top five chapters in Starfleet.

Every chapter will start with the number of members officially assigned to them as of January 1. If a new chapter launches, the number of members they have in their first month on the database will be their starting number. I strongly encourage you to check your chapter member database often, to make sure everyone who you believe is assigned to your chapter really is, and to spot members who are about to expire and encourage them to renew. Remember, renewals should be sent in four to six weeks prior to expiration, to avoid having members expire for even a few days. Showing as expired not only hurts your chapter's member count, it can also cause the expired members to miss a Communique' or fail to receive other special mailings such as ballots.

Each month, starting with February, I will announce the current leaders in chapter growth on the Starfleet mail list. I'll ask that these announcements be forwarded to the various regional, chapter, and SFMC mail lists as well. This will help ensure that everyone in every region, but particularly the command staff of chapters, is aware of the contest and their chapter's current status. If any chapter member would like to know their chapter's starting membership and current membership, please contact me privately and I'll be glad to give you that information.

The Office of Retention and Recruiting will have a number of very useful and helpful programs available, starting as soon as the department is staffed and Fleet Admiral Livingston approves our plans. There will be a strong emphasis on the goals stated in the team's election information, particularly in regards to helping chapters retain their current members. From the standpoint of time and effort invested, it can take many more hours and dollars to recruit a new member than to keep an existing member, and since these are the people who already know about Starfleet, we should try extra hard to keep them in - or, at least, find out why they are considering leaving the organization, so we can make it easier to keep our membership.

Several efforts are planned, and others already approved, in order to help chapters with retention and recruiting. These include Under Strength Chapter Support, Unassigned Member Support, Online Surveys, Membership Packet Surveys, and Email Surveys, a continuing Recruiting Contest, Documents Management and Distribution for recruiting manuals and similar items, and Advertising in various media.

Retention and Recruiting will also be working closely with

# **OFFICE OF ORIENTATION**

by FCAPT Michael Vermoesen • USS Eurone, R9

Greetings from the Office of Orientation!

Many of you may never have heard of the Office of Orientation, which is perfectly normal, since we aren't listed anywhere. YET.

We started this Office last year in October, with the approval of Mandi Livingston. So we are located in CompOps for the moment, but who knows where we will end up during this administration.

Now as for our task: The Office of Orientation consists of myself and Captain Jill Tipton, and together we try to welcome new members as best as we can.

As you all know, SFI isn't growing at the moment. For the past year we have had a status quo in members, something around 3700. But the reason that we don't grow isn't the lack of new members joining us, but because new members don't renew their membership after a year. And why do new members not renew? Perhaps because they don't feel welcome or get lost in the huge organization called SFI.

We also decided that a personal 'first contact' might be more welcoming to new people, so we opted not to use an impersonal auto generated email, but instead make 'real' contact.

So what do we do concrete?

First of all, when a new member is processed, we try to contact him/her as soon as possible and inform him/ her about his/her SCC number. That way the person in question doesn't have to wait several weeks for the membership packet to arrive and

can get started almost the same day as he/she is processed.

In our initial contact we also provide a new member with some useful information about the Academy, the Starfleet Marine Corps and SFI in general. After that, we can only wait until the member contacts us back (if they contact us back at all).

When a new member contacts us back, we try together to find a good ship for that person, either it be a meeting chapter or a correy one. When someone requests a correy chapter we try, with the help of Michelle Fanelli from correy ops, to find one that has a shortage of members; that way we can both help a new member and an existing chapter.

I also try to add new members to one of my IM's so we can give a more personal touch to the initial contact. So far I can be reached at MSN, Yahoo and AOL.

We do, however, get people who list fake email addresses, so there is no way for us to get in touch with them, except maybe using snail mail. Fortunately, we are talking about a minority, but since they paid for their membership they have every right to feel welcome even if their e-mail isn't valid.

So I hope you all will know us now, and if you're a new member and you need to know something, just contact Jill or me and we will be happy to help you.

Check out our website to get our contact info:

http://www.megasom.org/r9-recruitment/mijnweb4/

Kindest Regards Mike Vermoesen, Director Director Office of Orientation

every Executive Committee area, particularly Computer Operations, Operations, Shuttle Operations and Starfleet Academy.

Several staff positions are as yet unfilled. If you have an interest in any of the above, please contact me at pdmohney@aol.com and we'll see about putting you to work!

Pete Mohney, Director Office of Retention and Recruiting pdmohney@aol.com

## CADET CORNER

by CAPT Robin Van Cleave • USS Joan of Arc, R3

Howdy Ya'll!!

Welcome to the New Year! It is with great excitement that I join a team of Region 3 members in coordinating the efforts for cadet/ youth related programs at this year's IC in San Antonio. I hope to have some great events lined up for the kiddos and informative panels for the adults on running a cadet/youth program.

I would like to invite ALL members of Region 3 who are interested in the happenings of STARFLEET youth to join their yahoo group at Cadet\_YouthServices. The main topic for the next few weeks will be the upcoming IC and what can be done to make it the best experience for parents and kids. If you have any feedback, recommendations, or requests for special services in regards to Cadet/Youth Activities at IC, this would be the place to speak up.

Over the course of this year, I will be revamping generic permission forms and inviting "guest" members to join the list to answer any specific questions that may arise when running a youth organization. I will also be discussing ways in which you can contact your local school district to promote your cadet/youth activities as a way for increasing your membership population and the fun in general. While having a youth program with more active youth members than adults in the chapter is not for everyone, it can be very fun and rewarding! I found it is a great way to encourage parental involvement and increase general membership of a chapter. I would also like to hear on how other chapters run their cadet/youth programs. As each program is as unique as the chapter it represents, not knowing where to start can be even more daunting without seeing/hearing how others run theirs. I really encourage everyone to join this group - even the kids as it boils down to this is their program and they should have the ability to help

shape it. Parental permission is required to join, for those under 16, and I encourage all parents to open discussion lines with their kids on what they would like to do or see happen.

Also, recently created is a Yahoo group JUST for the kids! It is the safest environment that I can create for them to chat with other younger members of STARFLEET across the globe! We currently have a member on there from Australia and another in Montana! With parent's permission, the kids can search out STARFLEET Cadets on yahoo groups and submit to join. I do ask that they provide their name, age, chapter affiliation and either an email address or phone number where I can reach Mom and Dad to confirm that it is okay for them to join. This has been put into place to prevent predators from being able to join. An adult, or youth moderator monitors all emails, before they are posted to the group. I look forward for this to be a way for kids to bridge the distances of cyberspace and connect with other like-minded vouths.

As always, IRC channels are always open. Feel free to join me in #Cadet\_YouthServices – for the program administrators and for the kids at #CadetQuarters. I will be trying to re-establish a specific availability time to monitor the rooms. If anyone is interested in being a moderator to help out in those rooms, please send me an email at evilkitty73289@hotmail.com.

That about covers everything for now. Watch for the upcoming CQ for more information on the International Program and where I plan on taking it this year.

Safe Journeys,

Capt Robin Van Cleave Director Cadet/Youth Services International and Region 3 Evilkitty73289@hotmail.com

# **OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES**

By CAPT James Delantonas • USS Hornet, R1

Hello from the Office of Accessibility Resources!

I am the new coordinator, Jamie Delantonas, and I took over for Claire Halber, because of her resignation. What I would like to do in order of priority...

#1. Get the membership handbook recorded.

#2. Get an emergency fund set up for persons who need money for medications, rent, food, etc. #3. Put a poll on the SFI-Disabililities2 list to see what we need to do, in order to help you. #4. Get the "Order of the Hawking" award set up. For those who don't know what that is, it is an award for the ship that is disabled-friendly, and for people who do so much in helping the disabled members. One more note on the award; it was supposed to be given at the IC last year, but, the award

So, these are what I would like to do first. If anybody would like to suggest anything, please let me know.

committee didn't do it.

As of this writing, the handbook is being recorded, and I hope we will have copies of it soon, and I need more volunteers who would like to help record the academy courses. Those who are interested should contact me at my office address: accessibilty@sfi.org,

Also, as of this writing, I am looking for an assistant coordinator to help me. I need someone who can take over for me when I'm sick, on vacation, or if I should ever have to quit. If anyone is interested, please send me your "real-life" and Starfleet resume and a note on why you want the job. I will accept your applications until February 28, 2005. As I said above: please send it to my office address.

OK, folks, I am through with my first bi-monthly report. If there is anything, anything at all, that you would like for us to help you with, please contact me. And, as Claire would say, "With my arms wide open"

Jamie Delantonas, Director Office of Accessibility Resources



Sean Fillmore, 6 years old (DOB: 1/27)

Robby Fillmore, 11 years old (DOB: 10/18)

The boys are the sons of Comm. Bob Fillmore, CO of K'Ehleyr Station and Chief of Comm/ STARFLEET, and VAdm. Wendy Fillmore, VC/Comm-Pub and CQ Editor.



# FRONT AND CENTER

by FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, Region 1
Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET!

It's been an incredibly busy first month of the new administration. I'd first like to thank everyone for being cooperative and understanding during the transition stage from the Malotte/Anbinder administration to ours. From day one, we've hit the ground running trying to make the administration change as seamless as possible for you, the members. I'd like to thank the previous EC members and staffers for working with us in that goal as well!

In my role as Chairman of the Admiralty Board, I am happy to say that we had two RC elections wrap up in January. Congratulations to Commodore Nat Saenz on his reappointment as Region 5 Regional Coordinator. Also, Region 13 had an election, and I'd like to congratulate that region for having 100% participation from its chapters in the election! I'd like to congratulate Vice Admiral Michael Dugas on his reappointment as Region 13 Regional Coordinator!

January also saw a change in the Office of Inspector General, STARFLEET. Robb Jackson submitted his resignation as IG. After consulting with the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board, Rear Admiral Danny Potts was submitted for confirmation by the AB as STARFLEET's new Inspector General. I'm pleased to say that the AB overwhelmingly approved his

selection to fill out the remainder of Robb's term as Inspector General. Danny has served as IG previously, and he also recently finished a term as RC for Region 2.

One of the commitments that I and my team made during the recent election cycle was to really strive and work with the membership hand-in-hand as a partnership. We asked for feedback during the campaign season, and we were glad to receive it from everyone that took the time to contribute.

Even now, the Livingston/Planthold administration is committed to the idea that Fleet works from the bottom up - Members empower chapters; Chapters build Regions; and Regions direct Fleet. We wish to give the members a broader voice and help direct Fleet's future. In this goal, I would like to announce the formation of a Member Advisory Panel, otherwise known as the MAP. The purpose of the MAP will be the following:

- 1) To provide a forum for members to express concerns, make recommendations, and suggest ideas:
- 2) To provide a group of members from the rank and file to give advise or counsel to the Commander, STARFLEET;
- 3) To provide a place for members who have felt they were on the outside looking in to serve STARFLEET;
- 4) And any other purpose needed by the Commander, STARFLEET.

Now, to truly make this a Member Panel, I would like the following qualifications to be met:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association. Inc.
- 2) Have never served on the Executive Committee or as a Vice Chief, Admiralty Board or VRC, or SFMC General Staff or DCO. Current or previous service as a regular Fleet/ Corps staffer or service on a Regional or Brigade staff is allowable.
- 3) A willingness to listen to ideas and correspond with respect to other members of STARFLEET.

At this point, I am encouraging those interested in serving on the MAP to send me an email at cs@sfi.org or write me at the address listed in the staff directory of this CQ issue. I will be conducting interviews and corresponding with each of you as we put together the Member Advisory Panel. This is \*your\* chance to make a difference, sound off, and let your voice be heard!

Now, on to a little bit of series business. STARFLEET recently found out that several articles in the Communiqué during the years of 2002 and 2003 were plagiarized. I just want to reiterate that the Communiqué and STARFLEET will not tolerate this happening again. Therefore, when writing an article, handbook, column, or producing artwork, etc. for official STARFLEET use, proper credit must be given. Plagiarism is as much a

crime of theft as the actual stealing of valuables. It is the theft of another's creation.

When you use another's material without crediting their work and it is published in an official STARFLEET publication, it places the entire organization at risk of possible criminal and/or civil charges in the courts. Whenever an article is submitted to the Communiqué, by that act you are attesting that the article is your creation, with the exception of those parts you may quote, making sure the source of your quotation is in the article or footnoted. STARFLEET's attitude on this will be zero tolerance. This protects you, and it protects our organization.

Well, I've probably taken up too much space in this CQ issue already. There is so much news and good things happening. The new EC and staffers are really excited to get a chance to make a difference for the organization. We have a lot of great ideas and plans, so stay tuned to www.sfi.org for news and announcements. We're looking forward to the next three years! It should be one heck of an adventure! See you 'round the net, in the next CQ, and maybe a regional conference or two!

Mandi Livingston

# FLEET RESOURCE CENTER by CAPT Tom Donohoe • Shuttle Dauntless, R2

Hello STARFLEET,

I am Tom Donohoe, the Director of the Fleet Resource Center (FRC), formerly the Fleet Division Program (FDP). The reason for the name change was to reflect more accurately what this program is here for, and what it can do for you. It is to provide a resource to Fleet members, a place to get information and ideas regarding their specialty within SFI.

In keeping with the new administration's theme the FRC will also provide a place for fellowship. We will be building this infrastructure slowly and carefully, beginning with lines of communication, which may include things like message boards, forums and IRC meetings.

I do realize that some of the Directorships have not been filled as of yet. I am working to get these key positions filled, but I don't want to fill the positions just to have a body in them. I am ensuring that each new

director is the person for the job, both in vision and in deeds.

The current programs under the Fleet Resource Center are:

Cadet Program – Director Robin Van Cleave

Chaplains and Counselors – Director Dennis Rayburn

Communications – Vacant

Engineering – Jeff Davis

Medical - Vacant

Morale Office – Jimmy Whatley

Recreation Office – Under Development

Sciences - Richard Heim

STARFLEET Get Fit For Duty – Gary "Tiny" Hollifield

STARFLEET Special Operations – Deb Kern

I am open to new ideas and ways of doing things that make sense, I am looking to the members of SFI as well as the FRC Directors to discuss with me what works and what doesn't work.

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# **VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!**

by RADM Sunnie J. Planthold • USS Gaspirilla, Region 2
Vice Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings to STARFLEET! It has been a busy beginning, and lots of hard work has been started by all. I want to express my thanks to the VCS staff for jumping right in there and "getting the ball rolling."

I have enjoyed contacting most of the VCS staff by phone and hearing ideas from each one on what they plan to do. We have set up a communication system in which the VCS staff and I will be in touch with each other at least once a month.

Last issue, I called for any submissions for a possible STARFLEET Anthem. To date, the only one I've received is from ADM Helen Pawlowski. Remember, you have only until March 15,

2005 to send your entry to me at either vcs@sfi.org or PO Box 3950, Brandon, FL 33509-3950. All submissions will become the property of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

Also last issue, I proposed creating the office of Recreation Director. Now, as part of the Three R's (Retention, Recruitment, and Recreation) from the platform of the recent Livingston/Planthold campaign, a Recreation Department is being created to provide more opportunities for fellowship and interaction among Fleet chapters across planet Earth.

The Recreation Director will set up and maintain a STARFLEET

website which will have recreation information on a calendar and searchable by Region and month. For example: If a member plans to travel to a certain area and wants to visit one or more sister STARFLEET chapters along the way, the Recreation website will be available for him/her to gather information about chapters' meeting locations, points of contact, special interests, and upcoming scheduled events.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Recreation Director, please send your real life resume and your STARFLEET resume to Tom Donohoe, Fleet Resource Center Director. Tom's email address is:

t\_n\_donohoe@yahoo.com

Ralph and I will be attending the Region 2 Summit in Tampa March 4-6 and IC 2005 in San Antonio this coming summer. We look forward to traveling and meeting as many of our STARFLEET family as possible then!

Until next issue, I'll leave you with a Sunnie quote: "Chocolate is the soul mate to fellowship. Let the chocolate flow abundantly from the galley of your ship!"

Manthold

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# COMM STATIC by COMM Bob Fillmore • K'Ehleyr Station, Region 4 Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

How to begin...

Well, first I'd like to congratulate Mandy and the whole team on our winning this past election. We've got a great team and an ambitious plan for the next 3 years. :) I'd also like to thank Mandi for allowing me to serve in this position; it is an honor to be asked, and a privilege to serve. :)

Next, I'd like to thank the previous administration, for without their dedication and hard work, my job (and everyone else's, I imagine) would be a lot harder. Kudos to all that have come before!

I would also like to thank my staff for volunteering to fill all of the positions that make up the Communications department of Starfleet:

**Gary Davis** for heading up the new Document Center – he will be up to his ears in metadata soon, so wave hello if you see him.

**Michael Dugas** for agreeing to maintain the Online Internet Directory - making it so much easier to find each other online.

Wendy Fillmore for taking on the incredibly time consuming and nearly thankless job of CQ Editor (No, I still have not heard the end of volunteering her, nor shall I ever...)

Martin Lessem for volunteering to be our voice to the world, so to speak, by heading up the International Translation Corps. This is an ambitious project that will allow STARFLEET to have a far wider appeal to the non-English speaking masses!

**Lauren Milan** for taking on Stellar Visions - if anyone can get that on track and keep it there, it's Lauren!

**Ed Nowlin** for maintaining the Electronic Communications post – Ed has been there for so long,

no one else could possibly take the job.;)

**Robin Smith** - our venerable Announcements Admin, keeping all of us informed with the latest news and information.

**Bob Vosseller** for volunteering to revive the former Starfleet Press Corps - another perfect match of talent and task.

Thank you all, and remember that my emailbox is always open. Unless someone submits another 200Mb attachment for the CQ, but that's another story...

Lastly, several functions that were a part of Communications in previous administrations have been moved to the purvey of CompOps. It just made a whole lot of sense to centralize most of the electronic communication-type stuff in one place, making an SFI-IT out of it. With all of the changes, it

may be difficult to figure out whom to contact for help. Fear not, for there is always the SFI Helpdesk! The Helpdesk (helpdesk@sfi.org) will allow you to open a "ticket" where you can describe your problem, and it will be routed to the correct person. It is there to make everyone's lives easier, so please feel free to use it!;)

Again, THANX to all who volunteered to help, Congrats to all who participated, and the biggest THANK YOU goes out to all of the members of Starfleet who put the faith, confidence, and vote behind the Livingston/Planthold team.

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Photo taken and submitted by Wendy Fillmore



### STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

By Brigadier 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

Robert Swiger Susan Jones Mike Balewitz Matthew Haley

Arthur Van Rhee Craig Martin Bobby Robbins Jr. Michael Pyles

### Fleet Captain / Brigadier

Norman DeRoux Deborah Malotte Sean Meyer

Carolyn Zimdahl Matt Baillie Steve Bowers

### Commodore /Brigadier General

Elizabeth Woolf Larry Barnes Bob Fillmore **Todd Brugmans** 

Fleet Admiral

Mandi Llvingston

### Rear Admiral/Major General

David Pitts James R. Van Cleave Joost Ueffing Chrissy Killian Randy Norris Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. David Klingman Gary Donner David McCabe Mike Wilkerson Joan E. Bruckman Sunnie Planthold

### Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General

Wendy Fillmore Michael Dugas Sanford Berenberg

### Admiral/General

Mark H. Anbinder Carol Thompson Ed Nowlin

### --Nominee Name.

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

### -- Double-check everything:

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

### --Give your contact info:

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

### --Filling out the Nominee **Qualification section:**

The most common reason a promotion is denied by the Executive Committee is insufficient information in the promotion request. The Nominee Qualification section requires you to document, in your own words, why you believe this nominee deserves the promotion at this time. Be specific, and comment about each contribution made by the nominee at the International, Regional, and Chapter levels of STARFLEET. You can prepare this ahead of time and paste it into the "Nominee Qualifications" area on the online form if you wish.

Simply stating "She is a wonderful person.", "The chapter would not have survived without him.", "She is an incredible asset to the region.", promotes STARFLEET every chance he gets.", 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 email 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 selfnomination. These are promptly returned to the member and not accepted as a valid promotion request.

### --Brief note on procedures:

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

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

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

Brigadier Deborah A. Malotte STARFLEET Director of Promotions

### **Promotion Nomination Tips:**

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, 6 months can be dropped from the minimum TIG requirements.

### --Use the online form at http: //promotions.sfi.org for the fastest results.

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



# THE TOWAWAY ZONE

by COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton • USS Trident, Region 2
Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



### Greetings from the Towaway Zone!

I did all of my gushing and jumping up and down about getting this job in my last mini-article, so I won't bore you with it this time around. I will always enjoy the fact that Mandi Livingston was the one running for Commander Starfleet, yet it was my face that plastered on the front of the CQ. OK, so Sunnie was there, too. She's allowed to gloat as well.

Let me also gloat by announcing my very first commissioning:

USS Victorious NCC-40967 Sovereign Class Heavy Cruiser Commanded by: Captain Mark Anderson City of Charter: Clearwater, FL Region 2

### Welcome to the Fleet!

While there aren't going to be many changes to Operations I do want to start by announcing the formation of the MSR Review Team. It is going to be their job to study each MSR that comes in and track them. They will be looking for the fun and different entries that don't make it into the "Summaries" section of the CQ. A little extra recognition when it is needed whether it's extraordinary fundraising or something silly a CO did which just has to be shared with the rest of the class. I will also be recognizing and "awarding" those chapters who report on time, those who report exceptionally well and maybe even some recognition to those whose MSRs wouldn't necessarily hang in the Louvre.

### FRC, continued from pate 8

With that said, feel free to contact me regarding anything FRC related. I look forward to serving STARFLEET as the Director of the Fleet Resource Center.

Take Care,

Tom Donohoe Director Fleet Resource Center frc@sfi.org

### MSR REPORTING

	DECEME	BER 2004:	
Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	53	56	95%
R2	26	30	87%
R3	19	19	100%
R4	17	21	81%
R5	3	7	43%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	26	30	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	17	29	59%
R13	6	5	100%
R14	2	2	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	8	8	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	199	230	87%

JANUARY 2005:						
Region	Reported	Total	Percentage			
R1	50	55	91%			
R2	28	31	90%			
R3	18	19	84%			
R4	18	21	86%			
R5	4	7	57%			
R6	5	5	100%			
R7	24	31	77%			
R9	2	2	100%			
R10	3	3	100%			
R12	20	28	71%			
R13	6	6	100%			
R14	2	2	100%			
R15	12	12	100%			
R17	7	9	78%			
R20	1	1	100%			
Totals:	197	232	85%			

# FRC REPORTS

### Engineering

**Greetings Fleet!** 

First, let me introduce myself. I am Captain Jeff Davis, Commanding Officer and Chief Engineer on the U.S.S. Indiana, NCC-79158 in Region 01.

I am a mechanical engineer by training and trade, which probably explains why the most fascinating aspect of Star Trek is, for me, Starship Design. I was never a major Trekkie until I went to see Star Trek: The Motion Picture. I was as mesmerized by the refitted NCC-1701 as Admiral Kirk was. It was the beginning of, almost, an obsession.

I find it difficult to believe that I am the only one like this. Moreover, it is for my fellow starship engineers that I want to provide help, assistance, support, encouragement and more.

To start with, I would like to invite all engineers in the fleet, or those with an engineering bend, to do a couple of things.

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Here are the future candidates for Witness Protection: FCPT Captain Laura Dugas RADM Dustin Williams FCPT Gary Hollifield LTC Leah Eddy

You'll be seeing more of their work in the next few months. Right now, it's about getting our "sea legs" in the job. I've been through one reporting session and am getting ready for another. By the next time you hear from me in I will have either gotten into the swing of things or in therapy.

The Vessel Registry is ready for downloading. The first few weeks of 2005 will only be in black and white, but this may very well be rectified as you read this. Any changes of chapter information are to be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded directly at http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf. As a reminder, if anyone wishes a printed copy sent to him or her, please contact me with your name and address.

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 password, I will reject the CoC and ask you to resubmit. I've already had to do this a couple of times since starting the job. This was not fun for either of us.

This article will be short and sweet because I haven't found all of the problems to address yet. Just wait, I'm sure I'll be able to come up with something each time. I will be making my first Commissioning Presentation to the USS Victorious and am looking forward to the Region 2 Summit and Vulkon Conventions in March. In closing I'd like to pass along words of wisdom to Tom "Little Guy" Restivo:

"I'll get you for this, Little Guy!"

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# **FRC Reports**

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I have a couple of projects already in the works. The first was the Engineering Research Outpost Project (EROP). This began as the EROR/1 Project under Commodore Gary Donner when he was the RDC of Engineering in Region 01. With his blessing, we privatized it last year, renaming it as EROP.

EROP centers on a planetoid that serves as the home for a variety of projects. Any one can have a project, a ship, MSG, individuals, or departments. You begin by downloading and filling out the Land Grant Request Form. It, like all the EROP documents, can be obtained as PDF files at http://www.sfiussindiana.com/Erop.html

. Also available are the survey maps, lettered A thru Y, each with 192 plots of 25 acres each, as well as a document with general information and a legend to the map symbols. Look them over, decide which unclaimed plot you would like, fill out the land request agreement, and send it to me at capt\_ncc\_79158@insightbb.com

Then begin developing your plot. You get to choose what to do with it, for the most part, though we do reserve the right to say no to some possibilities. Nevertheless, it leaves many options. Indiana has a genetic research lab on Survey A. The Spiritwalker and her associated groups have been planting many new forests, and there are rumors of a Klingon resort somewhere, though they must be taking advantage of the cloaking technology they got from the Romulans, because we can't find them. However, so far, they're playing good, so it's fine with

Each month, or there about, submit a report to me. For each report, you get another plot of your choice to work with. That's how this thing can snowball. Indiana only has about eight plots, but the Drakenfire and friends have over 100.

Current participants include the Indiana, Jurassic and Tristar from Region 01, the Drakenfire, I.K.A.V. Drakenfire, Spiritwalker, a Klingon group associated with Spiritwalker, the Spiritwalker's own 677th MSG and R2 Science Department; all from Region 02.

Also available is the EROP's newsletter, The Final Frontier.

EROP also has a Yahoo Groups list for email communications amongst members. To join, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EROP/

As a sister program, and to serve as the parent organization, there is the Starship Engineering and Design Group (SEDG). This group also has a Yahoo Groups email list at <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/</a> StarshipEngineering/ Members of the group are invited to discuss anything engineering related.

One of the reasons I created SEDG was to open up possibilities for all the armchair engineers out there to really get into it for real. Well, sort of.

Already made and accepted by SFI's DTS and ASDB offices is the Capital Class Heavy Space Control Ship. Also is the SFMC newest multi-role fighter, the F/A-11 Raptor. Nearing completion prior to submission to ASDB is the Arachnid Class Special Operations Corvette. Still in the works is the Skipjack Class Oceanographic Research Starship.

Information about all these is available on the web at http://www.sfiussindiana.com/sedg.html

In the future, I would like to make contact with as many regional department chiefs of engineering as well as ship Chief Engineers as possible, see what each of you are up to and possibly get some ideas as well as pass on some of my own. If others would like to have drawings made, I would like to make such services available in the future. Engineering diagrams can be useful as attention getters at recruiting tables. In addition, there are other possibilities.

Currently, I am planning to attend the Region 01 Summit and the International Conference, God and finances willing. If you happen to attend as well, stop by and let's get acquainted. My email box is always open, so drop me a line and let's chat about engineering.

CAPT Jeff Davis Director – Engineering

### **Special Operations**

Welcome to the headquarters of STARFLEET's Special Operations. SFSO is currently in the most exciting time as we are still in the process of inventing ourselves. Joining today gets you literally in the ground floor of this division, where you can be one of the voices building it for those to come.

My first month has been exciting and demanding. We are now in the process of getting to know each other again and starting to work on inhouse projects such as an Active Duty Unit Operative and Team Handbook, which will be ready by the beginning of the month. We begin producing our newsletter and planning and developing training missions and surveillance missions. One of our big missions is promoting FELLOWSHIP in STARFLEET.

On the Headquarters staff, we still have with us Howard Knapp as the Chief of Staff and Scott Grant as our SFSO Sergeant Major. We have Marlene Miller with us as our Fellowship Campaign advisor and she will be assisting us with our handbooks and publications. Also with us is Erik Roberts who will assist in the handbook as well as our editor.

Our new Strategic Operations Director is Larry French. Larry is responsible for conducting and assigning missions given out by Headquarters (ME) and assigning these missions to volunteers in the Active Duty Units whether operative or team. These missions will be assisting in charities such as the Tsunami Relief or having teams or operatives going on Intel, fact finding missions and then reporting to Headquarters on the facts and information gathered from these missions. Larry also receives reports from the ADUs to send to our Chief of Staff in Headquarters.

Also, under Strategic Operations are our Quadrant Commanders: Sam Black is in charge of Alpha Quadrant, Jim Monroe for Beta Quadrant, Guy Blandford for the Gamma Quadrant and Fred Parsons III for our largest Quadrant, Delta. In addition, we have Dennis Rayburn in charge of the Omega Quadrant for Division 6. These guys are there for our ADUs to talk to about private matters that we in Headquarters do not need to know.

Support Services is going strong with Gary Hollifield at the helm. Gary's tasks involve supporting

the in-house functions for SFSO. These functions will probably not be known to SFI. Our recognition and communications will be done for our operatives and teams pacifically, although you will be hearing about us now and then here in the CQ. We are after all the Spooks of STARFLEET International. We have new staff personnel in Support Services selected by Gary: Susan D. Fugate-Ueffing as Deputy Director, Ricardo Bruckman as Chief of Staff and Clayton Hobbs as Special Projects Coordinator. There are more staff positions being filled by Gary and will be announced

Finally, I have been asked what the function of Special Operations in STARFLEET is. We are the Spooks of STARFLEET. We are quiet but strong individuals who love being secret agents and spies. We love to write fiction and get involved in charity support and assisting others in crisis situations. We like to do our missions without recognition or we like being in the lime light. We love reading about Special Forces missions and we read the fiction novels on special operations and Intelligence or CIA missions. Alias is one of our favorite television shows along with the Babylon 5 Ranger episodes. We love being SPECIAL for lack of a better word. Boy I will probably hear about that

So do you see yourself as the James Bond of the Cosmos, or are you interested in the world of the special operations or blackops area? Are you a Ranger type that leads the way for the rest? On the other hand, could you be a practical joker interested in joining the elite joking unit Division 6? Well, which ever is your interest, we believe you will find something here that will make the world of Trek a little more fun for you.

Look over our website, http://www.sfi-specops.net/, and if you have questions, please email me and we'll get you the answers.

Thanks STARFLEET!

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To pay tribute to the astronauts who have given their lives in the line of duty, thirteen members of five Starfleet chapters gathered for the First Annual Fleet Day at Kennedy Space Center on Saturday January 29th. Dressed in SFI polos, chapter t-shirts and uniforms they placed a memorial wreath at the Astronaut Memorial Wall after the reading of a proclamation from Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston naming that weekend a period of Remembrance for all SFI members.

In attendance were Captain James Muench, Fleet Captain Michelle A Muench, Rear Admiral Sunnie Planthold and Fleet Captain Ralph Planthold of the USS Gasparilla; Lieutenant Commander Alvin Dozier of the Shuttle Andromeda Station; Commodore Jack "Towaway" Eaton and Commander Cheryl Rogers of the USS Trident; Fleet Captain Jennifer Rosbury, Fleet Captain Steve Rosbury, Cadet Rowan Rosbury and Commander Kirylyn Dreamer of the USS Relentless; Commodore James Brunton of the USS Okatoma; and Captain Brian Young of the USS Guardian.

Ralph Planthold holds the honor of being the first in our group to set off the metal detector as we entered the Visitors' Center. Every belonging of the Plantholds' was given the once over by security. The look on the guard's face as Sunnie opened the Starfleet Chocolate Vault for inspection was priceless. We're sure the guard was waiting for some sort of a chocolate bribe to ease our way through the inspection.

Clouds and wind threatened rain for the day but the Great Bird of the Galaxy intervened and offered a beautiful day. As the assembled members stood in assembly, Sunnie Planthold read aloud the proclamation and along with Jennifer Rosbury, Jim Brunton and Towaway placed the wreath at the memorial wall.

After the ceremony we headed to a space shuttle display. Brian Young, having worked at the Space Center for a number of years, acted as our tour guide. Even some of the civilian tourists stopped to listen to his impromptu lecture as we made our way through the crew compartments and flight deck of a full size mockup. Ever resourceful and thinking ahead, Jennifer Rosbury had packed an ample supply of delicious chocolate brownies to keep our energy level high and to keep us away from paying the high prices at the snack bar. Oh, they were gooooooooood!

## FLEET DAY 2005 WITH THE USS TRIDENT

by COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton • USS Trident, R2



IMAX films are always popular and the show we saw was breath taking. Narrated by Tom Cruise, "Space Station 3D" gave us a first hand view of life aboard the space station. Rowan Rosbury took advantage of the darkness of the theatre to fall asleep for his afternoon nap. Not wanting to ruin a good thing, his mother and decided to stay behind while the rest of us took the bus tour.

Our first stop was a viewing stand to get a close-up view of the launch sites. In a moment of cosmic karma, we stepped off the bus to the sounds of Star Trek soundtrack music being piped through the PA system. Our uniforms garnered some attention as two separate "civilian" tourists asked some of us to pose with them for pictures. The bus then brought us to a pavilion which presented the history of the Apollo missions. While there, a group photo was taken in which our images were placed over a background of the shuttle cargo bay making it appear as if we were floating in zero-q.

With closing time fast approaching we rushed off the bus to the gift shop. Afterwards, we topped off the day with a dinner at a local Ryan's Steak House. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster and plans are already under way for the 2nd Annual Fleet Day at KSC. We hope to see you there.





The vehicle Assembly building at KSC shows damage from back to back hurricanes this past summer.

I-r back: CAPT James Muench, LTCMDR Alvin Dozier, COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton, RADM Sunnie Planthold, FCAPT Ralph Planthold.

I-r front: FCAPT Michelle A Muench, CMDR Kirylyn Dreamer, COMM James Brunton, FCapt Jennifer Rosbury, Cmdr Charyl Rogers and Capt Brian Young.

kneeling front: Rowan and Steve Rosbury.

Photo submitted by Steve Rosbury



Above: VCS Sunni Planthold in a quiet moment at the Astronaut Memorial Wall
Below: R2RC FCapt Jennifer Rosbury, VCS RADM Sunnie Planthold, COMM James
Brunton and Chief of OPS COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton officially present the wreath at the
Astronaut Memorial Wall on behalf of Starfleet International.



Left: Jim Brunton, Jennifer, Rowan and Steve Rosbury watching the 3-d International Space Statoion IMAX movie at the Visitor's Center.



# **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

by COMM Todd F. Brugmans • USS Avenger, Region 7
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



Greetings to the Fleet,

I, Todd Brugmans, am both humbled and honored to serve these next three years as your Academy Commandant. I'd like to extend a great many thanks to our former Commandant, Scott Akers, for all his hard work and attention to detail, leading to what has been (to date) a relatively smooth transition. I'm learning on a daily basis the full depth and breadth of my duties and responsibilities this first month on the job. As some may recall from the election posts leading up to Mandi Livingston's election as Commander, Starfleet, I have some definitive plans for our Academy, and I'll be working diligently to bring those plans to fruition. Several of you have wasted no time contacting me with items of concern, and I can only hope that I'm addressing these concerns on a satisfactory level.

It has recently come to my attention that several members of the Fleet have noted the Database may not be reflecting all the courses they've taken over the years. All members are encouraged to check their Database listings for Academy records accuracy. If you find you need to have courses added to your graduation lists, we at the Academy will need you to find your graduation certificate (or at least a cover letter from the Director of the course indicating that you have completed your course) so that accurate date and level of graduation may be recorded. Those of you who we are unable to verify graduation claims for are welcome to re-certify by taking the current version of the course(s) in question.

### My Primary Staff

One of the key factors to the success of a complex organization is the quality of persons who help to run it. Allow me to introduce my staff. Serving as my Administrative Vice-Commandant is Scott Grant (who also happens to wear the hats of Director for the Officer's Training School, as well as Chief of Staff for Mandi Livingston's Administration.). My Academic Vice-Commandant is Jill Rayburn, who also serves as the Commandant for the

Starfleet Marines Academy. Michael Vermoesen is serving as my Director for the International Campuses, as well as overseeing the European Campus of Starfleet Academy. Carol Thompson is overseeing the Online Voucher Code program, and Lauren Milan continues to meet our Web-Mastering needs for the Academy Website.

Recently, Lauren's position was held 'up for grabs' before the Fleet, and applicants have stepped forward to express interest in their wanting to assume her responsibilities, I will not have the name of a new webmaster in time for this issue of the CQ; an announcement will be online, and followed up in the next issue.

Changes/Additions to the Academy Roster

There are several notes of recent additions and changes to the staff within the Academy. With the end of Scott Akers' term comes the stepping down of some very fine folks who've served the Academy, and by extension, the Fleet. I want to add my thanks to those persons who're taking their well-deserved rest, and wish them well as they move on to other pursuits. With departures naturally come vacancies, vacancies which need to be filled if the Academy is to continue to function in a satisfactory capacity. Allow me to point out some of our fresh faces and the services they will provide.

First, I'll start with Jill Tipton, who as taken the reins for the Starfleet Scholarship Program. Darlene Topp has accepted my former position within the Academy, the role of Director of Course Development. Lourdes (Chris) Underwood has stepped forth to join us as the Academy's first Director of Arts & Graphics. Joost Ueffing has become the new Director for the School of Strategy and Tactics (SOST). Tracy Lilly has taken over the Officers Command College (OCC), Carol Thompson has added directorship of the Flag Officers School (FOS) to her list of contributions. I'm pleased to announce the re-opening of the School of Liberal Arts under Sherry Anne Newell, which rejoins the Institute of Arts after a prolonged hiatus. Michael Timko has temporarily closed the School of Science Fiction so that he may transition the single school into an institute of smaller schools, over which he will preside as Dean. The re-opening of these course offerings are projected for early 2005. Please watch for online updates!

#### Graduates

Between reports that I was cc'd on and our first official month of reporting for the new administration, I've been pulling together as much information about our recent graduates in Starfleet Academy for the months of November and December 2004 as possible. Congratulations to all of our graduates for their hard work.

### **Boothby Awards**

The Boothby Awards will continue under my administration to recognize students who continue to excel in the vast numbers of courses they take through the Academy. This awards program recognizes students who've successfully completed no less than 50 classes from Starfleet Academy and the Starfleet Marines Academy. Certificates will be issued to these and prior recipients just as soon as we are able to get them to you.

Starfleet Academy has the honor to announce that 61 members of Starfleet have attained Boothby status. The following is a list of all current recipients of Boothby Awards, and the levels they have reached within this recognition program at the time of this issue's press date:

**Bronze Boothby Recipients** (50-99 Courses completed) Leo A. Rogers (50) RADM Victor Carl Swindell (51) LTJG George Pimentel (51) MAJ Joseph Lee White (52) LTCDR George Ann Wheeler (52) CAPT Michael Vermoesen (53) FCAPT Gary W. Hollifield, Jr. (53) ENS Cary Scherer (53) Eddie Milbrandt, Jr. (55) COMM Billie Clifton (55) LTC Tracy Lilly (55) COMM Patricia Lewis (56) COMM Angel Avery (56) ADM Allyson M.W. Dyar (56) LGEN Jill J Rayburn (57) CAPT Chris Knoblauch (57)

CMDR Shawn Gregory (58) LTCDR Steve Turner (58) LTJG Alice Carey (58) LTCDR Monika Ruth Reinholz (58) COMM Nancy Lynch (60) SMAJ Marie Wilson (61) LTC Antonio Lopes III (62) BDR Jeremy T Trent (63) 1LT Becky Slater (64) CAPT Judy Waidlich (65) FCAPT Christopher Esquibel (65) MAJ Arnel Carigo (70) CAPT Susan Mahaffey (71) CAPT Douglas Wayne Mayo (72) BDR Brett Price (79) CAPT George Parker (81) GSGT John Kiwi Kane (87) BGEN James W. Monroe (88) COMM Gary M. Ensey, Jr. (90) CAPT Tracy Andrews-Isquith (93) SGT Sofvan Sahrom (95) CAPT Anne Miller (95) LT Darlene Topp (96) CMDR Michael John Timko III (99) COL Erik B Cowand (99)

Silver Boothby Recipients (100-149 Courses completed) Cathy L Edgington (100) COL Larry Dale French, Sr. (102) CAPT Edith Lawaine Padgett (102) ADM Kurt F Roithinger (105) CMDR Glenn D. Martin (108) FCAPT Kyle J. Wolf (111) SMAJ Scott E. Grant (113) BGEN Gregory Franklin (126) GSGT Bill Rowlett (132) COMM Todd Fredrick Brogans (144)

Gold Boothby Recipients (150-199 Courses completed) FCAPT Robin Smith (156) BDR John Roberts (165) CAPT Jill Michelle Tipton (174)

Latinum Boothby Recipients (200-249 Courses completed) CAPT Dean Andre Rogers (231) FCAPT Sean A Meyer (234)

Diamond Boothby Recipients (250-299 Courses completed) CMDR Thomas Pawelczak (258) COL Glendon Diebold (285) RADM Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. (292)

Dilithium Boothby Recipients (300+ Courses completed)
BGEN Truman D Temple (386)

### SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – NOV./DEC. 2004

By COMM Todd F. Brugmans • USS Avenger, Region 7 • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

### INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Kevin Kirk Andrea Kleffman Tom Wexler Rolando Gomez **Brad Danner** Michael Deering Kevin Seversor

Anthony Piselli Forrest Blank Garry Wilcox Terry Remaly Jennifer Gardiner Owen Swart

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC) Geoff Upton (D) Glendon L. Diebold (H) Kevin Kirk (H) Donald Morin (H)

(H) Graduated with Honors

(D) Graduated with Distinction

indicates multiple graduations in a series. (In cases of numbers 10 or higher. I'll just list the number of courses completed)

### **INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE Nancy Rabel Hall Wayne L. Killough, Jr. Amy L. L'Abbe (11 courses) Glenn D. Martin

Keira Russell-Strong Jan Sleigh Kevin Voet \*\*\*

**COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES** Joe Keeler \*\*\*\*\* Kevin Kirk \*\*\*\*\* Tony Fleming \*\* Sean A. Meyer

**COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES** 

Glendon I Diebold

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC) **Becky Slater** Frik Cowand

Gary Amor (H)
Thomas Pawelczak (H)

Sean A. Meyer Victor Swindell

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY

SCHOOL OF LAW Martin Lessem \*\*\* Norma Ybarra David Kennedy (H) Bill Rowlette (H)\*\*\* Katrina Kirk

Martin Lessem

COLLEGE OF HISTORY (COH) Judy Waidlich (D) Greg Franklin (H) Bill Rowlette Thomas Pawelczak (H)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY Jan Sleigh \*\*\*\* Anne Miller\*\*\*\*

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION Truman Temple (28 courses) Thomas Pawelczak \*\*\* Sean A. Meyer (19 courses)

Nancy Rabel Hall Dean Andre Rogers (15 courses)
Tracy Andrews-Isquith \*\*\*\*\*
Darlene Topp \*\*\*\*
Glendon L. Diebold (15 courses)
Tracy Lilly\*\*\*
Angel Avery \*\*\*\*\*
Davin Josephine Dawn Jenkins Victor Swindell \*\*\*\*\* Kimberly Temple \*\*\*

Sue Walentosky \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### **INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Christina Fatolitis (H) Daniel Sleigh Rodney Billings

**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE** 

Eugene Sanford

Glenn D. Martin

Russell D. Ruhland

George Ann Wheeler

Jerry Silber

Bill Rowlette

Katrina Kirk Glendon L. Diebold \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Thomas Pawelczak \*\*\*\*\* Victor Swindell Sofyan Sahrom \*\* Truman Temple \* Amy L. L'Abbe Dean Andre Rogers

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL Max Khaytsus \*\* Donita Hilfinger

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING Robert Mulvey (H) Matthew Mover (H Rodney Billings (H)

### **INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES**

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM Shuttle Top Gun

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY Katrina Kirk Rolando Gomez

Victor Swindell

SECURITY SCHOOL Jonathan Sessions (D) \*\* Dominic Selight (H)
Daniel Sleigh (H) \*\*

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS James Herring (H)

# FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

### by BGN Dennis Rayburn • Nikola Tesla, R1

Well, 2005 has arrived here in STARFLEET bringing a new year, full of new opportunities, new challenges, new adventures, and along with it because of last year's election, a new administration in leadership in STARFLEET. I know all of us wish our newly minted Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston the best in her three-year term as Commander, STARFLEET.

I especially want to thank our new Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Sunnie Planthold asking me to stay on as head of the STARFLEET Chaplains/

Counselors Corps. I'm honored by her request and look forward to working with her and the new head of the Fleet Resource Center, CAPT Thomas Donohoe. This will be an interesting switch for Tom and myself as before the first of the year, he was my second in command in STARFLEET Special Operations and now he is my boss.

I want to request that all chaplains and counselors, who have not already contacted me by email, please do so either by email, or by snail mail. My email address should be in the Fleet Directory along with my mailing address in this issue of the CQ. This is very important as we are working on plans for the future of the department and need to hear from all chaplains and counselors in the fleet.

Next issue, I hope to have more to say in the line of departmental news.

In closing, a few personal words if I may. As I write this, the world is in mourning for the loss of Johnny Carson. There have been many wonderful tributes spoken and written about him, but if I may, I wanted to make just a few remarks.

The phenomenal career of Johnny Carson was rare in the world of television. His style of humor was reflective of the Nebraska lad that grew up to become the person the world called, the King of Late Night. In my area of the country, he was one of two individuals who were known by their first name, the other being Elvis Presley. You would hear folks say, "I need to get on home so I can watch Johnny."

The nature of his late night show made him the person who practically

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# The SHUTTLEBAY

by RADM Jerry Tien • USS Eagle, Region 4

### Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET



I hope you all enjoyed a great holiday season. A new year brings new promises, and I am looking forward to adding more shuttles to the fleet. Looks like several groups worked right through the holidays to get their shuttles off the ground. We launched these new shuttles since last issue:

Shuttle Andromeda (R2) Shuttle Tiburon (R17)

In addition to launches, I am pleased to report the following chapter has successfully completed the shuttle program and commissioned in January:

USS Victorious (R2)

In addition to USS Victorious, USS Sinclair (R13) should be commissioning soon once all the paper work and crew roster updates are complete.

While most shuttles launch from U.S. based regions, let's not forget the other regions around the world. Shuttle Star Saber (R9) is going through final pre-launch check. It should be launched by the time you read this.

I am always looking for ways to foster new chapter growth. As I mentioned in previous articles, we are steadily building up the Certified Mothership Program (CMP) to aid new shuttles. The goal is to provide a list of reliable mothership candidates for prospective shuttles. Of course, you are not required to select from this list of chapters. The basic requirements to obtain CMP certification are as follows:

- 1. Must be a Ship/Station in good standing (at least minimal crew strength)
- 2. Has been a Ship/Station for at least a year (based on commission date)

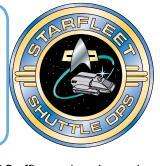
3. Has fostered at least one shuttle to successful completion (i.e. commissioning as full chapter)

The specification will be updated as the program matures. Interested chapters should contact me at shoc@sfi.org.

If this sounds a bit dry, don't worry. Shuttle program shouldn't be all work and no play. I am working with ShOC staff members to create new programs to inject more Trek flavor into the Shuttle Program. I'll have more details in the upcoming issues.

The rest of Shuttle Operations Command is working hard on several ship upgrade plans and designs. If you need help, be sure to contact Adm. Alex Rosenzweig in the Department of Technical Services at dts@sfi.org or Capt. David Lynch of Advanced Ship Design Bureau at asdb@sfi.org.

ShOC is more than the staff working at the headquarters. The regional



ShOC officers also play an invaluable role in the ShOC network. With several recent regional elections, there are some changes in regional ShOC officers as well. If you are newly appointed to the position, I urge you to contact ShOC HQ as soon as possible. It is important for us to work together to provide the members the best support possible. I would also recommend everyone to review the regional staff roster to become familiar with your regional ShOC officer, should it become necessary to enlist their aid.

Finally, you might recall I was looking for web development & publications experts to join our department. If you want a chance to showcase your skills in these areas while helping fellow Fleet members, this is it. The offer is still open. I know there are many talented members throughout fleet. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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# **ASK THE EC...**

### answer by VADM Pat Spillers • USS Victory, R3 • Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET

First of all this is not a complaint. I just renewed my membership and I had a couple questions so that I can pass the knowledge on to my crew. Is PayPal the preferred way to renew membership? How soon is a PayPal payment recorded in the SFI database? How soon is a PayPal payment recorded with you as opposed to a regular credit card payment? Is there a cost involved with either one, and if so, which is cheaper?

Thank you,
"Joe Fleet Member"

Dear "Joe";

Thank you for your question, I think this is a great one. Once a member has entered their data on-line and either given credit card information or gone on thru PayPal to make payment, it takes about the same

amount of time. The key on either one is to include their SCC# or if you are paying for someone else, both yours and the membership that is renewed or marked as new.

Weekly, the MP team tries to make sure the information is correct on the application and mark it as "Pending" in the database. This only means a payment is pending. The member can do anything that an "Active" member can. Once a week, they clear out the pending queue and send the memberships to me. If this has been received by check or money order, it may be delayed some, in that they have to enter the information on line and start the process.

I get notified when a PayPal payment is made but I have to put it in a pending file for the information from MP. On checks and money orders, MP will send them to me weekly and when I receive them, I put them in the bank. Hopefully this will now be more like a 2 or 3 week span and not months.

Once MP releases the memberships, both new and renewal in a pending status, I verify payments. I can match PayPal payment notifications; I can process the credit cards, and when checks & MO are received, mark them off the list. As I do each of these groups, I then "Authorize" the membership. We are working to get this down to less than 2 weeks. So those on-line and mail in applications received this week, are thru MP by end of the week. They normally clear things out on Sunday night. I try to do those released to me on PayPal & credit card on Monday and Tuesday of the next week. Checks & money orders I get on Wednesday or Thursday and clear them. So, if everything is present and information including SCC#'s are present, it should be less than 2 weeks to have the membership in Active Status on the Database.

Now that is just ONE part of the process. After MP has released the information in the database, they still have to print up the membership packets, print up certificates, and get them mailed out. They are still running 6-8 weeks but we are working on re-arranging things to get the packets pre-set up, new equipment, etc. to get them out sooner. It may take several months before we see this area improved, but our administration is serious about re-doing the system within the year.

As far as cost, for credit cards with processing and pre item fee it

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# FROM THE CFO

by VADM Pat Spillers • USS Victory, Region 3

### **Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET**

Greetings from San Antonio!

I would like to introduce myself to you as your new Chief Financial Officer for Starfleet. If you have been around for a while, I am normally found in the Dealer's room behind the SF QM stuff. I have been working with QM and Region 3 Staff since the mid 90's. I am the lady in the BGC (Baby Golf Cart, or the electric chair, as my husband likes to calls it).

My team consists of Lisa Pruitt off the USS Lone Star, Robyn Winans off the USS Trinity River and Heather Ford off the USS Rhyanna. Yes, we are all in Texas but we did this so if help is needed we are close together. My team and I have made progress in getting the bank accounts set up and credit card, PayPal, etc. processing all changed to the new bank accounts, etc. so we were able to process the first group of credit cards over the weekend of January 15th. The big notice you all will see if that as we process

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runs under 4%, and on PayPal it is running about 8.7%, so it does cost us twice as much for PayPal payments. The advantage in the past has been that you got a notice from PayPal right away that it had been sent. We have a new way of processing the credit cards with SkipJack that also sends the credit card holder a notice that we have run a payment on their card. It will also let them know if we have a problem with the card. Hopefully this will help everyone to see when their payment has been handled by my office. We will be setting this up by March 1st to also send notice by e-mail for checks and money orders.

I hope this has answered your question and given you a better idea how the membership processing works. Let me know if I can help you further.

In Service to Fleet: VAdm. Pat Spillers

your credit card payment thru "SkipJack" you will receive notice of the item being processed.

For this to work, however, you, the STARFLEET member, need to make sure that your information in the Data Base (DB) is correct. I will be sending the items processed to the E-Mail address of the person with the credit card as it is listed in the DB. You will see in the comment section that I have listed your SCC, or if it is for someone else, I will make that reference too.

We will me making a few improvements on the on-line processing shortly but in the mean time PLEASE remember to put your SCC# in the comments so both Membership Processing and I can find it much faster. If you are paying by check or money order, you can put the SCC# that is being renewed or mark "New" on it to help us out. On the Credit Card or PayPal payments, please remember to do this under

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tucked the nation in at night. Despite the problems and scandals in the world, he was there during the week before bed or as one would lie in bed before sleep, reminding us of the funny side of things. As one person said, he had the unique gift of puncturing pomposity and stuffed shirts.

The world would watch as the famous, and not so famous would come on the show, each treated with the same respect by a master showman. When something went wrong, he'd always be there with a one liner that would turn a bomb of a joke into riotous laughter.

His humor does not fade with time. I've watch the last couple of days the numerous clips that have been shown and have laughed so hard it hurt; the Carson wit and sense of humor with the incredible sense of timing is timeless. It's so hard to believe that almost 13 years ago he told us farewell and except for a few

the comment section. If you are paying for some one else, please state both SCC# like Pat SCC# 23541 paying for Renewal of #64001 John Patrick or new member Mike Albert. This will help us match up your payments and process it faster.

NOTE: The SkipJack system lets me process anywhere I am, so as I travel to Summits, IC, etc. I can keep doing the processing immediately. On credit cards, please include the 3-digit number off the back of your card. We cannot process it without that three digit CVV Code! If you are paying by some one else credit card, & if they are not a member of SF, please send me an E-Mail stating their address. We have to put this information in the SkipJack program to process the card.

Let me explain the procedure for some of you. Membership Processing (MP) receives all the on-line data as well as those sent by snail mail. They verify the

rare sightings, stuck to it, letting his work speak for him.

While we mourn the loss of the man, Johnny Carson will live on as so many wonderful entertainers now do, through the many recordings of him over thirty years, with thousands of guests. We will still get to laugh at Floyd R Turbo, roar at the questions from the envelopes in the hands of Carnac the Magnificent, or double up with laughter at Art Fern and his Tea Time movies or any of his monologues and sketches.

Each of us have the wish to leave a mark on this world that after we are gone, will endure the test of time, to leave the world better than it was when we came into it. It is this writer's opinion that John William Carson fulfilled that basic human wish and then some by simply helping each of us to remember every night before sleep overtook us how to laugh. Moreover, how we did laugh.

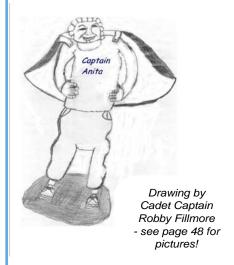
Goodnight, Johnny. See you in the morning.

information and put it in the DB as Pending. They try to clear out all matched data by the end of each week. They then release the items to me as CFO. I can then process the credit card, PayPal, checks, Money Orders etc. and when I have verification of the payment I "Authorize" your membership. Now as pending you have all the rights and an authorize member, it just means your payment has not been verified.

MP after putting it in the DB, will get your ID cards, certificate, etc. printed up and put it in a membership package and sent it to you. We are looking into several ways to speed up this process. We hope to have new things for over the next few months.

If you have any questions at anytime, please contact me.

VADM Pat Spillers Chief Financial Officer (CFO)



# STARFLEET TREASURER'S REPORTS

### **SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - OCTOBER**

10/01/04 - 10/31/04 Opening Balance: \$24,026.04

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Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	10/04/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	-\$140.76	\$24,166.80
	10/04/04	NPC	Discount fee	-182.52	23,984.28
	10/04/04	Discover	Discount fee	-3.61	23,980.67
1209	10/04/04	US Postmaster, CQ Expense	CQ Postage	-850.00	23,130.67
1210	10/04/04	"The Countywide News, Inc."	CQ Postage	-170.00	22,960.67
	10/07/04	CTS Holdings	Bank Service Charges	*10.00	22,950.67
	10/07/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com fee	-18.99	22,931.68
	10/08/04	Stamps. com	Postage/Delibery	-475.00	22,456.68
	10/12/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-19.90	22,436.78
	10/12/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	-90.72	22,527.50
	10/13/04	NPC	Membership Processing	-15.00	22,542.50
1213	10/13/04	Texas Tech Univ.	Education:Tuition	-500.00	21,542.50
1215	10/15/04	Oklahoma State Univ.	Education:Tuition	-500.00	21,042.50
1216	10/18/04	Univ. of N. Colorado	Education: Tuition	-500.00	20,542.50
1214	10/21/04	Colorado Tech. Univ.	Education: Tuition	-500.00	20,042.50
1217	10/21/04	Embry Riddle Aero Univ.	Education: Tuition	-500.00	19,542.50
1211	10/25/04	Univ. Of Phoenix	Education: Tuition	-500.00	19,042.50
1212	10/25/04	Penn State	Education: Tuition	-500.00	18,542.50

Total Month Ending 10/31/04:

-5,483.54

**Grand Total:** 

-5,483.54 18,542.50

### **STARFLEET SAVINGS - OCTOBER**

10/01/04 - 10/31/04 Opening Balance: \$ 5,670.17

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
10/06/04	BB&T	Investment Income: Interest	+\$0.87	\$5,671.04

Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

+0.87 +0.87

Grand Total:

5,671.04

### **STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING -OCTOBER**

10/01/04-10/31/04 Opening Balance as of 10/01/04:

\$2,495.95

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
114	10/08/04	Dawn Lee-Akers	Academy Expenses	-\$300.00	\$2,195.95

Total Month Ending 10/31/04:

-\$300.00

**Grand Total:** 

-\$300.00 \$2,195.95

### STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND - OCTOBER

10/01/04 - 10/31/04 Opening Balance: \$3,551.24

October: NO TRANSACTIONS

Grand Total: \$3,551.24

### STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS - OCTOBER

10/01/04 - 10/31/04 Opening Balance: \$5,675.10

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
10/06/04	BB&T	Investment Income:Interest	+\$0.87	\$5,675.97

Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

+0.87

**Grand Total:** 

+0.87

\$5,675.97

### **SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - NOVEMBER**

11/01/04 - 11/30/04 Opening Balance: \$ 1,854.25

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	11/02/04	NPC	Discount Fee	-\$3.34	\$18,539.16
	11/02/04	NPC	Membership Processing	+22.00	18,561.16
	11/02/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	+1620.00	20,181.16
	11/04/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	+1092.00	23,155.16
	11/08/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	+275.30	23,430.46
1219	11/08/04	Michael W. Mallotte	Postage/Delivery	-13.65	23,416.81
	11/09/04	CTS holdings	Bank Service Charges	-10.00	23,406.81
	11/09/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-25.00	23,381.81
	11/09/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-15.00	23,366.81
	11/09/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-15.00	23,351.81
	11/09/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com fee	-18.99	23,332.82
	11/10/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-22.00	23,310.82
	11/10/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-133	23,177.82
	11/10/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-15	23,162.82
	11/10/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-28.00	23,134.82
	11/10/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-15.00	23,119.82
	11/12/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-24.00	23,095.82
	11/12/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-40.00	23,055.82
	11/12/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-10.00	23,045.82
	11/12/04	BB&T	Online banking service fee	-11.90	23,033.92
	11/15/04	BB&T	Bad debts	-16.00	23,017.92
	11/15/04	Stamps.com	Postage/Delivery	-475.00	22,542.92
	11/16/04	NPC	Membership Processing	+25.00	22,567.92
	11/24/04	NPC	Membership Proccesing	+179.00	22,746.92
	11/26/04	NPC	Membership Processing	+356.00	23,102.92
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Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

4,615.42

**Grand Total:** 

4,615.42 23,157.92

# OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2004 & JANUARY 2005

### **STARFLEET SAVINGS - NOVEMBER**

11/01/04 - 11/30/04 Opening Balance: \$5,671.04

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
11/04/2004	BB&T	Investment Income: Interest	+\$0.90	\$5,671.94

Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

5,671.94 **Grand Total:** +0.90

### STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND - NOVEMBER

11/01/04 - 11/30/04 Opening Balance: \$3,551.24

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
11/04/04	IC 2004	IC 2004	+\$679.00	\$4,230.24

Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

+679.00

**Grand Total:** 

+679.00 \$4.230.24

+0.90

11/01/04 - 11/30/04 Opening Balance: \$5,675.97

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
11/04/04	BB&T	Investment Income	+\$0.90	\$5,676.87

Total Month Ending 11/30/04:

+.90

**Grand Total:** 

+.90 \$5.676.87

Opening Balance as of 12/01/04:

\$2,032.74

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
116	12/27/04	Dawn Lee-Akers	Postage/Delivery	-\$217.77	\$1,814.97

Total Month Ending 12/31/04:

-\$217.77

**Grand Total:** 

-\$217.77 \$1,814.97

### STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND - DECEMBER

12/01/04 Through 12/31/04 Opening Balance as of 12/01/04

\$4,230.24

**December: NO TRANSACTIONS** 

Grand Total: \$4,230.24

### STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCOUNT - DECEMBER

12/1/04 Through 12/31/04

Opening Balance as of 12/1/04 \$5,676.87

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance	
12/07/04	BB&T	Investment Income	\$1.02	\$5,677.89	

Total Month Ending 12/31/04:

-\$1.02

**Grand Total:** 

\$5,677.89 -\$1.02

NOTE: The scholarship funds have been added to the general account, and the breakdown should be available next issue.

### SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JANUARY

1/05/05 - 1/31/05 Opening Balance: \$1,000.00

Beginning Balance \$ 1,000.00

+35,670.84 Transfer in from other Bank

Membership Processing +\$4,055.00 Credit Cards PayPal +2,261.00 196.00 Checks & Money Orders +1,598.00

Quartermaster 146.00 Interest on Savings

+4.207.85 Total Income for January:

Expenses:

Membership Processing -97.17 Credit Cards PayPal -81 00 Wire Transfer -50.00 Checks & Deposits, Etc -65.00

Total Expenses for January -\$212.17

**Ending Balance for STARFLEET** +\$40,666.62

### STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING - JANUARY

Opening Balance: \$1,784.97

Expense for Checks -\$20.00

Ending Balance for SFA \$1,764.97

### **STARFLEET MARINES - JANUARY**

Opening Balance: \$620.12

Expense for Checks -\$18.00

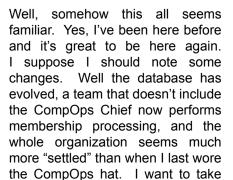
**Ending Balance for SFMC** \$602.12



# **COMPOPS**

by VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, Region 15

### **Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET**



a second to recognize those who

wore the hat while I was out.

Jesse Smith, Sandy Berenburg, and Mandi Livingston have all worked hard to get CompOps to this point and it feels like I get to step back into the spot after a long holiday and all the work has been done and everything "polished up, and ready for inspection". As I walk the halls of CompOps, I look into offices where my team busily works towards the betterment of Computer Operations and how this department serves Starfleet. This office will continue to evolve and we are already working on our goals for our "hundred-day"

On the database side, we intend to have our e-commerce solution in place. This will allow for "real-time" payment processing for those who wish to pay online with their credit cards. This removes the delays that occur when we have to process the payments in batches later, and provide the member with immediate confirmation that Starfleet has received their payment.

mark.

The other area that needs attention is Membership Processing. Here I really have to thank some people but before I do, I want say a few things about membership processing: This may be repeated information for some of you but I do feel that it is important to refresh memories in this area.

Membership processing is one of Starfleet's most labor-intensive tasks. It is also one of its most important ones. When I last walked into this position, I walked into an office with about a year's backlog of membership processing. The MP team is barraged with, "Is it done yet?" questions from around the

fleet as they combat their constant rival, "the turn-around time". As I recently told someone, "The 'turn-around time' for membership packets has been an issue since I first joined Starfleet, and the applications have promised the membership packet within 6-8 weeks." Even then, that wasn't always the case because it's too easy to get behind. Moreover, once you're behind, it's hard to catch up.

Traditionally, membership processing has been performed the same way by members of Starfleet and consists of two parts:

- 1. Maintaining membership information
- 2. Putting together and mailing membership packets.

The first part involves receiving membership information and making sure that it entered correctly into the database. This step also includes harvesting the checks and money orders to send to the CFO. The second part involves printing the membership packet materials and stuffing the envelopes and mailing them out to the member. All of the printing takes time and then the team usually comes together, "stuffs" the envelopes, and prepares them for mailing. This is the process always used and this is the way we are processing memberships now.

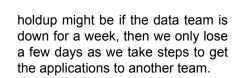
As membership processing has always been a function of the Computer Operations department, every one of my predecessors through today have discussed the "process failures" and tried to eliminate them. However, during his tenure as CompOps Chief, Sandy Berenberg proved that the process worked if a team of motivated, properly supplied and well-equipped members made the effort. Under Sandy's watch, the team got the turn around time down to a record two weeks! That achievement set a worthy goal to duplicate today.

But any number of things can cause this "assembly line" work to "fail" and create a backlog of work, some of the more common "failures" are personnel considerations (fatigue, illness, accidents, family and work demands, etc) and problems with weather (hurricanes, floods, and snowstorms, which can cause "downed" power lines) and there's always a chance of printer failure or running out of supplies.

Currently, we have a team of two people, Robin Pillow and Patty Heany who have been persevering to eliminate the backlog and get those packets out as quickly as possible to the membership. Moreover, we owe them a good bit of thanks.

As volunteers, they do a great service with very little reward. Nevertheless, that's what we do; we're an organization of volunteers. So here's what I want to do to fix the problem, the plan that we put together before the election: we are going to split the process into its two components and split the fulfillment (packet delivery) between two other teams.

Splitting the process offers the following advantages: less workload and stress for each team and process redundancy. The way it will be set up, any team can pick up the load if another team "fails" due to one of the aforementioned problems. For example, if the fulfillment team in an area that is "down" due to a power outage from a snowstorm, half of the membership packets are still processed. In addition, if the other fulfillment team increases its productivity to compensate, the impact isn't great, at all. The only real



I think that this departure from the "usual" way of doing membership processing will alleviate the "failures" and keep the backlog down. The overall effect should reduce the "turn-around time", and the wear on our volunteers.

By the way, I am looking for future Membership Processing teams in case I need to replace a team or add another due to great membership increases. A team should consist of at least three (preferably 5 or more) members, with a designated "team leader", who are local to the each other, and that share the enthusiasm and desire to perform one of STARFLEET's most important and labor intensive tasks. Please contact my Vice Chief of Membership Processing at CompOpsMP@sfi.org if you are interested in more details.

As a closing note, I would ask that you remember that the CompOps staff is made up of volunteers who are also dues-paying members of the organization. Please think of the job they are doing when you approach them with a problem. They really do deserve a "thanks" but are just happy not to be told that they are "incompetent" because of your inconvenience.

# Coming to CQ #128...

USS Ark Angel's CoC and Marines' Fall Muster '04 — A Whole Weekend of Fun!





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# FROM THE 'DANT

### by BDR John Roberts • Commandant, SFMC

My Fellow Marines:

I hope you all had a very happy and safe New Year's celebration. As of 0000 hours (EST) on 1 January 2005, I assumed the leadership and stewardship of the STARFLEET Marine Corps in accordance with my appointment as Commandant by FADM Mandi Livingston.

Words cannot express the honor I feel being selected to serve as the 10th Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. I have been given the opportunity to build upon the success of LGEN Olson. I cannot hope to fill the immense shoes he left behind (he didn't clean out the office too well when he left), but I do hope to serve you, the individual members in the best way I can for the next 3 years. With that in mind, I would like to announce that I have awarded the Commandant's Meritorious Service Award to LGN Olson for his exceptional service and dedication to the SFMC for at least 6 years in a variety of posts on the General Staff. This is the highest individual award in the Corps short of the annual Honor awards and the Nebulas.

I am very fortunate to have an experienced General Staff to begin my tenure as Commandant. The current GS works very well as a team and genuinely wants to serve the Corps in the best way possible.

The General Staff of the SFMC:
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jroberts327@comcast.net
Deputy Commandant:
BGN Aaron Murphy
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COFORCECOM:
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jazdan@wk.net
SGM/SFMC: SGM Scott Grant,
stgrant@adelphia.net

It is my desire to make sure that we address the needs of EVERY Marine. In order to do that, we must know what you need. We are always accessible and available by email and it is my plan to have every member of the GS respond to emails (at the very least to let you know it was received and is being addressed) within 3 days of receipt. My inbox is always open, but be aware that any request sent to me that has not gone through the proper chain of command (as illustrated in the MFM) will be sent back for proper procedures to be followed.

SFMC Quartermaster: As a temporary measure (until we determine how best to proceed for the long term), the post of SFMC QM will be moved under COFORCECOM and the orders will be filled by BDR Linda Olson with (I am assured) the continued assistance of Commandant Olson. Wade asked me to move the post elsewhere and I agreed so he could enjoy his "retirement" and work on personal matters that have been a bit neglected because of his service to the Corps. Linda volunteered to continue the job as the inventory is at their house and she has time for the moment to continue the task. The GS was consulted on this and they had no problems with this solution as a temporary measure. We will be discussing future possibilities for the QM post in the near future and will inform the Corps as soon as we determine the best way to proceed and the requirements we desire in the new Quartermaster.

I do not plan any large-scale changes in the overall operation of the SFMC. Wade has done a remarkable job of getting things running smoothly. My plan is to develop a more efficient level of communication between you, the member, and the various levels of the SFMC command structure. We are here to serve YOU, not the other way around. Without the individual marines, the SFMC would not exist and STARFLEET would be MUCH smaller. You are the heart, souls of this organization, your needs are paramount, and the members of the General Staff will listen to them.

The new SFMC bank account has been opened and I am waiting (as of the writing of this address) the final check from former Commandant Olson to deposit it into the new account. I will be keeping up with LGN Olson's detailed financial reports, as it is important for the SFMC membership to know how the funds are kept and what is happening with them on a regular basis.

If you have ideas for ways to improve the SFMC (and I know all of you have some), please send them to Deputy Commandant Aaron Murphy and he will get them sorted and put in the line up for discussion and decision by the GS, or send them to the appropriate person for action, if possible. We want to hear from you, as that is the only way we can serve and meet your needs. As I settle in to SFMC HQ and get acclimated to this new post, I will begin sending more information to you about ideas I have for building upon the current SFMC structure and capabilities, hopefully, this will spark ideas from you about even more ideas or ways to make my basic ideas even better.

In Service to the Corps, BDR John Roberts Commandant, SFMC

# DEPDANT REPORT by BGN Aaron Murphy Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Well, the New Year is upon us and already, we have Brigades who are having their summits. With summits come Brigade awards. I wanted to go over the requirements for this year's award nominations.

The deadline for the 2005 Honor Awards nominations (from the 2005 Valor Award recipients) is 30 Apr 05. Send these nominations depdant@sfi-sfmc.org. Award write-ups need to be between 500 - 750 words in length and contain detailed information on why you feel this individual should be the award recipient. Once received, they will go before the SFMC General Staff for review and recommendations to the Commandant. BDR Roberts will make the final decision and issue the awards at this year's IC. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to e-mail me.

I do have one note on the Valor Awards that I would like to emphasize. If you, as a Brigade OIC, are a nominee for one of your Brigade's Valor awards (this would include the Legion of Valor), either decline the nomination or send the nominees to BGN Linda Olson, COFORCECOM, or me. We will assist in determining the recipient of the award. If your Brigade has an Awards Committee and this situation comes up, please include one of us in the awards process, even as an FYI.

I currently have my G-3, COL Sean Niemeyer, busy assisting with edits to the SFMC documents. My goal is to roll out the SFMC Uniform and Awards Manual at this year's IC. In addition, he has been assisting TRACOM with edits and face-lifts to most of the Branch Manuals.

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### FORCECOM REPORT by BGN Linda Olsen • COFORCECOM

Greetings Marines;

Another year has passed and many things have happened. As a new year begins, we see the office of Commandant being handed over by Commandant Olson to the newly appointed Commandant Roberts. I am sure that there will be other changes in the months to come also. We need to remember that the Corps is more than any one person and it takes all of us to make it what it is.

I want to congratulate the brigades on a wonderful reporting record for the month of October. I also want to congratulate the Marines on many wonderful acts of kindness and community service. From the first Brigade to the 20th, we have many good things going on.

I want to mention that there seems to be a problem with renewals at the moment and that could be the reason that the Discharge list is so long this time.

Apparently, many Marines are in the process of renewing their SFI memberships and as expired members of SFI, they are listed as discharges on our rosters. I hope to see the Recruits sections swell in the next couple of reports that will indicate that these memberships have been properly processed.

I had hoped to have the Brigade OIC handbook ready to issue before the end of the year, however, the project is a big one and with the change in leadership due January 1st, I expect the release date to be after the first of the year.

I would like to take a moment to thank the outgoing Commandant for 4 years of service to the Corps. I know better than anyone (who has not been a

Commandant) what a difficult job it can be. I have watched Wade give up private time repeatedly to serve the Corps. As Chief of Staff, and now as COFORCECOM, I have participated in many a discussion by the General Staff over concerns within the Corps. I have watched as Wade made the difficult calls and often times wished I could do more to make the job easier. However, the center seat has its perks and perils and the man who sits there must handle them as

best he can. I personally feel that the past four years have been good ones for the Corps. I feel that we have grown both in numbers and in morale. That some of the decisions were disliked by some members is a given, but overall, I believe that we owe a debt of gratitude and respect to Wade Olson for his leadership of the past 4 years. Moving forward, I ask all Marines to rally behind the new Commandant John Roberts and let us continue the growth and participation in community service and STARFLEET Activities that we have become accustomed.

I want to thank the Marines who are doing all this hard work and making the jobs of the ICs difficult with the amount of information that must be included in their reports. I love seeing what the individuals are accomplishing. Keep up the good work. I also want to say that the reading competition and the physical challenge are going along nicely. I should have an announcement in March on the winner of the Physical Challenge; remember this time is it walking. You can count any distance that is over and above the normal amount of walking that you do in a day. Just measure it out and send it to your OIC to be included in their reports. The totals are due to this office in the reports submitted February 1st. The Reading Challenge is doing better than the physical in participation, but it will not be determined until the IC. Please continue to submit your reading totals in each report for that reporting period, this will allow us to compile them as we go along and will make announcing the winner easier and quicker than trying to get it all together at the last minute. Some of you are reading some impressive books. I applaud you.

The State of the Corps by the numbers:

Brigades reporting this period 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th,

Brigades Not Reporting: 20th

Strength by Brigade (some Battalions not reporting in)

not re	eportir	ng in)	
1st	41 Ac	ctive 21 Reserve	
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		

15th 17th 20 20th

Units Activated this period 1st BDE: 180th 2nd BDE: 609th, 645th, 681st 3rd BDE: 786th 7th BDE: 786th 12th BDE: 255th 14th BDE: 469th

Units Deactivated this period 2nd BDE: 651st K. Gibbs 4th BDE: 12th A. Van Rhee, 29th S. Sommer

Units on STANDBY for Deactivation this period 4th BDE: 33rd B. Harmon 5th BDE: 575th V. Mock

Promotions reported this period 4th BDE: Roy Henderson to LTC, David Pittsenberger to GSGT, Cyndi Temple to BGN 5th BDE: Arlene Sickels to MCPT,

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

Recruits

(Includes transfers between units and membership renewals processed since last report):

2nd BDE: Nancy O'Shields, Kit Ramsey, Bridget Duffy, James Lewis 5th BDE: Christine Jordan, Deborah Day, Nicole Wukasch

7th BDE: Dean Rogers, Lashanna Brooks, Marie Wilson, Eugene Sandford

(Includes transfers between units and

10th BDE Paul Reed 12th BDE Mark Webb

Discharges

memberships that have lapsed and may be in the process of renewal)
2nd BDE: Kaileen Gibbs, James Gibbs, Deirdre Gibbs, Rick Gibbs, Bethany Thulman
3rd BDE: Quinn Bratteng
4th BDE: Arthur Van Rhee, Kevin Mooney, Nadine Peters, Christopher Esquibel, Jessica Flores, Scott Sommer, Bruce Sommer, Melroy Houser Jr.
5th BDE: Bill Frazer, Jon Rider,

5th BDE: Bill Frazer, Jon Rider, Shawn McVay, Nate Martin, Rick Ervans, Sean Capellan 7th BDE: Scott Smith

Awards Issued for this period Wilderness Challenge 1st BDE: Linda Olson 123rd 2nd BDE: Wade Olson 674th, Richard Graham 78th **DEPDANT**, continued from page 19

I have accepted BGN Dennis Rayburn's resignation as my G-4 Officer, due to his increased duties within other areas of STARFLEET. I have asked him to remain on staff as the Chaplain of the Corps, a position that BGN Rayburn is no stranger to. I will be leaving the G-4 position vacant for the time being, while I look at the description and necessity of the role.

Well, see you again in 60

In Service to the Corps, BGN Aaron Murphy Deputy Commandant STARFLEET Marine Corps depdant@sfi-sfmc.org

Commandants Campaign Award 2nd BDE: 674th Wade Olson, Ken Olson, Lindsey Olson, Heather Olson

5th BDE: 565th Patrick McAndrew, Russell Garrison, Joel Housworth, Arlene Sickels, Steve Eizenberg

SFMC Service Commendation 7th BDE Martin Lessem

Community Service Award 1st BDE: Jeffery Davis 5th BDE: Craig Martin 521st, Deborah Day 565th

Gold Nebula 2nd BDE: (issued by VCS Mark Anbinder) Wade Olson 674th

Brigade Commendation 17th BDE: 875th Nancy Lynch, Sharon Bloom, Ethel Lynch, Michelle Warford, Marlene Miller

Brigade Achievement 17th BDE: 875th Kathy McCartney, Everett Brooks

STARFLEET Cross 1st BDE: 163rd Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn, 123rd Linda Olson 2nd BDE: 674th Wade Olson, DJ Allen

Embassy Duty 4th BDE: 21st Betty Schreur, Brian Schreur, 7th Mike Butwinick, 75th Jim Monroe, Mike Sunderman 12th BDE: Jamie Clancy

International Service 12th BDE: Jamie Clancy

Marine Honor Guard 5th BDE: Nicole Wikasch 565th

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Meritorious Unit Citation 4th BDE units 1st, 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th, 75th 5th BDE units 565th

**Good Conduct** 5th BDE: 521st Nadine Romero, Stephen Idell, Norman DeRoux

Greetings, Marines!

For those who do not know me, I am

LGN Jill Rayburn, and I am honored

to have been selected by our new

Commandant, John Roberts, to

serve as the new COTRACOM.

Our previous COTRACOM did an

outstanding job, and I know he will

continue to serve the Corps equally,

if not better, in his new position. I

hope I can live up to the faith that

BDR Roberts and the others on the

General Staff have shown by allowing

me to serve in this capacity, and I

My first announcement is that

Jonathan Slavin has decided to

leave TRACOM to focus his energies

elsewhere. I thank him for his

service, and I wish him the best in

his future endeavors. I am pleased

to appoint current DCO-Admin Chris

Esquibel as the new DCO-Doctrine.

being DCO-Doctrine, Chris will also

serve as Senior DCO, making him my

chief troubleshooter and the person

who will fill in when I am not available.

I know we will see great things out of

I am currently taking applications for

the position of DCO-Academy. This

person will oversee the SFMCA,

and work with the branch directors

to insure that all students are being

properly serviced. In addition, this

person will be in charge of two very

important programs: the Beta Testing

Program (for new and/or revised

courses) and the Brigade Training

Officer Program (for onsite TRACOM

The requirements for applying for this

1) Be a member in good standing of

thank them for the opportunity.

Marine Proficiency 3rd BDE: Eric Cowand

Academic Excellence 3rd BDE: Eric Cowand 7th BDE: Kyle J. Wolf

**Great Barrier** 4th BDE: Jim Monroe 75th, Mike Sunderman 12th BDE: Jamie Clancy

Leader's Commendation 4th BDE: Mike Butwinick 7th, Brian Schreur 21st, Anthony Spotts 11th, Robert Torres 18th, Steve Machado 83rd MEU 5th BDE: 565th Patrick McAndrew, David Kania 7th BDE: Keith Keppley 760th 17th BDE: 875th Randy Lynch, Shawn Bloom, Ethel Lynch, Michelle Warford, Marlene Miller

Please report any discrepancies you may find in this report to this office. Thank you again for all you each do for the Corps, your communities and our planet.

Linda Olson CO, Forces Command

### by SGM Scott Grant • SFM

Greetings Marines,

I have been guiet for a while and that will stop with this issue. First off, I would like to thank Wade Olson on the job that he did as Commandant, and he will be missed. Second, I would like to congratulate John Roberts on being chosen as the new Commandant of the STARFLEET Marines. I know that he will do a great job and he has some great ideas.

Now for the fun stuff. At the 'Bama IC I had a chance to chat with the then Commanding Officer TRACOM. Between this and conversations that I have had with other members of the FLEET and Corps, an idea was born.

Operation Raspberry - It is going to be a huge boon to the Corps and there are bunches of people that are

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by LGN Jill Rayburn • COTRACOM

- 2) Have passed Officer's Training School (administered by the SFA)
- 3) Have taken and passed PD-10, PD-20, LD-10, and 15 additional courses in a variety of branches and areas within the SFMCA
- 4) Have computer and online access, and the ability to check e-mail a MINIMUM of every two days (every day preferable)

The successful candidate ideally will also have some background as a director or assistant in either the SFMCA or the SFA. While this is not a "requirement", I would prefer someone who already has some experience in the day-to-day issues of administering courses for our organization, as that is where the bulk of his duties will lie. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 11th, and I hope to announce the decision no later than March 16th. Interested Marines should send a copy of both your Fleet and real-life resume to:

Or you can e-mail them to me at

Now for the kudos section of my report. Geoff Upton is once again the Student of the Month, for both November and December! those two months combined, Geoff completed 19 courses total, 7 of those with honors. Congratulations Geoff, and keep up the good work. Please welcome the following people to our staff: Infantry Branch Director Rev Cordero, Maritime Branch Director (returning) Martin Lessem and his assistants James Pepe and Becky Slater, Brigade Training Officers Erik Cowand (3rd BDE), David Pittsenberger (4th), and Becky Slater (13th), and adding to his duties

as XJ director, Greg Franklin has taken over as Special Operations Branch Director. I know they will all be assets to the staff.

What lies in store for TRACOM? We are currently beta testing two courses for Maritime Operations, and there are two other branches working on new courses. We are about to begin working again on expanding our course offerings for cadets, and we are also hoping to expand our Xeno-Studies courses. Within Doctrine, we are continuing our efforts to develop our own materials for the courses that currently require the use of Army Field Manuals. In addition, we are almost finished with the new Master MOS Manual. With Chris taking over as DCO-Doctrine, once he has settled in a bit, we will release our timetable for manual revisions. I have set the following as goals for TRACOM to complete by our International Muster at IC:

- 1) Between 5 and 7 new/revised courses completed
- 2) The Master MOS Manual completed
- 3) The new Leadership Manual in final revision stages

Hopefully we can complete more than this, and for the next issue I hope to have more to tell you about the plans for Doctrine.

If anyone has any questions or problems regarding TRACOM, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open, and even if I direct you to someone else on my staff, rest assured that I will follow up to make sure that things are done properly. You may use any of the following addresses: cotracom@sfi-sfmc.org

(vanity redirect) jazdan@wk.net (primary) jazdan@gmail.com (secondary)

The honor is to serve! LGN Jill Rayburn CO, Training Command

involved. However, I want you. If More on OPRASP is that there is going to be some courses added to you could at your next meeting of your MSG/Ship verify what mission TRACOM as well as the Academy. that your respective MSG does i.e.: There are going to be new manuals Aerospace, Infantry and then confirm coming from TRACOM as well as that within your next report. I will be a policy and procedures manual. getting these from COFORCECOM Therefore, this is going to be a fun and then I will pass on the next bit of time for all members and it will allow information through the Corps list. the fictions side for the Corps to

have some more fun. So hang on and tighten your bootstraps. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Semper Fi, SFM Scott Grant, Sergeant Major STARFLEET Marine Corps

Chris and I have talked extensively about Doctrine, particularly the Jill Rayburn manual writing/revision project, and 121 S. McDonald St. he has some wonderful ideas for how Puryear, TN 38251 to work with our branch directors and get the best materials we can written cotracom@sfi-sfmc.org for you, the members. Along with

> After a great deal of thought, I have decided to eliminate the position of DCO-Admin. Chris did a wonderful job there for us, but I believe that I and the other DCOs can accomplish those duties.

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position are:

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# **USS JOAN OF ARK CELEBRATES 11 YEARS!**

ADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, R4 - see page 28!

Photos by Margaret Branstetter



# STORMBRINGER MEMBERS HELP MAKE FAN FILM HISTORY

ADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, R4 - see page 27

photos taken by Cristofer Adrian



Brobacca the Wookie

Right: Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons and Nathan "ElectroDude" Tierney work on the swoop bike prop.



Left: Gumby and Frances Simmons look on as the Stormbringer wraps filming of IMPERIAL CHOPPER!



Gumby has to pay the perilous pirate penalty.



Gumby gives Moogie the big gun!

Steve, the SFI DJ, has to kiss the parrot now!

# **SAVING "ENTERPRISE"**

by CAPT Ellen Majka • USS Nelson, R15

Today I opened my email to check the various letters I had received over the course of three days. I was astounded when I saw how many pertained to the saving of the series "Enterprise". Many of my fellow crewmates had wanted to make sure I wrote a letter to the powers that be urging them to continue with the "Enterprise" series. I quickly complied with their wishes and wrote my letter.

I sat pondering the fact that this would not be the first time several Star Trek fans took it upon themselves to try to save their favorite show, a show that not only entertained them, but gave them hope for this world and its future.

It has been many years since a TV program stirred so many hearts across the world, and I for one didn't want to see it end. I know of so many lives it had touched, and the hope it had given many when they did not seem to be able to find that hope elsewhere.

One such person is Douglas Mayo, he is a wonderful individual that over the course of his life has championed the Star Trek cause for all of us. I know as a small boy in a difficult health situation he turned to the series to keep his spirits up in his darkest moments. Doug is the Captain of our Chapter USS Nelson. Doug has been a fine example to all of us over the years, and has led us thru many of life's challenges with great sincerity and love. We are very honored to have him in our lives.

Doug was the first one of our Chapter to sit down and write his letter, I have included it here for all to see:

Mr. Leslie Moonves, Co-President Co-Chief Operating Officer Viacom International, Inc. c/o CBS Television City 7800 Beverly Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90036-2112

Dear Mr. Moonves,

I'm writing you today to add my voice to the choir of Star Trek fans that no doubt have preceded me. It may be of some interest for you to know that this is not my first letter to save Star Trek. The first one I wrote was back in 1968 to Desilu Studios when I was 9 years old. Interestingly enough, my rational in writing you today is the same as when I wrote that first letter so many years ago.

Star Trek-Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future - is also a vision of hope, of what we as a species could accomplish if we really put our minds and deeds to it. Back in the 60's mankind desperately needed a tranquil path to follow through torrential times. For some of us (even those 9 years old at the time) that path turned towards Star Trek and its stories of acceptance, tolerance, and sacrifice.

Over the years TV has changed from actor performed to reality based, there's no room to tell a good story any more (for the most part). Star Trek through all its incantations has always been a wonderful vehicle to tell a good story. There have been but a few examples of a TV series consistently being able to be used as guideposts for life lessons; Gene Roddenberry's vision of mankind's future has certainly been one of those guideposts for many across the globe.

Trek Episodes like TOS 'City on the Edge of Forever'; TNG 'The Inner Light'; DS9 'The Visitor'; VOY 'Equinox'; ENT 'Cold Station 12' have all served to remind us of who we are and what we can achieve as an enlightened species in troubled times. So in closing I would ask that you reconsider your decision to cancel Star Trek Enterprise, because we need a vision and a message of hope in these trying times, and I can think of no other better vehicle than Gene's dream. I thank you for your attention and you can bet I'll be watching Star Trek Enterprise no matter how long it lasts.

Sincerely, Douglas Mayo

I'm sure you will agree that with dedicated fans such as Doug and thousands more, we will be sure to succeed to keep Star Trek alive on the screen and in our hearts.

Captain Ellen Majka XO USS Nelson Region 15

# **SAVING "ENTERPRISE" PART DEUX**

by FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1

Greetings!

What an interesting week for Star Trek fans. Yes, the state of Trek recently has been a point of debate among the Trek faithful. Did the series suffer from poor writing and bad direction, did it violate Trek Canon, or was it finally on the upswing, proving itself to be a potentially great series?

Personally, myself, I am really sad to see the show cancelled. While I feel it wandered much in the first few seasons, this 4th season has captivated my interest, and it appears the show is starting to return to its roots. There is little doubt that Manny Coto has guided the show in a good direction this season. However, the ratings just weren't there, and the corporate bosses at Paramount/Viacom have spoken. Enterprise is cancelled.

It is so ironic that it happened this week. Enterprise Fans, the Enterprise Project, and SaveEnterprise were all working together to get the word out to fandom. They helped spearhead the move to save Enterprise last year, and they were aiming to do so again this year.

Just last week, I was contacted by them via one of their mass mailings. It sparked a good conversation back and forth with the leaders of their efforts, and STARFLEET was moving toward working with them in some fashion. We were going to officially help promote their efforts, and they were going to advertise STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. as one of their supporters. We had discussed banner swapping, link swapping as they felt that anyone who was willing to support them deserved getting some fan traffic directed their way. I was going to announce

something regarding this later this weekend. And now, we are hit with the cancellation notice. Talk about timing.

These folks are still not giving up hope entirely. As we've seen in the past, shows can be "cancelled" and then saved, or even resurrected years later (Family Guy, anyone). Is it possible? Yes. Is it probable? Perhaps not. However, I don't think we should throw insults and disparaging remarks toward our fellow fans. Let's not ridicule their efforts. If they haven't given up hope, then let them have their hope. If you don't wish to receive their email, then privately ask them to quit. I've been told they will honor those requests.

I'm still going to encourage STARFLEET members to work with others in fandom and let the Viacom Powers That Be to know how they feel regarding the cancellation of Enterprise. In fact, visit http: //www.saveenterprise.com/ for a list of people that you can sound off to regarding the cancellation of Star Trek: Enterprise. This might not save Enterprise, but perhaps it will let them know that Trek fans are interested in a quality written Trek show in the future. Nothing is wrong with letting your voice be heard. After all, writing letters, sounding off, and seeing the impossible happen is a tradition Star Trek fans have had since Classic Trek first aired. And STARFLEET is 4000 of the best fans out there.

In Fellowship,

FAdm Mandi Livingston Commander, STARFLEET cs@sfi.org



# INFOCOM UPDATE

by LGN Wade Hoover • COINFOCOM

Greetings Marines, and welcome to 2005. It seems as thought I just joined this organization, but then I realize that it's been nearly 12 years since I joined. Seems weird to realize all the changes that have come, and all the people that have come and gone. In that time, we have moved from pen and paper reports and publications, to exchanges on the Treknet Echo on BBS's to electronic communications, on-line reporting, and Internet Relay Chat sessions. To steal a line, what a long strange trip it's been.

Anyway, enough introspection, and on to what really matters, the future of Information Command. First, I would like to welcome Joe Brouhard to the position of DCO-Infocom. Joe has worked for the SFMC for several years, and has been an asset to Infocom. He has been Sysadmin for the SFMC webserver, and it was only natural that he be elevated to DCO.

Also, under my department, is a new position for the Corps. This will be the Public Relations Officer. The job description is as follows:

The STARFLEET Marine Corps Public Information Officer:

- 1. Serves as a member of the INFOCOM staff.
- 2. Serves as Liaison with STARFLEET, TISTFA Office of Public Relations in order to make sure that SFI/SFMC are on the same page and cooperating in all possible areas of the Public Relations field.
- 3. Is responsible for crafting/helping to craft and finalizing all Press Releases and other information used on a National/International level; 4. Is the only person, other than the SFMC General Staff, authorized to speak on behalf of the SFMC for areas involving Public Relations, this includes, but is not limited to the following duties.

A. Serves as official SFMC liaison (on levels above a single BDE) and point of contact for:

- i. Toys for Tots
- ii. Special Olympics
- iii. Food Banks
- iv. Other nationally/internation -ally recognized charitable

organizations with whom the SFMC has dealings on more than a single BDE level

- 5. Will maintain a contact list for persons who may be useful in promoting the SFMC/SFI and will make this list available to BDE and Unit OICs when necessary.
- Will work to assist the General Staff in getting information about the activities and charitable works done by the various units of the SFMC out to the general public as needed; and,
- 7. May have other duties and responsibilities, which fall within the public relations/information arena, added as needed.

I would like to welcome Mark Anbinder to serve as the SFMC Public Information Officer. Congratulations Mark

Changes are in sight for the SFMC website as well. By the time you're reading this, the new SFMC site should have been rolled out. A few of the changes that you need to be aware of is a new award request form. On the old site, the award requests went to one person, and they were forwarded to the issuing authority. Under the new site, all requests go to the issuing authority, to speed the process, and hopefully reduce the errors caused by the process.

Other changes are new scripts that are faster than the old ones that were in use. These changes, along with the new layout, should enhance your use of the SFMC website. As always, if you find an error that needs to be corrected, please send an E-mail to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org describing the error (please include full URL of the page to help us find the error quickly)

SFMC webteam is looking for a few good marines to assist in maintenance of the site. Your primary job would be to update pages. The job qualifications are as follows:

- Be a member in good standing in STARFLEET
- Have a working knowledge of HTML
- Knowledge of .php and .js/.cgi is a bonus
- Be able to work in a team environment, and under time constraints

# SFMC OPERATIONAL POLICIES

by LGN Wade Hoover • COINFOCOM

The following policies have been discussed and approved by the General Staff and are now in effect (some already were, but have been reaffirmed) for all members of the SFMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of the General Staff and we'll do our best to answer them as quickly and efficiently as possible.

General SFMC Policies

1. I'm a strong believer in following the chain of command. Therefore, without exception, if someone contacts me directly with a complaint I will direct him or her back down the chain to his or her next higher authority. I will only let them skip any link that the complaint is about. I will be checking to see how long it will take to get up to me by proper channels. It's the only way to make sure the chain is working and/or where the weak links are.

It is preferred that any proposals for consideration by the GS be sent to the Deputy Commandant so that he can add them to the GS discussion list or forward them to the appropriate GS member for action. However, proposals for changes/suggestions may be sent directly to any GS member or me. From there, the GS will send them to the Deputy Commandant so he can add it to the discussion list for action. The Deputy Commandant will also review them to make sure they are complete. If not complete, he will send them back and request more information. Any proposal that falls under the authority of any one command he will send to that command for decision. For example, the uniform and awards fall under the Deputy Commandant so he can decide those issues in whatever manner he sees fit or forward them to the GS for discussion if he feels that is warranted.

2. Every effort must be made to resolve problems at the lowest organizational level possible. For example, you have requested an award that is issued by the BDE OIC and have heard nothing back from

If you want to join the team, please send your resume to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org. In your resume, please include both FLEET and real life, and include examples of your work.

that request, contact, in writing the OIC and ask for a status report and then follow the matter up the proper chain of command, preserving the documentation along the way. You would be amazed at what a little communication can do to resolve seemingly insurmountable problems.

3. Officer in Charge position requirements (these were all established in October 2000 by Commandant Olson and are simply being reiterated here):

a. The Unit OIC must be 15 years of age or older and must be a member of the ship that the respective MSG is attached to. The DOIC must follow the same criteria. There will be no waivers to these criteria.

b. The Battalion OIC must be 16 years of age or older and must be a member of the Brigade that the respective Battalion is assigned to. The DOIC and any staff must follow the same criteria. There will be no waivers to these criteria. The OIC must have completed OTS, MBT and PLDC (or must complete within three months of taking office).

c. For Brigade and higher positions the member must be 18 years of age or older and must be a member of the same Brigade they are serving. Brigade level positions require OTS, MBT and PLDC certification before taking office.

4. Only the Commandant and members of the General Staff (plus the CS and VCS) are authorized to speak on behalf of the SFMC to any other organization or group. No one, besides these individuals, is permitted to state or infer that they are speaking/acting on behalf of the SFMC or representing/performing any other function of/for the SFMC unless specifically authorized to act in such a manner in writing. Anyone found to be doing so will be dealt with as appropriate under the STARFLEET Constitution and membership handbook. This is one of the main reasons for thr existence of the General Staff.

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That's all for now. See ya' in 60.

LGN Wade Hoover CO, Information Command infocom@cableone.net

# **USS Black Hawk Member Patrols Iraq with US Army**

by RADM Jeff Higdon • USS Black Hawk, R12

In late December 2004, a patrol from the 278th Regimental Combat Team, part of the United States Army, pulled into the recently besieged city of Tukrit, Iraq, after a long day of escorting a new detachment of the Iraqi National Guard. These Iraqis, trained by the US to take over the security of their country, were having a hard time finding lodging and food, so it was up to the US GIs to assist in this effort.

The 278th was officially activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in early November 2004, and made up of National Guard and US Army Reserve units from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Texas and Tennessee. This regiment was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III by Thanksgiving. And now they were patrolling the dangerous streets of this hostile environment.

After finding a place for the Iraqis, the patrol pulled into their enclosed compound, which would serve as their bivouac area — a palace of the former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. It was when the last HumVee pulled in and unloaded its human cargo that STARFLEET could say it had an actual presence within these walls, when Tennessee National Guard Specialist Robert E. Baker bedded down for the night.

SPC Baker is a longtime member if STARFLEET, since 1995, helping

in the creation of the USS Shiloh. NCC-74683, home ported out of Henderson, Tennessee and now known as the USS Black Hawk, NCC-75004, home ported out of Rockford, Illinois. Baker, who serves as the ship's Chief Engineering Officer and until January 29, 2005 held the rank of Commander, joined the efforts of those trying to form a new chapter in Henderson, located 20 miles south of Jackson and 35 miles north-northwest of Shiloh National Military Park, in March 1995. A student at Freed-Hardeman University (one of two people named 'Robert Baker' who attended that university at the same time) he would later transfer to Middle Tennessee State University and graduate with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. At the time of his callup for active duty, Robert worked in the maintenance department at the Clarksville Zinc Plant located in Clarksville, Tennessee.

In 1996 Baker would join the Tennessee National Guard unit in Humboldt, Tennessee, later transferring to Nashville when he moved back to his hometown of Woodlawn, Tennessee in order to attend MTSU. Robert is one of only five (5) charter members of the USS Shiloh, which was commissioned in Memphis on March 23, 1996 with 12 members, to still serve in STARFLEET and aboard the USS Black Hawk.

During his time Robert initially purchased and built the model of the USS Shiloh that was displayed and 'christened' during the ceremony held in front of the Historical Center & Museum at Shiloh National Military Park.

He has also created a new starship using the TransWarp theories called the 'Transfire Project'. Baker has also created a series of stories based upon these technologies, as well as a set of stories on the 'Enterprise-B'. Some of the 'Transfire' stories have been merged into the Black Hawk fan fiction stories and the fan fiction site (http://fanfic.ussblackhawk.org).

Baker regularly e-mails his friend and commanding officer, Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon, on what is going on during his deployment. During one post Baker described the beauty of the distant mountains that are actually located in Iran. In his most recent post he told of running into 'Captain Kirk' but not finding out whether his name was 'James T.' On his patrols, Baker primarily mans the 50 caliber and 60mm machine guns located in the rear of the HumVee he rides in, which is heavily armored.

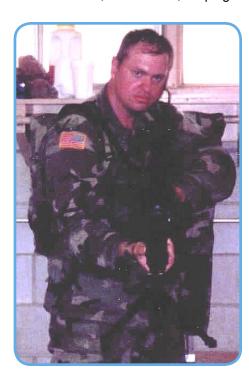
Because of his service to the USS Black Hawk, USS Shiloh, and STARFLEET, Region 12 Coordinator, SFMC Lieutenant General Wade Hoover promoted Commander Baker to the rank of Captain. In his letter of

congratulation to the newly minted STARFLEET Captain, sent to Baker's address in Iraq, General Hoover said:

"...I would like to thank you, and the others in your unit, for your service to the country. The job that you, and every soldier, are doing over there, in my opinion, is one of the noblest things that can be done. I thank each and every member of the US Armed Forces for the job that you are doing, and am praying for your speedy return to the United States."

It is Baker's plan to come to Rockford to visit his commanding officer and fellow crewmates during the summer of 2005 when he is expected to return for a period of leave, where it is expected that he will be 'pinned' or 'wetted down' by his friend and captain. However, it is expected that he will be finally coming back home permanently in November 2005.

It is the hope of Admiral Higdon that Robert will return safely, and asks for the prayers and/or well wishes of all members of STARFLEET for Captain Baker's safe return to the United States and his family, both physical and STARFLEET - and also, to watch his backside during his deployment, for he is usually in the rear vehicle watching for those snipers and others who would try to harm those who would defend freedom for us here in the United States and others around the world.



Left: Captain Robert Baker ready to kick Dominion a\*\* ... ehr, I mean SPC Robert Baker is prepared for deployment to Iraq. Photo submitted by SPC Robert Baker

Right: First club Christmas - Members of the Shuttle Shiloh celebrates Christmas. Robert Baker is second from the right.

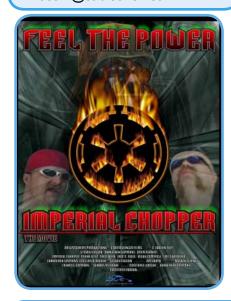
Photo submitted by Jeff Higdon, from the USS Black Hawk archives



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- 5. Where possible, every effort will be made to publicize vacancies and applications to fill those vacancies will be solicited from the membership of the SFMC. Please understand that this may not always be possible, but every effort will be made to make all vacant posts accessible to all interested and qualified applicants.
- 6. All work done on behalf of the SFMC (websites, manuals, promotional materials, etc...) become the property of the SFI, and must be turned over to any member of the GS when so requested. Failure to do so, after good faith efforts to obtain the materials are made, will result in the loss of all positions held above the MSG level in any Command/ area of the SFMC.

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## SHUTTLE TIBURON CHARGES INTO DENVER'S GREAT FRONTIER

### by Bran Stimpson • Shuttle Tiburon, R17

The first day of 2005 brought forth a new STARFLEET shuttle, occupied entirely by Marines: the Chaffee Class Shuttle Tiburon of Region 17.

Hovering around the south-central Denver area, the Tiburon is commanded by Captain Bran Stimpson, with Sergeant Major Kevin Severson as the Executive officer, Commander Sarah Severson as the Chief Operations Officer, Colonel Dan Spence as the Officer-in-Charge for the 888th Marine Strike Group, Commander Christina Sievers as the Chief Communications Officer and Jennifer Sontag as the Chief Science Officer.

The Tiburon was launched from the USS Arc Royal during its

mothership's annual anniversary party. During the ceremony, Captain Stimpson received the "Keys to the Shuttle" from Interim Region 17 Coordinator Bob Bulkeley, including keys to the Weapons Locker, the Ready Room and the Head. Arc Royal Commanding Officer Joe Hinson gave Captain Stimpson an engineering kit consisting of tissue paper for hull patching, bubble gum for repairing leaks, a wire hanger for when our beloved Skipper locks us out, marbles for the CO to keep safe and duct tape for everything else the shuttle might encounter in its journeys. The Tiburon's members praised the Arc Royal's crew as "wonderful in assisting and encouraging us."

The new shuttle's goals include spreading the fun and camaraderie of STARFLEET in and around Denver

and working directly with other Region 17 chapters to improve the region and Fleet. The Tiburon's crew is putting together a flight team in conjunction with the Arc Royal for joint weekend missions to Qzar for Battletech simulations.

Shuttle members are assisting with the 2005 Region 17 Summit and Muster (www.region-17.org/summit) and are also looking at blood drives and joint efforts with Denver's Dumb Friends League and the Red Cross.

The entire crew are also members of the 888th MSG "Tiger Sharks." You can find out more about them by visiting www.arcroyal.org/tiburon.



### STORMBRINGER MEMBERS HELP MAKE FAN FILM HISTORY

### by ADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, R4

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

It is a time of prosperity for the Empire. Kicking the Rebels' buttocks throughout the galaxy, Imperial forces are solidifying their power on a galactic scale. A period of economic stability ensues, and high ranking members of the Empire now have time to indulge in their wildest fantasies...

One of these fantasies is the phenomena called "swoop bikes." These bikes are essentially tricked out hovercycles and are used for racing and recreation. The Empire

uses speeder bikes and biker scouts as a military force. Millions are trained to ride. Harley-Calrissian has the largest contract for speeder-bike mass production.

There are also custom models built by local merchants. Some of these are high quality machines that are unique to the rider. In certain high level social structures, owning a custom swoop bike is a measure of success and a symbol of status. The best of these underground bikes are made by Sith County Choppers.

This is their story.

DENVER, Colorado - Members of the STARFLEET chapter USS Stormbringer wrapped up filming on their first fan film project. The Star Wars themed IMPERIAL CHOPPER is a parody of the hit cable series American Chopper set in the Star Wars universe, and is scheduled to premiere in March 2005.

Stormbringer members Frances Simmons, Jerris Hof, Jason Campbell, Cristofer Adrian and our very own Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons have been working for the last four months crafting and creating what we hope will become a popular addition to the growing fan film genre.

We have amassed some of the best costuming and prop talent in the Denver area and we hope that you will like what you see.

We intend to submit this project in the upcoming AtomFilms/ LucasArts Fan Film Contest to coincide with the premiere of Star Wars Episode Three: Revenge of the Sith. Wish us luck!

On the horizon, the Stormbringer will be using their experience from this project to produce STARFLEET recruitment spots

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# FROM THE FLEET HISTORIAN

by GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R14

Greetings:

I would like to re-introduce myself. I am Gen. Scott A. Akers, SFMC-ret. currently the Director, Office of Fleet Historian (OFH). I have spent the last two years serving as the Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy, and the two years before that as the Regional Coordinator for Region Five. I have now returned to my duties as Fleet Historian, and am happy as an Algorian Clam basking in the 38 hour day provided by the twin suns of the Algorian homeworld.

I have been asked to briefly explain the Communiqué Archives maintained by this office, and the benefits they provide the membership: past, present, and future, as well as an account on how they came to be.

As early as mid 1997, I began collecting old Communiqués from before my own joining of STARFLEET. I believed that the sooner this process began the more likely I would be able to salvage a copy of every issue produced. This was not an easy task; certain issues were distributed in only limited quantities, normally at the end of CS term and before their successor began. But in the end, we were able to collect originals or photocopies of every Communiqué distributed to the membership, as well as the predecessor publication "Starfleet Communications." In the process I was also able to track down and invite the founder of STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral John Bradbury, to the 1998 International Conference in Lubbock, TX; however, that is another article.

After the 2000 IC in Burlington, VT, it was decided that sharing this resource with the membership was not only a good idea but a mission of the OFH. We began to collect the electronic versions of the current Communiqués from editors Chris Wallace and Kurt Roithinger, and then moved back through the Mike Smith Administration, contacting previous editors like Wendy Fillmore and Greg Trotter. However, during his phase we found that to provide the electronic versions in Adobe.pdf format for everyone to see, some rebuilding was going to have to be done. Experiments in simply scanning the CQs and putting them up as images resulted in huge files no one could actually download. So as we started rebuilding CQs from the McGinnis Administration, they had to be redone by hand. Some

OCR (Optical Character Recognition) work was done, but because of the imperfection of that tool, every article had to again be gone over by hand, and every word checked.

It was at this time that I decided that historical accuracy was the paramount concern in these rebuilds. Spelling errors, grammatical and punctuation errors, even factual errors would be left as is, so as to make an accurate as possible reproduction. Some people in fleet indicated a desire to alter the CQs to remove things that were inconvenient, or uncomfortable. That sort of revisionism was rejected by this office, and if at any time I am forced to do such in the future, I will tell anyone including the Commander STARFLEET that I will delete the archives and resign as Historian before I let them change history or what was produced.

During the last three years I and my team have spent hours rebuilding each of the Doug Glenn Communiqués, fine examples of artful layout. Doug's eye for editing was sadly matched by his eclectic use of multiple fonts, font sizes, and font variations. As for me, I nearly went blind trying to find the correct font and weight to match all of his beautiful creations. However, I did; and they are now available at: http://documents.sfi.org/cq-archive.htm.

CQ 66 was a special case because it was in effect skipped as a number. The last CQ of the Lerman Administration was #65, and the first of the McGinnis' was #67. CQ 65 was the one and only CQ created by Robbie Lewis and is now on the Archive Site, having been completed in mid January. CQ 64 is apparently another skipped issue, and we are trying to track down former editor Dwain Gleason to get information on how that happened. Meanwhile we are rebuilding CQ 63, the last issue distributed under Dwain.

The plan is to rebuild 4-6 CQs every year, and continue to archive current and future CQs as they are built. If you are interested in helping, please write me at chunone@nwlink.com and we will love to put you to work.

Because in the end...

Fleet Matters

Scott A Alexa

# **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

USS Joan of Arc Anniversary Extravaganza ... and stuff. . . by ADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, R4

Admiral's Log: Instrumental

It had been a long time since I had visited some of my old friends in Region Three. I got the invitation months ago and was more than prepared for the festivities. It had been ten years since I had seen the members of the "Lady J" and I was looking forward to a weekend of catching planes, running from airport security, paying five bucks to smoke one cigarette in between connecting flights, turbulence, unforeseen car problems, some really good bloodwine... and stuff.

I got what I asked for. Oh boy did I... read on!

I was greeted at San Antonio International (yea, like they fly to Asia) Airport by Ken Kopacki and Jim Van Cleave. I was treated to a bear hug and a crushing handshake (I'll leave it to you to decide who did what). Looking at Jim, I thought "I guess ten years hasn't changed us, except for a few modest pounds"... ahh, the weight of command... and stuff.

Escaping the tyranny of airport security, we made our way through the moist night to Ken's quarters where I was treated to some very good Polish Vodka, and we set to the task of catching up on where all the years went... and stuff.

Making the two-hour drive to Corpus Christi proved to be somewhat of a challenge when Jim's car lost the timing belt about 80 miles from home port. CAPT Robin VanCleave got the call at 4am to hop in her van to come and pick us up, having left the car at a service station pending repairs. Luckily she let us live, and at the break of dawn, we dragged our tired masses of protoplasm into the house and found comfort in the pillows.

We gathered at the Smokehouse early and set up for the dinner and formals. We were intercepted in the parking lot by VADM Pat Spillars and the Gordons, Steve and TJ (who spent the remainder of the weekend keeping the Admiral well lubricated), and were subjected to sample a nice Romulan Ale, vintage 2265 (a fabulous drop, if I say so myself).

As the crew and guests gathered for dinner, I could tell that this was to be no ordinary anniversary dinner (the sombreros and the parrot kinda raised my suspicions)... and stuff.

The Smokehouse is well known in the Corpus area, having won many awards for its unique blend of BBQ sauces. I was not feeling in a fire mode, so I went with the medium. It was fantastic - beef ribs and ham with all the trimmings - and all you can eat ice cream to boot!

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We set about to make ready for the change of command. After 11 years in the center seat, Jim was handing the reins over to his XO, CAPT Kris Dobie. Krys, or "Captain Moogie" as she is more commonly referred to, was very nervous as she accepted the transfer of command orders from SFHQ.

VADM Spillars presented Jim with a congratulatory letter from the Region Three Coordinator, ADM Brad Pense, and a promotion to Rear Admiral on behalf of the EC. As ranking officer, it then fell to me to follow tradition and pin the pip on his collar. Robin held him firmly while I pinned his spankin' new bars to his throa... er, I mean collar. My hands were steady, and thanks to TJ, my synapses were crisp - I didn't spill a drop!

After presenting the standard signifying the changing of the guard, Jim and I donned the sombreros and tortured the attendees with a karaoke rendition of Pancho and Lefty. Although the attendees survived intact, I read in the newspaper the next day of a mysterious rash of police calls for dogs howling and barking in the three block radius surrounding the restaurant. It lasted only a few minutes, and then they were silent. Hmmm.

Time for the "Toast". It is a tradition in Region Three when a new CO takes command that the new CO pour a toast of Dr. Pepper for all those attending who hold the rank of Captain or above. This is one of those times where being an Admiral ain't all that its cracked up to be - but as I was the ranking officer, I went

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with the flow and choked it down. It was horrid... and stuff.

Then newly minted "Admiral Jim" (No, not him... the other one) sat on a chair and was enticed by a striptease performed by his wife - the hilarious part was during the climax, many of us stripped off our formal jackets to reveal the latest in Risa Party-Wear™. I don't know if it was the setting sun through the windows or the embarrassment on his face, but the color was definitely red!

We closed the place down (quite literally) and caravanned to Jim & Robin's for the after hours party. Steve Gordon brought his karaoke set up (thanks, Steve) and we then treated the neighbors to 4 and some odd hours of karaoke hell... and stuff

(Instrumental break)

Actually, it wasn't as bad as that. Between Bob, Trish, Theresa, Rhonda, Steve, TJ, Charles and myself, we were fairly entertaining. Robin, Jim and Krys played host to us all and the snacks were fantastic... especially the sushi - just ask Steve Gordon, who that very night had his first experience with wasabi. It was a face I will never forget!

I was able to hang around Corpus Christi for a few days and catch up on old times. Jim and Moogie took me out to the Home of the WhataBurger (by the bay) and I relished in a good ol' down-home Texan Fast Food Burger... and stuff. I even got a T-shirt to bring back with me!

I even met Michelle and Jim Schaber of the USS Omega Glory who came by the party. Here I was RC for R17 for three years and had to fly all the way to Corpus Christi to meet them. Wow... STARFLEET is everywhere!

It was fantastic seeing Tex, Jim and Krys again, and meeting the new rowdies that have signed up over the years... (Yes Trish, that would be you.) I remembered the Joan of Arc for having the best commissioning I have ever witnessed - held aboard the USS Lexington in floating dry dock in the hangar bay. It was nice to see that once again they hold true to their motto:

"The Standard No Other Could Bear"

# **MARITIME OPERATIONS HITS THE WAVES**

by BGN Martin A. Lessem • USS Asimov, R7

Many of you have asked, just what is Maritime Operations (M.O.) and why do we need it with the SFMC? This article will give you a small glimpse into what Maritime Operations is, why we have it available and where we plan on taking it within the next two years.

To begin with, M.O. is that Branch of the SFMC which is primarily concerned with Planetary Water Based Operations. That is to say, ships that travel on or under the water. As such, we need to train those of you who wish to do this in the proper techniques of the sea and give you a better understanding of the history of how this Branch came about. To that effect we have set up the School of Maritime Operations within the SFMC Academy. Currently we have six courses available. These are the MO-10, MO-20, MO-23, MO-25, MO-27 and MO-30. All are currently available, and all are well put together and fun to take.

Having told you what we currently have, let me tell you where we plan on going with the M.O. branch. During the next six months (12/04-5/05), we plan on re-writing and updating the Branch Manual. There are some errors which have been brought to my attention and the attention of my directors as well as, since the advent of the MO-23, some omissions which need to be addressed. This we will be doing first of all. Once that is done, and actually, somewhat during the process, we will be updating and correcting some errors with some of the courses. This will dovetail with the new Branch Manual, and a full roll out of this is planned for the International Muster 2005.

Once the housekeeping aspects are done, we are looking into a massive effort of course development and expansion. One of the area's we are looking to expand is to add the Advanced Seafaring and Navigation

It was a weekend that I shall remember for as long as I can. I really have missed all of you. I know that come IC, we will once again raise our glasses and toast the Fleet!

Until next time, this is your intrepid reporter, Admiral Gumby... at large!

Admiral Johnathan Simmons First Officer, USS Stormbringer Chief of Staff, STARFLEET R4 Course to the selection, as well as a Naval Communications Course. Among others will be a Deck Qualification, a Weapons Qualification, an Engineering Qualification and a Services Qualification so that you can add your rating to your title. Toward the end of this expansion, for those who have taken all the new courses between MO-10 and the MO-20, we will be creating the MO-19, Chief of the Boat Course. While designed for the enlisted members of the SFMC, it will be open to everyone who wishes to learn more about the M.O. branch in general, and running the day to day operations of a ship in particular.

Along the lines of the new courses, the first two will be rolling off the block about the time you're reading this. The first one is not really new, but just a re-worked MO-23 to focus more on Seafaring, as the course is called Basic Seafaring and Navigation. Following that, or rather, being released at the same time will be the new MO-22, Basic Signals, Encryption and Codes. This course will take the flag questions from the old MO-23 and add new questions with an emphasis on Naval Codes and Basic Encryption. Both of these should be live by the middle of February 2005. Following them will be the Advanced Seafaring and Navigation Course, MO-29, and then the specialization courses.

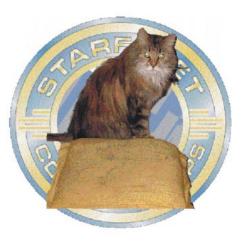
Also, by the time you read this the M.O. branch will have its own webpage. For those of you who may have missed the announcement of the webpage, the address is: http://www.usssinclair.org/ maritime/index.html. This page will contain previews of sections of the new Branch Manual, so that you will have a resource for the new courses, as well as links to find answers to some of the questions that have troubled you over the past few years. This webpage is designed to be a resource for you, and as such we will also gladly accept input on things you would like to see. Our goal is to make it simpler for you to find the answers, but not to give them to you, so we will give you the tools, but you must still use them to excel!

To bring you more courses means that we will also need BETA Testers and eventually teachers to help us administer them. We have already partially begun that process by having

two Deputy Directors who came onboard with me to help run the M.O. branch. I would like to publicly thank both COL James Pepe of the USS Asimov, NCC-1647 and 1st LT Becky Slater of the Shuttle Sinclair. NCC-74209 (pending), who have filled these slots. Once we have the Specialization Courses, we will consider bringing on at least one additional Deputy Director to help administer those as well. This Deputy will be culled from people who have taken the M.O. courses and have shown their willingness to help us improve the branch. For those of you looking for our criteria on this, I will share a simple secret; take the MO-30 and make the topic interesting and informative. Remember, you are teaching the reader about it; if you can do that, you can teach others too.

As for BETA Testers, we're looking for a core group of members to help with that. Although nothing has been decided yet, the prerequisites for BETA Testing in M.O. will most likely be that not only must all the course prerequisites for the course in question be complete. but the next existing course in the sequence as well. For example, if you wish to BETA Test the MO-22, you must have MO-10, -20 and -23 complete. Hopefully, this will ensure that those who help us develop M.O. have the same will to see it improve and grow as does the staff.

With all of that said, I leave you with these final words. As with any branch in the SFMC, M.O. is only as good as the students it has. I look forward to seeing many new students this year as we grow to give you one of the most comprehensive and accurate branches the SFMC has ever seen. Our plans for growth, while mainly developed internally, are fully dependant on the interest of you, the members of the SFMC, in improving your own understanding of the various Branches of the SFMC and Maritime Operations in particular. 2005 will be a big year for SFI with our first three-year term for Commander, STARFLEET, and we will make it a big year for us as well! Semper Fi and Anchors Away!



#### Hello STARFLEET!

It's your favorite Membership Processing boss here to talk about issues relating to new and renewing members. No, this is not one of my human peons, who I named Robin and Patty. It's the true director of the MP department. Some of you try to humor my servants by calling me Robin's pet cat, but you all know who's in charge. I have decided to write to you all while my human servants are away from their computers. I supervise my servants from Robin's lap most of the time, as he sits in my chair far more than I like, but he does an acceptable job of keeping food and water out for me. I even let him have some popcorn from time to time, when he's not a bad human.

Here is a brief overview of what has happened recently here at MP HQ: Just after the results of the election for CS were announced, I told my servants to start working double time to get all the new and renewing membership kits into the mail. They

# **NEWS FROM THE SATIN PILLOW**

by RADM Robin Pillow • USS Pathfinder, R1

were complying very well and had started making some real progress before a strong winter storm came through our area after the first of the year. When my male servant returned home after what he calls "work" on January 5th, he went back out to "cut some limbs hanging over the lines from the house to the garage." He mentioned something about keeping electricity in the garage. Later that night, he went out again to move some fallen branches out of the driveway. Starting earlier that Wednesday, freezing rain had started falling. By nightfall, everything had at least a half-inch coat of ice on it. At least, that's the way he described it. I'm smart enough not to go out in wet and cold weather like that. Anyway, after clearing the driveway, he said he knew we would "lose power sometime tonight."

I wasn't sure what he meant until about 9 PM when all the lights went out and everything in the house went quiet. We could hear branches and entire trees breaking and falling all night afterwards. Without power, we had no heat, but I have long fur so I just fluffed it up a bit. The humans weren't as lucky. They added a couple extra blankets to the bed that night and went to bed early. I curled up for a good night's sleep at the foot of the bed like I usually do, but kept getting bothered by the two I call "Invaders." They say they are cats but their "fur" is entirely too

short to be true cats. Squelch is solid black and Lady is a fat twenty-four-toed calico. My human servants say these two are temporary visitors, and will leave when their servant "Sarah" returns from Iraq. They kept getting up on the bed trying to keep warm as the temperature dropped a few degrees in the house. I finally felt sorry for their lack of warm fur and stopped growling when they jumped on the bed. My humans realized that I was giving them permission to stay, so they went to sleep as well.

Thursday morning, my humans got up to get ready for work and school when they found out that Allen County (the county that the city of Lima is situated in) was under a Level 3 Travel Advisory. This allowed only necessary travel (emergency vehicles and people going to work who are considered essential workers). In addition, Ohio Northern University (the school Patty attends) was closed for the day. This was the first time since the 80's that the university had closed due to weather. Because of the road advisory, Robin went to work late and walked. I ordered Patty to stay home, and she complied: only going outside to cut some more fallen branches before they snapped some wires outside.

Thursday night, the humans put even more blankets on the bed as the temperature dropped down to 50 degrees inside while outside it was

around 10 degrees. The Invaders again slept on the bed with me and the humans. I just fluffed up my fur a bit more. During the day on Friday, the power came back and the heat came back. We had phone and hot water the entire time. but the power has gone off once or twice since then, fortunately not for more than an hour at a time. As I write this, bad humans at the cable company still haven't reattached the cable to the house yet. Good thing I told my humans to switch from cable modem to DSL recently. They were able to pick up the equipment Friday after the ice storm and install it that night. My male servant started having e-mail trouble once the weather improved. Seems he could download e-mail from the AT&T servers, but not send. After several calls to AT&T technical support, he concluded that AT&T had useless technical support that blamed the issue on everything but their own servers. I told him to fix the problem on his own by dropping AT&T. He has no trouble sending and receiving mail now.

Time for me to sign off before my servant comes back. I found a few photos on his computer of both the Invaders and myself. Don't you think the short fur makes them look like something other than real cats? Oh well, I guess so long as they don't stay forever.

Ifanyofyouhave questions regarding my department, I can be reached at SheWhoRunsMP@wcoil.com. Until then, I remain ultimate master of all I see....



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Smitty's "invaders" pictures taken and submitted by Robin Pillow



Her Most Regal And Supreme Majesty

## THE XENOARCHAEOLOGIST

### ANCIENT SPECIES, STORY ARCS, AND PARALLELISM IN STAR TREK AND BABYLON 5

by RADM David E. Klingman • USS Jaguar, R14

In my efforts to look at the big picture and put the universe of Star Trek into a neat package (one of my primary goals with this column), I have found parallels between some of the older species in Star Trek (such as Q, Nagilum, and Douwd) and Babylon 5 (such as Shadows, Vorlons and Lorien). It's an interesting parallel, because Star Trek: Deep Space Nine and Babylon 5 aired within the same timeframe (DS9 1993-1999; B5 1994-1998).

Are Star Trek species like Q, Nagilum, and Douwd actually older races, or are they anomalies in the Star Trek universe? While I believe that J. Michael Straczynski of B5 intended his older races to be what they were, it has never been made clear if Star Trek intended to do something similar. Because Star Trek has tended to be more episodic than a broad story arc and the species in the Star Trek universe are, for the most part, much less diverse than the species that inhabited the universe of B5, I don't believe that those who wrote and produced the various Star Trek series intended to handle their older races in the same way Straczynski did. However, this does allow for some interesting speculation as to the origins of Star Trek's "super races" and whether they can fit into a mold in the same way the older species in the B5 universe do. In previous articles, I've speculated that some of Star Trek's older races were survivors of the Slaver Empire described in The Animated Series, but that's just my interpretation.

Was the tendency for Star Trek to be presented in broader story arcs the result of B5's influence? Certainly, Star Trek: The Original Series(TOS) and, for the most part, Star Trek: The Next Generation (TNG) were largely episodic in nature, but DS9, Star Trek: Voyager and Star Trek: Enterprise have presented their plots in story arcs. On one hand, this approach demands patience, but on the other hand, it allows time to expose the story and characters. Personally, I like story arcs, and I think shows like B5, DS9, and certain parts of Voyager are the best science fiction on television.

I have compiled a list of my personal favorite story arcs; perhaps it will spark additional discussion and some interesting tangents:

- \* Enterprise featured, in my opinion, two very nice story arcs in Season 4. The first was the 3part arc featuring the Augments seen in "Borderland," "Cold Station 12," and "The Augments." The second was the 3-part story arc set on Vulcan in "The Forge," "Awakening," and "Kir'Shara." Although Enterprise featured the broad Xindi story arc in Seasons 2/ 3, I think the focus on the Klingons and Vulcans was a refreshing return to both the stories and the aliens we loved from TOS. I also very much enjoyed the stories that featured the Andorians and the reintroduction of the Romulans, particularly when those stories have examined the basic nature of those species - my favorite part of Star Trek.
- \* TOS and The Animated Series: From what I recall, these series didn't have those broad story arcs, so I'm not going to discuss them. (I liked them for other reasons).
- \* The Next Generation (NextGen) had more dynamic cliffhangers, two-part episodes, and short story arcs. My favorites are Season 3's "Sins of the Father," Season 4's "Reunion," and "Redemption Parts 1 and 2," which bridged seasons 4 and 5. Seeing the interaction from the Klingon point of view and their relationship with other species really speaks to my interest in the wide role the species play as characters in their own right.

I believe that the introduction of the Bajorans and Cardassians in various episodes was one of the best aspects of NextGen because it not only served as the launch pad for much of what happened in DS9, but also succeeded where I think the introduction of the Borg ultimately failed: by having the Cardassians and Bajorans turn out to be two of the richest species in the Trek universe.

Each has many dimensions of good and evil, and the dynamics of each species as both protagonist

and antagonist to each other and to other species has become much more potent than the Borg, who, though initially frightening villains (with better makeup as the seasons and movies progressed), have turned out to be relatively onedimensional and more susceptible than we would have thought. In a sadistic way, the Borg would have been far more interesting and terrifying to me had they overrun the Federation (but then, Star Trek is science fiction, not horror, and this is a whole discussion in its own right).

My favorite episode in all of NextGen may actually be Season 5's "The Chase," which introduced the proto-humanoid species and set me off on my interest in xenoarchaeology. I think a lot of these 1-episode stories have gone largely unnoticed, particularly on Voyager.

- \* DS9: The whole series was a grand story arc once the Dominion War got going, and I think the whole conflict brought out the best in story writing and character development.
- \* Voyager is something of a forgotten and overly criticized series. But I feel that it had some of the best story arcs and some of the best villains in Star Trek's history. Some species such as the Kazon and the Borg turned out to be lackluster aliens and, in too many instances, we didn't have the chance to see the aliens fleshed out.

In Season 2's "Distant Origin" we were introduced to the Voth, a species that I believe was, sadly, untapped. Though they appear briefly in cameo during the Season 6 episode "Tsunkatse," I think they are a species that could have made a tremendous antagonist. If anyone reads USS Jaguar fiction (http://www.ussjaguar.org/stories.html), you will see how much I like them. I ran a whole five-year conflict with them!

In "Scorpion Part 1 and 2," which bridged Seasons 2 and 3, and in Season 5s "In the Flesh," we are introduced to Species 8472, refreshing in their completely alien

nature and the fact that they were a terrific foil for the Borg. Contrary to the Borg's lackluster performance as villains aboard Voyager, their complete inability to deal with Species 8472 and Species 8472's alien way of thinking fascinated me.

Season 4's "Year of Hell 1 and 2" introduced another unfortunately untapped species: the Krenim. The singular obsession of one man (Annorax) to rewrite time, as well as very cool temporal weapons ship, made this a very enjoyable experience for me. I felt as if I learned a lot about a species in only two episodes.

In Season 4's "Message in a Bottle," "Hunters," "Prey," "Killing Game Parts 1 and 2," and Season 7's "Flesh and Blood Parts 1 and 2," the Hirogen become one of several more successful villains for Voyager's crew. We saw a different dimension to them, including that they are different than a lot of other aliens, particularly in their agenda. I found their nomadic lifestyle, rather than the usual political or power struggle, to be refreshing. And like the Voth, their somewhat ubiquitous nature across space (and seasons) makes them closer to the types of aliens we saw in

I want to include the Vadaaur, introduced in Season 6's "Dragon's Teeth" as one of those fascinating aliens that never went anywhere, perhaps because they were only in one episode. The way Voyager comes across them, their displacement in time – having been awakened after 900 years - their open-ended departure at the end of the episode, and the conflict we see with other species (not to mention some tremendous special effects of their devastated home planet) presented for me a unique non-human, non-Starfleet perspective.

Ultimately, that's what I found most appealing about B5 and DS9: these series weren't always about humans, but about everyone involved. These series gave us more than the Humanoid/Starfleet/ Federation point of view.

My first mistake was picking up the phone. It was Gerri/Batman (USS Highlander). She called to inform me that it was high time that I got out of cyberspace for a while and suggested that I apply to the Maryland Renaissance Festive and she would back me up. I say this, as Gerri/Batman has been the CO of Ren Fair customer service for many years; that's how it all started.

I spent the later part of the summer and most of the fall working weekends as a member of the security staff for the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Yeah, right, me of all people. But as someone told me, "Didn't you play a cop on TV once?" Yes, I did. That's why they call it acting; I can act important.

My primary job was to be the eyes and ears for the professionals. My CO, who in her 9-5 life is an active-duty Secret Service agent, with the rest being members of the Anne Arundle County Sheriff's Department. The first thing at the employee orientation was official Yep, you guessed wardrobe. it.....we were issued RED shirts, polo style, with SECURITY across the back of the shirt in 3" high white letters. Add to that as baseball cap with SECURITY and we were set as if we were going to be killed off in the first 10 minutes of the episode. We were also issued red SECURITY windbreakers for the cold and rain ponchos to boot. However, due to the nature of the job, such things as car keys, cell phones and ID needed to be either hooked to a belt or placed in pockets.

Security had to be on site by 7:15 a.m. When you consider that the fair did not open to the public until 10 a.m., it was an early start. That meant that in order for me to arrive in time, I had to be up by 5 a.m., my usual bedtime. Talk about shock!

When the first day arrived, I was up and out the door by 5:45 am. Strange to see the sun actually rising for a change. At the site, on the way to the employee parking, I was required to show my ID to the Anne Arundle County Sheriff's deputies who were working the overnight shift. This is done to insure the safety of the on-site residents of the Ren Fair, many of whom traveled across the country to work the Fair. These people have permanent booths within the Ren Fair site. Among the residents was Gerri/Batman. The rule was that if you lived outside a 30-mile radius, you could live on-site.

# **STAR TREK SECURITY**

### by CAPT Gerry/Robyn Sylvester • USS Highlander, R7

Upon my arrival, my first stop was the Batmobile (Gerri/Batman's vehicle). I took the precaution of bringing an extra uniform shirt, jeans, and other items to leave in the Batmobile. Let's face it, this was an outdoor job and if it rained then dry clothes were going to be needed.

The first weekend was brutal. Not just because I was new to the security gig (as in this is nothing like con security) but also because the weather was obscenely hot. It just happened that that was the weekend that we had temps in the 90's and humidity was at 77%. Everyone was going through water by the gallon. However the heat and sun beating down took its toll. It resulted in five ambulance calls the first day and the Medic station was swamped with heat related illnesses. I suffered severe heatstroke. To the point that, had I gone to the medic station, I would have been one of those ambulance calls. But my extreme fear of hospitals made me not seek medical help.

The days were long as well. Security is the last to leave the site. A normal quit time was 8:30 pm. After we put the site to bed, I hit the Batcave to de-stress and gossip about what went on in the park during the day.

I was assigned to the "C" gate for open and close shifts. I very much enjoyed this as this was the main gate for the vendors to enter in the morning with their cars and stock up their shops as well as exit venue in the evening. It was a great way to get to know the folks who make the Ren Fair what it is. This was also the entry gate for the horses for the jousting arena and the elephants. The equestrians are some of the best people to know. I saw this as on one particular day all was quiet one minute; the next, I had the manager of the games area nearly in tears. There were a bunch of drunks fighting and playing around with lighters amid dry brush and hay. I took off at a dead run and yelled at the jousters, "Somebody watch my gate!" When I got on the grounds I started radioing in the call to the sheriff's deputies. That is when I realized that I had backup from two of the jousters.

There were some interesting times during the run of the Fair. The first day of Fair, I was waiting my assignment when I heard the chief

Grounds Keeper loudly yell out, "The first son of a (explicative deleted) who calls me M'Lord is a DEAD man." The official monarch of the Fair was Henry the VIIIth. Henry could not smoke while in the kingdom. So in the late afternoons he would go behind "C" gate and have a cigarette. It was that time when I and two Court ladies were there, all on our cell phones. Well, "Henry" removed his pewter chalice from his belt, and held it to his ear as a mock cell phone!:)

Then there was the time when two college gents attempted to purchase tickets and were refused entry due to their costume (or lack of); they were both wearing only broad-leaf palm hats, the same palm leaves around their waists, and sneakers. They were returning to their car when one dropped something and bent over to



pick it up. The whole world got a show we really didn't want to see.

USS Highlander, R7

When it rained, it RAINED, turning Ren Fest into Mud Fest. Add to that cold and one-day, golf ball sized hail. That got a batch of us Ladies on a philosophical discussion. What presented the greater challenge: using the privy (Porta-Potties) wearing a Ren fair dress, chemise, pantaloons and hoopskirt, or a polo shirt, two sweatshirts, red jacket and rain poncho, while making sure that neither cell phone nor radio goes down the privy? (We're still debating that one.)

Remind me again how much I love my fellow Red Shirts. I was on a

break talking to one of the Customer Service ladies when my fellow Red Shirt walks to the Privy with a lit cigarette in hand. I asked him where he thought he was going. Well, to the privy of course! Yeah, right... methane gas, blue liquid...Can you say "Human Roman Candle", kids?

As Security, we were on the outside looking in so to speak. We were always on duty and did not have time to cut loose, so we made our own fun.

At 9 a.m., it was time to play K-9! It was my job at "C" gate to chase all the vehicles out of the park in time for park opening. So I simply went to a parked car and stood there and said "WOOF WOOF!"! I loved chasing cars. It was this time when the sunlight was hitting at an angle that created for some serene moments.

A real working cannon signaled the 10 a.m. opening. Security had to keep patrons at a safe distance during this time. Being as loud as the cannon was it had a tendency to set off the car alarms. So we started a betting pool on how many car alarms would be set off that morning.

At 12 p.m., it was the start of Booze Patrol at the exit gate. State law strictly prohibits alcohol outside the park. "Kill it or spill it.... no outside booze, folks!"

At 6 p.m., it was the ever popular "Drunk Fest" (a.k.a. Pub Singing). Fine as long as you don't have to deal with drunks trashing property and getting sick in public.

The last weekend of the Fair, I thought that it was high time that we Red Shirts did something fun. So I asked King Henry the question: How many Red Shirts can you cram into a privy? He said that he did not know. I told him that we were going to find out! So the last day of the Fair, my XO locked up one privy after it was cleaned. When we were finally cut, all the Red Shirts hauled for the one privy. Gerri/Batman was there to meet us and take pictures of this memorable moment in time. We managed to cram 10 bodies into the privy.

I never thought I would make it past the first weekend let alone the entire run of the Ren Fair. Strangely enough, I am thinking of next year's fair already. It truly was an experience.

### **CONVENTION LISTINGS**

### **Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn**

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

Convention Organizers: Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to Fanboy@dactylmanor.org. 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

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

#### Arizona

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

### California

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

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

May 27-30 KublaCon, Burlingame, California; Info: PO Box 170436, San Francisco, CA 94117 Ph: 866-KublaCon http://www.kublacon.com/info@KublaCon.com/

Jun 4-5 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-4090960 http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com

Jun 10-12 2005: A Fan Odyssey, Culver City, California; Info: 509 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104 http://www.fanodyssey.org/ info@fanodyssey.org Guests: Mark Ryan, Bruce A. Young, Maureen Russell

Jun 17-20 Cruise Events, Los Angeles, California; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 http://www.cruiseevents.net/ Susan@CruiseEvents.net

Jun 24-26 PolyCon XXIII, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 http://polycon.punk.net/ coninfo@polycon.org

#### Colorado

Apr 29-May 1 Starfest, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 24955, Denver, CO 80224-0955 Ph: 303-757-5850 http://www.starland.com/starland@starland.com/

Jun 2-4 Bencon, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 19232, Boulder, CO 80308-2232 Ph: 303-745-2115 http://www.bengames.org/bencon/ info@bengames.org

#### Florida

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

May 15-17 Jacon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 780555, Orlando, FL 32878-0555 http://www.jacon.org/ registration@jacon.org Guests: George Lowe, Geoff Fink, Gus Sorola

May 27-29 Oasis 18, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859-2905 http: //oasfis.org/oasis\_17.html oasfis@sff.net Guests: Jane Lindskold, Steve Macdonald, Judi Castro, Jack McDevitt, Owl Goingback. Richard Lee Byers. Adam-Troy Castro, Linda Evans, E. Rosa Sabin, Garrett Peck, Jim Bassett, Keith Gouveia, David G. McDaniel, Will Ludwigsen, Diana Bennett. Glenda Finkelstein. Vince Courtney, Stanley Morrison, Maggie Hogarth, Steve Parady, Paul Vincenti, Jeff Mitchell, Robert Koenn, Craig Caldwell, Frank

### Georgia

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

Jun 10-12 Sci-Fi Summer, Roswell, Georgia;Info:POBox957203, Duluth, GA 30095 http://www.sfscon.org/ info@scifisummer.org Guests: Bob Burden, J. Alan Tripp, Emerald Rose, Atlanta Radio Theatre Company

#### Illinois

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

Jun 10-12 DucKon 14, Naperville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 http://www.duckon.org/info@duckon.org Guests: Julie E. Czerneda, Geoffrey A. Landis, Maria J. William, Mary Ellen Wessels, Ed Stauff, RJ Johnson, JD Frazer, Dr. Samuel Conway, Nick Pollotta Benefits: The Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction Literature

### Kentucky

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

### Maine

Jun 24-26 Port Con Maine, Portland, Maine; Info: PO Box 756, Standish, ME 04084 http: //www.portconmaine.com/ info@portconmaine.com

#### Maryland

May 27-30 Balticon 39, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410563-2737 http://www.balticon.org/balticoninfo@balticon.org

#### Massachusetts

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

Jun 10-12 United Fan Con East, Braintree, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-8735 http: //www.unitedfancon.com/ registratio n@unitedfancon.com/

#### Michigan

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

May 13-15 Motor City Comic Con, Novi, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Road PMB#286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/ info@motorcitycomiccon.com/

May 27-30 MediaWest\*Con 25, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 http://members.aol.com/ M d i a W s t C o n / m w c . h t m mdiawstcon@aol.com

Jun 24-26 Weekend in Sherwood, Southgate, Michigan; Info: 2536 Dundee Drive, Warren, MI 48092 http://ce.et.tudelft.nl/~tirza/RoS/ ChrisRHood@aol.com Guests: Jason Connery, Mark Ryan

#### Mississippi

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

#### Missour

May 27-29 ConquesT, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 http://www.kcsc iencefiction.org/ joyce@downing.net Guests: Jennifer Roberson, Steve Francis, Sue Francis, Jody A. Lee, John Ringo, Robin Wayne Bailey, Terry Beavers, Mitchell D. Bentley, Stephen Boucher, James Burk, Crispin Burnham, Stephen Burrows, Lynette Burrows, Jim Butcher, Rob Chilson, Mike Cole, Eric Coleman, Glen Cook, Sherri Dean, Suzette Haden Elgin, Randy Farran, Janice Gelb, Jan S. Gephardt, James Gunn, Nancy Hathaway, Ross Hathaway, Marziah Karch, Ken Keller, Lee Killough, Vince Koehler, Julia Blackshear Kosatka, Grant Kruger, Marie Loughin, Julia S. Mandala, Rachael Mayo, Parris McBride, Cathie McCormick, Christopher McKitterick, David Means, Clyde

Miller, Tracy S. Morris, Paula Helm Murray, Stephen Pagel, Erwin K. Roberts, Ray Roberts, Selina Rosen, Keith Russell, Dr. Lawrence M. Schoen, Mark Sheperd, Alan Siler, Wm. Mark Simmons, Brad Sinor, Glenn R. Sixbury, Allison Stein, Keith Stokes, Star Straf, Mark W. Tiedemann, Laura J. Underwood, Rick Urdiales, Dayton Ward, K.D. Wentworth, Brand Whitlock, Mary K. Wilson, William Wu

#### Montana

May 27-30 MisCon 19, Missoula, Montana; Info: PO Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 http: //www.miscon.org/ Guests: Dragon Dronet

#### Nebraska

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

#### Nevada

Jun 23-26 Science Fiction Research Association Conference (SFRA), Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: David Mead, College of Arts and Humanities, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 http://www.sfra.org/ Dave. Mead@mail.tamucc.edu Guests: Ursula K. Le Guin, John Barnes, Kij Johnson, Tim Powers

#### **New Hampshire**

May 21-22 STARFLEET Region 15 Summit, Seabrook, New Hampshire; Info: 55 Ferris Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861 david.forrand@verizon.net

#### **New Jersey**

May 20-22 Monster-Mania Con 3, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 816 N. Delsea Drive, Doubletree Center #133, Glassboro, NJ 08028 http://www.monstermania.net/dhag@comcast.net Guests: Robert Englund, Angus Scrimm, Chiodo Tothers, Doug Bradley, Betsy Baker, Ellen Sandweiss, Sarah York, Donnie Dunagan, Jane Adams, Janet Ann Gallow, Andrew Bryniarski, Bill Johnson, Michael Berryman, Sid Haig, Tom Sullivan, Ari Lehman, Betsy Palmer, CJ Graham, Vincent Difate, Tom Weaver

Jun 17-19 Anime Next, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 1088, Pearl River, NY 10965 http://www.animenext.org/ info@animenext.com

#### New York

Apr 7-10 World Horror Convention 2005, New York, NY; Info: PO Box 755, New York, NY 10009 Ph: 718-443-8290 http://www.whc2005.org/Committee@whc2005.org Guests:

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### **Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn**

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

22-24 EerieCon 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**

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

Jun 3-5 ConCarolinas, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9100, Charlotte, NC 28299-9100 http: //www.secfi.org/concarolinas/ concarolinas@yahoo.com Guests: Greg Keyes, The Great Luke Ski

Jun 24-26 Heroes Convention, Charlotte. North Carolina: Info: PO Box 9181, Charlotte, NC 28299-9181 Ph: 704-375-7462 http://www.heroesonline.com/ shelton@heroesonline.com Guests: Jim Amash, John Cassaday, Gene Colan, Tom Feister, Cully Hamner, Tony Harris, Paul Hornschemeier, Adam Hughes, James Jean, Paul Jenkins, Casey Jones, JG Jones, James Kochalka, Andy Lee, David Mack, Jim Mahfood, Jeff Mason, Ed McGuinness, JD Mettler, Josh Middleton, Phil Noto, Jason Pearson, Andy Runton, Tom Palmer, Jason Pearson, Brandon Peterson, Chris Pitzer, Joe Rubinstein, Marie Severin, Kelsey Shannon, Chris Staros, Brian Stelfreeze, Karl Story, Arthur Suydam, Roy Thomas, Tim Townsend, Herb Trimpe, Mike Wieringo, Marv Wolfman

### Ohio

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 15-17 Vulkon, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK http://www.vulkon.com/ vulkon@aol.com Guests: Jonathan Frakes, George Takei

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

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

#### Oklahoma

May 20-22 STARFLEET Region 12 Summit, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Info: 802 S Jefferson, Stillwater, OK 74074 http://summit.region12.org/ jtsfmc@hotmail.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 15-17 RoundCon, Columbia, South Carolina; Info: 1119 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5222 http://www.big-freaky-sean.ws/ roundcon/ roundcon@aol.com Guests: Glenda C. Finkelstein, Jeffrey Brealauer, Steven Long, Keith Bailey

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

MidSouthCon 23, Apr 1-3 Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 http://www.midsouthcon.org/ info@midsouthcon.org 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

Apr 1-3 Vulkon, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK http://www.vulkon.com/ vulkon@aol.com Guests: James Marsters, Amber Benson, Andy Hallett, Kelly Donovan, Jonathan Woodward, Jenny Mollen

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

Jun 3-5 A-Kon 16, Dallas, Texas; Info: 3352 Broadway Blvd., # 470, Garland, TX 75043 http://www.akon.com/ registration@a-kon.com Guests: Antarctic Press, Radio Comix, Studio IronCat, Kyle Hebert, Stephanie Nadolny

Jun 30-Jul 3 STARFLEET International Conference 2005, San Antonio, Texas; Info: 2145 Cherry Blossom, Schertz, TX 78154 http://www.ic2005.org ic2005@region3.com Guests: Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Herd, Casey Biggs, Dr. Carol Luckhardt Redfield

#### 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

May 27-29 CONDuit 15, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: PO Box 11745, Salt Lake City UT 84147-0745 http: //conduit.sfcon.org/CONduit/

### Virginia

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

Jun 17-19 Anime Mid-Atlantic, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO Box 2636, Glen Allen, VA 23060 http: //www.animemidatlantic.com/ anime midatlantic@hotmail.com

#### Washington

Apr 1-3 Raining Hollywood, Seattle, Washington; Info: c/o Dream Logic Films, PO Box 45393, Tacoma, Washington 98445 Ph: 253-5380883 http://www.geocities.com/ raininghollywood/ 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, Cindv 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/

May 13-15 Creation, Seattle, Washington; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 http://www.creationent.com/ creatickets@creationent.com

May 27-29 Enfilade, Olympia, Washington; Info: c/o Kevin Smyth, 15008 111th Ave. Ct. E., Puyallup, WA 98374 Ph: 253-841-3374 http://www.nhmgs.org/kgsmyth@comcast.net

Jun 3-5 ConCom Con 12, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111 http://www.swoc.org/ccubed/ genecon@hotmail.com

### 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 Buiold

May 27-30 WisCon 29, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/concom@sf3.org Guests: Robin McKinley, Gwenyth Jones

#### Australia

### **Australian Capital Territory**

Apr 15-17 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 Guests: Alexis Cruz, David Winning Benefits: Guide Dogs NSW & ACT

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

Apr 29-May 1 Highlander World Wide 6, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 5310, Manuka, ACT 2603, Australia http://www.hldu.org/buzz@hldu.org Guests: Adrian Paul, Peter Wingfield, F Braun McAsh, David Abramowitz

#### **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

May 21-22 Force IV, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 427, Northcote, Vic, 3070, Australia Ph: +61 05005 53347 http://www.starwalking.net st arwalking@starwalking.net Benefits: TLC For Kids

#### Canada

#### **British Columbia**

Apr 15-17 Creation, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 http: //www.creationent.com/ creatickets @creationent.com

#### Manitoba

May 21-23 Keycon 22, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA http://www.keycon.org/ website@keycon.org Guests: Steven Erikson, Lars deSouza, Chris Barsanti, Nancy Fetterman

### Ontario

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.adastra.org/ info@ad-astra.org Guests: Nalo Hopkinson, Don Hutchison, Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Tom Smith, Ray Fawkes, J. Torrest

Jun 3-5 C-ACE 2005, Ottawa, Ontario; Info: 181 Bank Street PO Box 71091, Ottawa, ON K2P 2L9 http://www.c-ace.org/ cacexpo@cace.org Guests: Cara Mitten

#### Denmark

Jun 30-Jul 10 Cruisetrek, Copenhagen, ; Info: 23852 Pacific Coast Highway #385, Malibu, CA 90265 Ph: 310-456-7544 http: //members.aol.com/cruisetrek/ cruisetrek@aol.com

### Germany

May 5-8 Federation Con XIV, Bonn, Info: Schisslerstr. 4, D-86154

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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

#### **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

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

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

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

Apr 15-17 OLNFC 2, Warwickshire, England; Info: 22 Purefoy Rd, Coventry, West Midlands, England, CV3 5GL Ph: +44 02476 503113 http://www.theofficialleonardnimoy fanclub.com/conventionpage.html maggyolnfc@yahoo.com Benefits: Cystic Fibrosis trust & Dogs Trust

Apr 16 Galaxy of Stars, Somerset, England; Info: 1 Juniper Place, Wick-Saint-Lawrence, N.Somerset, BS22 9XD http://agalaxyofstars.co.uk/ jason@agalaxyofstars.co.uk Guests: Dave Prowse, Kenny Baker, Jeremy Bulloch, Colin Baker, Wendy Padbury, Mary Tamm, Caroline Blakiston, Richard Bonehill, Nicholas Courtney, Terry Molloy, Tim Dry, Sean Crawford, Stephen Perring

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

May 27-29 Creation, London, England; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 http://www.creationent.com/ creatickets@creationent.com/

#### Scotland

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

# **MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES**

Compiled By Colonel Adam J. "Maccabee" Bernay - "The MSR-Rabbi"

Greetings, STARFLEET! As your new MSR Summaries Compiler (sounds like a new action series doesn't it? THIS FALL ON UPN: "The Compiler"!), I wanted to make a quick note about how to file MSRs, because filing them incorrectly makes compilation and summarization harder. When filing MSRs on the Database, please file them under the month you're reporting about, not the month you're reporting in. For example, the MSR you filed in January should be filed under December, not January. Thanks!

Thanks also go to my predecessor, Dixie Halber... I know now what you went through... And now, let's go on with the show...

### Region 1

Shuttle Banshee NCC-74916 Maryville, Tennessee

Members attended the USS Reprisal Award Dinner and several movie events. We also held our "Magic: The Gathering" and "Dungeons and Dragons" nights. Members also attended the Gatlinburg Christmas Parade; the USS TriStar Christmas Party; a Christmas Breakfast in Gatlinburg with members of the USS Aries, USS Dark Wolf, USS Highlander and Bennu Station; and a Biltmore Mansion and Estate excursion with members of the USS TriStar, Bennu Station and guests. Additionally, there were several movie outings, and crew exchanged Christmas gifts.

Shuttle Dark Star NCC-63545 Summerville, South Carolina Members worked on getting everyone on the Dark Star assigned and ranks established. Cmdr. Brandy Hallman worked on getting her master's exam for ISOC approved.

Shuttle Schweitzer NCC-51896/01 Westminster, Maryland Shuttle Schweitzer now has two members (25% of our merry band) on duty in the Middle East. One with the Marines, currently deployed in Iraq. Another with the Army, currently in Kuwait, soon to be in Iraq.

SS Bennu SFR-119
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Ship members enjoyed viewing four
movies. We also helped the USS TriStar with Boo at the Zoo. Members
went on the Sector Representative
trip to Biltmore Estate in Ashville NC
on 12/17, and went to the movies

SS Nikola Tesla NCC-SS005 Puryear, Tennessee The chapter prepared for Toy for Tots activities locally, and worked on plans for 2005.

USS Aeon NCC-75022 Memphis, Tennessee

several more times.

A Thanksgiving gathering was held in a member's home. The crew had a great Christmas gathering with a white elephant gift exchange. We had a new member come! Yeah!!! Crew is looking forward to 2005!

USS Alaric NCC-503 Asheville, North Carolina

Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Twilight Imperium). Also recycled aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home

USS Appomattox NCC-75001 Appomattox, Virginia We had a successful bake sale and

We had a successful bake sale and recruiting opportunity, a presentation of 1860's women's wear at the Miller Home for Girls. We played Dirty Santa at our Christmas meeting and planned a bake sale and gathering members for the upcoming Relay for Life

USS Arizona NCC-71839 Alliance, Ohio

The chapter worked on restoring a '64 Olds and its Annual Adopt-a-Family for Christmas.

USS Asgard NCC-72402 Lancaster, Ohio Members met to play games, had

Members met to play games, had the monthly meeting at CO's house and then all went to a movie after meeting. USS Athena NCC-51896 Oak Hill. Virginia

Our craft show raised approx \$117 for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund. Members went to see the Incredibles. Although Christmas Day isn't an official Athena gathering, we had enough crew members at the Donnelly's house to qualify it as one. On 12/28, we attended a scifi meet up at Jamie's General Bean and added 2 new members (Athena only). We also held a New Year's Eve party on 12/31, shared with the Omega Glory via webcam.

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A Thomasville, North Carolina We planned for a Holiday party, and for Stellercon in March.

USS Charleston NCC-71813 Charleston, South Carolina We worked on bringing the

We worked on bringing the ship's record up-to-date and then had a Movie Run to see "The Polar We had our ship's Express." Anniversary Dinner on 11/21, at FCapt Martin's quarters. An online General Crew Meeting was held on 12/5. We had Overseas Coupon Program donations to the tune of \$12,256.00 for Nov. and approximately \$11,000 for Dec. Major kudos to Cmdr Denise Wolff!!! She's done one heck of a job!) Also discussed were Can tab collections for the Ronald MacDonald House, recruitment strategies and goals, and planning for New Year's Eve Movie Marathon Sleepover at XO's guarters on the 31st.

USS Chesapeake NCC-1887 Glen Allen, Virginia

The Crew had a Christmas Party with the Dec. meeting, celebrating XO Jerry Martin's promotion to Fleet Captain. The crew also volunteered at Maymont House for the Victorian Christmas and started planning for Phoney Con, scheduled for 3/12/05.

USS Columbia NCC-75017 Shelby, Ohio

The Ship's Annual New Year's Eve Party was moved to Lt Grabbe's quarters. USS Columbus NCC-72401 Columbus, Ohio

We held a Christmas party and a Toys for Tots drive. The chapter met at Starbase Columbus for lack of a library, shopped at the base, then met at Carsonie's for dinner.

USS Commonwealth NCC-74670 Richmond, Virginia

LCDR Darrell Thomas has passed OCC and the new CO, Capt. Joseph Gallager, Jr., has established first contact with other ships in Region 7. The crew worked hard toward completing ship certifications for the marine detachment and started a ship fund-raising project. An away team volunteered as bell ringers for the Salvation Army and members participated in the Toys for Tots program. The chapter looked into getting ship patches made and sent in for a team packet for the 2005 Polar Bear Plunge.

USS Dark Wolf NCC-75002 Kingsport, Tennessee

An Away mission went to the R1 Flagship Party. Members also went to the Gatlinburg Christmas parade, and the CO played host to a visiting CO from Region 7.

USS Dominator NCC-18076

North Charleston, South Charleston We held our Nov. meeting on 11/14, at which we discussed community service projects and made plans for the annual Christmas party. The chapter anniversary party was held after the meeting. In Dec., we combined our monthly meeting with our annual Christmas Party, at which we chose a new XO and a new Engineering Officer. We held our New Years party at the XO's house. The away team in Tennessee also had Christmas and New Years parties of their own. Collecting for OCP and for stampede continues and we continue to help with local community organizations.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631 Elryia, Ohio The crew attended a few film premieres, spent Thanksgiving Day together gaming, watching movies, and planning Xmas parties and activities, and participated in the 45/49 Telethon with the USS OHIO at Kent State and attended the USS OHIO Christmas Party. The crew holds regular SCI FI Nights on Wed. and Role Playing Gaming on Fri. and Sat. The Captain and Ship's Counselor attended the Dark Xmas Convention and participated in the STARFLEET Recruiting Drive.

USS Hathor NCC-3063 Louisville. Kentucky

The Hathor gathered with the Pride Of Scotland and the Questar for our Toys for Tots Mission (in assn. with the USMC) on 12/11. The Hathor Christmas Party was at the home of Lt. Col. Ricky Bruckman and RAdm. Joan Pierce, and on 12/31 there was another Hathor Wedding, Lt.Col. Tony Lopes to Lt. J.G. Adriane Moss! Plans are in the works for Jan. for the viewing of Elektra on the 14th in theaters and for a meeting to take place during the month.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793 Amherst, Virginia

Our guest speaker was from the Salvation Army, and the club voted to donate this Christmas' food drive collection to Salvation Army, and planned to ring bells & man donation collection kettle during the holidays. At that meeting, the club sent monetary donations to Project Angel Tree. Sr. Citizen. Social Services welfare children, and the Amherst & Lynchburg Humane Society shelters, UVA Pediatric Hospital, a no-kill animal shelter, the Amherst Library. We completed building a float for entry into Christmas Parade on 11/ 27, Raffle tickets sold for Christmas raffle, "Heimdal Night on the Town," gift wrapping for donations for 2 days starting 11/28 at Barnes & Noble Book Store, planning the Dec. Christmas Party/covered dish dinner/ meeting, and planning Jan. Annual Chili Fest & Movie Night.

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D Charlotte, North Carolina 25 shoeboxes were assembled at

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the meeting on 11/20 and 10 more by the Hucks family, for a total of 35 boxes and some leftovers to be donated to send to poor kids around the world. The CO and Trish Johnson went to the Yorktown's meeting on 11/13. In Dec. we had a brief meeting, discussed Nearly New Year's Party plans, and adjourned to nearby restaurant for a surprise 50th birthday party for Donna Smith. Members are donating used inkjet cartridges to the youth group at the church where we meet, for a fund-raiser. Our pet postal worker shipped out a box of approximately \$6400 worth of coupons to our base in Japan. We continue to donate food and bags to Loaves & Fishes food bank.

USS Indiana NCC-79158
Indianapolis, Indiana
Next activity planned is for the Polar
Bear Plunge in Feb. Efforts are
underway to participate in possibly
two plunges this year, in Louisville
and Indianapolis. Ship's website
www.sfiussindiana.com has finally
been expanded to include items from
EROP and SEDG.

USS Intrepid NCC-74655 Mansfield, Ohio After a brief meeting, we had a Christmas party.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D Newport News, Virginia

The away Team went to the IKV Bat'Leth Anniversary Dinner and also their meeting. We mailed batches of coupons to our bases in Yokohama. Japan and in Schweinurt, Germany. Total year to date donation value to OCP is \$67,621.52 and a grand total since 1998 of \$154,210.80. On December 4, Blood Feud IV was held at Coliseum Mall. 37 people signed up to give blood, with 31 pints of blood collected. Participating ships were the Jamestown, the USS MAAT the IKV Bat'l eth, and the IKV Ramjet. Dec. 5 was Stupid Movie Night at John Winsley's house. At the 12/7 staff meeting, we donated two checks, totaling \$100, to the Region One Relief Fund and the Starfleet Scholarship Fund. On 12/18, we had our Christmas party; we played "Bad Santa" and collected toys, household goods, school supplies, food, and other items for our charity "TRANSITIONS."

USS Jurassic NCC-3500 Hammersville, Ohio

Science Chief Denise Clark spoke to her daughter's preschool class about the USS Jurassic and Trek. Members engaged in various public service projects, including blood drives, collecting afghans for the residents of the Southern Ohio Veterans Home and baby afghans for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital (along with members from USS Ohio and USS Intrepid) Members are participating in the American Radio Relay League. Our big activity in December was delivering the 170 laprobes we had gathered to the residents of the Southern Ohio Veterans Home. The event was featured on the channel 12 news and the NEWS DEMOCRAT newspaper, as well as articles and photos being sent to several newsletters (Young Ladies Radio League, Grant Amateur Radio Club, and of course the JURASSIC's Trekosaurus newsletter). We also had 20 extra lap robes that were channeled into our baby afghan project.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659 Raleigh, North Carolina

Our Dec. meeting was significant in that it marked the fifteenth anniversary of the initial meeting of the shuttle Kitty Hawk (originally met on 12/17/89). In fifteen years of service, we have done security and programming at more than a dozen Sci-Fi cons, recycled over one ton of aluminum, picked up over six tons of trash from our local highways, collected more than one ton of food for the N.C. Food Bank, donated more than 350 science-fiction and fantasy books to a high school. invested 1000 man-hours in Raleigh First Nite and Spring Jazz and Arts Festival, raised over \$6,000 for our charities, contributed more than 500 man-hours to the Duke Children's Hospital telethon, contributed more than 3,000 man-hours to the PBS/ UNC-TV Festival to man phones in which we took pledges for more than \$2 million. <NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: Congratulations to the USS KITTY HAWK! Here's to fifteen more fabulous years!>

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Holiday meeting at Rocco's; Photos of recent projects and a proposal for the GoodNeighbors Charity was discussed.

USS Liberator NCC-75008 Akron, Ohio

We are working on our web site and newsletter, planned for Dec. meeting with 2 area ships, also working on 2006 summit bid. OCP total for the year, \$3490.30 sent in.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A
Norfolk, Virginia
Participated in Blood Feud IV to
aid American Red Cross along
with the USS Jamestown and the
IKV Bat'leth. Raised 31 pints for
the American Red Cross. Klingons
won by 1 pint. Crew planning on
attending MarsCon in Williamsburg

on Saturday, 1/22.

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218
Tyner, North Carolina
Members attended local Klingon
Ship's 16th Anniversary Dinner and
a Renaissance party. Members also
attended local blood feud and helped
Salvation Army in fund raiser for
needy children for Christmas.

USS Normandy NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, North Carolina The XO transitioned his office to the new Commander, STARFLEET and joined the CO in retirement from that office. Looking forward to taking it easy! CO named as R1 ShOC and Helpdesk Administrator.

USS North Carolina NCC-75019 Hickory, North Carolina

Away Team attended the Charlotte Area Renaissance Festival. Also held the General crew meeting and discussed plans to walk in Christmas Parade. Also held our annual Christmas Party.

USS Ohio NCC-75007 Barberton, Ohio

Members helped as convention staff and manned the STARFLEET recruiting table at Dark Xmas Con. The CO sent a "care" box of items for two members of the armed forces. The names of members were put on Support Posters for the troops through Operation: Eagle. After a brief meeting in Dec., we had a Christmas party.

USS Pathfinder NCC-2121 Lima, Ohio

Between the Chief Science Officer/ XO and the CO, computers have logged a total of approximately 1120 days of CPU time and completed 475 packets from the SETI@home project. The computers have been working on SETI@home for approximately months. Members continue to work as part of the Membership Processing team. Members are staving on as the MP team with the new administration. CO and XO attended one day of the Dark Xmas con.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A Chesapeake, Virginia XO and Special Services officer bagged food for the poor for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Had chapter Christmas party.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812 Louisville, Kentucky

Chapter donated to Good Will and supported Scottish Society of Louisville in annual auction. Along with the USS Hathor and USS Questar, the POS participated in a Toys for Tots Drive on 12/18. It brought in over 100 toys and about \$80. This event had TV Coverage. Chapter attended the Annual Boars Head and Yule Log Celebration at the St Paul United Methodist, set up events for 2005, participated in wedding of Adrian Moss and Antonio Lopes of the USS Hathor (CO was the Best Man), and are working on detailing the internal sections of the Pride of Scotland

USS Providence NCC-71796
Cedar Grove, Tennessee
We held our normal Chapter meeting
in Nov. and delivered food to our 2004
Adopt-A-Family for Thanksgiving.
We had our Anniversary/Christmas
party on 12/11 and then we delivered
gifts and food to our Adopt-A-Family.

USS Questar NCC-75435 Louisville, Kentucky Participated in Toys for Tots Multichapter Project. Christmas Dinner at Ops with Gift Exchanging. Planned Feb. Chocolate Meeting and Rocking in Rocking Chairs for Alzheimer's.

USS Renegade NCC-2547 Youngstown, Ohio Erik Stovall and Mark Maynard took First and Third Places respectively in the Trek Trivia Contest at Dark Xmas. Starting plans for our 16th Anniversary dinner, and also for

Vulkon which will be in April.

USS Reprisal NCC-1896 Fall Branch, Tennessee We had our Annual Awards Banquet on 11/13 and our Christmas Party and meeting on 12/10.

USS Richmond NCC-2003 Covington, Virginia We viewed episodes of Enterprise and TOS.

USS Ronald E McNair NCC-61809 Columbia, South Carolina We continued to collect coupons and pop tops.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215
Ladson, South Carolina
An Away team went to Walter Reed
Army Hospital and delivered supplies
to the recovering troops. This
effort will continue. Contact
Opeagle@bellsouth.net for more
info. Members had a New Years
Eve party. This was also a party
in celebration of our CO becoming
Commander, STARFLEET as well.
Fiction writing continues.

USS Star League NCC-2101 Waynesboro, South Carolina On 11/20, the crew visited the DuPont Planetarium at USC – Aiken. On 12/18, we had a crew dinner and visited the Lights Before Christmas display at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, S.C.

USS Star Runner NCC-74222 Greer, South Carolina Activities included a Halloween Party (10/30), meetings (11/13 and 12/11), Mission to Atlanta (11/13), and our Christmas Party (12/18).

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122 Spring Lake, North Carolina Activities included the Fury Feast at the CO's house (11.13), Chapter Business Meeting (12.11), Chapter Christmas Party (12.18), and the Chapter Food Bank donated 110 pounds to NC Food bank (0412.20).

Martin, Ohio
We talked about all the new and upcoming Sci-Fi movies and TV series, and our chief engineer did a presentation on the future of voting... e-voting. He talked about the current technology that is out there and the positives and the pitfalls associated with it. We also started making plans

USS Tycho NCC-59325

positives and the pitfalls associated with it. We also started making plans for the Tycho's annual Holiday Party. The meeting concluded with a trip to a local eatery for socializing.

USS Wasp NCC-1721 Shelbyville, Kentucky The XO is making new special logo for the 15th anniversary of the Wasp. We were doing a massive website redesign, but lost all work in progress when a temp folder was deleted; will be working on redesign in months to follow. We will also be contacting members and other sci-fi friends to start publishing the chapter newsletter once again.

USS West Virginia NCC-2008
Charleston, West Virginia
We had a vote at the Nov. meeting
and the crew voted for Cathy
Edgington and Mike Pyles to
succeed the current CO and XO,
who have served for a grand 15
years and hope to have another 10
or 15 under these two most capable
leaders. <NOTE FROM MSR-RABBI:
Congrats to the outgoing CO and XO
on 15 years of stalwart service.>

USS White Eagle NCC-2302 Jacksonville, North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway and Soup Label Projects are Ongoing.

USS Yeager NCC-61893 Bluefield, West Virginia Collected over \$100 in toys, 100 pounds of food and \$225 cash for the Bluefield Union Mission Christmas Charities.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A
Catawba, South Carolina
We had our Nov. monthly meeting at
the Steak and Hoagie with some of
the Hornet crewt. CO attended one
of the Hornet's Nights Out. In Dec.
we had our annual Christmas gettogether with the IKV Blood Claw.

Region 2 Shuttle Dauntless NCC-74214

Orange Park, Florida
On 11/6, we got together with some members of STARFLEET Marine Corps: Africa for an introductory sealed-deck tournament to the new Wars TCG from Decipher. For the first time in South Africa, we ran two simultaneous Star Trek CCG tournaments on 11/27. Members went to see National Treasure and to the USS Pagean's Holiday Party. Pending the confirmation of 4 courses from SFA, the Dauntless will be able to submit an application to the VRCP.

Shuttle Victorious NCC-40967 Clearwater, Florida We held our Regular Meeting and members attended the Orlando Vulkon.

Shuttle King George NCC-78501/1 Savannah, Georgia A chapter meeting was held on 12/16 in Statesboro. SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007 Florence, Alabama We had our Xmas party at The Evergreen restaurant.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003 Miami, Florida ScreamFest was a full success and BLACKSTAR members were able to participate fully by having BLACKSTAR members work as staff and manning the BLACKSTAR

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recruiting table. The Holiday party took place on 12/4.

USS Continuum NCC-71821 Milton, Florida Staff Meeting was on 11/5 and General Meeting on 11/19. We had two meetings in Dec.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920 Leaksville, Mississippi We adopted two kids from the Angel Tree. Four sets of clothing were bought for them.

USS DaVinci NCC-74671
Columbus, Georgia
We helped out at the second
Columbus Game & Hobby Expo.
Our 8th annual Help-the-Hooch river
clean-up was one of the biggest
attended. Over 15 members and their
guests helped pick up trash along the
banks of the Chattahoochee River.
Our annual Thanksgiving dinner and
celebration had nearly 20 DaVinci
personnel and their family and guests
attending. We had a membership
drive at Walden Books. Our 8th
annual Christmas party/dinner was

USS Draco NCC-78501 Hanceville, Alabama We are still here, just trying to reorganize and get memberships reinstated.

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822 Odenville, Alabama

a resounding success!

The December newsletter was sent out and the club's web site was pretty much brought up to date. The Club's top officers have continued going on their weekly shopping trips on the Odenville end this month. In addition, some of them even made a trip to the junk shops in the Pell City area. The group completed another puzzle with plans to start another one soon. On the Decatur end, one of our cadets has made the A/B honor roll again.

USS Gasparilla NCC-74400 Brandon, Florida

Members met at the recent Vulcon and presented COMM Eaton with a "Towaway Avenue" street sign. Command Staff went on a long range (10 hours each way!) Away Mission, attending USS Continuum's Christmas/Anniversary party on 12/ 04 and an Away Mission to attend USS Paegan's Christmas party on12/11. New Year's Eve party at the CO's apartment, including IRC chat in #starfleet for swearing in of the new CS [Mandi Livingston] and the new VCS [Sunnie Planthold]! Sunnie picked up nine full boxes of expired coupons for the OCP Program, and the MSG members cut, sorted, tallied, & banded them.

USS Guardian NCC-26244 Cocoa, Florida Members attended Orlando Vulkon.

USS Haise NCC-74664 Brandon, Mississippi The Annual Turkey Rebellion Pizza Party (After Thanksgiving) was held. Elections were also held for a new CO; Commander Lucy Ferron ran unopposed. Captain attended a meeting of the USS Odyssey in Early Dec. On 12/18 we had a 12.5 hour Lord of the Rings Extended version marathon at Clay Bartunek's home.

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004 Graysville, Alabama In Dec. we had a change of command; BDR Neil Yawn became the ship's 3rd Commanding Officer. Crew hosted the annual Hephaestus

Christmas Party with guests from

several other Region 2 chapters.

USS Jubilee NCC-57299 Mobile, Alabama Members attended USS Continuum Anniversary Party on 12/04.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172 Dunedin, Florida The chapter held its 6th Anniversary party, and members attended the Orlando Vulkon.

USS New Hope NCC-50335 Montgomery, Alabama Members ran fun night at church, had our business meeting and shot Wanda's World show, and also went to USS Hephaestus Christmas Party

USS Odyssey NCC-454-A Hattiesburg, Mississippi Members attended BABEL Conference 2004. Members also participated in bell ringing.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695 Collins, Mississippi The chapter participated in the yearly meeting with Zone 4 ships.

USS Paegan NCC-1755
Lake Mary, Florida
Several crew attended Vulkon and
met with other Starfleet members at
the Captains Call. On 12/11, a very
successful Christmas party was held
with members of several other ships
attending; many thanks to Ray, our
new (its finally official) XO.

USS Pleiades NCC-72388
Douglasville, Georgia
We finished up preparations for our
Vulcan and Klingon calligraphy class
that will be given in January. Also,
we set a date for our Christmas party
and talked about our charity auction.

USS Relentless NCC-81001 Palm Bay, Florida An Away Mission went to Vulkon and attended Meet & Greet the R2RC Candidates. The CO attended the USS Myrriden's 6th Anniversary Party and the KLAW Fleet Ceremony. Crew volunteered 11 hours for Habitat for Humanity, 9 hours cleaning local parks, 12 hours with the Empty Stocking Fund, participated in a charity run with a local bikers club and staged an early Goodwill Thanksgiving dinner for Honduran visitors. On attended Indian Pow Wow.

USS Republic NCC-1371 Conyers, Georgia On 12/10 members from our ship attended a Toys for Tots event along with two local Klingon groups and the 501st. Over \$1000 in cash was raised and an entire bed of a pick-up truck was filled with toys. On 12/18 we held our annual ship holiday party. Partygoers traded 'secret santa' gifts to each other. New members were introduced to our crew.

USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005 Savannah, Georgia

On 12/4 our club marched in the Savannah, GA Christmas Parade, and some of us worked at Oatland Island's Star Party. On 12/7 Crew Meeting was held at Joe Muggs in Books-A-Million. On 12/11 our club marched in the Pembroke GA Christmas Parade. On 12/10 was Club Bowling Night at Victory Lanes, and on 12/18-19 was the End of the Year Christmas Party & Awards Sleepover at the Rivers End Campground.

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097 Decatur, Alabama

The ship gave fourteen bags of food and some treats to the Decatur Animal Shelter, had some get-togethers to watch Star Trek: Enterprise on each of these Fridays: (11/6, 13, 20, & 27, and 12/3, 10, & 17), and held annual Thanksgiving get-together and Christmas Party/ Ship's Dinner.

USS Trident NCC-74692 Jensen Beach, Florida Activities included Away missions to see SpongeBob SquarePants and to Vulkon in Orlando.

USS Triumph NCC-26228 Dania Beach, Florida

There was a two night away mission on the nights of 12/15-16 for a gift wrapping session at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Association in memory of Commander Maud Freifelder a former member of our ship who recently died of Cancer. The away team collected from both nights a total of \$181.60. We plan to make this an annual event.

USS Victorious NCC-40967 Clearwater, Florida Holiday Party was held on 12/11.

USS WernherVonBraun NCC-72069 Madison, Alabama

We had a vote of confidence regarding the CO position. The CO was confirmed with "all in favor". We are tentatively planning on a game/ social night at the turn of the year.

USS Yamato NCC-71807

member.

Gardendale, Florida
Meeting consisted of a discussion
and a vote on the two candidates
for Region 2 Coordinator and their
platforms. A few items of business
were handled and the Captain
asked everyone to begin thinking
of next year's plans and activities.
Otherwise, we enjoyed a good
meal and holiday festivities. We
also welcomed a prospective new

Region 3 Shuttle Maverick NCC-61914/01 Idalou, Texas

We chose our colors to be blue and silver. Our Charities will be Ronald McDonald House, the overseas coupon project, possibly Habitat for Humanity and The Haven No-Kill Animal Shelter. Our newsletter will be "The Docking Bay". Our motto is Honor, Courage, Commitment. Our base for the coupons is a US Navy base at Rota, Spain. A Christmas party is planned for 12/8 at a member's home.

Shuttle Thunderwolf NCC-74663/05 San Antonio, Texas

The Crew assisted the USS Bexar at the Elf Louise Project in the Warehouse and dressing up as Santa and delivering toys.. The crew met for our Christmas party on 12/ 19, where we exchanged gifts and finalized the shuttle/ship constitution. We also watched movies. On 12/23, we donated new and used toys and clothing to a family living in a Domestic Violence Shelter. On Christmas Eve, CO Jeff Schnoor dressed up as Santa again and delivered toys on the behalf of the Retama Retirement Manor. Cadet Alyssa Vega assisted as the elf.

Euless, Texas
Brad Pense, Jess Naumann,
Kat Sweeney, & Evan Richards
represented the Station when
attending the Region 3 retreat in
San Antonio in Dec. Along with a
big New Year's celebration, plans
were discussed for the events
which would occur in 2005 bringing
the Region 3 family together. The
weekend was topped off by a drive

SS Freedom III SS-001

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889 Round Rock, Texas Change of Command and Fall Muster was held on 11/12. Christmas Party & meeting held 12/18; after which an Arcade Tournament was held.

through downtown San Antonio to

the see the beautiful Holiday lights.

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888
Houston, Texas
Members attended Tex Renfest.
New Orleans Away Team Rahxephon
is starting to form. Sent \$987.14 in
coupons in Nov and \$921.20 in Dec
to our base in Japan. Members had
a blast at Region Three's New Years
Party and Retreat in San Antonio.
Shell is still trying to recover. Big
thanks to the region for the ten years
of CO pin, and very proud the Old
AV won newsletter of the year.

USS Bethel NCC-74663 Grapevine, Texas Members of the Bethel went to the R3 Sector 1 movie day to see The Incredibles, and aided the USMC Toys for Tots drive.

USS Bexar NCC-71718
San Antonio, Texas
We participated in the Alamo
Heights Holiday Parade with the
San Antonio Fan Force. The parade

organizer also asked the participants to bring non-perishable food to donate to the San Antonio Food Bank. We also participated in the Elf Louise Christmas Project. Our last 2004 meeting was on 12/11; we shared friendship and renewed old rivalries... I am speaking of the 'Ferengi gift exchange'. We had some guests from the San Antonio Fan Force.

USS Comanche NCC-71809

Fort Worth, Texas

We voted to change the name from Comanche to something else; ideas and such are coming in. Members attended the 3rd BDE Fall Muster. Members went to the Panther City's Nov. Meeting, and Thanksgiving Day/Football watching party. Writing Final Specifications for the Achillies Class for ASDB and DTS. Hope to be done by New Years Eve and Retreat. COL West Assisted the USMC with the Toys For Tots Toy drive. Worked 5 hours, gathered \$400.00 and 2 trash bags of toys! Members attended Panther City Christmas Party.

USS Firebird NCC-74919 Houston, Texas We had a small meeting on 11/26, and in Dec. we had a white elephant party

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019 El Paso, Texas Six members reenacted on 11/13 for vet weekend, four went to reenact

vet weekend, four went to reenact the weekend before. One member donated food to rescue mission. USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289

Corpus Christi, Texas
Held a Poker Night & raised \$85
for Ship's Treasury. Also held a
Christmas Party at Hooters, which
went well despite some scheduling
problems. Held elections for CO,
Standard Bearer and Ambassador.
Finalized plans for Anniversary Party
& Change of Command in Jan.

USS Laredo NCC-03 Laredo, Texas Held Crew meeting. On 12/18, we held a Movie Away Mission and our Annual Christmas Party.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628 Lubbock, Texas

Seven crew members attended the USS Arc Angel's Change of Command ceremony and dinner and Third Brigade Fall Muster and game day. On 11/20, we served dinner at local Ronald McDonald House. Crew built a full-size TNG shuttle for local parade on 12/3. On 12/11: Traveled to the USS Tejas Anniversary and annual Christmas party. On 12/20-12/24 we wrapped Christmas packages out of our full-size shuttle to fund charitable activities. Seven members attended the R3 NYE Party in San Antonio.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914 Amarillo, Texas Our XO went to visit our Shuttle Maverick's Halloween premiere party.

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Had our annual Christmas/Holiday party. We also finished planning our annual Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo food night.

USS Panther City NCC-74917 Fort Worth, Texas

Several members gathered together to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner on the 27th. We actually fried a Turkey and did not set fire to the house. Our Annual Christmas party, on 12/11, had a theme of Cannonball Run Christmas! Members came as their favorite character from the movie and brought new unwrapped toys for our Toys For Tots toy drive. We also had a Ferengi Gift Exchange (White elephant gift).

USS Rhyanna NCC-1892 Austin, Texas

We held our yearly Christmas party at Gigi Jacobson's home. The chapter collected tomato products for Hill Country Ministries Food Pantry and collected Blankets for the "Covered With Love" Project. Several members volunteered time to work at the Round Rock Food Pantry.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300 Houston, Texas

Recruitment efforts continue. Several crew members attended the ship's Holiday celebration in December.

USS Tejas NCC-9756 Vernon, Texas

We collected pennies for our "Mile of Pennies;" coupons for OCP, Humane Society, and First Step; newspapers for the Wilbarger County Humane Society; and aluminum cans for the Wilbarger County Humane Society.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425 Dallas, Texas

Crew members had a movie night on 11/7 to see The Incredibles, and were joined by the CO and XO of USS Bethel. The Chapter had Christmas party at CMO's house. CO went to Region 3 Retreat and New Years Eve party. COL Erik Cowand donated \$1,888.15 worth of Coupons to the Overseas Coupon Program. That is almost \$7,000 for the year 2004.

USS Victory NCC-74208 San Antonio, Texas

Crew members assisted in a local Thanksgiving dinner festival. At our regular chapter meeting had Ferengi gift exchange and monthly poker night. Assisted Blockbuster Video with pre-viewed movie sale in exchange for chapter promotion. Attended Region Three Retreat 12/31/04-1/1/05.

### Region 4

ISS Pegasus NCC-9755 Las Vegas, Nevada

Toys for Tots Program doing so-so.
As of the first of Nov. we started collecting Pop Tops at a local school that we are hosting; grand total as of December is 516.5 oz

Shuttle Battle Born NCC-23104/1 Carson City, Nevada

We collected several bags of food for our food drive and many toys for our Marine division's Toys for Tots drive. We are completing our ship's t-shirts. We joined with the Highroller for a wonderful Christmas celebration. Then, we had a party with a member who is unable to travel in cold weather.

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003 Redding, California We met with USS Onizuka for our annual Gift Exchange, and our CO/ RC traveled to Reno for the USS

HighRoller Holiday Party. SS K'Ehleyr NCC-009

Las Vegas, Nevada
We had a Thanksgiving Feast, a
couple of movie events, and began
a toy/food drive (ongoing through
mid-Dec.). We also visited the Ethyl
M. Chocolate Factory & Cactus
garden, and held our Winter Holiday/
Christmas/CO's Birthday Party.

USS Angeles NCC-71840 Los Angeles, California

We visited Disneyland with crew of Com Station Z and sent Holiday care packages to troops overseas. Special Guest Jack Donner (Subcommander Tal from TOS Enterprise Incident) at our general meeting. Attended LOSCON and held a room party. Also held a trip to Knott's Berry Farm, a Holiday Party & Gift Exchange, and a New Year's

USS Angelfire NCC-75025 Tolleson, Arizona

We hosted a pre-holiday dinner on the 15th. Adult members and officers made a spaghetti dinner while the Junior and Cadet members made cookies and candy. We held our annual Holiday Party on 12/17. Santa and Colonel John Nelson (Angelfire CO) passed out holiday gifts and took requests from the children on the Angelfire Crew. Also during the party two Angelfire members Joe Butts and his new bride Rachael Amberson-Butts who recently "tied the knot" renewed their vows with Angelfire CO Colonel John Nelson presiding over the ceremony

USS Augusta Ada NCC-55011 Campbell, California

We had a rocketry presentation at meeting -- not just model rockets. We discussed possible alternate meeting locations -- our present location is not accessible to wheelchair users, lacks Internet access, and has a limited menu.

USS Centurion NCC-74801 San Bernardino, California

The chapter took part in annual Feast of Q'Tohmer, braving the cold and the rain. Ship marched in San Bernardino YMCA Christmas parade. Donated 9000 soda tabs to Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. Work on newsletter for ship and ship website underway.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003 Shafter, California

Collected \$10 worth of education points (10 cents a point), Betty Crocker points and Kool-Aid points also can pull tabs. Discussed joining the SETI program, food baskets, errands. Collected more books for overseas, hospital and women's drug rehab. Also videos for overseas. Had Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. Getting ready for Yule festival and Christmas. Collected toys for tots, and cadets writing letters to Santa.

USS Eagle NCC-1719 Fremont, California

Crew gathered for dinner & movie party on 11/26. Discussed shipboard computer upgrades. Continued holiday food & toy drive. Crew gathered for a Christmas party on 12/12. Also getting together with USS Northern Lights and USS Tikopai crews for a New Year's Eve party.

USS Gallant NCC-4890 Fresno, California Held Nov. and Dec. general meetings and also our holiday party in Dec.

USS Hells Fury NCC-74304 Fresno, California LTC Glenna Juilfs was awarded the Leader's Commendation for services rendered to the ship.

USS Highroller NCC-23104 Reno, Nevada Finalized plans for 12th Anniversary/ Christmas party. Collected donations

USS Northern Lights NCC-27001 San Jose, California

for local food bank.

The crew had the inaugural playing of the latest in the Munchkin card game series. Members of USS Tikopai joined us for a New Year's Eve party; after a White Elephant gift exchange, midnight was greeted with a toast of Romulan Ale! At the party, a collection was taken for donations to help victims of the tsunami in South Asia.

USS Onizuka NCC-71815 Chico. California

On Thanksgiving Day, we held our Thanksgiving Cookie Run, delivering trays of cookies to local fire stations. Planning on attending Christmas Gift Exchange on 12/12 at Cascade Station. Also planning Christmas Cookie Run to local police / sheriff / Highway Patrol stations.

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200 Visalia, California

We had our annual Poker Night for Foodlink and we also held our annual Christmas Party and Klingon Gift Exchange. We sent a check for \$400 to Foodlink of Tulare Country and planned most of our activities for 2005.

USS S' Lheya NCC-1601 Fresno, California The crew gathers at the CO's apartment to watch Enterorise. USS Stormbringer NCC-74213 Tucson, Arizona

CO and XO exchanged duty positions, thus moving our correy chapter from R17 into R04. Former CO Admiral Johnathan Simmons stepped down as RCR17.

USS Tikopai NCC-1800 San Jose, California Conducted monthly meeting and SF video viewing. Crew members attended a joint ship New Year's party with the USS Northern Lights.

USS William O Darby NCC-12474 Grand Terrace, California We are continuing activities with other local ST Clubs. Worked at a local Marine Reserve Center loading and passing out Toys for Tots.

Region 5

USS Crusader NCC-74711
Otis Orchard, Washington
We celebrated Thanksgiving with games and food. We then went shopping for the Wishing Star family we are sponsoring this Christmas, using the money raised from our car wash and our bake sale. On 12/1, we delivered the gifts. On 12/18, we held our annual Christmas party and viewed the movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

USS Rubicon NCC-71816
Richland, Washington
R5 Coupon Drive (on-going), 11/12:
Disney on Ice at the Coliseum,
11/13: LAN Party. 11/21: General
Meeting at Battelle Auditorium. 11/
26: Richland Walk for the Needy.
12/18: Lord of the Rings Marathon,
12/19: Ship Christmas Party. 12/31:
Ship New Years Eve Party. We have
had several meetings for RadCon
planning and continue to work
towards the 2005 R5 Summit.

Region 6

USS Czar'ak NCC-1798-A Richfield, Minnesota In Nov., the crew enjoyed lunch and a movie. In Dec., we held our monthly meeting, answered phones for local PBS Station TPT channel 2, and attended the Local All Ship/Club Holiday Party. Members are planning on bowling in the Fur Bowl, a fundraiser for Companion Animals.

USS Fox River NCC-81002 Appleton, Wisconsin Members met at the Seven Angels Restaurant for "A Good Day to Dine," with everyone in uniform or

USS Imperium NCC-2125
Fargo, North Dakota
A birthday party for the CO included attending the premiere of "The Incredibles" and going for a late meal. Went to pizza buffet for club meeting and then to see "National Treasure" with another area Scifi club. Members attended Christmas and New Year's Eve house parties.

USS Saint George NCC-63541 Saint Paul, Minnesota Members donated to Toys for Tots, donated blood, volunteered with the Boy Scouts, and clipped coupons for OCP. Total coupon submissions from 1/04-11/04 are \$39,132.21

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122
Belle Fourche, South Dakota
A member donated 4 hours of time
to "Positive Approach" an Aids/
HIV Support group. We held a
Christmas meeting followed by Star
Trek Jeopardy and gift exchange.

Region 7

ISS Kerberos NCC-74929
Newark, New Jersey
Members attended the R7
Conference. Members also attended
ISS Lexington holiday party along
with the shuttle Starlord.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C
West New York, New Jersey
Members attended the R7
Conference. Charity efforts
underway. Held our holiday party on
12/18 at Hoolihan's. We were joined
by the Kerberos.

Shuttle Top Gun NCC-75029
Oxon Hill, Maryland
We had a recruitment drive at
Galaxycon and planned our con
activities for 2005, including
Farpoint, Shore Leave 27, and
IC2005. On 12/31, we got together
for a chapter meeting. New Year's

USS Accord NCC-1842

Eve Party, and movie night.

Ithaca, New York
We held our monthly meeting and a
mission to Ringwood Raceway. Also
saw "The Incredibles" and members
attended the R7 conference. We
donated a DVD player to CHFC.
Our monthly meeting was our annual
Holiday Party in Dec.; MaaM was a
trip to Lights on the Lake with dinner
at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant.

USS Adamant NCC-3029
Hatfield, Philadelphia
The CO attended the Region 7
Conference. On 11/12, we attended
Cantina & Movie Night, seeing
"Team America: World Police" and
then eating dinner out. On 11/13,
members attended USS Ascension's

14th Anniversary Dinner.

USS Albany NCC-587 Scotia, New York Members twice went bowling in Nov., and attended the Watervlet Arsenal event. Members attended "Caroling in the Caves" at Howe Caverns and went bowling twice in Dec. Members saved coupons for OCP, with a year-to-date total of \$29,586.75.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812 Temple Hills, Maryland Late in Oct. celebrated fall festival and Chief Engineer David Weaver's birthday. We had a First Night/ Holiday party on 12/31.

USS Archer NCC-1069 Mantua, New Jersey Away team attended R7 Con and an MSG attended 7th BDE Muster.

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Chapter held Eagles football party on 11/21. The R7 Holiday Cookie Exchange we co-hosted with the USS Challenger was a huge success, with 20 people in attendance. We are planning to make it an annual tradition.

USS Ari NCC-1723 Buffalo, New York At our Nov. meeting, we discussed Presidential election, local elections, current events, Enterprise series.

USS Ascension NCC-2520
Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Celebrated our 14th Anniversary on
11/13 at the Brass Rail restaurant.
Members from the Adamant and
Thagard attended. Members
attended the Creation Thanksgiving
Con in Secaucus. The A-Team
hosted a New Year's Eve Party;
members from the Archer and Flying
Fox attended.

USS Asimov NCC-1647
Paoli, Pennsylvania
We participated at the Region 7
Conference, and also joined the USS
Archer for a house warming party
for one of their members. The New
Year brought a Poker night, Charity
Events, and Paintball.

USS Avenger NCC-1860
Linden, New Jersey
Members participated in many activities, including Operation:
Wallpaper Rutgers, the Dead Parrot
Project, multi-chapter Toys for Tots drive (nearly \$1000 worth of toys were donated and local media covered the event), and a holiday food drive. The Ops chief married his fiancee, Adriane Moss on 12/31.

USS Challenger NCC-1676-D
Toms River, New Jersey
Promotions included a 4th pip for
Counselor Emily Vosseller and
Security Chief Ken Dohn, and a 5th
pip for Mary & Dave Singleton. A R7
Con bid meeting was held with input
from members of the USS Sovereign
and USS Avenger during a birthday
party for the XO. Two of us attended
the R7 Conference.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543
Dover, Delaware
A small group went to the cinema to see "The Incredibles." Members manned a SFI table at Galaxy Con II, 11/6-7. Annie, Punch, & Mike attended the New Years Eve Duck drop in Havre De Grace, MD.

USS Dragon Star NCC-52135 Walden, New York The crew enjoyed Enterprise nights, roleplaying sessions, and a Thanksgiving get-together with other SF members.

USS Edinburgh NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, Maryland Two members attended the Region 7 Conference and 7th Brigade Muster.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania The majority of the Fox's members attended the Regional Conference.

We held a holiday party and were joined by members of the Sovereign and Thagard. Members of the Fox joined the Sovereign for a tour of Longwood Gardens.

USS Highlander NCC-10530 Randallstown, Maryland Members attended Region 7 Summit on 11/5-7 and conducted a brief online meeting on 12/22.

USS Inferno NCC-15202 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Elements of the crew attended Beach Bash in SC. We held a holiday party at our regular meeting.

USS Justice NCC-556
Florham Park, New Jersey
The crew raised money for the
Battered Women's Shelter and
are planning our 10th anniversary
party. Three members appeared in
photograph of Paintball Sports Jan
2005 issue for the William Shatner
Paintball game. Video project
progresses.

USS Malverne NCC-2205 Upper Darby, Pennsylvania Members attended various holiday functions and are made plans for Spring 05.

USS Matrix NCC-72296 Laurel, Maryland We celebrated our 10th anniversary on 11/18 with an all-day chat. All crew members received commemorative pin and trading cards. An Away Team attended Galaxycon II. Held elections for CO; voting 12/1-12/10.

USS Niagara NCC-75634
Cheektowaga, New York
The crew prepared a large charity
contribution to the orphans of Father
Baker's Orphanage. Donations
were acquired from a number of
vendors and crew members provided
60 present bags and additional items
for the children.

USS Northstar NCC-10462 Bronx, New York On 12/3 we held a Toy Drive at the crew meeting to benefit the New York Foundling Hospital.

USS Osiris NCC-3092
Bronx, New York
Members attended the Region 7
Conference. We had our 8th Annual
Thanksgiving Get Together on 11/
20. We had our annual Christmas
Meeting and get together on the 12/
18: SFI business for about 5 minutes
of the total meeting, the rest was
given over to our secret santa and
our Christmas dinner and festivities.
We collected a huge amount of toys
(surpassing our amount for last year)
for the SFMC Toys for Tots program.

USS Prevailing Wind NCC-74667 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania January meeting will be combo Anniversary/Xmas party.

USS Sovereign NCC-75000 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Attended the Region 7 conference and received the R7 2003 Ship of the Year award. We also held our monthly meeting and Thanksgiving party. The crew celebrated the holiday season at Longwood Gardens with the Flying Fox and RC7, then off to dinner with Adamant, Ascension, Archer & Asimov.

USS Starlord NCC-74225 Aberdeen, New Jersey Members attended R7 Con. On 11/12, 19, and 26, and 12/3, 10, 17, 24, and 30, the crew held Gaming Nights. On 12/31, we held our monthly Meeting and New Year's Eve Party.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A
Baltimore, Maryland
Crew Christmas Party on 12/
18. Completing Relay for Life advertisement for the charity auction and event that will take place at Katsucon 11 on the dates of 2/18-20/05.

Glen Burnie, Maryland An away mission went to Region 7 Conference and we planned our annual canned food and Toys for Tots Drive. We held our General Meeting and will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge on Stardate 1/10.

Region 9 USS Europe NCC-74668 Lisbon, Spain

USS Triton NCC-71819

The crew held monthly MSN meetings, created NR 17 newsletter, worked on the new Regional Manual, and did various science projects. We also set up websites for the chapter and for gaming, made preparations for launching shuttles in Germany and Poland, and looked into a charity project with USS Pathfinder.

USS Vanguard NCC-75026 Laakdal, Belgium We actively played games with SFC and are working with SFI DOG to create more interest in gaming within SFI. Our Chapter Awards were presented to the crew. Kevin Mooney was promoted to SSGT and was giving command of the Vanguard's Marine Unit.

Region 10
USS Crystal Star NCC-1160
Eagle River, Alaska
The crew assisted in the annual RED
Cross Gift Wrapping on 12/21 by
making bows and gift boxes to use.

USS Majestic NCC-78601 Victoria, British Columbia We held a video night. Annual Christmas dinner was at the Captain's quarters. Also held a birthday dinner for Gary Pearse.

USS Sol NCC-1733
Fairbanks, Alaska
We watched DS9 "The Begotten"
and talked about ST Enterprise.
We exchanged gifts, watched
two episodes of the animated ST
series, and handed out copies of
the Club's fan video to all the paid
up personnel.

Region 12

Shuttle Dragonstrike NCC-74305 Oswego, Kansas

The stuffed animal collection was completed and a drawing was held for the Christmas gift exchange. The general crew meeting and Annual Christmas party were held on 12/18 at the Great Wall Chinese restaurant with guests Capt. Jason Weingratner of the USS SpiritWolf of R3, and his friend Eric. Crew exchanged gifts. Photos are available on startrekdra gonstrike@yahoogroups.

USS Allegiant NCC-07 Lenexa, Kansas

Our chapter has decreed 2005 as the "Year Of Fleet" and will offer a \$100 cash prize on 01/01/06 to the Starfleet chapter recruiting the most members during 2005. We have a bake sale planned for 4/05 to raise money for the Year-of-Fleet fund. Our chapter will be attending Summit in May and the following weekend will be ConQuesT 26 here in KC so we'll be going to that as well in the hopes of recruiting new members.

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva NCC-4101 Wildwood, Missouri Our members remain very active across the country at the local, regional and national levelsincluding significant charity work and donations, far-reaching community service projects, increased reuse and recycling events, as well as giving back directly to our own communities through area blood drives, CPR certification, recertification and donation of food and clothing. Members are supporting Lt Mike Watham, husband of Mike Miller's kindergarten teacher and CO of an Army MP platoon who is currently completing a tour in Iraq training Iraqi police. Members donated 38 toys to the USMC Reserve Toys-For-Tots

USS Arlington NCC-2375 Boonville, Missouri We are recruiting. CO passed first 3 levels of the Gorn school. Working on his PhD.

Program in St Louis.

USS Atlas NCC-75013 O'Fallon, Missouri A Team Meeting was held on 11/7 and a General Event on 11/20.

USS Black Hawk NCC-75004 Rockford, Illinois Preparing for Black Hawk's 10th Anniv. Party in 2/05 or 3/05; plans to send 'care package' to CoE Robert Baker, stationed in Iraq, underway, asking for ideas & donations (but no candy, please (per Robert)).

USS Bortas NCC-74211 Urbana, Illinois We held our regular meeting and game night on 11/20. The crew provided security / Staff at annual Chambanacon. Participated in giftwrapping packages for customers at local Barnes and Noble 3 times.

USS Celt NCC-75018 Elkins, Arkansas No meetings in Nov. or Dec. due to holiday plans and scheduling conflicts. Annual Bluenose Party on New Year's Day will now replace December and January meetings.

USS Claymore NCC-72292 Midwest City, Oklahoma

We did the usual charity work. Held a joint meeting with the USS Morningstar, and we adopted 2 families for Christmas. Claymore youth collected and donated 75 can goods to local shelter. We had New Year's Eve PJ party at Travis' house.

USS Discovery NCC-1308

St. Louis, Missouri We held Enterprise nights and our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Dinner with the USS Hexum in attendance Members attended the as well. Region 12 Holiday Party in Boonville, MO. Holiday Talisman tournament held. Crew also spent Holiday happy hours at Frederick's Music Lounge and celebrated Christmas Eve building children's toys. Members ioined the St. Louis Science center while attending the IMAX film "Santa vs. the Snowman." Annual New Year's Eve party held at the home of Bob Timmerberg.

USS Firestorm NCC-36005 Ottawa, Kansas Chapter held Thanksgiving dinner for friends and family... still working on sending things needed to Iraq and our soldiers

USS Hellfire & Brimstone NCC-3143 Emporia, Kansas Members of the chapter got together for an impromptu gaming session/ Thanksgiving party.

USS Hexum NCC-2199 Belleville, Illinois

An away team went to see "Natural Resources". Another away team attended the USS Discovery pre-Thanksgiving dinner. Members attended the Region 12 Holiday Partv Members attended a screening of "Santa versus the Snowman" at the St Louis Science Center's Omnimax Theater, followed by lunch at Applebee's. An away team went to see "Aviator" and went out to dinner. We collected items for the local food banks to be used after the holidays.

USS Horizon NCC-1000-B Fulton, Missouri Members went to see "Alexander" on 11/27. Member Barbara Allen, SCC-50765. died of cancer 12/1/04

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514 Wichita, Kansas The crew held Mutant Game Nights.

USS Marko Ramius NCC-23103
Fayetteville, Arkansas
The crew gave two needy families
Thanksgiving packages: Turkey,
Ham, fixings and canned goods to
each. We are assembling the same
for Christmas, plus gifts for the

children of one of the families. We

also held a Christmas Party and a

New Year's party.

# MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES Compiled By Colonel Adam J. "Maccabee" Bernay - "The MSR-Rabbi"

USS Nomad NCC-78500 Saint Louis, Missouri Members tugged on Superman's cape, spit into the wind, and pulled the mask off the ol' Lone Ranger. Proposal to mess around with Jim tabled indefinitely. <NOTE FROM MSR-RABBI: They really don't have to do that latter part; women messed

USS Phoenix NCC-2155 Columbia, Missouri We discussed member recruitment ideas and made plans for ship picnic this summer.

around with Jim for most of TOS.>

USS Royal Sovereign NCC-72201 Leavenworth, Kansas November Monthly Happy Hour held, crew saw Alexander and then feasted at a local Indian restaurant. Gaming get-together was held with the USS Adjudicator and the crew got together with the USS Arlington for Thanksgiving and to take in the flick National Treasure.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679 Augusta, Kansas The crew is saving coupons for OCP.

USS Thunderbird NCC-71845 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma We went and saw 'The Incredibles'. We also had a meeting for Thanksgiving at the Coles residence. We also had a New Year's party at the Coles house.

USS Umiak NCC-3142 St. Louis, Missouri The crew went to see "Blade Trinity". A great time was had by all. USS William Wallace NCC-2555 Joplin, Missouri CO Brown's family recently went to Region 02 for R&R and recruiting. Paperwork is in process.

### Region 13

Shuttle Aurora NCC-62004 Dearborn, Michigan Members enjoyed a movie night on 11/14, attended the Festival of Trees on 11/26, and organized and tallied chapter's donations to Toys for Tots. Members also enjoyed a Christmas outing to Greenfield Village's "Holiday Night" evening program.

Shuttle Sinclair NCC-74209 Waterford, Michigan The crew enjoyed the last meeting of the year. Planning is almost finished for commissioning ceremony. We're filing an extension until the Diehl's Membership Renewal goes through.

USS Banting NCC-17220 Guelph, Ontario, Canada Our meeting was on 11/28 as well as our Movie afternoon. On 12/11 we had our Anniversary party celebrating 6 years as a STARFLEET Chapter and had our Christmas party at the

USS Empress NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, Michigan Crew members donated over \$1000.00 in toys and gifts this

holiday season. Crew also mourns the loss of yet another member, CPO. Chester Smith, who passed away on 12/01/04.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020 Georgetown, Ontario, Canada On 11/13 members attended the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto On 12/18 we held our Christmas Dinner & Awards Ceremony.

USS Parallax NCC-74657 Livonia, Michigan With the holidays, things have been a little sedate. Jennifer Gardiner has taken a leave of absence to take care of some personal matters, other than that - we're good! Looking forward to a GREAT new year!

USS Valkyrie NCC-74658 Dearborn, Michigan The crew celebrated the Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanzaa holidays.

USS White Star NCC-71012 Port Huron, Michigan We had a movie party. We also held our Annual Christmas Party and monthly Readers Group meeting.

#### Region 14

USS Jaquar NCC-74750 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada R14 officially welcomed the Jaguar with open arms, effectively doubling the regions ship count and membership. Under GEN Scott Akers Command, the 469th MSG has been formed in our new Region. Watch out, the Werecats are here! COMM Dave Klingman continues to work on new Fan Fiction and is still faithfully writing at least one article for each issue of the CQ.

USS Magellan NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada CO and Chief Engineer went to the Dominican Republic from 12/19-26, then on a Caribbean cruise. Quite a trip and it's good to be home...!

SS Ian Fleming NCC-SFR-1501 Newburyport, Massachusetts We made our annual trip to United Fan Con The new look "Moonraker" was released to the crew and was given positive reviews. Dec. was pretty quiet as members spent most of the time shopping and preparing for Christmas.

USS Ares NCC-26291 Boston, Massachusetts Members attended United Fan Con. The crew planned for 2005, including participation in the KAG Wild Frontier Quadrant Blood Feud and Paul Fest. Also, they collected two big bags of Toys for Tots. After the December meeting, we split into 2 teams, one team went to see Oceans 12 while the other team saw Blade Trinity.

USS Atlantis NCC-71803 Litchfield, New Hampshire Members participated in United Fan Con in Springfield, MA.

USS Avalon NCC-74914 Standish, Maine

12/7, 10, 13 we spent 4 hours each wrapping gifts at Borders Books, to raise money for the Peabody House. On 12/21 we delivered gifts to the Peabody House. On 12/15 we ended a successful holiday candle club fundraiser On 12/19 was our holiday party, and on 12/22 an away team went to Cinema to see "Blade. Trinity." Every Sat. night we meet for D&D, and every Sun. we continue to run the Avalon Food Pantry.

USS Endeavor NCC-1716 Baltic, Connecticut Members attended the United Fan Con. The crew watched videos and made plans for the Christmas Party which was held at the Captain's house. The Captain made his famous lasagna which is the ENDEAVOR's traditional Christmas meal. After that, the crew watched Spider Man 2.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637 Springfield, Massachusetts Annual Halloween Party & UFC Kickoff Party were at the home of Capt. Doug Van Newenhoven. Ship meeting held on 11/6 at UFC. Members attended a convention in the Boston area in December.

USS Hood NCC-1707 North Chelmsford, Massachusetts An away team went to United Fan Con in lieu of regular meeting. In Dec., mad, mad holiday shopping and a break for lunch at the mall.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784 Bangor, Maine

Members turned in coupons for the OCP project that we started 3 months ago. To this point the Crew has collected \$5879.92 in coupons. On 11/27 and 12/18, the crew spent the day manning the main entrance to the Bangor Mall for bell ringing and manning the Angel Tree booth for the Salvation Army. This was our first year for doing the Toys for Tots Mission, and over a 1000 toys and \$3000.00 were collected by the MSG 920th for the US Marine Corps.

USS Nelson NCC-74804 Northampton, Massachusetts Crew met at XO Ellen Makia's house for a holiday get together. OCP totals for the year 2004 are \$59,476.04 worth of coupons. On a personal note, the CO would like to thank the crew of the Nelson for your understanding and support throughout these last few months, they have been difficult indeed, with the situation with Ann's dad's stroke. my spinal fusion and recovery. & now our impending move to Greenfield.

USS O Bannon NCC-5372 Sanford, Maine The crew traveled to United Fan Con to enjoy an appearance by Gates McFadden. We elected Mark Craft as new CO. On 11/19, a party was held at the Chief Engineer's house for a new episode of "Enterprise." On 12/04, the crew participated

collecting 128 winter jackets, then went to Guy Champagne's house Throat Yankee Swap. On 12/06, the for Tots delivery in Saco and 12//11, the crew delivered over 400 pounds of non-perishable food to the York County Homeless Shelter Kitchen.

USS Omar Khayyam NCC-79001 Watertown, Massachusetts The crew is doing a work-up on period on Earth from 1939-1945 CE.

Shuttle Moontype NCC-74213/01 Fort Collins, Colorado Shuttle Moontype has produced its first issue of the Newsletter Lunar Landscapes. The communications department is looking for an e-mail list serve that will be user friendly

with screen

Shuttle Tiburon NCC-63546/1 Denver, Colorado

manageable

readers and Braille Displays.

Flight Team Tiburon spent most of Dec. getting the VRR ready and working on ship logos, mottos, and other paperwork. We have planned a launch date for 1/1/05, to be the first Shuttle of 2005 and the first shuttle under the new Admin.

USS Alioth NCC-72383 Orem/Provo, Utah

How to host a murder! The crew met for the Chicago Caper, 1928! The crew spent three hours role-playing as characters visiting a speakeasy, trying to figure out whodunit. On 12/ 18, ship held Sub for Santa (white elephant gift exchange) dinner. The crew discussed adopting a second family and those gifts were then purchased and delivered 12/22. In total we adopted five children. On 12/31 the New Year's Eve party was held at the home of the CO. We played Celebrity Taboo, had dinner, and watched Twilight Zone.

USS Anasazi NCC-62001 Albuquerque, New Mexico Crew completed the second Toys for Tots drive of the year in conjunction with the local Star Wars fan group and collected approx. \$3000 in toys this year CO attended the USS Arc Royal Anniversary Party in Colorado Springs. A flight team has been formed for a new shuttle in Albuquerque and hopes are high that it will launch by mid-Feb.

USS Arc Royal NCC-63546 Colorado Springs, Colorado A Thanksgiving party was held at the CO's house. The Ship's 4th anniversary party was on 12/31-1/1. The Shuttle Tiburon was launched as Arc Royal's first shuttle on 1/1/05.

USS Mir NCC-73281 Las Cruces, New Mexico Crew met for a BBQ and watched two movies. On 12/18, we held our annual award presentations & banquet.

in their 6th Coats for Kids Day USS Omega Glory NCC-26917 Denver, Colorado

Chapter held meetings on the Colorado for the annual Christmas party/ Cut and Front Range Grottos, finished the Arapahoe County CERT Training, crew collected 74 items for the Toys had a GURPS Gaming Night, visited Donohue Cave, and our Fifth Annual Thanksgiving at the Zoo. Chapter also held more nature meetings. participated in the Parade of Lights, visited the Aurora History Museum, saw the movies National Treasure and Ocean's Eleven (both versions), held quilting classes, held our Holiday Dinner at The Claim Jumper, and had a New Year's Eve Party.

> USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D Denver, Colorado

Chapter held several viewing nights including a Star Wars Movie Marathon along with Thanksgiving Dinner went on an outing to Laser Quest, held a Galaxy Quest Academy event, and went on many outings to museums and community service work and the like. Our Overseas Coupons Program goal for 2004 was \$50,000 worth of coupons. We met and exceeded that goal with a total of \$96,184.46.

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, Colorado Everyone that attended the "Boo at the Zoo" had a wonderful time with the exception of having to wait until a car fire in the parking lot was extinguished, about a two hour delay. Our annual Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner was a lot of fun; we also watched an old Sci-Fi Movie "Mission to Mars". We held our annual Christmas Party at the Country Buffet with our own special Ferengi style of gift exchange.

Region 20

USS Britannia NCC-5311 Guernsey, England Gab. our new CO. has been looking into moving the Abbe Class Britannia onto a new class of Starfleet vessel, a Crusader Class Cruiser. The Executive Officer has suggested an NX Class Starship. With Xmas fast approaching the plan of bringing the Britannia back to normal running is foremost in our minds for next year. There are several things being worked out at the moment, and we should be in operation in the next year

General Mark H. Anbinder presents a Community Service Citation to Major Mike Sovocool of the 771st Marine Strike Group aboard USS Accord. Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder.



# **EVENTS**

Merry Met! The STARFLEET Wiccan group would like to invite everyone to join them as they celebrate upcoming Sabbats. Imbolg (Em-bowl/g) - The Festival of Lights on February 2nd, Ostara (Oh-star-ah) - Celebration of Spring on March 22nd and Beltane (Beel-teen or bell-tayn) - Midsummer Blessings on May 1st. For more information check out our yahoo group, SFI-Wicca, or join us on IRC in the #SFI-Wicca Channel. Blessed Be!

### FOR SALE

#### All Star Cosmic Con '95

Klingon Makeup, Stan Lee, Executive Producer of the Spiderman Movies, Nemesis Station Armor, and special star Majel Roddenberry.

2 hour VHS

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Shuttlecon 92, STARFLEET's Western Regional Conference - August 29,30 Visalia, CA. Gene Roddenberry: A Tribute To The Man And His Dreams, STARFLEET and KAG Peace Conference, Writer Guest of Honor Marc Scott Zicree, Klingon Trial (Romulan Bad Guy), Masquerade and Cabaret, Guest of Honor John de Lancie (Q), Music Video, and News Broadcast 47 Live Eye Premiere of Deep Space 9.

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Hi. I'm Nate Oram and am in Southeast lowa looking to form the first ship in lowa. Please drop me a note and let's see where we can go from here. :-)

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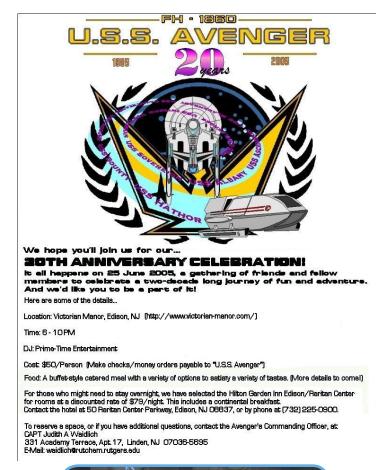
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There is so much more to this unique island Chapter that I could tell you, but I didn't want to take up all of this edition of CQ. ~smiles~

If anything I've said sounds of interest, or perhaps you have some questions, then feel free to contact myself, SGM Marie 'Blackeagle' Wilson on black. eagle@ntlworld.com, or our Chapter Executive Officer, BDR Adrian Jones on jones.adrian@ntlworld.com

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Joe Hoolihan of the USS Martrix, R7, meets at Quark's Bar & Grill with members of R4's K'Ehleyr Station. Front row: Robby Fillmore, Joe Hoolihan, Jeff Salamon. Back row: Wendy Fillmore, Ellen Frei. Not pictured: Bob Fillmore, Sean Fillmore. Photo submitted by Joe Hoolihan.

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This group photo has Christy Horbinski of the USS Niagara, Chief of Operations CAPT Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French), Executive Officer Colonel K'moghjlH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry French), and CAPT David W. Ferber. Photo taken by Craig Horbinski.





The Titanic exhibit - the sign at the bottom reads "THANK YOU for not taking photos and not eating in this exhibit." Photo taken by Larry French.

Ksimka took a photo of Craig taking a photo of David and Larry standing in front of the Titanic exhibit (and the above-mentioned sign, of course..." Photo taken by Debbie French



# IT'S A BIRD... IT'S A PLANE... IT'S CAPTAIN ANITA!!

VADM. Wendy Fillmore • K'Ehleyr Station, R4



On Tuesday, 1/25/05, K'Ehleyr XO Anita Treloar was awarded her well-deserved promotion to Captain at our general crew meeting. Here, K'Ehleyr CO, Comm. Bob Fillmore presents Anita with her certificates.

Photo taken and submitted by Wendy Fillmore

ISS Pegasis CO, Commodore Brian Schreur, presents a "bribe" to the new flag officer. Photo taken and submitted by Wendy Fillmore





The celebratory cake, decorated with the K'Ehleyr Station logo. Photo taken and submitted by Wendy Fillmore