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Region 17 Summit/Marine Muster May 20-22 Denver, Colorado

See page 19 for details!!

USS Ark Angel's CoC and Marines' Fall Muster '04

see pages 19 & 20 for full story!



"Save Star Trek" Rally

see page 28 for more great pics!

Angeles member Jon Lane with the "Enterprise" writing staff. From left to right: Jon Lane, "Enterprise" writers Judith and Garfield Reese-Stevens, and producer Mike Sussman. Many of the the show's production staff wandered out to see the protest and greet the fans.

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Kneeling: J.R. Fisher

(left to right) 1st Row: Steve Williams, Allison Silsbee, Lauren Williams, Alastair Browne, Amy Dejongh, Spring Brooks, Margaret Hale. 2nd Row: John (boyfriend of Allison), Katy McDonald, Nathan Wood, Larry Pischke, Elaine Pischke, Brad McDonald, Dawn Silsbee. 3rd Row: Colleen Williams, Jonathan Williams.



Gladys Rzeznick, sister of GOO GOO DOLLS lead singer Johnny Rzeznick, presents an autographed GOO GOO DOLLS guitar to Cmdr. Tom Pawelczak of the USS Niagara, Buffalo, NY. The guitar is to be donated on behalf of Buffalo's own GOO GOO DOLLS and the USS NIAGARA to Toronto Trek 19's Charity Auction for Ronald McDonald House July 15-17, 2005 in Toronto, Canada. Ms. Rzeznick is the sister-in-law of Cmdr. Pawelczak. For information on Toronto Trek 19 go to tcon.ca on the net.

FROM THE EDITOR

CORRECTIONS

In CQ 127, SFMC Operational Policies, the by-line should have been credited to BDR John Roberts, Commandant, SFMC.

My thanks to Wade Hoover for pointing that out - VAdm Wendy Fillmore

In CQ 127, Cadet's Corner, Kimberly Knapp should have been spelled Kymberly (with two "y"s).

My apologies to Kymberly, and thanks to dad for pointing that out - VAdm Wendy Fillmore



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FRONT AND CENTER

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



Greetings, STARFLEET! I hope this Communiqué finds you doing well!

Summit season is upon us! As I write this, I have recently attended the Region 2 Summit in Tampa, Florida. As usual, Region 2 put on a great event! It was a great time seeing so many old friends and making so many new ones! I'd like to thank the Region 2 Staff and Summit Committee for all their hard work and effort to make the weekend extremely relaxing, enjoyable, and extremely fun! Thank you all for your hospitality, and I'm looking forward to next year already!

I hope to see many more of you at Region 1 Summit as well. While I won't be able to attend many other summits due to a family wedding and job restrictions, I hope to see many good pictures and hear all the good stories!

Of course, I am sure that many of you are making plans to attend the 2005 STARFLEET International Conference in San Antonio, Texas! Pat Spillers and the rest of the IC Committee are working hard to make sure this IC is a great one! If you have never been to a STARFLEET IC, I highly suggest making plans to attend this one as your first. Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Herd, and Casey Biggs are media guests that will be attending, so you can be sure to have fun with Admiral Forrest, Admiral Paris, and Gul Dumar of Star Trek fame, as well as visit with your STARFLEET friends and family! The IC will be held June 30th – July 3rd of this year. For more information, visit www.ic2005.org. I look forward to seeing you then!

I'd like to thank everyone who has expressed an interest in serving on the new STARFLEET Member Advisory Panel (MAP). We had an excellent response with close to 40 people offering to serve as part of the MAP. Of course, I am always looking for more members who are willing to offer their opinions, recommendations, and suggestions to make STARFLEET a better and more responsive organization. You'll be hearing more from the Member Advisory Panel in future issues of the CQ, the soon to be restarted Command Status Report, and online. If you are "Joe Member" and would like to volunteer to serve on this panel, please email me at cs@sfi.org. It's "your" organization, so take this opportunity to make a difference!

As 2005 continues, you'll be hearing more from STARFLEET HQ about our Annual Campaign – The Year of Fellowship. Through this theme, we are encouraging members and chapters and regions to work and play together in fandom with each other and other fan organizations. The idea for this came while watching (for the umpteenth time) Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring. In that movie, a group of people came together from all different walks of life. They united together for a common cause. They put aside their differences and worked together to see their goal met. Sure they may have had some problems along the way and even some disagreements, but in the end, by the time the story was over, they accomplished their goal and were stronger for it.

STARFLEET isn't much different. We all come from different walks of life. But, it is

Star Trek (and Science Fiction) fandom that bring us together. That's why we all initially paid our membership fee and signed up. That's why we joined a chapter and took an Academy course. We did all this because we are fans of Star Trek. And sometimes, sure, we fuss and feud. Sometimes we disagree. But in the end, we are all FANS. I'm hoping that we can put aside our differences, quit the silly politics, and just enjoy being FANS. Reach out to other members, other chapters, and even other fan organizations. The Star Wars fans, the Babylon 5 fans, the Battlestar Galactica fans, the Stargate fans, the Farscape fans. STARFLEET should be reaching out to them all... we can't afford to isolate ourselves from fandom. Instead we should embrace each other in friendship and fellowship.

Now, for a little housekeeping. Scott Grant, my Chief of Staff since the transition started in November felt it best that he turn his attention to his duties in STARFLEET Academy. So, he and I discussed his replacement, and we both agreed that the Deputy Chief of Staff Dennis Rayburn was the man for the job. So, I'd like to welcome Dennis as my Chief of Staff. He's a good sounding board and he keeps me on task. You can reach him if you need any assistance from the Office of Commander, STARFLEET at cs-cos@sfi.org.

Another staff addition to the Office of CS is a new one. In the near future, we are going to start some polling and feedback surveys so that we can make sure that HQ is responsive to the needs and wishes of the membership. We realize that we don't have all the answers, and time and again,

I've seen the members give great ideas on how to improve the organization. So, I'd like to welcome Kim Donohoe of the Shuttle Dauntless in Region 2 as the new Feedback Director. Kim will be working closely with the Member Advisory Panel, the Retention & Recruitment Office, and other various HQ offices to make sure we are aware of what you, the members, are saying. You can reach Kim at feedback@sfi.org. Look for surveys in future CQ issues and online. We're working on a web-based feedback form as well as email responses.

Well, I've taken up enough valuable CQ space already. Again, if you ever need anything, my door is always open. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at future Fleet events!



EC/AB SUMMARY

by RADM J. C. Cohen • USS Accord, R7

Greetings, STARFLEET members.

It is time once again for news of the EC/AB's ongoing deliberations.

The new Inspector General for STARFLEET, Danny Potts, was welcomed on the EC/AB list.

There was a question as to whether a correction had been issued on the winner of the Shuttle of the Year for 2004. The correction's date was noted, apologies

go out to all who were inconvenienced by the oversight.

The EC/AB was briefed by the Academy Commandant, and asked questions/made recommendations, on the Academy voucher system.

The AB is in ongoing discussions of various proposals of how warrant officer ranks could be brought in to the STARFLEET rank system.

The CS sent a reminder to the AB about the legalities of the usage of STARFLEET's EIN#. Your RC or the CS should be able to share this policy with you should you have any questions. The shortest version is that this can only be used by the organization as a whole; no individual, group, chapter, or region can use this number.

The CS announced to the RCs that all of STARFLEET's IRS paperwork for the transition of both corporate officers

and reflecting changes in STARFLEET's constitution has been filed.

The AB sadly bid farewell to Isaque Fernades as RC of Region 9, but was happy to welcome Michael Vermoesen as the new RC of that region.

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



VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

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



(photo by Who's Photography)

Spring has arrived, with the VCS staff working hard to get each department to 'full speed' with lots of fun in store for the STARFLEET membership. Look, read and enjoy the CQ articles that each has written. Gather information to see where you want to have fun and have FELLOWSHIP with your STARFLEET family.

Now STARFLEET can sing and vocalize in one's best voice the new STARFLEET anthem that ADM Helen Pawlowski composed. CAPT Steve Gordon, the R3 [and former R2] DJ, put the sheet music to a CD by using a music computer program that he used in his teaching. I want to thank ADM Helen Pawlowski for her composing of our STARFLEET anthem and Steve Gordon for putting the anthem on a music CD. Well done!

I will present the STARFLEET anthem in CD form at IC 2005 in San Antonio during the EC/AB meeting. I plan to have a copy of the CD and sheet music for each RC. They can then 'burn' copies of the anthem for each chapter within that region and distribute the STARFLEET anthem sheet music copies to each chapter. I look forward to hearing how each region will be using the STARFLEET anthem in many activities involving fellowship. Go forth and enjoy!

As part of the Three R's (Retention, Recruitment, and Recreation), a Recreation Department is being created in order to have more opportunities for more interaction and fellowship among Fleet chapters from Earth and even among neighboring aliens!

The Recreation Department will set up and maintain a STARFLEET website that will

have recreation information calendarized and searchable by Region and month. Therefore, when a member travels to a specific place and wants to visit other chapters, the Recreation website can provide information on the chapters' meeting locations, points of contact, and upcoming scheduled events. If you are interested in applying for the position of Recreation Director, please send your real life resume and STARFLEET resume to Tom Donohoe, Fleet Resource Center Director. His email address is L_n_donohoe@yahoo.com.

Ralph and I certainly had a 'blast' at Region 2 Summit in Tampa, FL, March 4-6. Mucho thanks for all of the wonderful gifts! Chocolate, chocolate, and more chocolate! I got a Hershey's embroidered chocolate pillow to sit on and pajamas that have a print of billions of chocolate candy kisses! Now if the kiddie pool was full of chocolate syrup... Mandi could have slid down the kiddie slide with a greater splish...splash...splosh...and splush!

Fellowship and fun is the combination that keeps folks coming to Summits and ICs. Ralph and I will be looking forward to seeing STARFLEET family at IC 2005 in San Antonio, July 1-3rd. We're even planning to hit Six Flags Fiesta Texas on June 30 with our very own "Mr. Six" double, RADM James Brunton, aka "2 of 6!"

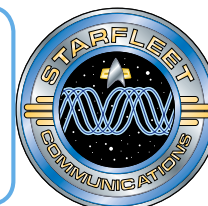
Aye, here's another of Sunnie's quotes: "Chocolate enhances mental health and serenity when ingested daily. Chocolate makes one's soul and heart sing in harmony!"

S. Planthold



COMM STATIC

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



Well, sitting here staring at this blank virtual piece of paper hasn't really given me any ideas to write this article, so I figured I'd just ramble on about 2 topics of interest that we need help with...

First up is the vacant post of PR Director. It is unfortunate that Neal Fisher had to step down, but with every door that closes, another opens. This open door is waiting for someone to walk through who wants to help out STARFLEET by being the PR Director for the entire organization! We're looking for someone with the time and skills to get STARFLEET presented to the masses. Someone to contact print, broadcast, and virtual media outlets and find out where and how we can advertise our organization. There are millions of fans and only thousands have joined STARFLEET; the PR Director will be instrumental in getting STARFLEET in front of the millions of other fans who just don't know that we exist. Can you help? Will you answer the call? Will you make the calls? Contact myself to apply for what could be the most important position STARFLEET has ever needed filled!

As is traditional, Awards will be presented at the IC. This year's IC is in the great State of Texas! I'm sure there's other info on that elsewhere in this publication, but for my part we have the annual Newsletter Contest! Any newsletter publication can be submitted, so

send your best works to me for judging. We will consider any publication from any entity in STARFLEET, and all entries will be judged on numerous criteria. We do not plan to make any drastic changes to the program from last year, so send them in by the deadline which is June 18th. Anything received postmarked after that date will not be eligible for consideration this year.

So with all that, a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers; without them, we would not have anything. :) Also a quick reminder about the SFI Helpdesk; having a problem is bad enough, but not putting it in the SFI HelpDesk is even worse! We want to solve your problems but can't do it if we don't know about it! Email either Helpdesk@SFI.Org or visit <http://helpdesk.sfi.org>.

Until next time, I remain:

COMMODORE Bob Fillmore
STARFLEET Chief of Communications
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Bob Fillmore

Right: Sean Fillmore enjoys a cool seat in the backyard at the Butwinick wedding.

Below: Mike Butwinick and his new bride, Becca Butwinick. (Yes, this is one of those rare moments when Mike is actually at a loss for words...)





THE TOWAWAY ZONE

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



When I was told I was going to have to bust butt in this job I had no idea they were talking about the Fleet Admiral's!

My first official function I attended as Chief of Operations was in my own back yard at the Region 2 Summit held in Tampa Florida. It's always a great party getting together with friends and this year was no exception. Through some horrific lapse in judgment I was chosen as the Master of Ceremonies for the weekend which only added to the fun.

Also in attendance were EC members Pat Spillers, Sunne Planthold and Mandi Livingston.

The hotel was a perfect choice for the weekend's pirate theme as it had a kiddie wading pool with a pirate boat/slide right outside the meeting area. As I looked at this beautiful setting going unused I decided to make sure the summit theme was put to its fullest potential and left the conference area, changed and headed to the water. As soon as I got into the water I realized why it was not being used. The water, not being heated, was just one or two degrees below having a layer of ice forming. Undaunted I plunged forward and took my slide into the chilly waters all for the sake of Fleet pride. I don't know how to say this delicately; but, it was so cold that

there are certain parts of my male anatomy which still have not recovered. Not to be outdone, both Mandi Livingston and Florida Zone Coordinator Bruce Dolan joined me in the frigid waters. Mandi, apparently, was not as graceful and poised as she would have us believe as when she slid down the slide she broke her tailbone. To this day she is taking medications and visiting a chiropractor as this one little bone is almost impossible to repair. I hold this as a personal accomplishment with unbridled pride and joy. I can now be known as the Fleet Admiral's Official Pain in the Butt.

This report brings yet another moment of pride; a commissioning:

USS Sinclair NCC-74209
Defiant-Class Escort
Commanded by Captain Joseph A Sare III
City of Charter Waterford, MI Region 13

Welcome to the Fleet!

Not all news is good news as I announce the following decommissioned chapters:

USS White Eagle NCC-2302
City of Charter Jacksonville, NC Region 1

USS Endeavor NCC-1716
City of Charter Baltic, CT Region 15

The Office of Chapter Care is now being headed by Fleet Captain Steven Bowers. This office will be a helping hand to chapters working to keep everyone at their minimum requirements with Fleet when it comes to monthly reporting and crew compliments. Chapter Care is a conduit of information and referrals for chapters which may, from time to time be having problems in these areas. Decommissioning is a dirty word in Ops and we will be working to do everything possible to keep as many chapters active and vigorous members of Fleet.

Basically, here's how it works. After a three month period of non-reporting or being under strength a chapter will enter CCP under the following schedule as set forth in Section 04.04 of the SFI Handbook:

Stand-by – Chapters will have sixty days to correct the problem or they shall be moved to Dry-Docked.

Dry-Docked - Chapters will have sixty days to correct the problem or they shall be decommissioned.

In regards to being under strength, at the discretion of the Chief of Operations a chapter may be moved up a level (ie from STAND-BY to ACTIVE or DRY-DOCK to STAND BY) as long a documentable effort

towards recruitment has been shown by said chapter.

If a chapter is returned to active status and falls behind in crew complement after another three month period it shall return to CCP. A chapter may go back and forth between CCP and ACTIVE status a total of four consecutive periods before other status options would be considered.

We hope that this will give a chapter every chance possible to fix whatever problem they are having and keep as many chapters active as possible.

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 can 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 them, please contact me with your name and address.

My next venture out into the world as a member of the EC is going to be my first IC in San Antonio in July. I have promised not to injure the Fleet Admiral this time around.

We'll see.....

Report for February 2005				Report for March 2005			
	Reported	Total	Percentage		Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	54	55	98%	R1	55	55	100%
R2	26	31	84%	R2	27	31	87%
R3	17	19	89%	R3	18	19	95%
R4	18	20	90%	R4	16	20	80%
R5	3	7	43%	R5	4	7	57%
R6	5	5	100%	R6	3	5	60%
R7	26	31	84%	R7	27	31	87%
R9	2	2	100%	R9	2	2	100%
R10	3	3	100%	R10	3	3	100%
R12	19	28	68%	R12	18	28	64%
R13	6	6	100%	R13	8	8	100%
R14	2	2	100%	R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%	R15	11	11	100%
R17	7	8	88%	R17	7	8	88%
R20	1	1	100%	R20	1	1	100%
Totals	201	230	87%	Totals	201	230	87%

Comm. Jack "Towaway" Eaton sneaks past the sign to enjoy the kiddie pool at the R2 Summit - see pages 24/25 for more great pics!

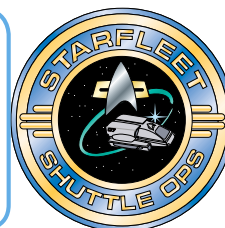




The SHUTTLEBAY

by RADM Jerry Tien • USS Eagle, Region 4

Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET



As you might recall, I was looking for more chapters to join the Certified Mothership Program (CMP). I would like to thank the chapters that applied to the CMP. This is where fleet members are at their best - reaching out to help others. If you aren't sure about the qualifications, please feel free to contact me. I would love to see more chapters in the program to provide more choices for emerging shuttles.

We had a pretty busy first quarter, with a nice addition of new shuttles and ships. Now and then, we get a name that raises a few eyebrows. That's certainly the case with one of these new shuttles:

Shuttle Armageddon (R1)
Shuttle Star Saber (R9)

Don't let the name scare you - it's not the end of the world. (chuckles) As a matter of

fact we just commissioned another ship in the following month:

USS Sinclair (R13)

Congratulations to the crew of these chapters.

As we head toward summer, there are several regional conferences coming up. If you would like to launch a shuttle or commission at these events, be sure to file the paperwork well ahead of time so we can give you a proper presentation at these events.

Speaking of conferences, ever considered a trip to one of the most colorful towns in the state of Texas? By the time you see this issue of Communique, it's time to seriously think about the STARFLEET International Conference (IC) in San Antonio. Given

the soaring fuel cost, the airfares are most likely going to increase if you wait much longer. I hope you are all signing up for IC this year. This will be a great opportunity to make many new friends and recruit more members. Imagine - a chance to meet all the wonderful folks not just in your region, but around the world! Ships offering to sponsor new shuttles? Shuttle groups looking for motherships? Come to IC and you will be able to get that done in a weekend. Of course, IC is not all work and no play. IC 2005 staff has worked hard to provide a fun filled weekend. I look forward to meeting all of you there.

On a slightly different note, we have an opening in the department, specifically Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB). Capt. David Lynch stepped down due to personal reasons. I'd like to thank him for his service and wish him the best in his new

ventures. I know there are many members in fleet with lots of great ideas on ship designs. If you are interested in working at ASDB, please contact ShOC Vice Chief, ADM Alex Rosenzweig for more details at dts@sfi.org.

Last but not least, we are revamping our ShOC website to give it a fresh make over. Our goal is to bring you more helpful tips, ease of use and better sense of community. We should be ready before IC. If you have any question, suggestions or would like to contribute to the site, please don't hesitate to drop me a line at shoc@sfi.org.

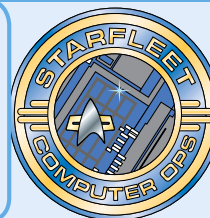
See you in San Antonio!



COMPOPS

by VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, Region 15

Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



Hello! I am so excited, and I really want so much to tell you why. However, I'm going to hold off for a bit. After all, I was always told to finish a report on a positive note - so I'm "hedging" my position. This issue, I really want to focus on the state of Membership Processing -

In my last report, I reviewed the merits of my plan to change our Membership Processing methods to split the membership packet fulfillment from the membership data maintenance and the plan to divide the packet processing between two teams. As I reasoned, this would provide resource redundancy and lessen the workload for both teams. Well, I'm happy to report that we have been able to set up the following two teams:

Region 4 Team: Chrissy Killian, Charlie Werner, Glenda Werner, Gordon Mehrten, Kelley Mehrten, Adam Bernay, Larry Barnes, Joe Martin and Yolanda Martin

Region 15 Team: Matt Ingles, Martha Ingles, Connie Robichaud, Mark Libby, and Michael Soucy

Both teams were equipped and supplied around the first part of March and began to address the backlog of membership packets that needed to be processed. I was already to report that there was a 9-week backlog when they started. But with both teams meeting that backlog with their enthusiasm and determination, that backlog is not nearly as big, today.

Robin Pillow and Patty Heany will still manage the membership data and packet processing teams and are enjoying some recaptured time now that they don't have to process the packets, too. As I have said, Robin and Patty have been performing all aspects of Membership Processing. It was a monumental undertaking and it was just the two of them. Nevertheless, even with their best efforts, the task was overwhelming and there was a growing backlog. It wasn't their fault that they needed to sleep, eat, and try to have lives and careers while trying to give as much as they could to STARFLEET, too. I don't know if I'll ever be able to adequately express how much they've done for this organization since they took over Membership Processing.

(Well, Patty has been asking me for a pony - but that's another matter, not really related to my CompOps position!)

Well, I think that I'm ready to report now that, by this weekend, the packet-processing backlog will be "officially" gone! In explanation, all processed membership and membership renewals that have been processed will have been "turned around" and ready for delivery to the US Post when the doors open on Tuesday morn, March 29th! The only packets that won't be processed will be those being held due to some processing error where we need feedback from the member.

In service,

Sal Lizard
Chief of Computer Operations

STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

By Brigadier Deborah Malotte, STARFLEET Director of Promotions • USS Normandy, R1

Here are those who have been promoted since the last CQ:

Captain/Colonel

Robert Baker	Matthew T. Brooks
Mary B. Roy	Anselmo Melo
Pat Malone	Gene Burgess
Debbie Artrip	Carl Gosline
Robert Armstrong	Rene Garrido
Craig Woods III	Raban Kilgore
Tim Sherrill	Kal Kaufman
	Pamela Michaud

Fleet Captain / Brigadier

Michael Vermoesen	James Delantonas
Lamar Barrett	Douglas Mayo
Joe Brouhard	Allie Maiocchi
Joseph Motes	Michael Allen
James W. Muench, Jr.	Earl Beighley

Commodore /Brigadier General

Steven Rosbury
John Roberts
Alice C. Strange
Michelle A. Muench
Barbara M. Buffington
Roman Gheesling

Admiral/General

Wade Olson

Congrats to all promotion recipients!

-- Minimum TIG scale, effective 01/01/03:

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.

Promotion Nomination Submission Tips:

Submit promotion nominations early.

With "Summit Season" upon us, the SFI Promotions Department has received many nominations for promotions. Please try to plan ahead when nominating someone for a promotion to be awarded at events. You need to allow enough time for processing, and EC deliberation in order to receive a promotion certificate in time for an event. Submit promotion nominations as early as possible to ensure the certificate is received in time. If you submit your nomination 4 weeks (or earlier) prior to the event, you will have a better chance of receiving an

answer to your request in time for the Summit, Conference, or other event.

It is also a good idea to send a separate email to promotions@sfi.org to let me know if you have a deadline.

-- 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

STARFLEET International Conference 2005

Jun 30 - Jul 3, 2005 San
Antonio, Texas, USA

Contact: 2145 Cherry Blossom,
Schertz, TX 78154

Email: ic2005@region3.com

Guests: Vaughn Armstrong,
Richard Herd, Casey Biggs, Dr.
Carol Luckhardt Redfield

Venue: Hilton - San Antonio
Airport, 611 NW Loop 410,
San Antonio, TX, 78216

Phone: 210-340-6060



Fellowship...or Else!

By ADM Marlene J. Miller, Annual Campaign Director • USS Renegade, R1

Welcome to the STARFLEET Annual Campaign. My name's Marlene Miller and I greet you as Director of STARFLEET's Annual Campaign.

Maybe you have asked "What's the STARFLEET Annual Campaign, anyhow?" If you guessed, "Probably some new fundraising scheme," you'd be wrong!

Actually, the Annual Campaign is the focal point that we members of STARFLEET are asked to concentrate upon for the banner year, and even beyond. The year 2005's Annual Campaign is "Fellowship."

We can describe Fellowship as "Interaction": Interaction among members, among chapters, among

regions, and among 'Fleet and non-'Fleet individuals, chapters, or regions. We've often heard that the "fun" has gone out of STARFLEET. Well, we STARFLEET members can prove that statement wrong with a strong showing of Fellowship!

ADM Helen Pawlowski has graciously agreed to serve as the Deputy Director. As a team, she and I will continue gathering information from Chapter representatives who would like to be involved actively in STARFLEET's Annual Campaign.

How can you get involved? It's easy, just appoint a representative for your Chapter and ask him, her, or it to send Helen or me a letter or e-mail message letting us know what your chapter is doing to promote Fellowship.

We will gather the information and report to our Fearless Leaders (Sunnies Planthold and Tom Donohoe). At the end of the Campaign, we will recognize and honor with a certificate, all who participate.

Please send your submissions to:

Helen M. Pawlowski
4837 Germania Road
St. Louis, MO 63116

or

Marlene J. Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405
marlene@cboss.com

Thanks in advance! See you next time!



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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



From the Desk of the Commandant

Summary for the Months of January and February. Several issues have cropped up in the early months of my term which have prompted me to focus attention on the Cadet Academy. My staff and I are diligently working to resolve communications and delay-related issues in the Cadet areas. There have been several recent closures in the Academy. Some are related to staffing changes, others are due to temporary intervention of that "Real Life" thing muscling in on my directors' time. At the time of this report, my executive staff and I are reaching final decisions for new directors for the School of Security, STARFLEET in Cyberspace, and the College of Survival Studies. The Institute of Science Fiction has opened and has been seeing a significant amount of traffic since its courses were again made available to the Fleet. The Paypal online payment system for requesting voucher codes is once again available for use. This program will also be utilized for making donations toward the STARFLEET Scholarship funds.

Another matter I wish to address at this time concerns turnaround time for course requests and grading, and how a student ideally should go about raising a concern with the Academy staff. Even in today's fast-paced society of email and near-instant gratification, I recognize that the Academy's directors have lives outside this fan organization, and that they aren't chained to their computers, awaiting requests for

classes coming in at all hours of the day and night. A week to 10 days, that's when I would be interested in learning of a delay, as clearly there is a possible problem within that span of time. Communication is the key at this point. First, students are to check with the director covering the course they're taking. "Did you get my request for a test? Have you received my test for scoring?"... If you are unable to get a reply from the Director after several days, then the query goes to the Dean of the Institute that the school belongs to. There are the Institute of Leadership Studies, Institute of Arts, Institute of Military Studies, Institute of Technology, Cadet Schools Dean, and the aforementioned Institute of Science Fiction. Now, if a student is still unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion to their issue after contacting the Dean, the Vice-Commandant for Academic Studies, Jill Rayburn, is available to assist in any way she is able. Lastly, the office of the Commandant is available to you when it seems you just can't get anywhere with anyone else you've spoken with. Contact information for each of these persons is available via the Academy website.

My Primary Staff

This reporting period, I'm able to include the name of the new Academy Webmaster, Dino Gravato, who, since taking on this responsibility, has exceeded expectations at every turn. He has proven himself a genuine asset to this administration. Shawn Gregory has taken the mantle of Dean for the Institute of Leadership Studies, and

Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, Jr. joins us as the new Dean for Cadet Studies.

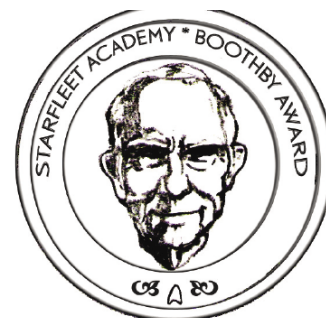
Graduates

Graduates listed are a combination of graduates for the months of January and February, 2005. Congratulations are extended to all our graduates for their hard work.

Boothby Awards

The Boothby Awards are designed 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. Over the course of the past month, I have made the Boothby Program one of my personal goals. I'm pleased to announce that the certificates for this program have been completely re-designed, and as I submit this report, all the backdated certificates have been distributed. The program will now proceed with this edition of the CQ, in which I will list those who've successfully completed enough courses to be recognized for their accomplishments with the next level of Boothby.

The recipients for this period are as follows (all numbers of completed courses reflect the Database standings as of deadline for this issue of the CQ):



Bronze Boothby
(50-99 completed courses)
David E. Klingman (50)
Raye Crews (52)
Joanne Shoenhalter (54)
Carolyn Donner (54)
Michael W. Malotte (55)

Silver Boothby
(100 -149 completed courses)
Anne Miller (100)
Susan Mahaffey (101)
Sofyan Sahrom (103)
Darlene Topp (106)
Erik B. Cowand (114)

Diamond Boothby
(250-299 completed courses)
Dean A. Rogers (270)

Starfleet Academy is proud of these students, who continue to set the finest example in their pursuit of academic excellence.

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES - JAN./FEB. 2005

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

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)

Ruth Bigio (D)
Ian Letendre (H)
Kris Winegar (D)
Lara Negami (H)
Romell B. Bacon (H)
Eleanor Johnson (H)
Ronald Alan Helmdollar (D)
Don Aubrey (H)
John Pezzino (D)
Caroline Pajany (D)
Michele Santos (H)
Emily Lacey (D)
Louise Scherer (H)
Delia Ruiz (D)
Geoff Upton (D)

Lynnette DeVoe (D)
Alinda Mahaffey (H)
Joe Mahaffey (H)
Mark Elliot (H)
Susan Young (H)
Richard Jolitz (H)
Darren Martin (D)
Larry Neigt (D)
Rachel Butts (D)
Sherwood Shaplin (H)
Dean Eberly (D)
Gary Hollifield, Sr. (D)
Jason Nebon (H)
Christina Sievers (H)

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC)

Geoff Upton (D)
Glendon L. Diebold (H)
Kevin Kirk (H)
Donald Morin (H)
Gary Amor (H)
Thomas Pawelczak (H)

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)

Matt Reilly
Kathryn Johnson (H)
Rolando Gomez (D)
Stephen Gassett (D)
Daniel Dreesbach
John Newmark (D)
Arron Ehly (H)

SCHOOL OF ACCESSABILITY

Joanne Schoenthaler (D)
Gary Amor (D)
Michael R. Federman (D)
Karen Stevenson (D)
Keira Russell-Strong (D)
Susan Mahaffey

SCHOOL OF RECRUITING

Larry S. Neigt (D)
Matthew Ebeling (H)
Susan Mahaffey
Raymond Burkhardt (H)

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC)

Christopher Bayonet (D)
Guy Blandford (H)
Michael W. Malotte (D)
Darlene Topp (H)
Jill Rayburn (D)
John Wagner (D)
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. (D)
Susan Mahaffey

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS) European Campus

Brigitte Sader
Jeffrey Nusbaum
Jakub Gornicki
Tim Blaauw

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION

COLLEGE OF THE FANTASY REALM

Raymond W. Burkhardt (D) ****
Nancy Rabel Hall ** (1 with D)
Ann Mayo (D)**
Gary Hollifield Jr. (D)

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Michael Soucy

New Chairman Sought for ASDB!

By ADM Alex Rosenzweig, Director/DTS • USS Avenger, Region 7

CAPT David Lynch has stepped down as Chairman of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau, citing personal reasons. We thank him for his service to STARFLEET, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

This reopens this position, and gives me the opportunity to invite members interested in the technical side of Trek to join in a fun part of the FLEET. With that in mind...

The Department of Technical Services is seeking applicants to fill the position of Chairman, Advanced Starship Design Bureau. We're looking for qualified members who love starship and space station design, and would like to share that love with fellow members.

What follows is the job description. If this sounds like you, why not apply?

The Chairman of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB) will be charged with assisting STARFLEET members/shuttles/chapters in the creation of new starship designs and/or the upgrade/modification of existing designs within

the framework of a coherent, established Star Trek Universe.

New design proposals are reviewed by the ASDB, which helps groups iron out any possible engineering/design issues and then submits a recommendation to the Director, DTS for approval or disapproval of the design, based on the results of the design review.

The successful candidate will:

1] Be comfortable with and possess full understanding of Star Trek technology and engineering in all Star Trek eras (from the 22nd Century of "Enterprise" to the 24th Century of TNG/DS9/VOY).

2] Be comfortable with Star Trek engineering and starship design as explicated in fan-tech (e.g., Star Fleet Printing Office, Star Station Aurora, Mastercom Data Center), as well as Paramount-tech, as the former has played a very important role in the proper development of the Trek Universe.

3] Be willing to guide groups designing starships to develop their projects to fit realistically within the existing framework.

(e.g., if we already have 2 extant shuttlecarrier designs {and "actually", we have about 8 right now}, a group creating a third should show that the new design does something that the others do not.) New designs created simply for the purpose of being new will not necessarily be accepted, but the ASDB Chairman can assist groups in giving the new design a fresh characteristic that would aid in its acceptance. Alternatively, the ASDB Chairman will show the group the existing designs and see if one of those might not suit the purpose.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2005. Applications should be sent to:

Starfleet Department of
Technical Services
980 Linwood Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-
2267

Or e-mailed to:

DTS@sfi.org, or
alexr@tellurian.com

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Star Trek Encyclopedia Project

FCAPT Michael Vermoesen • USS Europe, R9

Do you read Star Trek novels? If so, you may be able to help a special project and, at the same time, provide a service to STARFLEET.

The Star Trek Encyclopedia group (STNEG) consists of several individuals who are trying to create a complex and informative encyclopedia of all the Star Trek novels. This encyclopedia will be a great resource for those looking for a particular book or trying to remember what that book was about. It will also act as a great resource and can become a reference guide.

While this is a massive undertaking, your contributions and those of other STARFLEET members can help the encyclopedia comes to fruition much more quickly. In addition, the input will help shape a great piece that will enhance the Star Trek collection of online material, a piece that will be viewed by all Trekkers.

Visit www.groups.yahoo.com/group/stneg to see what information should be included in a review of particular book.

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES - JAN./FEB. 2005

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

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Gary Amor ****
Guy Blandford
Erik Cowand
Jaren Fielder
Tony Fleming ***
Donald Morin
Caroline Pajany (12)
Joanne Schoenthaler (12)
Jan Sleigh *****
Darlene Topp
Patrick Barnes **

Raymond Burkhart
Debbie Butcher
Gary Hollifield, Jr. (12)
David Klingman
Eric Larkin *****
Susan Mahaffey
Sharon Rowlette
Fred Parsons III
Brigitte Sader *****
Bonnie Yates-Reutell ***
Norma Ybarra

SCHOOL OF LAW

Martin Lessem
Christopher Bayonet **
Norma Ybarra
Kyle Hunter (D)
Erik Cowand ***
Angel Avery
Susan Mahaffey

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION (COC)

Gregory Franklin

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY (COST)

Wayne L. Killough
Matt Moyer
Steven P. Bowers **
Jared Fielder **
Caroline Pajany **
Douglas Mayo **
Becky Slater **

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Erik Cowand
Angel Avery **

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE (SOL)

Jan Sleigh ** (H)

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Steven P. Bowers (17)
Angel Avery (10)
Eric Kleffman *****
Sophia Carballo *****
Michael D. Smith *****
Matthew Moyer **
Gregory Franklin *****
Eugene Sanford **
Emily Lacey *****
Glenn D. Martin **
Thomas Pawelczack

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Christopher Bayonet **
Stuart Lee
Jared Fielder ****
Caroline Pajany **
Susan Mahaffey ****
Gary Hollifield Jr. ****

COLLEGE OF HISTORY (COH)

Judy Waidlich

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES (COMS)

Dave Ferber **
Emily Lacey **
Christopher Bayonet **
Bill Rowlette
Eric Kleffman ***
Mark Hanford
Jared Fielder
Antonio Lopes III
Angel Avery
Jan Sleigh

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

Jan Sleigh *****
Anne Miller***
Christopher Bayonet
Dean Rogers
Raymond Burkhart **
Glenn D. Martin **

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

GORN ACADEMY SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

Carole Kay Smith
Raymond Burkhart (H)
Michael Masailo

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM (MURP)

Shuttle Top Gun

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (VRCP)

Shuttle Top Gun

SECURITY SCHOOL

Daniel Dreesback (H)
Martin Lessem (D)
Michael McGowan(D)
Eric Cowand (D)**

Key:

(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)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STARFLEET GENERAL ACCOUNT - JANUARY

1/1/05 - 1/31/05
Opening Balance: \$23048.22

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	1/3/2005	NPC	Membership Processing	22.00	23070.22
	1/3/2005	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	81.01	23151.23
	1/3/2005	NPC	Discount Fee	-263.26	22887.97
1220	1/3/2005	Denby Potts	Postage/Delivery	-34.40	22853.57
	1/4/2005	Discover	Discount Fee	-10.10	22843.47
	1/4/2005	NPC	Membership Processing	110.00	22953.47
1228	1/6/2005	Deborah A. Malotte	Promotions	-103.09	22850.38
1229	1/6/2005	Tom Hughes, CPA	Fee	-500.00	22350.38
1232	1/6/2005	"EPC, Inc."	Web Hosting	-119.40	22230.98
	1/7/2005	CTS Holdings	Bank Service Charges	-10.00	22220.98
	1/7/2005	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	-18.99	22201.99
1227	1/7/2005	Pat Spillers	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-1000.00	21201.99
	1/10/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-20177.99	1024.00
	1/10/2005	Allyson Dyar	Postage/Delivery	-24.13	999.87
	1/10/2005	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	106.62	1106.49
	1/10/2005	NPC	Membership Processing	20.00	1126.49
	1/10/2005	Joost Ueffing	Postage/Delivery	-136.80	989.69
	1/11/2005	CTS Holdings	Bank Service Charges	-7.78	988.91
	1/11/2005	CTS Holdings	Membership Processing	23.00	1011.91
	1/11/2005	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-11.9	1000.01
1230	1/11/2005	Deborah A. Malotte	Postage/Delivery	-12.82	987.19
1231	1/11/2005	Michael W. Malotte	Postage/Delivery	-28.31	958.88
	1/21/2005	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	-5.35	953.53
Total Month Ending 1/31/05				-22094.69	
Grand Total				-22094.69	953.53

STARFLEET SAVINGS - JANUARY

1/1/05 - 1/31/05
Opening Balance: \$ 5672.96

Numbr	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	1/6/2005	BB&T	Investment Income : Interest	.93	5673.89
	1/6/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-5643.89	30.00
Total Month Ending 1/31/05				-5642.96	
Grand Total				-5642.96	30.00

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING - JANUARY

1/1/05 - 1/31/05
Opening Balance as of 1/1/05: \$1,814.97

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	1/11/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-1784.97	30.00
	1/21/2005	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	-12.18	17.82
Total Month Ending 1/31/05				-1797.15	
Grand Total				-1797.15	17.82

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND - JANUARY

1/1/05 - 1/31/05
Opening Balance as of 1/1/05: \$4230.24

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	1/10/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-4200.24	30.00
	1/21/2005	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	-10.91	19.09
Total Month Ending 1/31/05				-4211.15	
Grand Total				-4211.15	19.09

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS - JANUARY

1/1/05 - 1/31/05

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	1/06/2005	BB&T	Investment Income: Interest	0.93	5678.82
	1/10/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-5648.82	30.00
Total Month Ending 1/31/05				-5647.89	
Grand Total				-5647.89	30.00

STARFLEET GENERAL ACCOUNT - FEBRUARY

2/1/05 - 2/28/05
Opening Balance: \$953.53

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	2/1/2005	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	-475.00	478.53
	2/2/2005	NPC	Discount Fee	-8.79	469.74
	2/8/2005	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	-18.99	450.75
	2/11/2005	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-11.90	438.85
	2/22/2005	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	-45.45	393.40
Total Month Ending: 2/28/05				-560.13	
Grand Total				-560.13	393.40

STARFLEET SAVINGS - FEBRUARY

2/1/05 - 2/28/05
Opening Balance: \$ 30.00

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	2/4/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-30.00	0.00
Total Month Ending: 2/28/05				-30.00	
Grand Total				-30.00	0.00

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING - FEBRUARY

2/1/05 - 2/28/05
Opening Balance as of 2/1/05: \$17.82

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	2/4/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-17.82	0.00
Total Month Ending 2/28/05				-17.82	
Grand Total				-17.82	0.00

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND - FEBRUARY

2/1/05 - 2/28/05
Opening Balance: \$19.09

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	2/4/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-19.09	0.00
Total Month Ending 2/28/05				-19.09	
Grand Total				-19.09	0.00

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS - FEBRUARY

2/1/05 - 2/28/05
Opening Balance: \$30.00

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	2/4/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-30.00	0.00
Total Month Ending 2/28/05				-30.00	
Grand Total				-30.00	0.00

STARFLEET GENERAL ACCOUNT - MARCH

3/1/05 - 3/31/05
Opening Balance: \$393.40

Number	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	3/4/2005	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	-95.00	298.40
	3/8/2005	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	-18.99	279.41
	3/11/2005	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	-11.9	267.51
	3/21/2005	BB&T	Analysis Service Charge	-13.29	254.22
1176	3/24/2005	Adjustment	Adjustment	-6,260.22	
	3/25/2005	Starfleet 2005 Admin.	Transfer to 2005 Admin.	-260.22	0.00
Total Month Ending: 3/31/05				-393.40	
Grand Total				-393.40	0.00

EDITORIALS

Why I Stopped Watching Star Trek: Confessions of an Original Trekker

By Dave Barrett



Paramount is canceling *Enterprise* after only four seasons. What a surprise. I stopped watching it a year ago.

Let me be clear up front; I love *Star Trek*. Passionately. I always have. From the very first moment I saw it, something just... clicked. I am extremely proud of the fact that I'm part of the generation that made *Star Trek* the phenomenon it became. I was too young to have seen the show in its original first run on NBC. It wasn't until a few years later, while visiting my brother in college, that I discovered this amazing show in syndication. I was eleven at the time.

I remember it vividly; my family was in a hotel in Indiana and I was bored out of my mind. This was in 1972 B.C. (before cable), and there was all of three television channels to choose from. Fortunately, *Star Trek* was on one of them.

The episode was *Arena*, and I'd missed the first half. I was already into science fiction & fantasy, so the second I saw a lizard-man fighting hand-to-hand with a guy in a green shirt, I was glued to the screen. I learned how to make a cannon that day, using stuff lying around on a deserted planet.

After that, everything changed for me. I watched it every day after school. I made a checklist of episodes, and kept track of how many times I'd seen each one (I called it my "Trek-list"). I made models of the *Enterprise* and a Klingon Battle Cruiser and hung them from my ceiling. I read the books; went to the conventions; bought the merchandise... I was hardcore.

But it wasn't enough. We (the fans) wanted more. Oh sure, they tried to placate us with the Saturday morning cartoon version, but let's face it, that was pretty lame. No, we wanted Kirk and Spock in the flesh.

And then came *Star Wars*.

All of a sudden, sci-fi was cool. Rip-off space movies and short-lived TV shows were cropping up everywhere. For Paramount, it was a no-brainer. They were going to revive the TV show anyway (*Star Trek: Phase Two*); why not just up the ante and turn it into a big-budget theatrical movie instead?

And so they did. *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* was the most expensive movie ever produced in Hollywood's history (at that time), clocking in at over \$40 million.

Too bad it sucked.

Ok, maybe that's a bit too harsh. The director's cut is most definitely an improvement. Thank you Paramount, for allowing Robert Wise to finally finish his

film the way he originally envisioned it. And since this is a confession, I admit to seeing it twice on opening night; once at the 8 o'clock show, and then again at midnight.

Even though it wasn't exactly what we had hoped for, it was *Star Trek*, and fans flocked to it. The film ultimately grossed over \$120 million at the box office. That's 1979 dollars, when movie tickets were averaging a third of what they sell for today. The future of *Star Trek* looked very promising.

The following year, *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* was released, further fueling the public's appetite for quality science fiction. When *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* was released in 1982, it was an instant blockbuster.

This was *Star Trek*! This is what we were waiting for! Kirk battling an old nemesis from the TV show! Fans lined up around the block to watch Kirk defeat Khan, and witness the death of Spock, one of the most beloved characters in sci-fi history.

But you can't keep a good character down, especially in science fiction, and so Spock was reborn, in the highly under-rated sequel *Star Trek III: The Search For Spock*, followed by *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, neatly wrapping up the trilogy started by Khan.

In 1987, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, set one hundred years after the original series, premiered on television. After a somewhat shaky start, it ended up far surpassing the original, in both storytelling and popularity (personally, I never missed a new episode in its entire run).

And then, in 1991, Gene Roddenberry, the creator of the series, died.

After that, things changed. Now that the old man was dead, Rick Berman, Roddenberry's hand-picked successor, decided to take the series in a new direction. The direction he took it was into deep space.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine premiered to one of the largest television audiences in history, but to mixed reviews. For the first time, *Star Trek* didn't... trek anywhere. Still, fans were willing to give it a chance to get its "space legs."

Eventually it did, and proved to be an excellent show, especially after adding Michael Dorn to the cast as Worf. It not only added new vigor to the show, it gave it that crucial link it needed to tie-in with *Next Generation*. When Worf turned up in the film *First Contact* commanding *Deep Space Nine's* ship, *Defiant*, the circle was complete.

But my interest was starting to wane. For the first time I missed episodes. Sometimes whole blocks of them. It just wasn't the same.

And then came *Voyager*.

Gene Roddenberry's golden rule was "No conflict among Starfleet officers." Humans of the future will have overcome any such petty differences. This posed a conundrum for the writers, for without conflict, there is no drama. All conflict would have to come from outside.

The way around this problem? Put a crew of half-Starfleet and half-pirates on the same ship and throw them into another quadrant of the galaxy, so far away it'll take them seventy years to get home. Yeah baby, now that's what I call CONFLICT!

I watched the premier. Let's just say I was underwhelmed. But, it was *Star Trek*, so I gave it a chance, and I watched the entire first two seasons religiously. But somehow, it just wasn't *Star Trek*. Oh sure, it was on a starship, and they went places, but there was always too much underlying tension everywhere.

There was a reason the original *Star Trek* and *Next Generation* worked so well. That reason was Gene Roddenberry. By circumventing his Prime Directive of no conflict among the crew members, Rick Berman and company put *Star Trek* on a path towards self-destruction.

To make matters worse, it started to get boring. Same plot, different show. Tweak a storyline here, give the alien a new forehead there, maybe throw in the Borg... been there done that. Once in a while a really creative and original episode would crop up, but mostly it was the same old rehashed stuff.

By this time, even the movies were slowing down. *Insurrection*, while well written and satisfying, was little more than a glorified episode with a big movie star as the guest villain (an unrecognizable F. Murray Abraham under layers of prosthetic makeup). What is it about odd numbered *Star Trek* movies?

I intermittently watched *Voyager* when I remembered it was on, but it wasn't like the old days when I would arrange my schedule around *Star Trek*. I think I missed an entire half season towards the end. Then, after seven years, *Voyager* found her way back home, just as we always knew she would. Yawn.

On to *Enterprise*. It could have been something really, really special, but instead they opted for more of the same. To be

completely honest, they lost me from day one.

First of all, they completely screwed up the ship design. What is a 24th century design doing in the 22nd century? They got it right in *First Contact* with the Phoenix; they got it right for the Deep

Space Nine episode, *Trials and Tribbleations*, when they recreated the original *Enterprise*; why couldn't they get this right too?

The blue glow on the sides of the nacelles were never on Kirk's *Enterprise* in any of the films, ergo it was a 24th century innovation. I once heard Rick Berman make the excuse that audiences were used to the ships of the movies and series, so they designed it in a familiar way. I call that a cop-out. Just admit that you screwed up.

I also would have really liked to have heard the old chirps and whistles from the bridge of Kirk's *Enterprise*, on this *Enterprise*. It would have been a great homage to the old series, and added so much more to the feel of *Star Trek*.

Speaking of sound effects, would it have been so terrible to use some other sound effects from the original series? Phasers maybe? Or the transporter? How about the turbo-lift? It just strikes me as very odd that the 22nd century is more advanced than the 23rd century.

Even so, I gave it the old *Star Trek* try. I watched the first two seasons, pretty consistently. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't great either. There were a few stand-outs. It almost seemed like it wanted to be like the old series, but didn't want to give up all its new toys.

And then at the end of the second season, they threw away over three decades of established *Star Trek* lore, and completely re-wrote the timeline of events, when an alien force destroyed a good chunk of North America, just for the sake of ratings. I thought that was in poor taste after 9/11.

But that's not why I stopped watching. I stopped watching *Enterprise* because, where I live, they moved the third season to the same day and time as *Smallville*. I'm sorry, but I don't have TiVo. When they forced me to make a choice, I chose the better show.

If they had aired it one hour later, instead of putting it up against a rival show, I'd have tuned in. I will never understand why networks put similar shows (in this case science fiction) up against each other in

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AN OPEN LETTER TO STARFLEET: THE INTERNATIONAL STAR TREK FAN ASSOCIATION

From Chris Halliday

I love time travel. And I owe it all to Star Trek.

We've all experienced pivot points in history, those moments when something happens, something so huge that it changes everything that comes after. Some are good, some bad. The first time you look into the eyes of your soul mate. The loss of a parent. These are events that send ripples through our lives, shaping us.

Apparently, I was shaped by Harlan Ellison and Gene Roddenberry. I remember it very clearly. I was five, sitting in front of my parent's tiny black and white television watching *The City on the Edge of Forever*, mouth in the shape of an "O" as ideas the size of worlds dropped like boulders into the lake of my young mind. Time travel. Alternate histories. Changing the past.

It was the idea that everything we were and knew might be swept away and replaced with something familiar, yet alien, that particularly fascinated me. It sunk into my subconscious and stayed there for years, fermenting away in the background as I read authors like Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, Paul Anderson, Jack Chalker, Robert Silverberg, Ray Bradbury and others. Another classic Trek episode, *Mirror Mirror*, added another element to the mix, the concept of parallel universes. Somewhere in my mind, the two concepts collided, and the germ of the idea that would grow to become *TIME WAR: Adventures in Eternity* was born.

Many years later, I became interested in role-playing games. The idea of being able to assume the role of a heroic character in a world of the imagination and live his or her adventures seemed like a natural creative outlet for me, and my campaigns became popular for their depth of ingenuity and characterization. Sadly, there was no published setting that – to my mind – dealt with the concepts of parallel worlds and time travel in a satisfactory way. My imagination fired by yet another Trek story, in this case the superb TNG story *Yesterday's Enterprise*, I resolved to write my own.

As anyone who writes for a living will tell you, writing is a hard and lonely job. Writing for games is worse, because not only do you have to build a convincing world from scratch, but you have to build the rules that world works on as well. *TIME WAR* was hard to write simply because of its immense scale. It's a game of action, adventure and intrigue, where the players can take on the role of beings from any one of billions of different parallel worlds, banded together to maintain the integrity of hundreds of billions of years of history. Characters can be transhuman, protohuman, or completely inhuman. They can use magic, psionics, or even technology made out of auras. Their enemies range from transdimensional

death cults to transcendent AIs and creatures made of folded space, with the continued existence of everything that is, was or ever will be at stake. All this is complemented by an incredibly fast and flexible game system, and wrapped in a simple, internally consistent set of time travel rules capable of handling any situation the characters might encounter. *TIME WAR* takes one of the oldest ideas in science fiction – the concept of a "time patrol" defending history – and rebuilds it from the ground up, re-imagining it in a way that's never been done before. It's eye-popping stuff, and is, in my opinion, the best SF game to come down the track in years. But of course, as the proud father, I would say that.

In 1997, shortly after I moved to the US from the UK, I decided to publish online a small sample of the *TIME WAR* background, in order to gauge interest in a potential role-playing game. Being a cautious fellow, I liberally marked the pages with copyright notices, though by 1997 the law had changed so that they were no longer strictly necessary.

The public reaction was both immediate and surprising. I started to receive fan emails on an almost daily basis, including an extremely encouraging message from Dr. Richard Hanley, author of *The Metaphysics of Star Trek*. One gentleman referred to *TIME WAR* as "the best game background on the net," while another called it "the finest unpublished RPG ever". The popular *Bureau 13* RPG web site published, with permission and proper accreditation, a series of crossover adventures involving elements of the *TIME WAR* setting spilling over into the modern world. I'm proud to say that the background has even garnered press attention abroad, with one Italian gaming magazine calling *TIME WAR* "everything you need to know about Time Travel."

Thus encouraged, I began work on the game proper, only to discover over the years that writing rules systems from scratch is incredibly hard work. Eventually I decided to license a game system and modify it for *TIME WAR*, first pursuing Last Unicorn Game's *ICON* system (used in their excellent *Star Trek* RPG), before settling on the award-winning *Tri-Stat* system, published by Canadian company *Guardians of Order* and used in their *Big Eyes, Small Mouth* animé RPG, and the highly popular superhero RPG, *Silver Age Sentinels*.

In 2001, shortly after I had purchased a license to use the *Tri-Stat* system for *TIME WAR*, I received an email complimenting me on the sample pages I had put up on my web site, and asking me if there were any more. Some time before, when I had intended to publish the game through my friend Matt Goodman at *Heliograph*, Inc.,

I had made the decision not to make any more of the background available before the book was published, so I declined this request, explaining my intention to publish the work professionally. I heard no more from this individual, though I noted he joined the Yahoo mailing list I used for keeping fans of the game informed.

Flash forward a few years. In between getting a new day job and setting up my company, *Argent Games*, I'd had little time to work on *TIME WAR*, but by January of 2005 a glimmer of light was appearing at the end of the tunnel. The amended rules were largely complete, the background tweaked and polished, and the manuscript close to being sent to the editor. After more years than I really want to think about, my baby was ready to be born. I was happy, excited and proud.

You may, then, have some idea of my shock and surprise when a fan contacted me to tell me that someone had published my material without my permission, and had attached their name to it as author. In many ways, it's a writer's worst nightmare. We spend so much time in our own heads that the fruit of our creativity is more real to us than anything physical. I followed the link supplied, and was intrigued to find archives of a series of articles published in *Starfleet Communiqué* issues 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, and 118. The articles dealt with the subject of time travel and related temporal phenomena, ostensibly in the *Star Trek* universe, though little reference was made to any of the trappings of the *Star Trek* background. The articles were spread over a number of issues, and while the first installment seemed harmless enough, reading the others made my blood run cold.

These were my words. The purported author of these articles hadn't just used my ideas or concepts; he had cut and pasted entire pages of my work, an act of plagiarism so blatant that I kept having to go back and check to make sure it had actually happened. That's when I remembered that I'd seen the name on the articles before. It was the individual who'd been so complimentary about my writing years before, the one that I had told of my intention to publish the work professionally.

I'm a methodical man, and I keep everything that anyone sends me about *TIME WAR*, mainly for encouragement on those lonely days when it seems like the project will never be finished. So I dug through my records and found the email from 2001. Then I went through the moderator logs on the *TIME WAR* mailing list and tracked the times the writer had changed his email address, printing them out along the way.

Then I spoke to my lawyers. It seems that plagiarism, especially electronic plagiarism, is a very serious business these days. In 1997 President Clinton signed the No Electronic Theft Act into law, making it a federal crime to plagiarize anything that exists in electronic format. The law was designed to deal with illegal music downloads, video pirates and hackers, but applies equally in this situation. Violators of this law face up to three years in jail and fines of up to \$250,000. The principle of Vicarious Liability means that, because the offense had taken place in the pages of *Starfleet Communiqué*, *Starfleet International* could be held liable. In court I could ask for statutory damages, which run to approximately \$150,000.

After taking the time to calm myself, I decided to approach *Starfleet International* personally, rather than through my lawyers. Legally, I was obligated to act or run the risk of losing control of my copyrighted material, but I also had no desire to financially cripple a fan organization that I was certain were just as much victims in this matter as I was. I emailed the Fleet Admiral and the Editor of *Starfleet Communiqué*, and informed them of the situation. Less than an hour later, I got a telephone call from Chief of Staff Dennis Rayburn, to inform me that *Starfleet* was looking into the issue and to let me know they were taking it very seriously.

Looking back, it's now obvious to me that this gratifyingly swift and direct response is typical of the way Fleet Admiral Livingston deals with things. She and Dennis acted quickly to assure me they were aware of just how I must feel, and never once sought to minimize the issue or dodge responsibility. If there's been an upside to this series of events, it has been the pleasure of dealing with people as polite, decent and competent as Admiral Livingston and Dennis Rayburn. At every step, they have been far more interested in doing what's right and being fair to all concerned than in protecting themselves or avoiding responsibility, something we could all do with a little more of today. They are, in my opinion, a credit to their organization and the principles upon which it was founded.

I'd been informed by *Starfleet* that there was a slight problem with their investigation of the plagiarism, due to the accused individual's position in the organization. To help *Starfleet*, I sent a number of documents to Fleet Admiral Livingston, including: a preview of the *TIME WAR* background I'd prepared for the GenCon gaming convention in 2001; printouts of the articles from *Starfleet Communiqué* with pointers to their corresponding pages in the GenCon preview and with the plagiarized material highlighted (though so much had been taken that it would have been easier to highlight the material that wasn't mine); copies of the email from 2001 and my

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response; and copies of the moderator logs from the TIME WAR mailing list, showing the culprit joining the list, changing his email address a number of times, and eventually leaving the list the Friday after I first contacted Starfleet.

In reviewing the articles, I realized that the culprit had to have deleted the copyright notices that were on every page, and that certain references within the documents would have to have been changed. Every mention of the Time Corps (now the Time Guard in the current version of the TIME WAR background) had been replaced with the phrase "<DELETED>". However, many references peculiarly specific to my work had not been changed, presumably because their significance was not obvious to anyone who didn't know the material well. The two most obvious ones were a reference to the date and hour of my birth, and a scientist named after my wife. I'm told the culprit tried to explain those away, before being confronted with the truth and

confessing. That's something I would have liked to have seen.

Shortly after the Fleet Admiral's office got those materials, I was informed that the culprit had confessed when confronted with the proof and had stepped down from his post. Personally, I felt – and still feel – this was getting off lightly. Recent plagiarists in the press have lost their jobs for less. This individual risked throwing the reputation of the organization into disrepute and, as a high ranking officer and board member, had a higher ethical standard to adhere to. That this crime was committed by someone in such a trusted position still amazes me. It is, after all, an incredible betrayal of his responsibility and the trust Starfleet International put in him, hopefully the only one. One would hope he's never given the opportunity to do something like this again, and that there are no further such surprises in the future.

Several weeks after confessing, the plagiarist submitted an apology to STARFLEET International and myself. To

call it an insult is putting it mildly. In it, he says "I [...] apologize specifically to Chris Halliday for using materials he believes are uniquely his own. While the idea of a 'time cop' organization is nearly universal in the sci-fi community, there is the occasional phrasing of material that is not 'universal' and is, in fact, original." (My emphasis)

It is a remarkably backhanded apology, in which the plagiarist questions the originality of my work, while ignoring the fact that he used entire pages of my material, without my permission and with full knowledge that I intended to publish it professionally. I leave you to draw your own conclusions about the trustworthiness of such an individual. About the only thing I agree with in the "apology" is when the plagiarist called his behavior a mistake. He's right; it is a mistake to commit a crime, publish the evidence, and somehow think you won't get caught.

Starfleet International has been amazingly cooperative, for which I am duly grateful. They have prominently placed explanatory notices in all electronic archives of the

issues of Starfleet Communiqué in which the plagiarized material appeared, and have run a full statement of apology, acknowledging my copyright, which appeared in the previous issue to this one. They also asked me to write this account of my side of these events, to help explain them to the membership; an opportunity I'm happy to take.

All I ever wanted to do was publish a role-playing game, the very best one I could make. With good luck and a fair wind, TIME WAR: Adventures in Eternity will hit the stores this year. You'll be able to buy it online through Amazon.Com and <http://www.guardiansorder.com>, or from your favorite local game store. If you're interested in learning more about the game, check out the official Argent Games web site at <http://www.argentgames.com>. Let me know what you think. And if you like what you see, why not pick up a copy? It's good enough to steal, after all...

Eternity awaits the brave.

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From the IG's Office

by RAdm Danny Potts • USS Heaphastus, R2

April, 2005

"Failure comes only when we forget our ideals and objectives and principles."
– Nehru

Greetings, STARFLEET.

I'd like to take time in this, my first Inspector General report, to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me, and to talk a little about the Office of the Inspector General.

I am Rear Admiral Danny Potts, your new Inspector General. Technically, I'm not really 'new', as I did serve as Inspector General for a short time under the leadership of Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, as well as serving as Assistant Inspector General for Region 02 for several years.

More recently, I had been serving as the Region 02 Regional Coordinator, and had just stepped down to take some time off to pursue a few personal projects when Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston called me up and asked if I would serve again, following the resignation of Robb Jackson. I agreed, and here we are again...

In future issues of the Communiqué, I plan to let you know the outcomes of elections, Admiralty Board votes, and other various items that my office is responsible for, but in this first issue I wanted to take a minute and let you know what I'm about, and how I plan to run this office.

I am primarily a principle-driven person. By that, I mean that for any job you take, you should lay down the principles that you believe the job should ideally operate under, and then let those principles drive the work, even if that work conflicts with your personal beliefs. That flows through everything I do, and it's how I believe the Office of the Inspector General must work. The primary tenets of this office are Due Process, Integrity, Honesty and Fairness. Any person that brings an item to this office should expect those tenets to rank paramount above all else in this office. Personal feelings fall to the wayside... Righteous causes have no place... The members of STARFLEET have to know that their rights are first and foremost in the minds of the people that are investigating issues on their behalf.

When you are contacted by myself, or by any member of this office, please know that we are doing our best to get to the heart of any issue brought before us. The Office of the Inspector General is not 'out to get' anyone. The best thing for all concerned is that you offer your full and unbiased assistance in any investigation, because we all want the same thing... the truth.

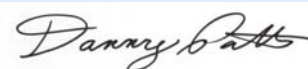
One item of business that I can tell you about, however, is that my office is taking a serious look at the process by which Regional Coordinators are elected, and trying to make that process run more smoothly. I can't say exactly what we're planning yet, but from the first round of

feedback we've received from leaders in the organization we've presented these ideas to, we'll have some exciting news for all soon. The immediate effect of this process is that a few Votes of Confidence might be delayed a bit so that the new processes can be in place beforehand.

I'd like to take a moment and thank all the members of the Inspector General's office, who made the transition from Robb to myself as smooth as can possibly be done. The Assistants in the Office are great people, and I'm honored to serve with them. Sometimes, being the Inspector General can be a lonely position, but this group makes it seem more like a family business.

If you have an issue you feel you need to bring to my attention, feel free to contact me using one of the ways listed below. I might not be anything more than a sympathetic ear at times, but sometimes that's just exactly what we all need.

Until next time,



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"Why I stopped watching Star Trek..."
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competition. To me, it makes much more sense to let the same audience enjoy both shows. Why make us choose?

I guess they realized they were losing fans to Smallville, because this year they moved it to Friday night. But it was too little too late. If other fans were like me, who had completely missed the entire third season, we had pretty much forgotten about it, or felt lost in the storyline if we did tune in.

Ironically, it was a move to Friday night that killed the original series. Who stays home to watch television on Friday night? Don't these guys ever learn?

Now I hear there is a letter writing campaign under way to save Enterprise. Will it work? Who knows. It worked once, maybe it will again. Maybe not. Either way, I don't think it matters much. Star Trek has pretty much run its course. Paramount has milked their cash-cow dry. Too bad. It was truly great once.

And so it is, that I say goodbye to Star Trek with a heavy heart.

Live long and prosper.

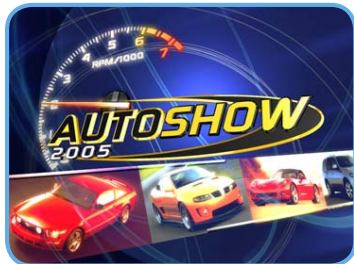
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PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL 2005 AUTO SHOW February 12-20 • David L. Lawrence Convention Center

An away team of the USS Inferno attended the Pittsburgh Auto show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, February 12th. A good time was had by all. After the Auto Show, we went out to dinner at Eat'n Park Restaurant near the XO's & Ops Chief's Quarters. The crew that attended was Operations Chief Captain Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French), XO, Colonel K'moghjiH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.), and LTjg Christopher Hindman (picture on right in front of car). The photo was taken in front of the new Dodge Super 8 Concept Car. It was so science fiction looking that it seemed fitting to photograph in front of it.



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Toast for the Bird

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To Eugene Wesley Roddenberry, the Master of the Trek:

We thank you...

For Enterprise, Voyager, DS9 and all of the captains and characters;

For all the years, the tears, the cheers, and—yes—even for the jeers;

For respecting the intelligence of your audience;

For giving peoples and persons from all walks of life a common piece of fellowship...

We thank you.

And for now, until we meet again in The Next Generation,

As trekker and trekkie alike, we bid you and your inspiration adieu,

Even as we continue to carry your mantle forward as our own.

Here's to you, the Great Bird of the Galaxy.

USS Challenger Annual Food Festival

VADM Bob Vosseller - USS Challenger, R7

Photos by VADM Bob Vosseller

Left: USS Challenger Engineering Chief Jeff Victor at left, joins USS Avenger XO /SF Commandant Todd Brugmans and USS Challenger XO Mary Singleton to talk up the Region 7 Conference being held in Seaside Heights, NJ on Sept. 23-25. The USS Challenger is hosting the event this year. Todd provided a great conference logo which followed the theme of "Back To The Beach" which is bringing the 7th Fleet back to the Jersey Shore where stand alone conferences began in 1993.



Above: Eagles fever hits the festival (Sonny Wright and Ken Diehl)
Left: Chow time at the annual food festival.

An Essay on IDIC

ENS Caroline Pajany, Counselor - USS Europe, R9

"The glory of creation is in its infinite diversity."

"And in the way our differences combine to create meaning and beauty." Dr. Miranda Jones and Spock,

"Is There in Truth No Beauty?" stardate 5630.8

Definition. In the Star Trek universe, IDIC is an abbreviation for Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations, the name of a prestigious Vulcan award of merit, celebrating the Vulcan's embrace of cultural and racial diversity. On formal occasions, Spock wore his IDIC medallion as a pin as part of his dress uniform.

Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations represents a Vulcan belief that beauty, growth, progress--all result from the union of the unlike. Concord, as much as discord, requires the presence of at least two different notes. The brotherhood of man is an ideal based on learning to delight in our essential differences, as well as learning to recognize our similarities. The IDIC symbol is a union of a plain circle and triangle, uniting to produce the beautiful gemstone in the middle. The circle represents infinite, nature, woman, etc; the triangle can represent the finite, art, man, etc.

(www.memory-alpha.org/en/index.php/IDIC;
members.aol.com/idicpage/main.html)

IDIC. For me, IDIC shows a great wisdom. It is a symbol of the ability to accept the differences, instead of fearing them. It represents the wealth that the other can bring us. It is not only about acquiring new knowledge. It is also about to learn to think in a different way, the Other's way. According to psychoanalysis and psychology, this Other is very important for our development. He is even essential for the building of the self, of the personality. The other, who represents diversity, is essential to avoid that be new-born human become prisoner of a "fusion relationship" with his mother. In this case, the Other is the father, who comes to break the "fusion relationship", showing like this to the baby that something else exists. Without diversity, the construction of a healthy human mind is impossible. Infinite information. The infinite diversity is also an expression of the infinite number of information we can access, and the infinite number of the ones we cannot.

Indeed, we are limited beings, accessing reality by only 5 senses. So this infinite diversity is, in a way, finished for us. But, as all the accessible information is very numerous, as we cannot explore them all in a lifetime, they still remain, in a way, infinite".

It is obvious, then, that from infinite diversity, information, infinite combinations can be made, far beyond all that we can imagine. Infinite diversity. Star Trek is an endless world of diversity: so many different worlds, so many places, so many dishes, so many cultures. Let us not forget the diversity of the composition of the first Star Trek crew. Imagine what it meant in 1966: on the bridge, there was a black woman, a Russian, an Asiatic and a Vulcan (who may have represented, for the unconscious of many people, the devil, because of the shape of his ears). This kind of diversity was an open door to various situations and questions. It is the same thing about all the different species of Star Trek. The first example I think of is the one of Tamarans, who use a language based on metaphor, a narrative imagery using reference to the people and places of their mythic history. There are also silicon based-life forms, or artificial intelligence life forms. And as it is sadly showed in Star Trek with the Borg, infinite diversity of knowledge is a precious asset. The Borg even think that it is a way to reach perfection. But their way of gathering information is unacceptable. Happily, the members of the Federation have a different one, to "seek out new life and new civilizations"...

Of course, these infinite diversity and the combinations linked creates difficulties. Infinite diversity, infinite difficulties. Indeed, each time one is confronted to the "different", many problems emerge: to communicate, to avoid misunderstanding, to accept this other and have mutual respect. All this sometimes demands the creation of new rules. For example, the code of sentence of the Betazoid, which define the use of telepathy with other species. Sometimes, these rules stay incomprehensible: think of Jonathan Archer, meeting the Kreetassans, and making more and more cultural errors. Sometimes, one can be very shocked by the way the others live: what a strange idea is the nudity in Betazoid weddings, isn't it? Infinite combinations, infinite answers to infinite problems. Facing numerous problems, the questions are always the

same: which solution is the good one? How much time will be necessary to find it? Are all the combinations accessible to us? Sometimes, we cannot find the answer. Like for temporal paradoxes that Kathryn Janeway renounced to understand. But she accepts their existence. Infinite combinations also mean infinite complexity, a challenge for the mind. A very pleasant one for explorers. A way to break the walls of our way of thinking. And, one more time, it is not always easy because we are limited by some of our intellectual processes. Let's take the example of the cognitive dissonance. It is a concept created by a great American psychologist, Leon Festinger, in the middle of the 20th century. Festinger assumed that when a person is confronted with information that is not consistent, he/she will be invaded by cognitive dissonance he/she will try to reduce, because this dissonance is not comfortable. Example: I don't like Katarian chocolate puffs but I eat them. What a funny idea! Why would you eat something you don't like? Because you find a rational reason to: I eat this puff to please Counselor Troi, who offered it to me. This rational reason to my behavior is a simply way to suppress dissonance. But sometimes, it is much more difficult. How about when you make a decision you cannot justify, for which there is no rational reason? Think of the Doctor, in Voyager, when he chose to save Ensign Kim instead of Ensign Jetral. As he was not able to find a rational reason for his choice, he went in a loop (cognitive conflict for humans) and went so mad that Janeway had to erase his memory. But that was not the solution. You can't flee dissonance: it would be fleeing the reality. You just can try to reduce it. That's what Janeway finally understood, and she allowed him to keep his memories and to take the necessary time to resolve the conflict. When there is infinite information, there are infinite sources of dissonance, and so infinite sources of problems. Infinite horrors. In 2005, humans remember the liberation of Auschwitz, the extermination camp. Our story has been filled with indescribable horrors. Things we cannot even imagine. And so are the history of others people, even in Star Trek: eugenics wars for humans, assimilation committed by the Borg, and so many weapons of massive destruction: metreon cascade, the planet killer, Tox uthat, metagenic weapons, harvesters, trilithium, thalaron radiations, Xindi weapons, etc. (<http://www.startrek.com/startrek/view/features/>

specials/article/1672.html). But near these dark sides of the infinity, there are infinite combinations of meaning and beauty...

Infinite intellectual and spiritual nourishment. We are made of flesh and blood, but we are also intellectual and spiritual beings. Even if there many marvelous things on this Earth, someday, it certainly won't be enough. And for some of us, it is already not enough. So, we look at the stars, and we dream of all the nourishment our minds could find in this universe. In a universe of infinite diversity and of infinite combinations, we can much so learn, we can grow up, and find new fascinating things during our whole life. Most of all, we can find more and more questions, which get us to think always beyond, to surpass ourselves, to learn, and so to change. And this is a never ending story, as long as we live. And after, may be. Infinite hope. New difficulties, but also new solutions for old problems and new challenges. The first contact between humans and Vulcan brought many changes: new technologies, new cures, new solutions for old and future problems. And most of all, IDIC means the existence of an infinite number of life forms. And as long as there is life, there is hope; there is a way for consciousness to still be transmitted, even if someday, the support of this transmission could be very different from us. And finally, infinite frontiers. We know now that the last frontier is not only space, but also time. Time is our last frontier, because we absolutely need more of it to prepare a better future and a better life for our descendants, to allow them to boldly go when no one has gone before. And what will be the final frontiers for them? I cannot imagine them, being only a human of the 21st century, but I hope that they will be as interesting and fascinating as space and time were for us.

Why did I write so many lines about negatives infinities and only a few for positives ones? The answer is logical: because, in this universe, we are a very young species, still in the kindergarten of the solar system. And the infinite joys of the future mainly belong to the humans to come. Remember what Picard said to Lily, at the end of First contact: "I envy you." I also envy them and I hope they will write the most beautiful pages of human history.

And to conclude this essay, I send to Gene Roddenberry, my infinite thanks.

STARFLEET Charity Reports

USS Nelson Surpasses 59K

CAPT Douglas Mayo, CO

USS Nelson, R15

The USS Nelson located in Region 15 and based out of Greenfield, MA, exceeded its goals for collecting coupons for the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP) for the year 2004. The crew decided upon it's commissioning in May of 2003 to get involved in this very worthy charity. In 2003 we collected a little over \$3,000.00 dollars worth of coupons, ranking us 25th on the list of STARFLEET chapters on the www.ocpnet.org website contributing to the cause. We were also recognized by the leadership team of Region 15, and were awarded most charitable ship in the Region for 2003.

Our goal as a crew for the following year was to collect four times the amount we had collected for 2003. In five short months we met that goal, and by year's end we had collected, cut up, sorted, and sent in \$59,476.04 worth of coupons. That total twelve times our total for 2003, earned us the 4th highest ranked STARFLEET chapter for 2004, quite an honor for a ship only commissioned in 2003. Our challenge for 2005 is to top our 2004 total, and we are well on our way.

The crew of the Nelson has many to thank for making that remarkable achievement, the OCP collection net is spread out over countless family members, friends, and even some local businesses. To be sure, we could not have reached this incredible goal without the dedication of everyone involved. So to all those who helped us achieve this monumental goal, I say a heartfelt thank you.

Proudly submitted,

CAPT Douglas Mayo
Commanding Officer
USS Nelson NCC-74804

WE'VE POPPED OUR TOPS !

Sixty Pounds of Pop Tops as of 03/24/05

CAPT Betty Schreur - ISS Pegasus, R4

The I.S.S. Pegasus, a "STARFLEET chapter" from Las Vegas, NV has popped their tops. (No, it is not necessary to call for psych evaluations, that is what our C.O. is for!).

The members of the I.S.S. Pegasus have currently collected approximately 60 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House charity. The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program was established in 1987 by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community. To date, over 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating over \$300,000.

Members of the I.S.S. Pegasus have set up collection containers at multiple locations in the Las Vegas Valley. Thanks to the generosity of the Las Vegas community, our chapter has been able to greatly surpass our original goal of one pop top for each member of STARFLEET.

The idea for the pop tab drive was started in the Machevellian mind of our C.O. Brian Schreur. His enthusiasm, enjoiners to the crew, and repeated floggings (hey, we are from the Mirror universe, after all!), have spurred us to surpass our original goal of 40,000 pop tabs and go for the gold. These little metallic babies are turned into cold, hard cash for the Ronald McDonald House, whose charity provides, among other things, housing and support for the families of critically ill children, when their own support network is not available to them. Not bad, when you realize that such a throw away item can actually bring a lot of help to our corner of the universe. Actually, most honorable mentions must go to those crew members who have worked so hard towards our goals, although measures were taken to insure that they did not actually pop the tabs off of cans that people were still drinking from!



The I.S.S. Pegasus salutes:

Captain Brent Casteel, Captain Kathy Casteel, Captain Kelly Green, Commander Patricia Danridge, Lieutenant Colonel Wesley Kelso, Lieutenant Kerry Lyttle, Lieutenant j.g. Hess Sherrod (a recent proud graduate of USMC boot camp!), Lieutenant j.g. William Sherrod and Regional Overseer Brian Schreur jr. for their continued efforts. Besides haranguing poor, innocent members of this uncivilized universe, (Mirror universe rules!), the I.S.S. Pegasus has also assisted in other events, such as the Spring Carnivals of Robert Lunt Elementary and Doris French Elementary Schools (where we raised a combined total of 4,000 tops, as well as monetary donations for the schools of approximately \$8,500.00)

We have also managed to collect tabs while raising over \$8,000 for the local chapter of the Variety Club. Believe us, you have not lived until you have spent four weekends in full dress uniform in a casino, selling little gold hearts. We really love those big rollers!!!!

And bless 'em, they're all over Las Vegas!

So, this is another chapter in the continuing adventures of the I.S.S. Pegasus and its merry band of pirates, thieves, cutthroats and other intergalactic scum with hearts of pure latinum.

Until next time, remember:

"Evil is as evil does - wanna chance it?"

Captain Betty Schreur,
the Commodore's woman.

RadCon 4A, February 18-20th 2005, gave over 1,600 convention-goers a lot to partake in, fantasy role-playing games, an art show and auction, seminars on writing trek horror stories, musicians, and readings. Lectures were presented on topics such as Klingon Culture, how to assemble blaster, and 3D Character Animation. For the all-nighter crowd, parties, continued gaming, and a slave auction were available.

In the middle of it was the Region 5 summit with R5 Chapters and the T'Mar, a Klingon ship from the KAG at the con. Social activities at Quark's Bar was the highlight of the evenings with R5RC, Nat Saenz, and others of the USS Rubicon serving Romulan Ale and Klingon Bloodwine that were out of this world. Quark's Bar hosted a meet the Star Trek writers' reception where one writer attributed her career to the help from a past CO of the USS Rubicon that turned out to be our current RC.

Friday there was an R5 marine muster coordinated by the regions DOIC, Russ Garrison. Saturday - R5 Summit ceremonies had members from across the region. During the ceremonies, the RC presented commendations and awards, gave a state of the region report and received reports from the region departments. A visitor from Colorado led a discussion on the current Enterprise episodes and some of the ideas he had heard coming out of Paramount on the future of Star Trek.

Saturday regional staff and COs got together for a meeting and planning session. Discussions included recruiting, retention, recreation activities, discussions on starting shuttles, and solving problems in the Region.

Sunday we had our traditional R5 group breakfast at the hotel. STARFLEET members took over the back dining room with STARFLEET, Klingon, and family members in attendance. After a few words from Nat, the R5 Summit was officially closed.

We have started working on next year's RadCon already. It will be another big party. We are continue getting more programming tracks, more trek universe stuff, STARFLEET activities, Sci-Fi Jeopardy, Sci-Fi movie contest, Quark's Bar, and much more.... We will continue to work towards a massive invasion of Klingons and Romulans. Mark your calendars for next February President's Day weekend at the Pasco Red Lion in Washington. For more information, email me at davidee@sfi.org.

(Photos taken by Rebecca Elmore, Shawn McVay, and Jan Barnett-Robbins; submitted by David Lee Kania)

Region 5 Summit in Pasco, Washington

by CAPT David Lee Kania, VRC R5 • USS Rubicon, R5



Sunday brunch



Shawn McVay & Steve Eizenberg



Russ Garrison & Bobby Robbins



Nat Saenz & David Lee Kania



Jan Barnett-Robbins



Arlene & Patrick Garrison



Quark's



Sunday brunch



Tending bar

FLEET RESOURCE CENTER

by CAPT Tom Donohoe • Shuttle Dauntless, R2

Hello STARFLEET,

The Fleet Resource Center (FRC) is moving right along. Since the last CQ we have made a few personnel additions. Captain Jeff Davis has been selected as Director of Engineering, and Vice Admiral Susan Bolick has been selected as the Director of Medical. I would encourage all members of STARFLEET to contact Jeff Davis, Susan Bolick or any of the Directors within the Fleet Resource Center for any questions concerning their area of expertise.

The Fleet Resource Center is still looking to fill 2 key positions, the Communications Director position and the newly created Recreation Director position. The Communications Director position would be required to help members with resources pertaining to communication. The Recreation Director position is a new position that will be fostering fellowship and a sense of family for STARFLEET. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact me.

We are working on the FRC web presence to make it much easier to find information out regarding each of the areas within the Fleet Resource Center. There will be a main FRC page with general information and then a link to each site that supports each of the different areas. This should help in giving members a quick way to find the information they are looking for without having to hunt for it. I will send out a notice when this is up and running.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions for resources that could benefit STARFLEET, feel free to contact me so we can discuss your ideas. The Fleet Resource Center is devoted to providing the resources and tools that our members require to make their experience within STARFLEET the best ever!

Thank you,

Tom Donohoe
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Cadet Corner

The last two months have been wonderful! The amount of support that Cadet/Youth Services has received from the incoming staff has been nothing less than phenomenal. IC activities are progressing and I should soon have a tentative schedule up on the Cadet/Youth Services website.

Also in the works are T-SHIRTS! Yes, you read that right. Cadet/Youth Services has its own t-shirt! Red 50/50 lightweight cotton shirts with yellow screen printing.

SFI logo on the front and Cadet/Youth Services "Dreamer" logo on the back. Sizes range from 12 months to 6XL. Prices do depend on size, and I must have a minimum of twenty shirts to help offset the cost of having multiple set-ups done (one for the itty-bitty shirts and one for the larger shirts). Come on over to the Cadet/Youth Services website and pre-order yours now! I will be delivering a majority of the shirts at IC. If you are unable to attend IC, please let me know and I can ship the t-shirt(s) to you.

Will be concentrating on IC activities in the next few months. Feel free to join the discussion at the "SFI-Cadet/Youth_Services" Yahoo group.

See you in July!

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From the Stained Glass Office "Where Do We Go From Here?"

A few weeks ago, the long expected ax finally fell and Trek fans around the world, for the second time, faced the fact that the next TV season would be one without any new Trek episodes of any kind.

What has been interesting to me is to watch people's varying reactions to this news, what they did, what they said, and their actions. These have been very surprising to me, to put it mildly.

The schools of thought on this matter seem divided into the following camps: (1) those who said "Let it die" and attacked any who called and/or worked for saving the show, (2) those who said let it die and it will come back better after a rest, but did nothing against those who were working for the show's salvation, (3) those who wanted the show to go on, and did what they could, and (4) the group who went beyond reason to even try to get Congress to step in. Thank the Lord, Roger Nygard had already made *Trekies 2* before this!

So, instead of unity, we have four different camps with four different viewpoints and four different plans of action, which results in what? I'd hazard to say, division, disharmony, in the case of one camp, strife, and varying other reactions.

What happens now? Well, those who wish to continue the fight to save the show, I feel we should wish them well; and to those who are inclined to aid them in their struggle, I say, "Go for it." Those who want the show to die, for whatever reason is motivating them, should leave the others with the different viewpoint alone and allow for what we preach about to exist: diversity.

What has really grieved me is that I'm seeing our organization, which so many of us call an extended family, become so divided on this matter. Frankly, I fear a lot of us are, to quote the old saying, failing to see the forest for the trees.

Yes, we are facing no Trek for a while. However, look at where the fans of Trek and Science Fiction are now in comparison to where we were in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Back then, science fiction just didn't show up on television or in the theater that much. Slowly, books started to be written along with fan fiction, and we prospered and grew during that time.

In our present time, we have a 24-hour channel devoted to Sci-Fi and fantasy, somewhere in the neighborhood of 600 episodes of the various incarnations of Star Trek, and science fiction all over the place. Look, it's not as if we are going to starve for a short time while Viacom decides what it is going to do with itself and its cash cow.

One of my mentors often said that any situation is like a river. You have a bank on each side, representing the extremes, and the water in the middle, where you usually find the truth. This situation is no exception.

What do we do now? My recommendation is that we continue to let Paramount know that we are out here and will not go away quietly into the good night. Believe me, if we do that, there will be a new Trek movie and/or series, as they want to keep the money coming in. After all, remember they are in the business to make money; and since it takes all of us spending for them to get it, they have to get us in the mood, so to speak.

However, in the meantime, we are presented with a golden opportunity. While we continue to remind Paramount that we are around, we can go back to our roots which is the fan fiction, fan made movies (if you got the DVD of *Trekies 2*, there is an excellent example in the extras of a fan film), and the like.

Yes, this time period may cause our numbers to fall off a bit. That is a sad fact of life and human behavior. Despite the view of some, however, I do not see this as a disaster for STARFLEET, but as a golden opportunity.

You see, we have talked over the years about how we are an extended family. Well, it's a proven fact that when crisis arises, that is when a family comes together closer and becomes stronger. This is the path that STARFLEET needs to pursue. We need to, along with getting back to the roots of fandom as outlined above, get back to our care and concern for each other; in the world of politics in this organization, that gets lost in the shuffle at times. We need to draw together, draw strength from

each other, and not let what has happened destroy this organization and what we enjoy.

Enterprise being cancelled is not an end, but a beginning. If we handle it right, it could become one of STARFLEET's finest hours.

The choice is yours, folks.

Think about it.

by CH (BGN) Dennis Rayburn
Chief of Chaplains/Counselors,
STARFLEET
Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC

Engineering

Greetings fellow Fleeters!

As I have stated in a previous article, two engineering programs continue to be available through the Engineering Department of the Fleet Resource Center.

For the Ship Designers, we have the Starship Engineering and Design Group, or SEDG. An email list for this group is available at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StarshipEngineering/>

Additional web presence is also available at:

<http://www.sfiussindiana.com/sedg.html>

On the latter website are spec sheets and drawings of the four ship designs currently in the SEDG stable. The Capital Class Heavy Space Control Ship, along with its attendant fighter design, the F/A-11 Raptor. And soon to be added to the stables at the Starfleet Special Operations (SFSO) are the Arachnid Special Operations Corvette and the Scarab Special Operations Runabout. Still in the works is the Skipjack Class Oceanographic Research Vessel. And we are always open to new ideas and willing to assist any SFI members in the design development of new ships. Who knows? We may stumble upon the design for NCC-1701-F!

Side by side with SEDG is EROP, or Engineering Research Outpost Project. Here, Starfleet members can request a plot on the project planetoid and begin developing the land for their own purposes. Several are already involved, including the U.S.S. Jurassic with a radiography project; the U.S.S. Indiana has a genetic engineering lab; the U.S.S. Tristar is currently redeveloping its plot; and I am told that members of the IKAV Drakenfire may have a starship building facility in the works, along with a Klingon resort. (I fear to ask what the recreational activities are like. Personally, I'll stick with Risa.)

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EROP is open to all in SFI, not just engineers. We're always happy to have new friends to play with. To find out more go to the email list site at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EROP/> or the main website at: <http://www.sfiussindiana.com/Erop.html>

If interested, stop by the following webpage to see what the U.S.S. Indiana has going in it's G.E.O.R.G.E. Project: <http://www.sfiussindiana.com/George%20Project.html>

One thing I would like to have people contact me about is fan fiction. I love it, like writing it, and would love to read others. I would especially love to see some engineer-oriented scripting in the future.

To see what I have done, go to: <http://www.sfiussindiana.com/Fanfiction.html>

Over the next few weeks, I hope to begin contacting the RDCs of Engineering in the various regions to discuss what is going on engineeringwise in their regions. I'd honestly like to know, plus I hope to come across some ideas to help bring more engineering interest into the Fleet. I wish to thank Chyrstal Ware, the RDC in Region 2 for already returning my call and sending in her input.

Unfortunately, over the next few weeks, due to a job situation, I will have less than perfect email and internet access. As a result, I have decided to take on an assistant, and so I would like to thank Rebecca Self of the U.S.S. Spiritwalker in Region 2 for taking on the daunting challenge of keeping me straight. (Folks on the U.S.S. Questar in Louisville, Kentucky don't call me "Wrong Way Davis" for the heck of it.) Though I will have some email, if you need to contact me quickly, get a message to Rebecca at Spiritwalker77@aol.com. She will have better contact information for me and can get me later in the evening, even if I haven't been able to check email.

As usual, continuing thanks for their participation in the EROP Project goes to the Jurassic, the Tristar, the Indiana, the Drakenfire, the I.K.A.V. Drakenfire, the Spiritwalker, I.K.V. Spiritwalker and the 677th MSG. And a great big thanks to Alan Anderton for his efforts in publishing the EROP newsletter, "The Final Frontier."

Thank you for your time.

Captain Jeff Davis
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Calling All Couch Potatoes

Howdy from the STARFLEET Get Fit For Duty Director.

Things have been quite slow this past month with everyone getting prepared for Summit season. Our folks on the list are showing an increased weight loss even with being cooped up indoors due to inclement weather. I can hardly wait for it to be warm in the evenings so I can begin to walk outside, and a lot of our members feel the same.

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Medical Meanderings

Greetings from the Fleet Medical office! I'm getting used to my new desk chair here and like it pretty well. This office even has a spot for me to set up a knitting corner. As I settle in here, I look forward to talking with Regional Medical and CMO folks throughout the Fleet. Please let me know if there's anything you need. I can be reached at frc-medical@sfi.org.

My offering for this issue of the CQ is an interesting meander into the history of something we're all familiar with. Many of us have seen it often enough – if only on television shows – that we feel we could do it in our sleep. That familiar sight of someone doing chest compressions on an unconscious victim. It's that amazing "invention" of CPR – cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which uses chest compressions on a clinically "dead" or lifeless person, to force blood to circulate out of the heart, and rescue breaths to put oxygen into the lungs and thus into the circulating blood. This keeps oxygen-containing blood going to the brain and other vital organs, to temporarily keep them alive until definitive help arrives. Many people have taken CPR training and some have even used it.

CPR isn't hard to learn. It's something you hope you'll never need, but something good to have, just in case. Like that extra set of batteries and flashlight, a storm shelter, or an emergency stash of disaster supplies and water in the basement. But it's surprising how long it took for this technique to be invented, and amazing how many other "rescue remedies" were employed to revive people before we had CPR.

When was CPR invented? Does it really work that well? What if you do it wrong? What can we do to make it work even better?

A stroll with me down history's lane will take you way back to about 800 BC, where the account of Elijah's resuscitation of a lifeless child in the Bible could be interpreted as

mouth to mouth breathing. From then to medieval times, to the 1700s, to as recently as the 1900s, many different methods were used to try to restore breath to a lifeless person.

The most frequent reason these methods were employed, apparently, was drowning. Some things were seemingly sensible, like rolling the person back and forth over a barrel, hanging them upside down, warming the cold body by placing it in warm sand, a warm bath, or lighting a fire nearby, forcing air into the mouth with a fireplace bellows, or trotting them around laid across the back of a horse.

Then there were the somewhat less intuitive methods such as rhythmic tongue stretching, tickling the throat with a feather, packing the victim in ice or snow, whipping to stimulate a response, blowing tobacco smoke into <ahem> a body orifice, or bloodletting.

It seems the components of CPR were employed separately at first, and only relatively recently were combined into CPR. Chest compressions are reported as being first used (according to different sources) in 1891, 1903, and 1950's to 1960's. Mouth to mouth, or rescue, breathing was first used, according to one source, by the French in 1740, while another source dates the first mouth to mouth usage as after the 1950s. That is, I suppose, if you don't count Elijah breathing into that child and waking him way back BC. By the 1950s it was deduced that mouth to mouth worked because the rescuer's expired air still has enough oxygen in it to benefit the victim. Finally in the 1960s, chest compressions and breaths were combined into CPR and this was developed for use in the healthcare and military fields, and less than a decade later various agencies (such as the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association in the US) began a campaign of educating the public about the lifesaving benefits of CPR and making training available. According to www.americanheart.org, the first mass citizen training in CPR in the world was held in Seattle, Washington in 1972. The AHA and the ARC by this time had developed committees and training standards for CPR for the public and had begun to implement them. These standards are periodically updated and - uhh, standardized - across all agencies within the US and much of the rest of the world.

By this time, of course, a major cause of sudden death in adults was no longer drowning, but heart disease. Survival rates for cardiac arrest (no pulse, no breathing) and subsequent CPR depended largely (and still do) on the rest of a chain of events that only begins with CPR. Nowadays we call this the "Cardiac Chain of Survival". More on this in a little.

In the 70s we had few citizens trained in CPR. It might not be started until trained

ambulance or firefighting crews arrived – the forerunners of our current EMS system. Remember that show "Emergency!"? It was at a time when training firefighters to perform emergency field medicine was a very new idea and not without opposition, in real life as well as in the show.

There were also few protocols and drugs in place in the early 70s for prehospital and even hospital care of cardiac arrest victims. We did have defibrillators – machines that shock the fibrillating, or quivering, heart. This "resets" the chaotic and nonproductive rhythm and restores a normal one. But time from collapse to when defibrillation was done was often many minutes, with these early, large, manually-applied machines. Survival rates were as low as 2 percent if defibrillation was delayed by 8-12 minutes from time of collapse. However, CPR (and subsequent advanced care) was still a remarkable tool to revive someone who, before CPR, had no chance at all. And the late 1970s brought about rapid development of the beginning of today's Emergency Medical Services system.

We know that the vital organs, such as the brain, begin to suffer irreversible cell damage after 4 to 6 minutes without oxygen. The sooner CPR is started, and the sooner advanced care is received, the better the chances of survival. Today we have the addition of automated external defibrillators. These AEDs are small, portable, and largely run themselves. They analyze a heart rhythm when a trained layperson – yeah, that's you – follows the pictured directions and applies the pads to the victim's chest. They have voice and visual prompts to tell you what to do, and they tell you when to push the button to administer a shock if the AED detects the need for it. They basically have two main buttons. One that says "ON", and a red or orange one with a lightning bolt or "SHOCK" on it. If you can read those two buttons, the prompts will tell you everything else and you can learn to use an AED in just a few hours.

The great thing about AEDs, and putting them in all the places where groups of people congregate, is that they can double someone's chances of survival. Today, in the US alone, 225,000 people a year die from sudden cardiac arrest, half of them before reaching a hospital. When cardiac arrest happens, it's often from heart disease, and often it's an ineffective quivering of the bottom chambers or ventricles of the heart. This ventricular fibrillation, as I mentioned before, can quickly be shocked with a defibrillator back into a normal rhythm that effectively pumps blood. From hospitals where defibrillators are used within a couple minutes and survival rates from ventricular fibrillation are as high as 90 percent, this can drop with "average" usage in the community down to 10-20 percent survival. But there's no reason why we can't make survival rates in the community much higher.

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This brings me back to the Cardiac Chain of Survival. According to the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org, it has four steps:

1. Early recognition and early access – the sooner someone calls 911, the better.
2. Early CPR – the more people in the community that are trained, the better.
3. Early defibrillation – the more AEDs in the community, and folks trained to use them, the better.
4. Early advanced life support – the sooner the EMTs and paramedics get there with drugs and IVs and such, the better.

For every minute defibrillation is delayed, survival drops by ten percent. So even when all the steps aren't done exactly right, recognizing that someone needs 911 and calling it is critical to getting the chain going. Chances are good that someone in shouting distance is going to be trained in CPR. You definitely want to be trained, so as not to over-reach yourself. That's how the Good Samaritan Law will protect you. It's active in all 50 US states. And yes, even if you don't do compressions or breaths exactly right, you're still helping the victim. Look at the alternative, after all!

But every link in the chain is important, and in sudden cardiac death the AED makes the biggest difference of all. Several things can contribute to delays in EMS response (that's that fourth link), such as resources stretched too thin, distance in rural areas, traffic congestion in urban areas, and confusion as to victim's location in a building. So it's that AED, and going to get trained, that makes a dramatic difference. So in the US, contact your local Red Cross or American Heart Association office and find out when the next course is being offered in your community.

This weekend I'll be participating in a "CPR Saturday", part of a national event where, like that first one in 1972, we train a large number of people in basic adult CPR. It's a free training where I'll be working with over a dozen other instructors, helping scores of people learn this lifesaving skill. (The volunteer instructors get free doughnuts and a T-shirt. I gotta admit that's a good reason to get up early on a Saturday.) Join us - keep your certification current!

VAdm Susan Bolick, Director
FRC-Medical Division

Morale Office Tidings

Hello, everyone! Jimmy Whatley, your friendly Morale officer here, just checking in to let you know what is going on in our department. The Morale office is in the process of reorganizing and restaffing. With the permission of the CS and VCS, I have emailed a request to the RCs of all the regions, using their STARFLEET email addresses.

As of this time I have heard from just one RC, and that brings me to the announcement of the first Regional Morale officer in the program. Appointed by Greg Franklin, RC of R1, I am proud to be working with RADM Karen Goldbach, our R1 Morale Officer. If you are an RC and have not received a letter from me, please contact me at jwhatle2@bellsouth.net. I hope to hear from all the regions and get a morale backbone going, so we may have more success in this program.

We are restarting the Bear Hug Awards and other small fun awards just to lighten the mood and to recognize those who just deserve recognition for things they have achieved and/or done. You can find the Morale Offices web page at <http://2ndworld.dyndns.biz/morale>. Our webmaster is working on some updates and the submission forms for awards. As our command staff and the people of my region say, we are all family and we need to promote that.

Now for one last thing to lighten everyone's mood. I just downloaded and watched a trailer for a movie I was told would not be produced. Watch for *The Hobbit* by Peter Jackson, December 2006 from New Line.

That is all for now. If you have questions or comments or suggestions, contact me.

CAPT Jimmy Whatley, Director
FRC - Morale and Birthday Officer

Welcome to STARFLEET Sciences!

Gene Roddenberry originally sold *Star Trek* as a "Wagon Train to the Stars." A western in outer space. But it came at a fortuitous time in history. The Apollo Moon Program was in full swing. We were deep into the science of Apollo while being entertained by the science-fiction of *Star Trek*. This synergism brought an energy to science that we could identify with. It provided a link between our intellect and our emotions:

You're a Vulcan science officer. Your ship, the USS Explorer, has just entered the proximity of a newly-discovered solar system. The science station monitors are displaying a plethora of information as the long-range sensors focus on an unusual planet. With the ship entering orbit, your attention is riveted as the short-range scanners pour their data onto the monitors. Your razor-sharp mind digests the statistics on the atmosphere, geology, and radiative properties: Class-M, just barely! But odd discoveries are made, puzzling mysteries rise to the surface. The awe and wonder of this new world force you to employ your full range of Vulcan training to keep your excitement in check!

Or, you are an android science officer aboard the USS Clarke. The Clarke is

investigating strange gravimetric waves emanating from a quasi-stellar object dead ahead. Your positronic brain is processing at lightning speed data from the ship's sensors, working and reworking astrophysical formulae to see which set of equations best explain this unique wrinkling of spacetime. You were made for this: analyzing data, sleuthing the facts, drawing the only logical conclusions that will explain it all. And you're reveling in it!

With Apollo we were taking the baby steps toward reaching the future envisioned by *Star Trek*. Since the 1960s, our robotic instruments aboard Viking and Voyager and Cassini have explored strange new worlds; and in Apollo we've walked on another world! With science, behind the math and equations lies an exciting adventure, whether it's learning how thunderstorms form, understanding for the first time why a volcano erupts, or seeing new vistas of the universe from the Hubble Space Telescope.

Starfleet Sciences

It's this excitement and awe of science that we try to capture in the Fleet Resource Center (FRC) - Sciences. The mission of Starfleet Sciences is pretty simple: to serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. In so doing, we hope to enhance interest in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible. We do this via a web site:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>

and email listserver (Science-Lab):

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/science-in-starfleet.html#sciencelab>

Our web site is constantly being updated with the latest URLs for real-life science web pages, info on science museums, scientific places of interest to visit, and educational programs like science fairs and hobbies. We keep the list of regional science chiefs current: as of February 21, eleven STARFLEET regions have Science RDCs or Science Liaison Officers or Representatives. If you are a Chief Science Officer (CSO) and want to contact the Science RDC of your region, they will be happy to hear from you.

Starfleet Sciences' email address is: alaricrh@sprynet.com. And if you don't have internet access, you can reach us at: COMM Richard Heim, Director FRC-Sciences

Starfleet Sciences, P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802 U.S.A.

Region One Sciences

In addition to being the FRC Science Director, I'm also the Region One Science RDC. At our web site:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm>

you can learn about the resources we have available for ship CSOs in our region, including ideas for science discussions and guest speakers at your chapter meetings, field trips, and other science activities for your ship. You can also learn about the Region One Sciences awards program.

The "Contributions to Science in Starfleet" Award

Speaking about awards, Starfleet Sciences is developing a new 'Fleetwide award called, "Contributions to Science in Starfleet." Lt. Alan Anderton deserves the credit for laying the groundwork for this award.

The purpose of the Contributions to Science in Starfleet Award is to recognize STARFLEET members who have demonstrated an interest and enthusiasm in science. This is not something that the international organization is imposing on the regions and ships, rather it is being set up to work through the existing infrastructure throughout the 'Fleet, with the ships and regions deciding how they want to participate. We are seeking participation from the ship level, up to the region, then finally to the international level.

We are inviting all Regional Science Officers, or the equivalent representative within the region, to nominate two members from their Region - an adult and a cadet - who they think have made an outstanding contribution to bringing Science to the membership within their Region during the calendar year 2004.

Contributions

Contributions could take one of many forms:

- Science reporting in a Newsletter. Criteria taken into account in this category would include the originality, quality of writing, consistency and quantity of reports.
- Organization of science events or "Away Teams." Judging criteria here would include originality, consistency & quantity of events, popularity of events.
- Science reporting on a website. Consideration would be given here to originality, impact of website, consistency and quantity of material.
- Science achievements of Cadets. A special award category will be considered to encourage the achievements of our junior members. Science achievements could include:
 - Science Fair / Science Competition involvement
 - School / Academic recognition
 - Personal projects / experiments including kit building, models, animal husbandry, environmental involvement, etc.

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Details on Cadet Nominations

(The following suggestions are taken from the Region 14 proposal.) The cadet award should be seen as an encouragement award and as such a much wider definition of what is acceptable as "contributions to science" should be applied than in the adult award. It is to be hoped that this award will encourage Cadets to involve themselves more in SFI and Science activities in future years. Suggested activities that could count towards the Cadet award might include:

- Written work or artwork, ideally submitted to SFI publications but, in its absence, schoolwork or amateur hobby work is welcome. The entrant's contribution could be one outstanding essay, or it could be a consistent body of work including their own work or teamwork such as classwork.
- Hands-on work, for example taking part in "Away Missions" or other SFI science presentations or their own work, for example a science project, a science related hobby such as model aircraft making, chemistry or the environment.
- Courses done to improve the entrant's knowledge on real world science subjects in Starfleet Cadet Academy and second to this academic recognition in the real world.
- Contributions within SFI must be the main focus of the award; however, fostering an interest in science in the "Real World" is one of the goals of this award, so examples of excellence in any science related studies such as school awards or science fair prizes would be great. It need not be previously award recognized; it could be original amateur or hobby projects such as model making or photography.

The Regional Nomination Process

The regional nomination process is being left up to each individual region. How the Science RDC or regional science representative gets nominations will depend upon the regional situation; but we suggest that, working with the RC, you inform the Region's COs and ask if they had any chapter nominations.

A typical process which the RDC may wish to follow is listed below:

- Approach the RC, giving him/her information about the awards, laying out a first draft proposal for his/her approval.
- Upon agreement with the RC contact ships' COs with the second draft for their discussion.
- Upon agreement with COs, the regional award program can be advertised.
- Ships decide in their own fashion whom they want to nominate for the Adult and Cadet awards.
- The entrants put together a nomination
- The Region decides upon a judge or judging panel
- Give at least 2 months for nominations before judging begins
- Give at least one month, maybe 2, for judging; when judging is completed the RC is told of decision.

I. RC announces winner, winner receives award.

J. FRC Science told of regional result, the regional winner is entered into the international judging process.

K. The nomination and judging schedule for the regions will need to be coordinated so that the international judging can be done at the same time.

International Judging Process

The regional nomination and judging period will run over a 2 to 4 month period; the international judging will be done the following month, and the international winner will be announced on first of the next month. The international judging panel consists of Lt. Alan Anderton (judging topical impact), the FRC Science Director, Comm. Richard Heim (judging scientific content), and the Assistant Director, Cmdr. Nick Greene (judging stylistic content). Nominations should take the form of examples of work in MS Word, PDF format or HTML including links to online exhibits.

COMM Richard Heim, Director
FRC-Sciences

Special Operations

BDR Deb Kern, FRC Special Ops. Dir.



Special Operations is Growing Stronger, and for this issue of the CQ I want to introduce the working team in STARFLEET Special Operations:

Headquarters SFSO:
Commanding Officer: Deb Kern
Chief of Staff: Howard Knapp
Enlisted Advisor: Scott Grant
Historian: Scott Grant

Council of Directors:
CO: Deb Kern
Director of Strategic Operations: Larry "K'moghjIH" French
Director of Support Services: Gary Hollifield

Alpha Quadrant Commander: Sam Black
Beta Quadrant Commander: Jim Monroe
Delta Quadrant Commander: Fred Parsons III
Omega Quadrant Commander: Dennis Rayburn

Advisors:
Technology Manager: Robin Smith
HQs Chief Of Staff: Howard Knapp

Strategic Operations:
Director: Larry "K'moghjIH" French
Deputy Director: Vacant
Chief Of Staff: Vacant
Awards Director: Allen Johnson

R&D Operations: Vacant
Rangers Division: Jim Monroe
Division 6: Dennis Rayburn
Omega Charity Program Director: Karen Goldbach

Alpha Quadrant Commander: Sam Black
Beta Quadrant Commander: Jim Monroe
Delta Quadrant Commander: Fred Parsons III
Omega Quadrant Commander: Dennis Rayburn

All Active Duty Units (ADU) come under Strategic Operations

Support Services:
Director: Gary "Tiny" Hollifield
Deputy Director: Susan D. Fugate-Ueffing
Chief of Staff: Ricky Bruckman
Technology Manager: Robin Smith
Communications Manager: Joe White
Fiction Chief: Erik Roberts
Special Projects Manager: Clayton Hobbs
Quartermaster: Deb Kern

This is the working force and structure of Special Operations and, as you can see, we have a strong and a very hard working team.

I also want to introduce our brand new Active Duty Units who have joined us since the start of the New Year:

Team #: ADU-049
Team Name: Ghosts in the Machine
Team Motto: you cannot hide from a ghost
Team Location: Region 1
Chapter: USS Ronald E McNair
Team CO: Commander Nathaniel Pharis

Team #: ADU-050
Team Name: Allen Johnson
Team Motto: Honoring the Past.... Imagining the Future
Team Location: Region 4
Chapter: USS Stormbringer
Team CO: Captain Allen Johnson

Available Team #: ADU-051
Team Name: The Wild Cards
Team Motto: Never a Bad Deal
Team Location: Region 2
Chapter: Shuttle Andromeda
Team CO: Admiral David Ryan
Team XO: Commodore Leslie Ryan

Available Team #: ADU-052
Team Name: Joey
Team Motto: Always do your job
Team Location: Region 7
Chapter: USS Challenger
Team CO: Fleet Captain Mary Collier-Corson

Available Team #: ADU-053
Team Name: Operative
Team Motto:
Team Location: Region 10
Chapter: USS Majestic
Team CO: Sergeant Major Clayton Hobbs

We have two types of Active Duty Units: Operative- one person, and Team- more

than one person. When members joins Special Operations, they are issued an ADU number. So, people are automatically operatives when they join.

In the next issue, I will introduce to FLEET the existing ADUs and explain more about becoming an ADU in Special Operations. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in finding more information about us, then find our website online at:

<http://www.sfi-specops.net/>

Thanks,

Deb Kern, Director
FRC-Special Operations
Frc-specops@sfi-org

FRC-Accessibility Office

Jamie Delantonas, OAR Coord.

Hi, folks, this is your friendly neighborhood Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR) coordinator speaking. I have been busy with getting a proposal for a emergency fund set up. But, it will need some ideas from the disabled members and I had gotten some suggestions. As for the other news, on March 18th, I have landed the new RDC-Office of Accessibility Resources job for Region 1, and it is like the 'Fleet job, but it will help Region 1 members only. Thanks to the Vice Commander-Starfleet, her husband, and the webdiva (Lauren Milan), I will try to get a web page up and running by, maybe, April or May.

As all of you may know by now, I have an assistant Coordinator, or rather THREE. Yes, you heard (or saw) right. These three guys have so many good things about them, it is hard to pick just one. So, congratulations goes out (again) to my three assistants and thanks, guys, for all your help. If you need any help, please contact your CO, or me at <jamie1701g@yahoo.com>

With my arms wide.....

Jamie Delantonas, OAR Coordinator, SFI and Region 1





Fleet Resource Center

CADET CORNER

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



Guide for 2005

Activities and Services

Sunday Chats - every Sunday from 6 pm- 8 pm CST unless otherwise noted in IRC chat rooms #cadet/youth_services and #cadetquarters.

IC 2005 - San Antonio, TX - July 1st - 3rd

- Hogwart's American Academy for Witches and Wizards
We will be giving our young wizards and witches the opportunity to experience Hogwart's for the afternoon on Saturday July 2nd.
- Video Game Tournament - Game Room
Will be all day Saturday in the Game Room. Three ages groups to participate in: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, 13-18 years. First place prizes will be handed out at closing ceremonies.
- Possible Field Trip to be announced as more details are known and decided
- How to start a cadet/youth program on your chapter or How to tame those pesky brats on your chapter
- Cadet/Youth Services Roundtable - Saturday Lunch
ALL are welcome! Kids are encouraged to attend!

Now available!!

Make your Kid into a Red Shirt!

Just kidding! I will soon have available red t-shirts with the Cadet/Youth Services logo on the back and SFI logo on the front, for purchase via email/internet. Will be delivered at IC 2005 on Friday (for wear on Saturday/Sunday) or we can arrange shipping to you and your band of munchkins.

Youth Sizes	XS - XL	\$11.00			
Adult Sizes	S - XL	\$13.00	2XL- 3XL	\$15.00	4XL - 6XL \$18.00

Send t-shirt inquiries to frc-youth@sfi.org or check out our website at ussjoa.homestead.com/cyserv.htm

Don't forget we have two yahoo groups to meet your cadet/youth services needs:

- SFI-Cadet/Youth_services - ALL are welcome!
- STARFLEET_Cadets (Kids only with parents permission)

R17 Summit/Marine Muster

BDR Bran Stimpson • Shuttle Tiburon, R17

The men and women of Region 17 invite STARFLEET members to region's annual Summit and Marine Muster in Denver during the weekend of May 20-22. The event will be held in conjunction with the Opus Fantasy and Literary Festival at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel SE.

This will be more than a working summit; besides meetings and panels, activities include a poker tournament, an awards banquet and a silent auction. Panels will include "What is Starfleet?" and "Esprit de Corps". There will also be a special guest: Christy Golden, a multi-talented author whose works include the "Dark Matters" series.

For Marines, the training schedule includes multiple combat exercises, including melee combat training (in conjunction with Opus) and a multi-deck assault simulation (using Laser Tag). In addition, Sergeant Major Kevin Severson will attempt to explain what it means to be a Marine.

The American Red Cross will receive a portion of the auction's proceeds. Anyone who would like to donate items to the auction can send them to:

Region 17 Summit Auction
C/O Bran Stimpson
1120 Magnolia Street
Denver, CO 80220

The registration includes tickets for Opus-con (www.opusfest.com). Details about the Region 17 Summit and Muster can be found at www.region-17.org/summit.

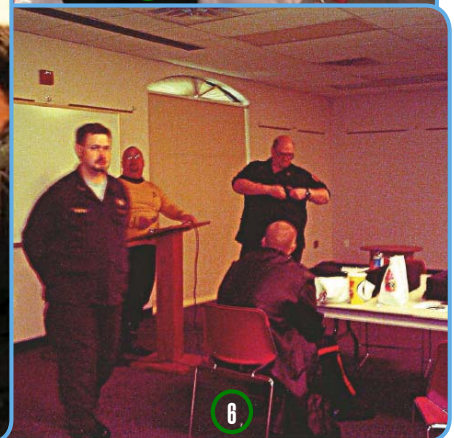
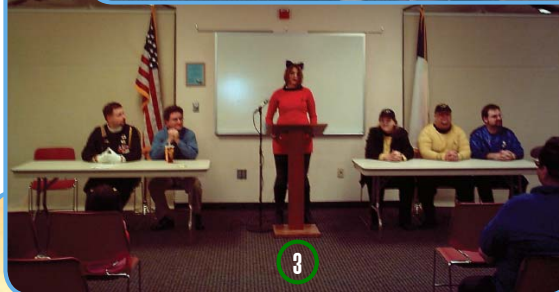
USS Ark Angel's CoC & Marines' Fall Muster '04

- 1: CMDR Lloyd Bates and RADM Raymond Ford duke it out in game of Axis & Allies
- 2: Above: New Captain Jeffrey Webb and Outgoing Captain Cami Houser salute while some of our marines (right) look on.
- 3: Ensign Katie Kettelhut MCing the Change of Command Ceremony. Pictured from left to right: BDR General Aaron Murphy (Panther City), RADM Raymond Ford, ENS Katie Kettelhut, Outgoing Captain Cami Houser, Incoming Captain Jeffrey Webb, and Incoming XO Scott McKinlay.
- 4: Lt. Mary Webb is the Orion slave girl gone NextGen along with CMDR Scott McKinlay who purchased her and set her free to join STARFLEET
- 5: BGN Aaron Murphy (Panther City), GSGT Matthew Wabindato, and ENS Chris O'Banion (Firebird) strategize.
- 6: During the Marine Muster (from left to right) BGN Aaron Murphy (Panther City), BDR Jeffrey Webb, and COL Mark West (Comanche) make preparations.

Pictures 1, 4 and 5 taken by Eric Etheridge; submitted by Reed Bates.

Pictures 2, 3 and 6 taken with a camera passed around to various folks (i.e. we don't know who took which), submitted by Reed Bates

See next page for full story!



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

Wow! What a weekend. On November 13, 2004, the U.S.S. Ark Angel had its annual Change of Command/Marine Fall Muster wild, gaming weekend. Thank you to all our Region 3 friends who came from near and far to participate. We had lots of fun and hope everyone did, too.

The weekend event started Friday night with a meet and greet at Austin's Park and Pizza. We got a group rate to allow everyone who wanted unlimited video games, rides, and the pizza & pasta buffet. Some were tricked into riding the bumper boats with false promises of not squirting each other. It was a cold night and being wet didn't help. Thanks, not, goes to our new Captain Jeffrey Webb and CMDR Lloyd Bates for lying through their teeth when they said, "Let's not spray each other." Even though we got wet, we still had loads of fun, especially on the go-carts. At the end of the evening a few people had to be pried from the controls of many a video game.

Next, was the main event on Saturday, starting at 1000 hours with registration, marine muster, gaming of all kinds, and the list goes on. The Marines of the Third Brigade hosted the Fall Muster 2004. This part of the weekend event is designed as an opportunity for the Third Brigade Marines to get together between Summits, and to show the rest of Region 3 a good time. Brigade Commander BDR Jeffrey A. Webb laid out the plans to implement the trial programs as approved by the Region 3 CCO for the Brigade. These plans include the formation of a Brigade Staff on the US Military model. This was done to allow for the workload of coordinating one of the geographically largest Brigades in the SFMC to be spread out, as well as allowing specialists to be assigned certain duties to add to the services provided at the Brigade level to Region 3's Marines, and the STARFLEET vessels on which they serve. Refreshments in the form of traditional gamer food like Burritos, Corn Dogs and sodas were made available by CDR Lloyd Bates and the Ark Angel operations staff. VADM Pat Spillers and Master Chief Alan Goulet gave some information about volunteering for the International Conference in 2005, and Marine awards were handed out as well.

After the Muster ended, all hands were treated to a large array of games, including miniature tabletop games such as Star Wars, Charlie Company, and Full Thrust. CDR Scott McKinlay of the Ark Angel oversaw the gaming events with the help of LT Clint Hill and other members of the Ark Angel crew. A passel of players tried to help Jabba the Hut escape the clutches of Imperial Stormtroopers, while another group, a fleet of the Royal Navy starships, engaged the Sternwaffe in deep space. In addition, a platoon of American GIs explored a small Vietnamese village looking for insurgents. These adventures and more took place throughout the afternoon in a display of die rolling, cheering, and general pandemonium.

by LT Reed L. Bates, Comm/JAG • USS Ark Angel, R3



Even all the newest members can join in the fun. Pictured from left to right are Chris Short and his son Cadet Sean and CAPT Cami Houser and her daughter Cadet Jadzia

In the evening, the Ark Angel's change of command ceremony took place where outgoing Captain Cameron Houser said hello to incoming Captain Jeffrey Webb. Scott McKinlay became our new XO. The rest of the Command Staff is: Lloyd Bates as Operations Officer; Reed Bates as Communications/JAG; Tina Short as Chief of the Boat; and Randi Spears as Marine Commander; with the Support Staff being: Cameron Houser as RVA, Katie Kettelhut as Assistant Communications Officer; Mary Webb as Cadet Services Officer; Gary Augenstein as Science Officer; and Sean Singleton as Chief Engineer. The crew of the Ark Angel looks forward to an exciting year with her new configuration on the bridge.

As part of the ceremony, RADM Raymond Ford gave a moving speech about tradition in his capacity as officiating representative of the Third Fleet staff. Before the evening was over, CAPT Cami Houser, outgoing CO began the Ark Angel's Charity Auction. Items donated included software, action figures, a commission by the Ark Angel's resident anime artist and newest Ensign, Katie Kettelhut, and three bottles of the much-coveted Rudy's BBQ sauce. LT Mary Webb looked delightful dressed as a green-skinned Orion female in Starfleet Uniform.

After the ceremony, we proceeded to have a wonderful dinner from Rudy's BBQ with turkey, pork, brisket, side fixin's, and lots of Rudy's sauce. After dinner, an auction took place with many items donated by the Ark Angel's crew. The auction brought in \$372 for our chapter's charity, the Sustainable Food Center, Inc. (SFC) www.sustainablefoodcenter.org. With a little bit of profit from this event, plus the auction money, and with all the money raised while working at the Dell Diamond over the summer schlepping hotdogs and brewskies, the Ark Angel donated \$1,889 to SFC. This amount miraculously happens to be the same at our NCC number for our ship. Thank you crew and guests!

In summary of the gaming, I posed some

the attendees, and the games that game masters volunteered to run.

Q. What was the experience level of the players? Were you equal, more experienced, or less?

A. In the first game it was equal, in the second most were less experienced, in the pirate game I was the newbie. The players ranged from very young children to grizzled gaming veterans. Everyone seemed to have games available to play that fit their experience level.

Q. Did you like the Friday night meet and greet event?

A. I did. The chance to hang out with the Ark Angel crew and the Regional guests was cool!

Q. What items did you buy/bid for at the auction? Why?

A. The only thing I bought was hiring Katie Kettelhut's talent of drawing. I wanted an anime style portrait of Chris, Sean, and me. I bid on many items, mostly for the sake of giving money to our charity cause. I did pick up a couple of cool items, like a neat Pirate role-playing game.

Q. How would you improve the whole weekend event?

A. I'd like to get a chance to run my own game. Better food on Friday night (the pizza at Austin's Park & Pizza sucked...).

Q. What did you like most about CoC/Fall Muster?

A. Meeting bunches of new people. Being with my friends!

Q. What did you like least about the CoC/Fall Muster?

A. Nothing.

Next year's Change of Command and Marine Fall Muster 2005 is already scheduled for November 12, 2005 at the Round Rock Library. Keep watching our website for updates as they are posted: www.ussarkangel.com. Plan to arrive on Friday evening and start the party weekend off right. Plans are underway as I write this to make it bigger and better. Hope to see more of you next year, especially all our FLEET friends.

Pictured from left to right (all from Ark Angel unless noted): BGN Aaron Murphy (Panther City), LT Mary Webb, ENS Katie Kettelhut, MCPT Matthew Hill, LTCMDR John Montgomery (Lone Star), CMDR Scott McKinlay, LT Reed Bates, ENS Chris O'Banion (Firebird), BDR Jeffrey Webb, and RADM Sam Black (Lone Star)





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

FROM THE 'DANT

by BDR John Roberts Commandant, SFMC

Greetings Marines!

I would like to start out this report by saying a huge thank you to BGEN Rebecca Self and the staff and Marines of the Second Brigade as well the members of the Region 2 Summit Committee for making me feel welcome at the recent Summit/Muster in Tampa, FL. It was great to see old friends, make new ones and answer questions and concerns from Marines in a friendly setting where ideas and thoughts could flow easily. I look forward to seeing and meeting many more marines in coming months and at the IC/IM.

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

This is an award you don't hear about much and for good reason. This award was established as a type of lifetime service award intended to honor those Marines who made outstanding contributions to the SFMC over a period of years (at least 5). As a result, fewer than 25 recipients of this prestigious award exist and only one Marine is a multiple recipient of this award, GEN Wade Olson. The other recipients have had ribbons named after them for record keeping purposes by the SFMC Quartermaster. All of the Marines who have their names used for the ribbons were decided upon by you, the members of the SFMC as marines who you felt had built the foundation of the SFMC into what we now enjoy.

During the last weekend at the Region 2 Summit, it was brought to my attention that there was a Marine who had quietly worked behind the scenes of the SFMC for the last 6 years (at least) to help make sure the SFMC was a success. Once I learned that this Marine had been used by at least 2 former Commanders, STARFLEET to assist them in their duties at IC and at various Summits they had attended during their terms and that she was instrumental in making sure that our former Commandant had all that he needed to be successful and lead the SFMC during his term (and prior to that when he served as COFORCECOM) as well as her recent service as DCOFORCECOM (until personal obligations made it necessary for her to step down from that post), it was easy to see that we had a truly unsung hero in our midst who was deserving of recognition.

Therefore, it is my pleasure and distinct honor to award the Commandant's Meritorious Service Award to

COL DJ ALLEN

For all of her selfless service and dedication to the SFMC, SFI and its

never shirked any duty that was asked of her and for that I am grateful for her service to the SFMC.

SFMC Bank Account/Quartermaster News

There was no activity on the account for the month of February so our balance remains at \$602.12. That will change as Linda Olson makes the deposit for merchandise sold during the Region 2 Summit/Muster.

We have also decided that anyone who makes an order for ribbons through the SFMC Quartermaster needs to only include a request that they were a Marine during the 20th Anniversary year (IC 2003-IC 2004) and asking that a 20th Anniversary ribbon be added to their order. The 20th Anniversary ribbon will be added to the order at no charge.

Additionally, I would like to remind everyone of the ribbon bar exchange program being administered through COFORCECOM, Linda Olson. If you need a new ribbon bar for your uniform, please check with Linda at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org and she may have the ribbon that can be sent to you for the cost of postage only. All you have to do is send her the old ribbon bar from your uniform for use in the program by other Marines. Also, if you have old ribbon bars lying around gathering dust, send them to Linda for the program's use, we had great response this last weekend and would like to see everyone using this valuable resource. For more information, please contact Linda and she will be glad to help as best she can.

SFMC Young Marines

I am currently working with Mystery Tullis (and STARFLEET's Cadet/Youth Services Office) on developing a program for younger members of the SFMC and to help encourage families to get involved in the SFMC. This will include a separate awards program for the young marines, new courses designed for younger members at the SFMCA and many other ideas that we hope will encourage younger members to join us and have fun with their families. We want to be as accessible as possible to people of all ages and abilities and this is just one way we can do that.

Other Items of Interest

We are working on several other items that may be of interest to many of you:

SFMC Flags: Have been ordered and should arrive in the near future.

The cost will be \$40 each and that includes shipping. These flags feature a 4 color version of the SFMC Seal on a red flag. Photos and ordering information will be posted on the website as soon as they arrive.

SFMC Polo Shirts: the General Staff is looking at a possible source for SFMC polo's and we will provide more information as soon as we know more.

Manuals: We are also working on updates the SFMCA manuals, creating new policy manuals to inform everyone of how we operate at all levels, new organizational manuals to show everyone how the SFMC is organized (in the fictional and real world realms), drill manuals, uniform/awards manuals and many other items that will help everyone better understand the SFMC and, hopefully, make it easier for everyone to get more involved.

That is all for this report. However, as always, my inbox (and that of every member of the General Staff) is always open. We want to hear from you and your ideas. Without your input and thoughts, we cannot hope to keep the SFMC growing and prospering as it has done in the past.

In Service to the Corps,

BGEN John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC

STATE OF TRACOM

by LGN Jill Rayburn
• COTRACOM

My first order of business is to thank everyone in the 2nd Brigade and Region 2 for another wonderful R2 Summit. Dennis and I went to our first R2 Summit in 2001 and have been going ever since. We are proud to have found many friends there, and some folks we consider family as well. They truly make us feel like a part of their region. As for the 2nd Brigade Marines, they always have a fine color guard, and this year was no exception. I believe that the 2nd Brigade is one of the finest in the Corps, and they should be an example to others. While at the R2 Summit, two students took and passed PD-10. I want to welcome Wayne Wright, Sr. and M. Johnson to the Corps, and congratulate them on passing their first SFMCA course.

Speaking of the R2 Summit, I want to mention something I was blessed to see again, the Wall of Honor. For those who have not seen it, it is truly something to experience. Linda and Wade and anyone else who has

worked on the Wall of Honor and the book that accompanies it have done an outstanding job. To stand in front of it and consider all the names, particularly those who are no longer with us, and think about their service, is truly inspirational. I encourage everyone to submit names of eligible persons so that we may honor them, their memory, and their service.

Now, on to TRACOM business. I had many fine applicants for the position of DCO-Academy, and it was a hard decision. Any of the applicants would have made a fine addition, but after much thought, I am pleased to announce that the position has been given to Greg Franklin. I believe his experience in SFA and the SFMCA and in other positions within the Corps make him the right candidate for this opening. For the time being, he will also be staying on as branch director for both Special Operations and Xeno-studies Jem'Hadar. If that changes, the openings will be announced and applications accepted at that time.

I also have the unfortunate duty to announce that Kyle Wolf has stepped down as Xeno-studies Borg director. Real life is demanding more of his time, something to which I believe we can all relate. We are sorry to see him go, and wish him luck. I am now accepting applications to fill this vacancy, and will do so until May 6th. The requirements for this position are:

- 1) Be a current member in good standing of STARFLEET.
- 2) Be a member of the SFMC (active or reserve) while serving in this post.
- 3) Have taken OTS (but need not be an officer); OCC is recommended, but not required.
- 4) Have taken PD-10; PD-20 is recommended but not required; have taken XB-10 and XB-20 and be willing to complete XB-30 within 60 days of appointment.

In addition to administering exams, this person will be expected to begin work on a new manual to accompany the courses, and expanding the number of XB courses offered. If you would like to apply, please send both a real-life and a Fleet/Corps resume to one of the addresses at the end of this column. With that, please also send ideas you may have for the manual and new courses.

Course traffic has picked up in the last two months, and we are very glad to see that. In January 36 separate students passed a total of 75 courses, and in February 58 separate students passed a total of 127 courses. In January 19 courses were passed with distinction and 25 with honors,

and in February 27 courses were passed with distinction and 37 with honors.

The Student of the Month for January, with a total of 7 courses passed was Christopher Bayonet. For February, the Student of the Month was Joe Butts, with a total of 17 courses passed. Congrats, Marines! I also want to congratulate the students who passed either a 30 or a 60 level course with honors or distinction, thus earning an Academic Excellence Award: Rey Cordero, Joost Ueffing (2), Jeff Schnoor, Greg Franklin, Sofyan Sahrom, and Patrick McAndrew.

In March, we rolled out one new course, MO-22, Basic Signals, Encryptions, and Codes and one revised course, MO-23, Basic Navigation and Seafaring. We now also offer a MO-23 re-certification course, specifically for those students who have previously taken MO-23 but would like to re-certify by answering only the newly added questions. If you are interested in these courses, please check the Maritime Operations section on the TRACOM page at www.sfi-sfmc.org. Currently, new courses are being written for Armor, Special Operations, and Xeno-studies. I hope to announce more courses in the next AOD.

Please, if you have an idea for a new course, we would be honored to hear from you. Contact the branch director for the branch in which the course would be, and he will be happy to discuss your idea. Not all proposals will be accepted, but all will be examined, and it is possible that if the proposal you submit is not quite right, it may lead to an idea for a different proposal.

Doctrine is also busy. Work is progressing on manual revisions in our College of Marine Development and in Special Operations. Also, we are continuing to work on the MOS Manual, and should have no problems meeting our goal of having that ready no later than IC. Here again, if you have ideas for additions to manuals, contact a branch director. Many directors will be looking for a small team of people to assist with manual revisions, and this may be a way for more people to get involved with and assist TRACOM.

Look for TRACOM to have a presence at upcoming regional summits and conferences, including R1, R12, R13, and R15. Brigade Training Officers and other TRACOM staffers will be on hand to offer onsite testing. I encourage anyone attending these events to consider taking a course or two, especially if you are new and needing to take PD-10. Even if you are not taking a course, please stop by and say hello...we enjoy meeting our students. Until next time, I can be reached at the following addresses:

Jill J. Rayburn
121 S. McDonald St.
Puryear, TN 38251
or jazdan@wk.net.

Carry on, Marines!

INFOCOM REPORT

by LGN Wade Hoover • COINFOCOM

Seems like yesterday that the last issue was due, and here we are again. Time flies when you're having fun, I guess.

Fist, I would like to welcome to the webteam two members. Richard Jolitz and Michael Soucy have been added to help Joe and I keep up with the changes to the site. Speaking of the site, we continue to work to make it even easier for information to be found on the site, and to report problems with it. One thing that we have done is created a contact page, to allow you, the members of the SFMC, to be able to easily contact the leadership. On this page, you are able to select a member of the leadership, fill out a very simple form, and your message is delivered.

When you send your message, you should receive a copy of it. If you do not, please send an E-mail to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org, to let us know. There may be a problem with the form that we haven't found yet, and you can help make the site that much better.

We also continue to link new pages, or pages that have been created, but weren't linked for one reason or another. If you think there needs to be a page created, then please contact me, and we can discuss the page, and make a decision as to if it should be created or not. The Webteam is here for the membership of the SFMC, and to make our site even better.

Gee, I'm not all that long winded this issue. Guess I'm starting to slip. Oh well, see ya in 60.

LGN Wade Hoover, COInfocom

OPRASP

by SGM Scott Grant • SFM

Greetings Ladies and gentlemen of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. We are about to enter a new 'age' so to speak. For the longest time we have had MSG's and MEU's and the like; well now it is coming to the time to let everyone know what they have on those units. The Office of the Commandant, then TRACOM Commanding Officer, and I along with a bunch of other members of the Corps have come up with ideas that are being implemented within an Operational Order called Operation Raspberry. What I would like ALL Commanding Officers to do is to go into the database and insure that your units are the correct ones, IE; Mecha, Areospace etc... I will be getting with FORCECOM and then I will be contacting each unit within the Corps and setting the whole thing in motion.

It is called a TO&E, Table of Organization and Elements. This will be a list of all the members and all of the gear that you have

within your MSG. With the help of General Scott Akers and others we are setting the filling out of the SFMC in motion. If anyone has any questions please feel free to drop me a line at stgrant@adelphia.net and we can talk about it. :) Please put OP Raspberry in the subject line.

Semper Fi,
SGM Scott Grant

FORCECOM

REPORT

by BGN Linda Olsen • COFORCECOM

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Corps; I hope this finds each of you well and enjoying the Summit Season which is now underway, having been kicked off in grand style by Region 2 last weekend. I was proud to see the turnout of Marines in Tampa to greet the new Commandant, John Roberts, at his first official event. I was also proud to see that they had not forgotten past Commandant Wade Olson who was honored at the event.

I am happy to say that the new reporting forms are online and finally working. We did have a bit of trouble with the Brigade form this past period. The Brigade OIC's were able to fill in the fields on the new form, but we still haven't figured out exactly where the forms went when they hit the send button. However, our wonderful INFOCOM staff worked on the problem and now the form is arriving at the intended destination. I would encourage everyone to use the new forms for the upcoming reports of April.

I am moving along on the new OIC handbooks and have completed the Unit OIC handbook and it is before the General Staff for approval. I am currently working on the Battalion OIC Handbook and will soon begin the Brigade OIC handbook. These handbooks will be available for download from the Marine site (hopefully) once they are completed. I am hoping that these handbooks will help explain the duties and responsibilities of the offices, making it easier for the Marines and the OIC's to function as a whole.

The most recent report was for the months of December 2004 and January 2005. Below are the figures as reported (some reports were not complete due to the problems with the report form).

Reporting:	Brigade/Active/Reserve/Listed	in	Data
Base			
1st	53	44	63/78
2nd	54	25	42/51
3rd	60	19	40/34
4th	49	15	55/18
9	15	7/14	
6th	4	10	4/10
7th	7	5	31/60
9th	6	3	7/9
10th	report lost		
			4/3
12th	36	57	36/59

13th	NO active units	6/3
14th	4	10
15th	18	10
17th	22	28
20th	4	2
Total	319	313
		732

MSG/MEU's reported as not reporting:

1st	155th, 165th, 170th
2nd	651st, 681st
3rd	none
4th	7th
5th	575th
6th	832nd, 849th
7th	711th, 715th, 731st
9th	none
10th	Brigade did not report
12th	201st, 203rd, 222nd, 223rd, 237th, 242nd, 252nd, 274th, 269th, 276th
13th	no active units
14th	none
15th	none
17th	none
20th	none

Changes to Rosters:

Recruits:
1st Ashley Herron, Jack Kern, Michele Santos, Janice Waldhaur, Christophe, William Duane, Veronica Duane, Daniel Emmer, Lee Cegar, Roger Knoll
5th Lee Kania McKenzie, Jenna Robbins
6th Jeffrey Nusbbaum
7th Carlos Maldonado Jr

17th Ethel Lynch, William Baker, Sharon Bloom, Marlene Miller, Margo Garcia, Martin Garcia, Benn Wilhelm 20th Roberts Stronach, Richard Thompson

Discharges:

1st Timothy Tangemann, Ricky Tangemann, Will Parker, Mike Crawford, Billy Powell, Kenneth Maker
2nd Gary Valentine, Steven Watkins, Greg Martin, Sunny Rose, Lee Cailey, Heejung Gilbert, Ronnie Hodges, Drew Watkins, Karley Roberts, Jennifer West, Clifford Schwalb, Mica Smith, Ben Piazza, Lora Groover, Dawn Durden, Markus Tuomi, Ben Salisbury, Sean Ivey Fillingham, Jocelyn Collins, Justan Fillingham, Elizabeth, Mathis, Adam Warren, Jason Oldfield, Josh Schultz, Greg Sherburne, James Whitacker, Kristy Kirkland, Matthew Conley
3rd, Steven Grizell
4th Glenna Juifs
7th George Daher, Romell Bacon, Carol Hubbard, Carissa Williams, George Padro
17th Phillip J Kern, Pat Stewart Transfers
Barbara Paul, Gary Hollifield, Gary Hollifield Sr., Donna Hollifield, Marie Wilson

Units Activated:
17th 888th Tiger Sharks

Units Deactivated:
3rd 324th
5th 575th
6th 736th
15th 987th
17th 882nd, 862nd
Promotions Reported:
2nd Brigade Wade Olson to General
17th Brigade Nancy Lynch to Major General, Everett Brooks to Colonel, William Baker to Major, John Roberts to Brigadier General

Awards Leader's Commendation:
1st Brigade - B. Woods, Chris Underwood

2nd Brigade - Raye Crews
 17th Brigade - Charles Fisher
STARFLEET CROSS
 1st Brigade - Greg Franklin, Wade Larkin, John Kane
 4th Brigade - Truman Temple, Cyndi Temple
 12th Brigade - David Miller
 Brigade Achievement Award
 17th Brigade - Sherry Hinson, Will Keebaugh, Earl Beighley, David Cerame
 SFMC Service Commendation:
 1st Brigade - Wade Larkin, John Kane
 Great Barrier:
 7th Brigade - Larry Neigut, Lauren Milan, Martin Lessem, Sonny Wright, Jim Pepe
 Good Conduct: Christopher Higdon, Jeffery Higdon, Rey Cordero, Geraldine Sylvester.
 Joint Service:
 3rd Brigade - Robyn Winans, Ed Dravecky, Jeff Lester, Jan Agee
 7th Brigade - Larry Neigut, Lauren Milan, Martin Lessem, Sonny Wright, Jim Pepe
 Communication Ribbon:
 2nd Brigade - Raye Crews
 Brigade Service Commendation:
 15th Brigade - Scott Grant, Robert Chin, Matthew Ingles, Larry Henderson
 17th Brigade - Gregory Fitzsimons, Pat Stewart, Nancy Lynch, Phillip J. Kern Jr., Everett Brooks, John Roberts.
 Community Service:
 7th Brigade - Larry Neigut, Lauren Milan, Martin Lessem, Sonny Wright, Jim Pepe.
 17th Brigade - Nancy Lynch, Everett Brooks, Randy Lynch, Deb Kern, Kathy McCartney, Ethel Lynch, William Baker, Sharen Bloom.
 Academic Excellence:
 Rey Cordero
 Meritorious Unit Citation:
 750th MSG, 920th MSG
 Marine Unit Readiness Program: 786th MSG
 Aerospace Wings: Rey Cordero
 Legion Of Arms: Jimmy Nehl
 Names submitted for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon 2004:
 2nd Brigade 696th - Mary Anne Morris, Larry Morris, Pat Malone
 325th Erik Cowand, Ed Dravecky, Robyn

Winans, Daniel Dreesbach, Elizabeth Weber, Jan Agee, Kris Winegar
 333rd Aaron Murphy, Steccie Morgan, Barbara Baker, Rachelle Phifer
 347th Jeff Schnoor, Delia Ruiz, Alyssa Vega
 521st - Craig Martin 565th Parrick McAndrew, Russ Garrison, Arlene Garrison, Nate Martin, Steve Eizenberg, Christine Jordan, Deborah Day, Nicole Wukasch
 849th John Schulte, Tom Schulte
 7th Brigade Larry Neigut, Lauren Milan, Rey Cordero, Geraldine Sylvester, Gerri Wampler, Angel Nehl, Damian Dohnert, Edgar Torres, Maria Torres, Norbert Bonilla, Shirley Rodriguez, Jeannette Otano, Donald Jones
 17th Brigade John Roberts, Earl Beighly, David Reustle, Mike Dethlefs, Rich Eseke, Susan Cerame, David Cerame, Rebecca Allen, Nelson Cerame, Philip Dillard

There will probably be a few more names to add to this list before the IC. Anyone who participated in the Toys for Tots Drive during the 2004 Holiday Season or the Special Olympics (Polar Bear Plunge) needs to be certain that their name and actions are reported in the next regular report in order to qualify for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon 2004 to be awarded at the International Conference in July.

Activities Section:

1st Brigade - Seeking web master for Region
 108th - Planning a bridge display
 125th - chapter change of command
 111th - collected coupons for OCP/ Working on Marine Readiness Program 139th - Walk for Diabetes
 159th - Toys for Tots
 123rd - 4 movies - visited Biltmore Estate, campbell's soup labels, Betty Crocker Points, soap and shampoo etc for nursing home.
 163rd - getting ready for Summit

101st - Operation Eagle and Save Enterprise
 170th - Christmas Parade in Gatlinburg
 2nd Brigade
 654th - Attended Hephaestus Christmas Party
 677th - Animal Shelter donations, shopping, movies, Christmas Party
 78th - cleaned bike trail, poker party
 609th - Christmas fellowship, Humane Society, OCP and Region 2 Summit Prep
 674th - Habitat for Humanities, cleaned parks, Empty Stocking Fund, movie, Kennedy Space Center Memorial
 630th - Christmas Parade, handed out US Flags
 669th - Christmas Parade, movie, bowling, Christmas party, campout, game days, dinners out
 3rd Brigade
 300th - helped launch Shuttle Thunderwolf
 303rd - drill team practice, police classes
 308th - plans for IC 2005, Training films for Aerospace and Mecha
 318th - Uss Lonestar meeting, New Years Eve Party, movies, hospital visit, R3 Retreat.
 321st - Campbell's labels, Betty Crocker Points
 325th - OCP 333rd - Toys for Tots, Christmas Party, R3 Retreat
 342nd - Drill Team for IC
 345th - Christmas Party
 347th - Ronald McDonald House, American Red Cross Disaster Volunteer Reservist Training
 4th Brigade - Toys for Tots, Holiday Party, Annual Burgers and Blood Shed
 5th Brigade
 521st - Christmas Party, Toys for tots, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Change of Command Party
 565th - Toys for Tots
 7th Brigade
 786th - New Years Party
 86th - Star Trek Meet up Events
 769th - Toys for Tots, Holiday Food Drive,

Polar Bear Plunge
 704th - OIC of unit wedding
 714th - Toys for Tots
 725th - Toys for Tots
 726th - Cookie exchange and Polar Bear Plunge
 750th - movies, battletech, Christmas Party, New Years Eve Party, Toys for Tots
 771st - Anbinder accepted the new Public Information Officer Position
 12th Brigade
 225th - Would like to reactivate as DedEx Combat Engineers, with Michael McGowen as OIC
 211th - recycling, OCP, Stampede, local fund raiser, movie, R12 multi ship party, food Pantry, tsunami relief
 210th - Donated items for membership packets
 218th - Blood Drive, CPR, food and clothing donations, scholarship fundraiser, Stampede, Operation Eagle, OCP, Ronald McDonald House, Women's Shelter, School supplies for Iraqi children, Care packages to Iraqi for military, Trail clean up, Toys for tots, supporting Charities for Breast Cancer, ALS, juvenile diabetes, Lance Armstrong Foundation, attended Garden show, movies, dinner, continued recycling, parades, Hear Fair, and St. Jude's support.
 17th Brigade
 888th - New Years Eve Party
 850th - New Years Eve Party
 898th - RPG sessions, recruiting, Toys for Tots.

And last, but not least, I have been informed by Debra Allen that she will not be able to preform the duties of DCO Forces Command due to her real life responsibilities. If anyone wishes to be considered for this position please send me an email and if you have not already submitted an application and resume please do so.

Linda Olson, CO Forces Command
 ST_DragonLady@msn.com

AFTER ACTION REPORT

by 1ST SGT John "MechaSgt" Marcus • USS William O. Darby, R4

a.k.a. LJ53207 - 1st SGT, 75th MSG
 route via sub-space; SCC53207, NCC 12474, NCC 71840, SB4, NCC 74662, SB3, NCC 74657, SB2, NCC 75001, SB1, SFMC FORCE COMMAND.
 Priority: M Code Sequence:
 1125876.56846.568

After Action Report

Arrived per orders at Jungle Island (www.jungle-island.com) on 20th Nov 2004 (SD-327342.22916) at approximately 0745 (PST). I readied my gear, and awaited further instructions. At approximately 0845, received Sup-Space one way transmission: Proceed to Southern Cross (SC) Base Camp (BC). Check in as a Major in the SC Army no later than 1230.*end*

*At approx 1000 I broke my "chrono meter" so the rest of the day I got the time whenever I could.

As I arrived at the Base camp all geared up

to the valley". Well I did as any seasoned Seargent would. I followed orders.

Yes sir, I am proud to say, I found myself a nice soft spot to plop behind a bail of hay, and kept the watch! So their I was looking around, day dreaming of a big Banana Split, when all of the sudden.. *splat* *splat* - I was under fire! I mean, how rude! I returned fire (after checking with a nearby referee that I did not get painted) - and I missed! Of course {hmmmmhmm} it was due to the elements, not my bad aim! Man, this little sucker was a fast ducker. To my rescue came three Lakeside guys and a guy in a kilt!

Boy, was I relieved when a grey haired guy came and ordered us back to base, per XO.

As I returned to base, I heard a referee (looked more like a big yellow bird with spots) mention to the XO that we needed some Security! Well, I stepped right up and

and ready to go, I looked for the General. He was no where to be found; however, another SC member directed me toward the XO (Second Officer). The XO had "DOC" on his name plate. Of course I immediately thought, "Why is a Doctor our XO, it's not like we are going to be doing surgery"! I immediately introduced my self, and advised him in a very disgusted voice that I was supposed to be one of his Majors. As soon as we locked eyes, he could see that I was an NCO to the core! I knew I would not have to deal with any Command crap. In fact, he sent me on a mission right away with Team Lake Side! We were to take the Cessna crashed on top of a hill two clicks NE. (he he) Well, it started out great; however, as the rest of the team rapidly passed me up and started taking fire, I was still ½ a hill away! (catching my breath) I quickly did what any Seargent would have.... I took up a supporting fire position to the rear (out of reach of the incoming fire).... Well, I would have been content to watch as Lakeside and a few Caltpros quickly cleared the hill of enemy forces and entered the city to the other side, but Nooo, some long-haired officer guy (never did get his name) started barking orders, "I need you to secure this plane, and keep the Northern Cross from crossing over

volunteered! Yes Sir! I secured that base for a good while!

After some time, Doc sent myself and two young guns (obviously wanted me to impart some wisdom) to find a way across the river. This was a secret mission, just the three of us, and we were to avoid fire fights. Recon and report back!

Cool! Just what I wanted! We headed out behind the pipes, through the trenches, behind the Sup Air field and along the tape line, into the edge of the city! We made it to the first bus and were heading toward the dirt mound when - *splat!* Right in the Mask! Bright orange.... darn Death Squad! Ruined a cool mission!

While waiting for reinsertion I grabbed a G-aid and granola bar, then headed back to base. I found my two comrades where also waiting to re-insert! We were already making plans for our next attempt, when Doc advised us to scrub the mission as the North Cross Base was moved to the southeast end of the city due to high water in the river!

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On the next... *America's Most Wanted!*
Kiddie pool privateers: Bruce Dolan, CS Mandi Livingston, Jack Eaton.
photo by Jon Williams



VCS stands for... *Victoria's Chocolate Secret!*
VCS Sunnie Planthold, Michelle [partly hidden], amd James Muench,
Dennis Rayburn, and Ralph Planthold [clutching, foreground].
photo by Jon Williams

R2 SUMM Family “See what ya missed? Y captioned by FCapt Ralph



I'll teach you to hijack MY Chocolate Vault!
Michelle & James Muench, Jack Eaton (background), VCS Sunnie “Not
in the face!” Planthold toosing chocolate “gold coins”
photo by Patrick Malone



It's time to play... *Spot the Newlyweds!*
VCS Sunnie Planthold, Michelle [partly hidden], amd James Muench, Dennis Rayburn,
and Ralph Planthold [clutching, foreground].
photo by Jon Williams

CS Frozen in VCS's
schoolbus headlights!
When Sunnie ran for VCS, she
had to list her qualifications to
step up as CS “in case Mandi
gets hit by a bus.” Sunnie's
persona is Klingon [advance
in rank by assassination],
and she IS licensed to drive a
school bus! ;-)

photo by Sandy Dolan



You hear only the sound of... my chocolate.
Ralph (aka Bob) & “Voraciously Chocolate” Sunnie Planthold
photo by Sandy Dolan



Stomach stapling, bah! MY
method's faster!
Mirror Universe CS Mandi Livingston
cuts “Over” Eaton no slack.
photo by Jon Williams



Awaiting the reading of the will of
ph



One, two, Cha-Cha-Chocolate!
“Vigorously Cha-cha-ing” Sunnie Planthold, James Brunton
photo by Jon Williams



John DANiel!
It just wasn't the same as having Mama Dengby there!
photo by Sandy Dolan



Places, everyone! *Dead Parrot* sketch, take 2...
Action!

Michelle and James Muench, Bruce and Sandy Dolan, Jack
“Mickey” Eaton, mama Denby [at podium], RC Jennifer and
Steve Rosbury, CS Mandi and Eric Livingston, John Roberts
photo by Jon Williams



MIT 2005

Album

'a' shoulda been there!"
Planthold, USS Gasparilla

See pages 32/33 for
R2 SFMC Muster
pics!

We'll catch you at IC '05!
Serial killers CS Mandi and Eric
Livingston
photo by Sandy Dolan



Winner of the R2 Zatarain's Award... R3 DJ Steve Gordon!
Steve "Rice Boy" Gordon, waiting to get R2 Rc Jennifer Rosbury on HIS turf at IC '05
photo by Jon Williams



OK, nobody look at the camera. Maybe it will go away.
CFO Pat Spillers, CS Mandi Livingston, VCS Sunnie Planthold, Ops Chief "Hook"
Eaton [just before he lost his left hand to that Chocolate Vault], RC Jennifer Rosbury
photo by Jon Williams



At long last, USS Gulliver in Brobdingnag Spacedock!
photo by Jon Williams



3 young Warriors survive Cadet 1st Rite of Ascension!
Dominic Sleigh, Shawnacy Dolan, VCS Sunnie "HoD val vlt" Planthold, Cindy Deroshia
photo by Jon Williams



The usual suspects
of Jack "She ain't heavy, she's my mama Denby" Eaton
photo by Jon Williams



Black Betty's class A uniform.
VCS Sunnie Planthold, MSG 6-Oh!-9 OIC
photo by Ray Burkhart

1st Rite of Ascension tribunal in post-Gauntlet funk!

Sandy Dolan, Jan Sleigh, Tammy
Deroshia, Chris "Tigger" Wallace,
Peggy Moshell, VCS Sunnie "HoD val
vlt" Planthold, [foreground, holding
ceremonial "d'k tahg"]

photo by Jon Williams



Dant leads 2Bde Barber Shop Quartet in Sweet Adeline
John Roberts, Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Wayne Wright, Chris "Tigger" Wallace
photo by Jon Williams



OK, go ahead and frisk me... Please!

RC Jennifer Rosbury, CS Mandi
Livingston, mama Denby
[seated], James Brunton [aka
"Mr. Six"]

photo by Jon Williams



Raise the barrier! CS's yacht's comin' in hot!
Jack Eaton on air guitar, CS Mandi Livingston with her 'six' on
fire, Bruce Dolan spotting
photo by Ray Burkhart



Yet Another Dauntless Wedding!

On February 14, 2005, our CO, Thomas Donohoe, married the Chief of Ops, Kimberly Brooks on Mickler's Landing in Jacksonville, FL. The ocean-side ceremony was attended by some of the Dauntless crew and SCA friends. Adam Myers conducted the ceremony to join our families, though that was just a formality. For nearly two years we've thought of ourselves that way. My brother, Matt Brooks flew in the week before to visit and sightsee, and to be Best Man. Assisting him was our other Best Man, my brother Matt Donohoe. My sister, Margaret Donohoe, and I were Maids of Honor. The wedding coordinator was shipmate Katie Myers, wife of Adam. Amazing Katie, as we call her, found the perfect site to have the event, the restaurant for the reception, and even helped make the costumes. Also there to lend support were crewmembers Jamie Hughes and Denise Norris.

It had rained all night and most of the day, right up to the time slated to start the ceremony. Oddly enough, it stopped long enough to say the vows and and didn't start again until we were seated at Chef Gerald's, where the reception was held. The food was excellent (I had a duck burrito of all things), and everyone had a great time. We stayed over as the

BROOKS/DONOHOE WEDDING

by CMDR Morgan Kirby • Shuttle Dauntless, R2



Adam Myers, Thomas Donohoe (Director, Fleet Resource Center), Kimberly Donohoe

restaurant opened for regular hours and as patrons came in they were surprised to see us in our SCA ensembles. We got many nice comments and people wanted their pictures taken with us.

It was a great day and one we won't be forgetting. All of us wish our Mom and Dad all the happiness that they very much deserve. This was my favorite part of the ceremony:



Back: Matt Brooks, Thomas Donohoe, Jamie Hughes, Adam Myers
Front: Morgan Kirby, Margaret Donohoe, Matt Donohoe, Kimberly Donohoe, Katie Myers, Denise Norris

"A circle is the symbol of the sun and the earth and the universe. It is a symbol of perfection and of peace. In these rings it is the symbol of unity, in which your lives are now joined in one unbroken circle, in which, wherever you go, you will always return to one another and to your togetherness."



"Tony for a daddy? I need another glass!"
Heidi Moss, daughter of the bride.

MOSS/LOPES WEDDING

Write up and pictures by RADM Joan Bruckman • USS Hathor, R1



Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lopes

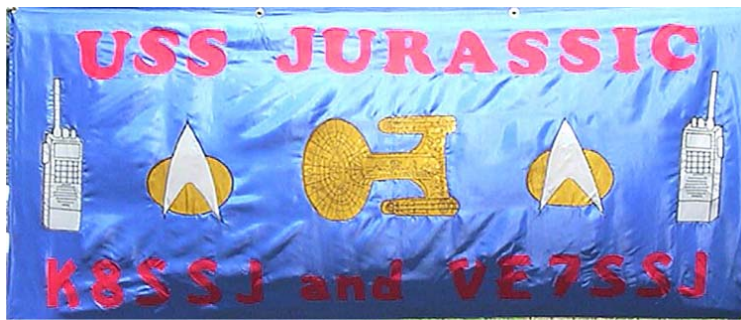
Adriane and Tony Lopes of the USS Pride of Scotland were married December 31, 2004 at the home of her parents, Orville and Sally Moss in Louisville KY. Ricky Bruckman of the USS Hathor performed the ceremony. Assisting with the ritual were Adriane's two children, Nate and Heidi. The bridesmaids were Valerie Trapp and Cynthia Beard and Sandy Berenberg was the best man. Members of the Pride of Scotland and the Hathor were in attendance to wish the happy couple well.



"Big Tony's gonna be our daddy now!"
Nate Moss, son of the bride.



Groom Tony Lopes takes a swing from his flask:
"ooooooooh, boy"



USS JURASSIC AWAY TEAM MISSION

(Or Field Day 2004)

by ADM Carolyn Donner

USS Jurassic, R1

Captain's Log: Stardate: 06.26.04

[NOTE: For those our Radio. Field Day weekend is an international (North and South America) test of emergency preparedness. Clubs and individuals are challenged to pick a public spot, set up a radio station and make as many contacts as possible in a 24-hour period. The groups and individuals are graded on a point system and the results are published in the QST magazine (American Radio Relay League's magazine). The USS JURASSIC participates in this event every year. Besides being exhausting and serious, it's a lot of fun. Below is the report for 2004.]

As the Mighty Gorn (RADM Gary Donner) K8BE and I (ADM Carolyn Donner) N8ST prepared to lead the Away Team mission to Ash Ridge, OH, we made sure the shuttle was loaded with the equipment we would need. Other members of the USS JURASSIC would meet us at the landing point throughout the day. This would be a 2-day mission and much preparation had already gone into getting ready for it. Engineer Jerry Silman KB8PVS had secured the site for us, and even managed to find a local civilian who could climb the unused tower to place a pulley system and rope on it. This would be a big help when it was time to setup the antenna we would be using.

I had already secured the needed publicity by having our announcement placed in three local newspapers. These printed newspapers would serve to help us document our mission and let the locals know they were invited to attend any time during the weekend and participate if they choose to. In addition, the Mighty Gorn and I listened to and copied the special Field Day announcement from ARRL HQ from the W1AW station in Newington, CT. The publicity and the special announcement

were each worth 100 bonus points to us.

The shuttle was loaded ...generator for power, radios, antennas, chairs, sleeping bags, food. It looked like we had remembered everything. I'm happy to say, unlike previous years, we DID remember everything we were supposed to bring as did everyone else. Things were going smoothly so far, but we hadn't left shuttle bay yet. Chief of Ops Steve Mirick arrived to board his shuttle just as we were getting ready to embark. We boarded our shuttle and headed east to our destination with Steve following close behind.

Upon arrival, Engineer Jerry and Medical officer Dot Silman KB8TQU who were working on setting up beautiful flowers for the botanical display and sale she was handling greeted us. We helped her move the final flowers to their designated spots towards the front of the building.

Soon other members arrived in their designated shuttles: Mike Lewallen KD8Q ran into a snag along the route and had to radio for new directions. It seems a semi tried to tackle a forest the night before and met with terrible consequences, causing a no fly zone to be placed over the site of the accident. Fortunately, Jerry knew the area well and talked Mike through a new route. Mike then did the same for several other members who were traveling the same route he had just taken.

Dennis Schwendemann (who lives in Bellevue, KY, but was actually returning from a trip to Huntington, WV), and Al Norris W8UJM arrived shortly afterwards. A brief meeting gave everyone time to have a donut and coffee before taking on their assignments. Dave Jones KC8YOY and Joy Jones KC8YOZ arrived in time to setup the food and cooking areas. In addition, if I might be so bold, I'd like to say, "WOW, can that guy cook!" Joy of course helped, but Dave handled the actual outdoor cooking over two camp stoves and a Dutch oven. My appreciation goes out to Dave and Joy for not only planning great meals, but also having them cooked on time, even dessert! YUMMY!!! [Captain's additional note: Dot and I had formulated a plan to distract Joy and steal Dave, but Joy got wind of it and explained that Dave has a self-destruct mechanism that goes off if he's ever stolen. We decided for the good of the mission and the ship to cancel our devious plans. <grin>]

The antenna crew got the antenna up in good time, despite one break in the antenna wire. We used an extremely long

wire that stretched from the top of the 80 ft tower across about 160 feet to a tree on the other side of the parking lot and matched with a homemade balun. The antenna was good, but the chief engineer said, the balun didn't work right, so this is one area he wants to improve before next year. He already has some new ideas to try. Engineers are always looking for ways to make things better.

The tables were placed beside the building. Once the antenna was up, and we were sure the coax would reach the tables, the radios and computers were brought out and setup. The HF radio and computers were ready to go on time so the Mighty Gorn asked the CO for the go ahead to turn them on. She of course said, "Make it so!" and they did. Almost as soon as things were running, the generator started acting up. Al was quick to the rescue and jumped in his shuttle. He returned a short time later with another generator that was quickly hooked up and we were on the air. Twenty meters tuned up the best so we started with that band. I was on the microphone and Steve was on the computer logging. It was quickly obvious that we weren't going to find a free frequency to call CQ's, so we spent the rest of the day moving up and down the band answering other stations who were calling CQ. (CQ is amateur radio speak for "come quickly", or more loosely translated as "Is anyone out there who would like to talk to me?"). We started out slowly making contact after contact with other stations.

Another way of making some bonus points was to send out traffic messages over the air. I had set up an appointment on the 2-meter repeater with a friend to get our messages out. At 3:15 pm local time, I remembered the appointment that was for 3 pm. Unfortunately, the generator problems had forced the engineers' attention away from setting up the 2-meter radio, so I picked up my handheld 2-meter radio hoping it still had enough charge in the battery to get all the messages out. I gave a quick call to my friend Greg WG8Z (who was working Field Day from his home in Kentucky), hoping he was still listening for me. He was, so we proceeded to send him the very formal messages. One message

to our ARRL Section Manager Joe Phillips was worth 100 points. That went out first. Then 10 additional messages were sent out to JURASSIC crew members and friends who couldn't make the trip to Brown County, OH (After all somebody has to keep the ship running while the rest of us are on the away team mission!) The 10 messages were worth 10 points each, giving us another 100 points, and helping Greg out because he would also get 100 points for sending the messages on over the local net during the evening. My handheld radio worked fine for this, except doing a lot of transmitting with a handheld radio causes the battery to get hot.

After a couple of messages sent out, I realized I was going to need help with this, so I yelled to Jerry to bring me his handheld radio so I could switch off from one to the other as the batteries heated up during transmission. This worked well.

Now we were back to the HF radio making more contacts on 20 meters. Joy had joined me to log during the traffic message sending, so stayed on to continue to log. Joy and I stayed at our posts for a couple more hours. Many visitors stopped by to see the operation, buy flowers from Dot, and help out with things. One visitor in particular came from the local newspaper (Brown County Press) to interview us and take some photos. He was very knowledgeable about both Star Trek and Amateur Radio (we're still trying to recruit him <grin>). Too soon, it was time for him to leave, but not before we gathered all the JURASSIC members and visitors behind the radios for a photo. He was nice enough to take one shot with my camera as well so we could have a copy.

[Captain's log addition: Two weeks later we were pleased to open the Brown County Press to the second page and find not only the photo of ourselves, but a full page (minus the ads) story about our weekend activities!]

After a while, we started taking turns at the microphone and logging. Jerry took the

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Dave, Gary, and Mike handling radio duties.



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microphone duties during the early evening and Steve helped with the logging. Dave and Joy headed off to their tent on the other side of the building about 10 pm so they could get up early to fix breakfast. Dot and Jerry left about midnight but came back early the next morning. Steve left about 2 am, mumbling something about needing to study so he could stay on the Dean's List at college – a task that we all agreed was important enough to dismiss him from the rest of the Away Team mission. Al left sometime during the late evening to go on a scouting mission with a couple of friends to see who else in the surrounding counties and Kentucky were also holding Field Day activities. I'm sorry to report that mission was not very successful. When they returned in the middle of the night, they reported they had visited at least three other sites and found only one occupied ...but everyone was asleep. That left Mike, Gary (Mighty Gorn) and me to handle the radio and logging for the rest of the night. [Note to myself: Have to organize the nighttime radio and logging duties better next year.] Nighttime would normally be the time to make CW (Morse code) and/or PSK31 (Digital mode) contacts as it's quieter than voice. These type contacts are important because voice contacts are worth only 1 point each, while CW and PSK31 contacts are worth 2 points each. Unfortunately, there was very little activity in these modes that we could hear from our site, so we stayed with the voice contacts as much as we could. Contacts usually thin out during the nighttime but we kept on. About 3 am, I finally went to the gym to take a nap with strict instructions for the Gorn and Mike to wake me in a couple of hours.

They ignored my instructions and I woke up about 6:30 am to find the Gorn as the only member who made it completely through the night without sleep. Mike had only gone to his assigned sleeping spot/bag about an hour before I got up. [Note to myself: Because of the nature of the mission, I decided they did what they considered best under the circumstances so have decided not to pursue disciplinary actions against them for disobeying the CO's orders <grin>.]

Sunday brought the welcome sun out to warm up the area after a very cold night as well as bringing Jerry, Dot, and Al back to the site. The radio and logging duties were again shared with others, but Mike was challenged to get the total contact number over 100, so kept at it as much as possible and I'm happy to report that he made it. We ended the radio contacts at 2 pm local time with 103 contacts total. That was about 20 more than last year so everyone was happy to hear that.

The final activity of the mission was to take down all the equipment and antennas and pack them back into the shuttles they arrived. I'm not sure how this works but there is probably a formula for it somewhere, but it always seems that equipment and gear packed up much faster than they were unpacked. Well, whatever the formula is, we were packed up, had the site straightened up and were heading back for JURASSIC HQ by 4 pm and back into the shuttle bay by 4:30. We were tired so just unpacked what had to be put away and left the rest in the shuttle for unpacking another day. A quick sonic shower, a sandwich for supper, and we were off to sleep off the weariness of the weekend.

Jurassic members are in yellow t-shirts. Left to right sitting: Joy Jones, Carolyn Donner, and Dave Jones. Left to right standing: Jerry Silman, Dot Silman, Josh Humble, Steve Mirick, Gary Donner, Mike Lewallen, Polly Hayden, Steve and Phyllis Neal, and Gordy Neal.



Richard Biggs Memorial Event

By FICAPT Janice Willcocks • USS Angeles, R4

The memorial fundraising event for late actor Richard Biggs was a lot of fun! The event was held on March 19th at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn in Studio City, CA. There were two sessions: one was a breakfast in the morning, and then in the afternoon there was an autograph and photo session.

For those who are unfamiliar with who Rick was, he played Dr. Marcus Hunter on Days of Our Lives from roughly 1987 to 1991 (I don't remember the exact dates) and then played Dr. Stephen Franklin on Babylon 5 in the late 1990s. I had a special connection to him because way back in those days when he was on Days of Our Lives, I used to run his fan club. So I've known him since then. He died suddenly last year of an aortic aneurysm. He was only 44 and left a wife and two young boys. This event was a fundraiser for his two sons, RJ and Hunter.

It was a small gathering, not more than 125-150 people. LOTS of celebrities! Most were from Babylon 5. Bruce Boxleitner, Melissa Gilbert (Little House on the Prairie, Babylon 5, and about a 100 TV movies!), Bill Mumy (B5 & Lost in Space), Jerry Doyle, Jason Carter, Pat Talman (B5 & ST-TNG), Steven Furst (B5 & Animal House), Tony Dow (Leave It to Beaver and B5-director) and two fellows who had small regular parts (I don't remember their character or real names!) There were also some actors from Days of Our Lives, some of whom have gone on to other things such as Lisa Howard (Earth Final Conflict), Mindy Clark (The OC and Buffy), and George Jenesky (AKA Conrad Dunn). George looked great and I spoke to him for a little while. You may remember him from the movie Stripes (he played Psycho) and also Alien Nation. He recognized me from the old "Days-days" right away so that was cool. Also Stephen Nichols (Days & General Hospital) and Matthew Ashford (Days, GH, Search for Tomorrow, etc.) were there, both whom I had known back in my Soap Opera fandom days.

The event was kind of a weird mix, because most of the fans were Soap Opera fans, but most of the celebrities were from Babylon 5! I think I was one of the few, if not the only one, who was a fan of both! Lots of my old soap fan friends were asking me who all the other actors were.

Some of the actors spoke a little bit about Richard and had some cute stories about him. Melissa Gilbert's story was pretty funny. She said that science fiction wasn't really her thing, and that she had never done it before until she was offered the part of Sheridan's wife. "We don't get a lot of spaceships on the prairie." That got a big laugh! Anyway, at the time, she had just had a baby (their son, who is now 9 years old and running around collecting all the helium balloons) when she got the part on B5, and her first scene was with Rick. She was nervous about being on the show because it was really her husband's gig and she didn't want to mess it up. Rick's character, Dr. Franklin, was examining her in the infirmary trying to determine how she could be alive after supposedly being dead for several years! In between takes, while Bruce and Jerry were filming, Rick teased Melissa by asking her, "So, you have really huge breasts. What bra size do you wear?" Which at first really surprised Melissa, but then she laughed and it was kind of an icebreaker. After that, she wasn't nervous about being on the show anymore. What could be more embarrassing than a question like that? There was nothing more to be embarrassed about!

Jason Carter, who is always a bit hyper, was chasing Bruce & Melissa's son around the room, pretending to try to pop all his balloons! We thought the kid would float away because he had so many helium balloons! Jerry Doyle, who'll say and do just about anything (lots of "colorful metaphors") helped with the live auction of B5 items, along with his assistant Melissa Gilbert.

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Lori and son

R2 STARFLEET Marine Corps Muster

submitted by Wade Hoover

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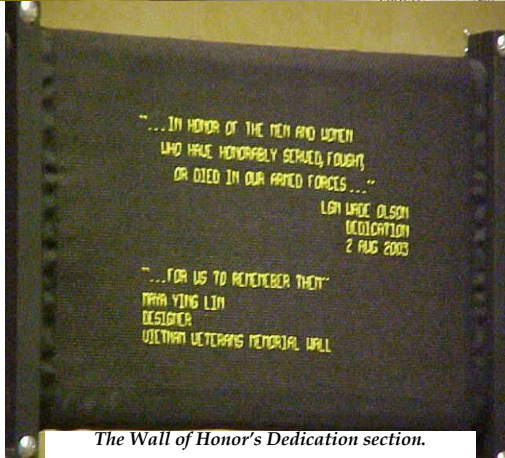
John addresses the 2nd Brigade.



John at the awards



John, Linda and DJ at Muster.



The Wall of Honor's Dedication section.



The Wall of Honor

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It was really neat to see Melissa at an event like this. I have never seen her in person before. She was really friendly and nice, but still put Bruce and the other actors in their place when they got too rowdy! It was cute. She also threw in a comment about Bruce being president of the universe, but she was SAG president, which got a laugh.

Amy Yasbeck was also a guest. She had been on Days of Our Lives briefly, but is better known now for Wings, The Mask, Robin Hood Men in Tights and many other things. She didn't know Rick, but she was at the event because her husband had died from the same ailment, aortic aneurysm. This is also the same condition that John Ritter died from. She spoke about the condition for a while, and then handed out copies of an article about it for everyone. She looked at Rick's wife Lori and said, "The word 'widow' is a terrible word, but that's what we are."



Group shot

Richard Biggs pictured to the left, with Jerry Doyle, Bruce Boxleitner, and Billy Mumfy





Live with all you have

Love with all you have

For you don't know how long you have

You never know how important something is to you 'till it's gone, and when it's gone there is no turning back

You can prepare all you like for an eternity, but when it comes it will still knock you over

Watch where you place your feet, or you will end up head over heels, lost and confused

Time will allways take its time

You will find yourself in the end

But the sun will still come up over the eastern horizon and begin a new day, and we must go on

~ Sarah Bolick



Top: Ann Marie Reilly at an Avenger shipwide meeting (submitted by Jamie Delahontas)
Middle: Ann Marie shows off her finest! (submitted by Jamie Delahontas)
Bottom left: Ann Marie and her daughter, Liz. (submitted by Susan Bolick)
Bottom right: Susan Fugate, Ann Marie, and Alex Rosenzweig (Submitted by Susan Bolick)

After Action Report...
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I was assigned to assault the NC BC with Team Devil and few troops. We headed out and made it the edge of the city before we saw action. Most of our unit was taken out by the tape line, heading for cover! Again I made it to the bus and "wham!" Back to base for re-insertion!

When I re-inserted, everyone was ordered to the Sup-Air field to attack the death squad and convoy. Everyone took off at a jog. There was only the XO, and our General finally graced us with his presence (oh the joys of being the boss), myself, and a few clown looking referees. So the NCO in me took over, and I once again took up guard position.

While checking ID's and conversing with whom ever would stop long enough to listen, I found out about www.paintball4all.net, a California Scenario Paintball Community. I also found out the reason the referees looked like clowns was because they were from Team Psycho Clown Posse, and had volunteered to referee this charity game.

Somewhere around 1400 a vehicle approached our BC. It cruised around looking all innocent, but something said "look out". Sure enough, a group of NC troops jumped out! Lucky for us Breck, our General, had noticed this from atop his perch, and called in for back up! Lakeside, The Kilts and Team devil took those guys like nothing!

The day seemed to drag on. It seemed that Southern Cross could not loose! We ruled the day. The only thing we could not seem to do was take out the Death Squad! Of course I found out that all of the teams where on the Southern Cross side! (That explained a lot!)

The last mission I went on, we where all standing around waiting for a rumored attack by the death squad on our base, and finally after forever, General Breck gave us permission to take out the North Cross BC. I was pumped! I charged in with the force! By watching the teams, I realized I needed to shoot from one position, then move and shoot from a different position each time. By doing this, I made it all the way to the last set of vehicles. There was nothing but a few tires between us and the North Cross Base camp! There was this big guy standing in front of the base, who kept taking out our players one at a time. I decided to concentrate my efforts on him. Well, I got so excited I forgot to move! When I popped up for my next shot!.... "Bam!" In the mask! What a great shot!

As I was hiking back to base camp, I was a little bummed out. I had almost made it! Then jogging up I saw Doc. He took one in the mask as well! I immediately stared grinning. Man, what a rush! I remembered where I had seen Doc before.. (it is amazing what you remember when you have a bunch of adrenaline in your system). I mentioned his articles in APG, and he confirmed his celebrity status (not

in so many words). We talked all the way back to BC. He told me a lot about PB4ALL, and we talked about his gear set up. He even was going to let me pop off a few balls with his red dot scoped A5! (Of course, I bashfully and gratefully declined; it was just a thrill to hold it!).

Well, after a re-load and re-fuel (R&R) break, I headed back to BC for re-insertion, just in time to find out that the Death Squad was FINALY in route to take us out!

I took up position at first by the tank. As my fellow teammates fell rapidly, I fell back to the circle, center base, in front of BC. Each time I was taken out! I re-inserted right away. Man, they were all around us, in the bushes, moving, taking us out! I moved to behind the BC, and found the small reaming group of Southern cross! Good, I did not see our General! Man, if they took him out again, we would loose more points!..

Oh, did I forget to tell you? Earlier in the day, Gen Breck decided he needed to go for a walk.. Next thing you know he is storming the North Cross BC! Daring them to take him out! Well they did, but of course he took a few with him!...

Wow, we were getting shot up from all directions. The Refs called instant reinsertion, all we had to do was touch the base and re-insert. But it was point less, as soon as I took my hand off the base I was shot again!

After a few attempts to get back in, then getting out instantly, I joined a rapidly growing group off to the side, waiting for the "Dead Base" call!

Well, that was if for me! I was pooped! I headed for the shuttle to rest, and prep for dinner.

Before dinner, we had a raffle. They gave away a lot of products and goodies! It was great to see that when one of the teams won something, they would give it to one of the kids!

About 12 of us stayed for night games. That was a blast! I know one of the Team Devil players stayed. I thought his name was Joe, but I guess it was not. Man, was he good, but what was cool was that he would share with you tricks. The ones who really helped out a lot where the Clowns! I am soooooo grateful they were there. It takes a lot to sit around and watch others have fun! They offered advice to us newbie's, and even showed us a few techniques! We all left around 2045. Wow! What a day!

In closing, I just want to thank the teams that were there, and all of the Newbie's like myself! This account is not exact, and of course I exaggerated just a tad in a few spots! :-D I was never able to get the final score! The whole day was to raise money for Danny, whom I have never met. Everyone there had nothing but good things to say about him! I hope that he gets well fast, and is able to rejoin the paintball world. This was my first Scenario Game, and my first Event Report! Doc has graciously volunteered to help me with my writings, so I am sure they will improve!

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING: THE SAGA CONTINUES

by RADM Robin Pillow • USS Pathfinder, R1



Welcome to my regular column. I have once again sent my servants off to get food for me. They better get popcorn this time. I have been supervising the changes in MP for the first 100 days of the Livingston administration. Although I had to be even more demanding of my human servants than usual, they faired well and completed the goal of getting our Beta Teams setup. Please welcome Beta Team 1 leader Chrissy Killian. She has shown to me a willingness to work with my other human servants to get the job done. We have also managed to setup our second Beta team headed up by Matt Ingles. Please take a moment to welcome him to the MP staff. You might ask why the Alpha and Beta teams? Well, we want to insure good service to the members of STARFLEET and make sure that those working in the MP department don't suffer from burnout at the same time. Before the Beta teams were setup, the current Alpha team did everything from receiving and processing the incoming memberships to printing everything that goes in the membership kit. We now have a national chain printing 98% of what goes in the membership kits and the Beta teams simply add to the kits freshly printed membership certificates and laminated ID cards. Receiving and processing is still done by the Alpha team.

One might wonder why so many teams? Maybe I, as ruler of all that I see, have a much better perspective of the situation. Here is how things went before the multiple teams: If the MP team was away from home for just a weekend let alone a week, things would backup. With two teams printing and sending kits out, the backup that might occur when one team is down or on vacation wouldn't get the chance to develop. As I keep telling my human servants, they are here to serve STARFLEET members. Better service will lead to happier members which will lead to better retention.

As I type this into the unattended computer, we have decreased our turnaround time to a short two weeks. This was my goal from the first day I took control of the MP department. I had my human servants Robin and Patty working night and day, but they simply weren't the slaves I was hoping they would be. So, that's why I had them hire even more servants to get the job done even more efficiently.

And remember, if you have questions regarding my department, I can be reached at SheWhoRunsMP@wcoil.com. Until then, I remain ultimate master of all I see....



Her Most Regal And
Supreme Majesty



K'Ehleyr Station makes the news!

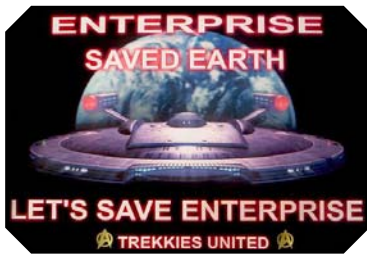
A reporter and a photographer from the Las Vegas Sun came to the February meeting of K'Ehleyr Station in Las Vegas, NV, Region 4. See the article at:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/leisure/2005/feb/28/518364098.html>

Enjoy!

SAVE STAR TREK: HISTORY WILL NOT FORGET THE NAME "ENTERPRISE"

by FCAPT John Lane • USS Angeles, R4



We came. We came from as far away as Great Britain and Australia and as nearby as West Hollywood. We were from states as diverse as Vermont, Arizona, Tennessee, Illinois, Texas, and Nevada. We were as young as 8 months and old enough not to want to share our age when asked. We were Black and White, Hispanic and Asian, tall and short, thin and not-so-thin, male and female. But we all shared one thing in common: we wanted "Star Trek" to continue!

Hundreds of fans came to the Paramount Studio front gate at 5555 Melrose Avenue in Hollywood starting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 25. Among these fans were three current members of the U.S.S. Angeles: Gloria Rodriguez, Goldie Frankel, and myself. Inside the legendary film studio, work was beginning on what will likely be the last new episode of "Star Trek: Enterprise", and the last original filmed "Star Trek" of any kind that we are likely to see for at least a few years.

The fans came out to protest the cancellation of "Star Trek: Enterprise" after only four seasons (the last three Trek television series—"Star Trek: The Next Generation", "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine", and "Star Trek: Voyager" all aired for a complete seven seasons). Indeed, there has been at least some kind of weekly "Star Trek" television series in production continuously during every season dating back through 18 years. And if you count the motion pictures, "Star Trek" has been in some kind of production mode going all the way back to 1977!

So why stop now? The decision was made by the executives at Viacom, the parent company of Paramount Television and UPN, and specifically, the fateful decision to cancel has been credited to Leslie Moonves, President of Viacom and head of CBS. Moonves wasn't trying to decrease competition for CBS; that network is consistently on top of the Nielsen ratings race. But the United Paramount Network (UPN) is struggling and always has struggled to find the right audience. Initially launched with the series "Star Trek: Voyager" back in 1995, UPN tried to set itself up as a strong science fiction provider with such series as "Time Trax", "Seven Days", and "The New Twilight Zone". UPN also tried to capture a younger audience with World Wrestling. Still struggling, UPN then aimed itself toward African Americans with a number of urban sitcoms. Most recently, UPN has seen some success with the reality show

"America's Next Top Model." But in general, UPN is still struggling to hold its own among the major networks.

All this time, "Star Trek" has been airing in the form of "Voyager" and then "Enterprise." But ratings fell steadily and consistently, a little at a time, and even the fresh, new prequel series "Enterprise" failed to generate excitement or a ratings revitalization. Some fans blamed a competitive time slot on Wednesday nights. Others blamed a lack of originality in the scripts and bland acting. Still others complained that Paramount and UPN were doing little to market and promote the series. By the end of the third season of "Star Trek: Enterprise", danger of cancellation was quite real. Although a season-long story arc dealing with a 9-11 type attack against Earth by the Xindi had revived the creative energy of the series, ratings continued to slump. As the third season neared completion, an 11th hour decision gave the series a fourth season with the intention of reaching 100 episodes, enough for a syndication package of reruns to local television stations.



Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, son of Star Trek's creator Gene Roddenberry, came with a camera crew to record the rally for his upcoming Star Trek documentary. You can find out more of what Rod and his company are up to at Roddenberry.com.

But "Enterprise" would face an even greater challenge in its fourth season. In addition to budget cuts, its time slot was shifted to Friday nights at 8:00...a virtual death sentence in television scheduling. As bad as Wednesdays were, Friday nights proved to be insurmountable. Combined with a very noticeable lack of promotional support, the ratings for "Enterprise" dropped to their lowest levels ever in season four (although, ironically, these were better ratings than UPN had generated in that Friday night time slot during any of its previous years).

But the writing was on the wall, and the decision to cancel the series was announced in early February, 2005. Had the decision been made a year or two earlier, fans might not have been quite as upset. Many had thought it was time to give the franchise a rest. But something amazing had happened during the fourth season. New creative people were brought in, and day-to-day control of operations was handled over from Rick Berman and Brannon Braga (who had been involved with overseeing "Star Trek" almost continuously

for almost a decade) to newcomer Manny Coto. Coto, along with Mike Sussman and new writers Garfield and Judith Reeves-Stevens and others, brought the series to a new creative renaissance. Many fans who had stopped watching the series out of boredom and frustration suddenly took notice again and started filling up Internet chat rooms and blog pages with excited reviews and eager gossip. "Star Trek" was revitalized as Manny Coto drew from nearly 40 years of episodes (dating back to 1966) for storylines, settings, and characters. The freshness that fans were craving, the return to the "roots" of "Star Trek"...all this was happening during the fourth season of "Enterprise."

And then, it was suddenly over. Fans around the world were shocked, speechless, and incredulous. How could Viacom cancel "Star Trek"? Would it ever come back? What about the promise of seeing the formation of the United Federation of Planets during the final three seasons of "Enterprise"? Will Paramount just give up on "Star Trek" and let it die?

Paramount and Viacom assured the fans that "Star Trek" was not dead. It would come back again, but after a much-needed rest for the viewing public and for the franchise itself... and after a new development team could be assembled to create a fresh concept. But some fans weren't convinced. Could the "patient" be resuscitated after two or three years... or longer?

Some fans went so far as to rally the troops. Web sites like TrekUnited.com and SaveEnterprise.com tried many creative approaches. One site raised almost \$15,000 in donations to place a full-page ad in "The Los Angeles Times" urging fans of "Enterprise" to write to Leslie Moonves and to the heads of Paramount Television



Angeles member Goldie Frankel and Manny Coto. Executive Producer Manny Coto is a long-time Star Trek fan himself. He used to dream about meeting the makers of Star Trek. Now that he's running the show, he hasn't forgotten about the fans. Manny posed for many photos and shook countless hands.



Angeles member Gloria Rodriguez. Gloria stayed in front of Paramount's front gate for over eight straight hours, showing her support of the show she loves.

and the Sci-Fi Channel, trying to encourage at least a fifth season of the series either on UPN or elsewhere.

And one fan, Tim Brazeal from Tennessee, went so far as to organize a protest demonstration in front of Paramount Studios in Hollywood. Originally scheduled for March, the timetable was hastily moved earlier when it was discovered that "Enterprise"'s last episode would start filming on February 25, and most of the sets would be dismantled by the second week of March.

And so fans came to Hollywood, with creative signs that said "What would Kirk do?", "Don't make the same mistake you made back in 1969", "Nielsen Schmielsen!", "18 years of loyalty and this is the thanks I get?", "Enterprise saved Earth, now let's save Enterprise", and many more. Some signs were meticulously handcrafted, while others were the product of a black magic marker and colored construction paper. But all were united in their goal: Save Star Trek!

At maximum, perhaps 200 fans were present at any one time, with another 100 or so coming and going during the day. Some stayed from 8:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. or later, others could only donate a few hours of their time. But even by the "end" of the day, over 25 fans were still standing in front of Paramount's gates. Several news crews came during the morning to cover the rally, including KABC Channel 7, KTLA Channel 5, local AM radio station 640, and Reuters News Service. Also in attendance was Larry Nemecek, editor of the "Star Trek Communicator", there to interview fans and staffers and photograph the history-making event.

The demonstration was orderly, and actually quite fun. Organizer Tim Brazeal

obtained city permits, and LAPD officers were stationed across the street and at the gate. Paramount also supplied some security personnel of their own, but for the most part, the cops and guards were enjoying the fans' show of support. There was friendly chit-chat and joking with security and cops, and fans remained respectful of cars driving through the gate.

There was an almost continuous procession of honking as passing motorists shared their support. Cars, SUVs, busses, 18-wheelers, even a UPS van and a Brinks armored truck honked as they drove past. Many people driving into Paramount would give fans a Vulcan salute or thumbs up. Site-seers on passing tour busses would snap photos of the fans with their signs, certain to have



Oh no, not Porthos! This shirt was actually designed by Marvin Rush, Director of Photography on multiple Star Trek TV series, including "Enterprise". It was produced and given to Paramount staffers at the end of the third season of "Enterprise", the first time the show was in danger of cancellation. The woman wearing this shirt was from the accounting office. She told us the rally meant a lot to everyone who works on the show.

fun stories to tell the folks back home. Even a motorcycle cop riding by gave fans a quick Vulcan salute!

The only odd thing that happened was around 10:00 a.m. when a half dozen folks in "Star Wars" outfits showed up and started wandering among the "Star Trek" fans. The assembled Trek fans had been advised by Tim Brazeal not to wear costumes or uniforms in order to appear more serious about our protest and not look like a displaced "Star Trek" convention. It turned out that these "Star Wars" fans (two Storm Troopers, Darth Vader, an X-wing pilot and two Jedi) had been planted there by the news crew from the G4 network (formerly known as Tek TV). The news crew wanted to see some confrontations and reactions from the Trek fans, so they called up these "Star Wars" folks and asked them to drive in from Riverside (about 90 minutes) for the "confrontation." But the joke was on the news crew as no confrontation ever happened. The Storm Troopers and Jedi mingled with the crowd in what looked like a show of solidarity with fellow fans. And even giving Darth Vader a bullhorn to "taunt" the fans from a passing vehicle didn't produce much more than a shrug (as Darth wasn't all that eloquent). I overheard the news producer from G4 saying that they would probably just dub in Darth saying

something nastier when they edited the footage, since they had the video of Darth with the bullhorn and you couldn't see his lips moving...so he could be saying anything they wanted him to. I hope they enjoy their creative news coverage.

More fun was had by the Trek fans as various members of the "Star Trek: Enterprise" production staff came out to see the protest. Executive Producer Manny Coto and Producer Mike Sussman came out--along with the Reese-Stevens and several other producers--and greeted fans. Other folks from the "Star Trek" art department, accounting office, make-up department, and even the music and sound editors came out a few at a time on staggered "coffee breaks" to see this historical moment. Everyone from the staff was very thankful to the fans for trying so hard to keep the series on the air (and keep them employed). In turn, the fans applauded anyone who said they worked on the show.

At one point, Manny Coto took a mega-phone and talked to the fans. "Star Trek" fans are the greatest fans in the whole world. Don't ever let anyone tell you anything different. This is a great show, it's a great franchise. It will continue. People are hearing what you're saying here today and I want you to know that we appreciate it, the writers appreciate it, the actors, everyone who works on the show knows what you've done, knows what your passion is for the show...and it really means a lot. So, thank you very much for coming out today."

Later on, Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, the son of "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry, addressed the crowd, as well. He called the low ratings for the series "nonsense" and went on to encourage the crowd. "I don't want you guys to give up. I want you guys to keep fighting for this. I'll tell you what, even if 'Star Trek' lays low now, it will come back again. 'Star Trek' will never die. You guys will never let it die." Rod finished by saying that the entire Roddenberry family would always be there for the fans, helping "Star Trek" stay alive and well. Rod had also brought along his own film crew to record the rally for a documentary



Anthony Montgomery (Ensign Travis Mayweather). While most of the "Enterprise" castmembers were already in costume and make-up (and couldn't come out to the street in the hot sun), Anthony Montgomery took a few minutes to greet the fans and thank them for all their support.



Yep, that guy with the camera was none other than actor J.G. Hertzler, who played the Klingon Martok on several seasons of "Deep Space Nine" as well as some other Star Trek roles. He came by just to see the protest and video tape the fans. (Hertzler loves the fans.) Earlier on, actor Jeffrey Combs, who plays the Andorian Shran on "Enterprise"

called TrekNation that he and his company, Roddenberry.com, are putting together.

Although it was overcast for much of the morning, it didn't rain, and the clouds kept it comfortably cool. However, shortly before noon, the sun started coming out and fans were getting hot and dehydrated. Suddenly, a small maintenance cart rolled through the gate and two Paramount food servicemen proceeded to unload eight crates of bottled water for the fans. "Compliments of Mr. Coto," the delivery men said. They even set up two large garbage bags to collect the plastic bottles to recycle later.

Just after lunch time, fans were treated to a surprise appearance by actor Anthony Montgomery who plays helmsman Travis Mayweather on "Enterprise". Montgomery greeted all the fans as personally as he could, shaking countless hands, giving dozens of hugs, and even tripping backwards over a dog leash while trying to take a picture with a fan from Las Vegas. Montgomery thanked the fans for all their support and told everyone that what we were doing meant so much to the people inside who work so hard on the show.

Other actors poked their heads out briefly, as well, including Jeffrey Combs, who plays Shran on "Enterprise", and John G. Hertzler, whom fans will remember as Klingon General Martok on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine". Hertzler ran through the crowd with a video camera taping fans and their creative signs, and then he hung out for an additional 20 minutes signing autographs.

Toward the end of the day, fans who stuck around saw three more Trek actors drive through the gate. Dominic Keating (Lt. Malcolm Reed), Marina Sirtis (Counselor Deanna Troi of "The Next Generation") and Jonathan Frakes (Commander Riker of "The Next Generation"). Marina Sirtis actually got out of her car to chat briefly with the fans. Sirtis and Frakes were there to appear in the final episode of

"Enterprise", tying the prequel series into its sci-fi future.

Unfortunately for now, however, "Star Trek" has a very indefinite future. Fans were hopeful but realistic about the chances for a sudden stay of execution for "Enterprise". Organizer Tim Brazeal commented, "I think we were successful today. I was hoping we'd have 3,000 people, but 300 isn't bad at all. We certainly got the attention of Paramount's security department! I was worried we'd just have five people show up for ten minutes and then leave. But this was really something." Brazeal went on to comment that he'd been told that a similar Save Star Trek rally in New York City had drawn about 100 people in six inches of snow! He was going to check to see if any other demonstrations had gone on, including one that was supposed to happen in London.

As I walked back to my car, I thought about what we had accomplished this day. Had we saved "Star Trek"? It's hard to say. Even if this turns out to be the swan song for "Enterprise", I could see a pitch to the Paramount executives in two or three years going something like this: "Remember when we canceled 'Enterprise' and all those fans stood in front of the gate for eight hours? It shows that 'Star Trek' is still viable." That will be our legacy from today. It might not be more than a one-sentence reference in a quick creative pitch, but it will carry its weight. No other television show has ever done what "Star Trek" has--stay on the air for almost forty years, spawn ten major motion pictures, produce over 650 hours of filmed footage, support a billion dollar licensing franchise, and become so widely known around the world that almost anyone would recognize the Vulcan hand salute.

But more importantly, today we said a special "thank you" to some very hard-working people. Imagine getting fired from your job and then walking out of your office to see a hundred people with signs saying you should stay employed, that you've done great work and produced a wonderful product. Imagine the pride and joy you would feel to hear people applaud you at your workplace for the great job you did, whether it was writing a musical score, sewing costumes, putting on make-up, writing scripts, creating background computer displays, or even keeping the financial books balanced. Today we gave a gift back to the people who have given us such a wonderful gift all of these years. And it was a day that all of us--fan and production staff alike--will always remember.



Manny Coto with megaphone: "Rallying the troops"

FROM THE FLEET HISTORIAN

by GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R13

Greetings from the Office of Fleet Historian, and welcome to another enlightening journey into the history of Starfleet. This project will be a two-part endeavor, as we delve into the past Executive Committee teams for the last seven administrations. In the next Communique (#129?) we will go back from the Second Maddox administration to the first Commander Starfleet – Fleet Admiral John Bradbury. Below in table form are the successive teams beginning with the present and going back to Rob Lerman's team from the 1993-1994 timeframe.

A few notes, there may be mistakes in the ranks from one administration to the other as the leaders moved up, please feel free to email me at chunone@nwlink.com and I'll update as appropriate. If someone was promoted, I tried to show the rank they held when they took office, and indicated with "then" promotions that occurred during their term of service.

Enjoy the following and remember as always Fleet Matters:

General / Dahar Master Scott A. Akers

2005-2007 Administration #15 Fleet Admiral Amanda J. Livingston

Commander Starfleet (CS)	Fleet Admiral	Amanda J. (Mandi) Livingston
Vice-Commander Starfleet (VCS)	Rear Admiral	Sunnie Planthold
Chief of Operations (OPS)	Commodore	Jack (Towaway) Eaton
Chief of Communications (COMMS)	Commodore	Bob Fillmore Jr
Commandant Starfleet Academy (SEA)	Commodore	Todd Brugmans
Shuttle Operations Command (SHOC)	Rear Admiral	Jerry Tien
Computer Operations (COMPOPS)	Vice Admiral	Sal Lizard
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	Vice Admiral	Pat Spillers

2003-2004 Administration #14 Fleet Admiral Michael Malotte

CS	Fleet Admiral	Michael Malotte
VCS	Lt. General then General	Mark H. Anbinder
OPS	Brigadier General then Major Gen.	Joost Ueffing
COMMS	Rear Admiral then Vice Admiral	Greg Trotter succeeded by Dixie Halber
SEA	Commodore	Scott A. Akers
SHOC	General then Dahar Master	Jerry Tien
COMPOPS	Commodore then Rear Admiral	Sandy Berenberg succeeded by Mandi Livingston
CFO	Rear Admiral	Tammy Wilcox
	Lt. General	
	Commodore then Rear Admiral	

2001-2002 Administration #13 Fleet Admiral Les Rickard

CS	Fleet Admiral	Les Rickard
VCS	Admiral	Gordon Goldberg succeeded by Michael Malotte
OPS	Lt. General	Mark Vinson
COMMS	Rear Admiral then Vice Admiral	Michael Malotte succeeded by Greg Trotter
SEA	Rear Admiral	Marlene Miller
SHOC	Admiral	Alex Rosenzweig succeeded by Chris Wallace
COMPOPS	Admiral	Mark H. Anbinder
	Vice Admiral	

1999-2000 Administration #12 Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith (take 2)

CS	Fleet Admiral	Michael D. Smith
VCS	Admiral	Chuck Freas succeeded by Gordon Goldberg
OPS	Vice Admiral	Les Rickard
COMMS	Lt. General then General	Gordon Goldberg succeeded by Allyson M.W. Dyar
SEA	Vice Admiral	Marlene Miller
SHOC	Admiral then Admiral	Dennis Gray
COMPOPS	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Teri Smith succeeded by Mark Anbinder
	Rear Admiral	

1997-1998 Administration #11 Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith (take 1)

CS	Fleet Admiral	Michael D. Smith
VCS	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Chuck Freas
OPS	Commodore then Rear Admiral	Tom Monaghan
COMMS	BGen then MGen then Lt. General	Les Rickard
SFA	Commodore then RAdm then VAdm	Gordon Goldberg
	Fleet Admiral	Rob Lerman
	Commodore then Rear Admiral	Mandi Livingston
	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Marlene Miller
SHOC	Commodore then RAdm, then VAdm	Dennis Gray

Delta Shield Fellowship

by CMDR Russell Ruhland, XO/Counselor

USS DaVinci, R2

Faith...Fellowship...Fandom. An unusual combination for some, but for members of STARFLEET there is a distinct link and direct relationship when it comes to these three ideals. One might attempt to compare these ideals with the concept of Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations (IDIC) that so defines the Vulcan logic but I tend to look upon it in a purely direct approach from one's human heart and soul. The more time I spend being a part of this wonderful organization allows me to understand the bond that develops more deeply every time we get an opportunity to see one another at STARFLEET and Regional events. We don't always look at it in this fashion but for many of us once the main activities at our Regional level and the International Conference are complete then it is another several months before we get to see each other again and as the next year approaches the anticipation grows and the adrenaline flows until eye to eye contact takes place and we reminisce and talk about what went on during those months between.

Faith has been defined as belief, trust, confidence and conviction. Fellowship can be seen as a joint interest and Fandom, although not found in all the dictionaries, an excessive enthusiasm.

Put that all together and you'll indeed find a member of STARFLEET. Having recently attended the Region 2 Summit in Tampa, Florida, I felt the reinforcement of that bond that draws us together not just as a science fiction fan club, but as a family that has opportunity to go to reunions more than just every now and then. First I see a book binding. You know, that central part that holds all of the separate pages together to make up the whole. Then I realize it's much more than a book. It's really an album. Books tend to get read once and then get placed on a shelf to collect dust over time. The album on the other hand, continues to grow and gets opened time and time again not just to relive the memories, but to add new ones as well. These are the ideals that hold us together; these are the ideals that help us to grow. It's never just a chance encounter. I just keep meeting new members of the family I didn't know before.

Grateful for the faith; thankful for the fellowship; and the fandom, well, that's the excessive enthusiasm that started it all and I'm very proud to be a member of the STARFLEET organization. Comments regarding these thoughts can be discussed thru e-mail at christianrussell@mail.com.

COMPOPS	Commodore then Rear Admiral	Sal Lizard
	Commodore then Rear Admiral	Jesse Smith
1995-1996 Administration #10 Dan McGinnis		
CS	Fleet Admiral then Captain	Dan McGinnis
	(ACTING CS) Rear Admiral	Jim Herring
VCS	Admiral	Deborah Maestu succeeded by
	(ACTING VCS) Admiral	Coyote
OPS	Admiral	Cindy Krell
	Commodore	Jim Herring
COMMS	Rear Admiral then Vice Admiral	Doug Glenn
SFA	Captain then Fleet Captain	Bjo Trimble
	Fleet Captain	Paul Dyl
SHOC	Captain then FCapt then Comm	Linda Reynolds
COMPOPS	Commodore	Adam Nettles succeeded by
	Captain then Fleet Captain	Wayne Cavalier

1993-1994 Administration #9 Rob Lerman

CS	Fleet Admiral	Rob Lerman
VCS	Vice Admiral	Anita Davis succeeded by
	Rear Admiral then Vice Admiral	Dwain Gleason
OPS	Vice Admiral	Terry Wyatt succeeded by
	Fleet Captain then Commodore	JD Knight
COMMS	Vice Admiral	Tim Gillespie succeeded by
	(ACTING) Rear Admiral	Dwain Gleason
	Fleet Captain then Commodore	Robbie Lewis succeeded by
SFA	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Lori Anne Brown
SHOC	Admiral	Dave Ryan succeeded by
	Commodore then RAdm then VAdm	Jennifer Levine French
COMPOPS	RAdm then VAdm then Admiral	Clayton Melanson

R7 Heading back to the beach this fall

by VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7

The year was 1993, and the USS Challenger hosted the first ever stand alone region conference in Seaside Heights NJ. It was a blast and boasted an attendance of 123 people from all over the region. That was before New England split off to form Region 15; before many regional organizational structure changes. Now, 12 years later, the USS Challenger has been chosen to host the 2005 Region 7 Conference and the 7th Fleet is getting ready to boldly go... "Back To The Beach!"

This year's regional conference will take place on Friday September 23, Saturday September 24 and Sunday September 25, at the same location it was held back in '93, the Hershey Motel. We'll be utilizing the hotel's meeting room for workshops, and the Seaside Heights Community Center will serve as the location for a special "Beach Party" extravaganza. The dinner, awards ceremony and the Mr. and Mrs. Beach Bum contest will be held at this locale.

The Hershey Motel is located at 1415 Boulevard Seaside Heights, NJ 08751 732-793-5000

It boasts 115 rooms, an outdoor pool, restaurant, game room and meeting room. The room rate is only \$60.00 per night, plus tax, based on single occupancy. Room cancellation policy is subject to the motel's standard policy and is subject to change.

What will we be doing this year? A mixture of the tried and true and some non business events as well. Long time USS Challenger member Jeff Victor is serving as the conference chair. Joining him are:

Conference Co-Chair-
Registration & Treasury: Julie Victor
Conference Co-Chair-
Programming: Bob Vosseller
Conference Co-Chair-
Publishing: Mary Singleton
Conference Co-Chair-
Operations- Community Center:
Dave Singleton
Conference Co-Chair-
Operations- Hershey: Ken Dohn

So what does it cost? All prices are per delegate:

Conference Only: \$40

Conference & Dinner Dance: \$50

Cut off date for Dinner/Dance registration is 9/1/05. Cut off date for Conference Only is yet to be determined.

Both memberships include a Friday night mixer at the Hershey Motel consisting of soft drinks and snacks.

What do we get to eat? The dinner dance menu will consist of a buffet containing four hot entrees, including:

Vegetarian Lasagna
Roast Beef
Chicken Scampi
Eggplant Rolletini
A cold cut platter
Four salads/hot side dishes
It also includes soda, coffee and dessert.

Professional DJ entertainment will be provided from 7pm-11pm.

This conference will accept PayPal for payment at no additional cost.

Delegates will receive as part of their membership:
-Conference Badge & Ribbon
-Conference Program
-Access to events, meetings and workshops
-Admission to Friday Night's Informal Mixer

For more information you can contact Jeff Victor at jvictor930@aol.com or Bob Vosseller via chalngcrmd@aol.com!

We look forward to seeing you Back at the Beach so come on out you bennies, have fun here at the Jersey shore in the "land of sun and fun" The Seaside Heights boardwalk features rides, attractions, arcades and a water slide. There are various nightclubs and the bay and ocean beaches are usually still very warm in September. Don't forget your bathing suit.

R1 Summit Auction Items

by BGN Bill Herrmann

USS Rutledge, R1

Opening Hailing Frequencies--Incoming STARFLEET Transmission--Message is as Follows:
Greetings to STARFLEET:

ARE you a Star Trek collector?

I am going to be unable to attend the Region01 Summit in 2005 and IC 2005 due to personal obligations and responsibilities at my place of Employment. I just cannot get away.

However, I would like to manifest the "Let Me Help" spirit of our Association, in regards to the Region 01 Summit endeavors, specifically as it relates to the Charity Auction and to the IC 2005 Silent & Live Charity Auction, which will benefit the ADA-American Diabetes Association. I assume that the R1 Summit Charity Auction will benefit the Region 01 Relief Fund.

Therefore, on behalf of "The Flagship of the Fleet"- the Region 01 Defiant-class Starship Chapter USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215, I would like to add the following to the items being "auctioned off" for the Charity Auction(s) after the respective Banquet(s) are over.

My only stipulation is that if there are any takers for the following items; allow me the privilege of mailing the items to the individuals who purchase them, instead of me mailing them ahead of time to the Region 01 Summit Committee, or to IC 2005 Committee since they are part of my private STAR TREK Collectible Collection. Please Note: this offer applies on a "First Contact" basis- those interested who are the- First to Contact- the Respective Summit and/or IC Officials and dispatch them an acceptable bid or donation via money order will receive the requested Collectible. This also means that whether or not YOU attend the Region 01 Summit or IC 2005 and YOU wish to purchase the Collectible--YOU are qualified to participate and attain the requested Collectible.

Please allow 3-6 weeks for delivery upon my receipt of Verification that YOU are the designated recipient of the requested Collectible. So don't delay, consider getting your bid and donation in sooner rather than later.

So- without further ado I offer the following Items as part of the aforementioned Charity Auction(s):

1. Star Trek Playmates Shuttlecraft Goddard, along with Action Figure Pilot. Will throw in

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Find the Excitement in Trek

By FCAPT Steven P. Bowers, Executive Officer • ISS Lexington, R7 and STARFLEET Director of Chapter Care

CAPT Betty Schreur • ISS Pegasus, R4

Captain's Log: Stardate: UNKNOWN.

During an Ion storm, my landing party is beamed back to the Enterprise and found it and the personnel aboard changed. The ship is subtly altered, physically. Behavior and discipline have become brutal. Savage.

With that log entry; the birth of the Mirror Universe began: Spock with a beard; the Agony Booth; Uhura with the nice, two-piece uniform.

The Mirror Universe is not your ordinary Trek. With the current state of Trek however, these are not ordinary times. Now more than ever, Trek fans, and specifically STARFLEET members, should take a long, hard look at the Mirror Universe.

In recent Communiqués, Pamela Fernsler of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, and Scott Akers wrote articles talking about the future of Trek, as well as the future of Sci-Fi fandom in general. In Pam's article, she talks about how Sci-fi came into being, starting with the Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon serials in the 1930s and 1940s and continuing through the B-movies in the 1960s. She describes how many fan clubs sprang up during the 1970s and how one club — STARFLEET — became one of the largest.

Pam goes on to say how STARFLEET has recognized that "the time will soon be at hand when Star Trek will be put to rest." However, I must disagree. This is not the time to put Trek to bed. With the recent cancellation of Star Trek: Enterprise, and with the global protest and demonstrations, this is the time for Trek to rise and become stronger than ever. STARFLEET needs to make Trek exciting for its existing members, while also working to draw new members. With the Mirror Universe, both are possible. Spock once said that there are endless possibilities. You can have those possibilities with the Mirror Universe.

Scott's article was titled, "A Vision for the Future." His well-thought-out and well-written viewpoint discusses how STARFLEET has little left to offer. He talks about how every Fleet member should inspire former members to return, current members to stay and new members to join. I wholeheartedly agree when Scott says that there is no one program to which all parties will agree. As everyone knows, put three Trek fans in a room and you get 64 different opinions as to how a problem should be resolved.

However, perhaps the "apathy" that some perceive exists within Fleet does not result from the lack of any more "dragons to slay." Perhaps some members have grown weary of their chapter's same old direction. After all, because of the books and movies, there

are limited directions for story lines and roleplaying. There is nothing new to talk about, no direction that you can go that is some way hasn't been taken before.

And if you believe that, you would be wrong. STARFLEET has much to offer as long as you don't limit yourself to what some perceive as "canon" Trek.

With that in mind, let me now blow the horn for the I.S.S. Hail the Empire! Remember how exciting it was that we finally got to see the "evil" side of James T. Kirk (outside of conventions)? Remember how it left you wanting more? Remember Star Trek: Deep Space Nine and the Intendant? Sisko sneaking around and Garak being more smarmy than normal? That's what STARFLEET needs: more aggression, more paranoia, MORE WEAPONS! STARFLEET needs something that will breathe life into it.

Does your ship have a cloaking device? The ISS Pegasus does. Does your ship have pulse cannons and cruise missiles? The ISS Lexington does. Does your ship have a cute three-headed puppy? The ISS Kerberos does. Do you know why we have all of these wonderful toys? Because there aren't any books or movies saying that we can't!

Think about it: from the very first show through Star Trek: Nemesis, the canon of

Trek has been written. You can't give a ship cruise missiles since no ship in Fleet ever had any. Since only one ship in Fleet had a cloaking device, you can't really say other ships have them. You are limited to what you can do.

Yet when you look at the Mirror Universe, you have endless possibilities. Do you want to have a ship with more firepower than a Defiant class? You can have it. Do you want to have transporters that can beam you up or down from light years away? You can. Your only limit is your imagination.

I am not recommending that every chapter immediately become a Mirror Universe ship or that every Marine unit become a part of the Praetorian Guard. But I would like everyone who reads this article to take a deep breath and release some inhibitions by embracing the evil in them.

Your chapter can be whatever you want it to be. It is a place for you and your friends to meet, discuss topics that interest you and, most of all, have fun.

If you want to know more about the ISS Lexington, ISS Kerberos, ISS Pegasus and what the Imperium can be, go to <http://www.isslexington.org>. You will be directed to The Imperium: A portal to the world of the Mirror Universe.

Hail The Empire!!!



12th Annual Star Trek Blood Drive

CDMR Michael Soucy • USS Kasimar, R15

On Saturday, March 19th the USS Kasimar in conjunction with the New England division of the American Red Cross held it's 12th Annual Star Trek Blood Drive. A total of 12 USS Kasimar members attended the blood drive. The USS Kasimar helped man the registration table, canteen, and assisted donors in walking from the donating area to the canteen. The USS Kasimar also got a local convenience store to donate some sandwiches for the blood donors to enjoy while they were recovering in the canteen.

The blood drive collected a total of 40 pints of life saving blood. 49 people came to donate that day, and of those 49

people two of them were first time donors. These 49 donors also included the following Kasimar members: John Sullivan (double reds), Mark Libby (double reds), Jeremy Mathews (first time donor), and Lisa Splan (first time donor). You may have noticed that there is a difference in the number of people who came to donate versus the number of pints collected. The reason is some people are deferred, and are not eligible to donate due to various health reasons. Some examples of these reasons are high body temperature, high blood pressure, or low iron count. Another reason for the difference in the two numbers would be if someone decided to leave before they were able to donate.

You may ask what are double reds? The advances in today's modern technology allows the American Red cross to collect two units of red blood cells from a single blood donor in one donation period with just a little more investment of the blood donor's time. Blood donors must meet the following minimum requirements. For men they must be at least 150 pounds, and at least 5'1" tall. For women they must weigh at least 175 pounds and be at least 5'5" tall. There are many advantages to donating double red cells, for both the blood donor, and the patient whole will ultimately receive the blood. One advantage to the blood

donor is that there is a longer waiting period between donation periods. With a regular blood donation you are required to wait 8 weeks between blood donations. With double red cell donations the time is doubled to 16 weeks. This is ideal for blood donors whose only like to donate once or twice a year. This reduces the amount of times a blood donor has to travel to the donor center. One advantage for the patient is that the recipient of the blood donation receives two units of red blood cells from the same donor rather than one. This reduces the risk of post-transfusion complications that sometimes happens when receiving blood from multiple donors. The final advantage and quite possibly one of the biggest is that the double red cell donation has a greater impact on the blood supply, which is quite often at a critical level, especially with certain blood types like type O and B. Double red cell donation is not currently available in all areas, so please check to with your local blood donor center to see if they are setup to collect double reds. In New England the following donor centers are able to collect double reds; Burlington, Vermont; Bangor, Maine; Braintree, Middleboro and Boston, Massachusetts.

A few days after the blood drive I received a letter in the mail from the American Red

Cross thanking us for running another successful blood drive. The following is an excerpt from that letter.

"The blood that was collected left for Dedham, Massachusetts shortly after the drive. Every pint of blood was then tested and separated into three components; red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. Each component was available for use for various medical treatments and ready for transfusion within 72 hours. It is always a pleasure to have your group in our Bangor Donor Center. Thank you for your continuous support."

CAPT Mark Libby donating blood (double reds).



THE XENOARCHAEOLOGIST

STARSHIPS AS CHARACTERS IN THE STAR TREK UNIVERSE

by RADM David E. Klingman • USS Jaguar, R13

I'd like to continue my series of commentaries on science fiction by reflecting on "characters" from the Star Trek universe that we often either neglect or don't even consider: the starships that we've come to know and love!

The obvious "character" that we have seen in many forms is, of course, the USS Enterprise, which has been seen in at least seven incarnations, starting with NX-01 and continuing through NCC-1701 and NCC-1701A up to the "current" version, the Sovereign Class NCC-1701E. I'm fascinated by the thought that the Enterprise has been such an important piece in every Star Trek movie and television show, save perhaps for Deep Space Nine and Voyager, though one can still find mention of either the USS Enterprise or its crew in each of these series.

It seems at first to be a no-brainer. One has to think that the very names of the shows – Enterprise, Deep Space Nine and Voyager – underline the importance of the ships as integral characters in the various series. In addition, we can see this approach in other science fiction shows, such as Battlestar Galactica and Babylon 5. The point, of course, is how the writers and producers of these shows breathe a life into what should be nothing more than spaceships.

My pondering on this has led me to wonder if these starships have personalities. Are they characters in their own right? Are they, perhaps, composites of the crews that breathe life into them? We'll look at them in this article; after you read my thoughts, I invite you to come to your own conclusions.

Star Trek: Enterprise, though arguably the biggest failure of a series in some peoples' eyes, does, in fact, have a certain 'uncertain' personality that I think was either intended (or maybe just an accident) and secondary to its time period, unseasoned crew, and relatively low level of technology. The existence of this uncertainty is perhaps what turned some people off. We were so used to seeing well-developed characters (particularly in the original series, Deep Space Nine and The Next Generation) that perhaps shows like Enterprise and Voyager lacked this strength of character and, ultimately, seemed less appealing.

NCC-1701/1701A and NCC-1701D and E, on the other hand, benefited from having stronger crews. There seemed to be a certain bravado to NCC-1701 and NCC-1701A, and a refinement to NCC-1701D,



that reflected their crews. I also have to admit that the ship in the original series shared a certain level of campiness that went along with the cheesiness of the special effects. Likewise, Enterprise-D seemed to be more of a cruise ship or a luxury liner at the command of the refinements of Captain Picard. But both shows worked for what they were and the ships just felt right on the camera. However the ship and the crew appeared to be mismatched on Voyager; I saw it as a disconnect between Janeway and her somewhat fragmented crew, and what should have been a very refined, state-of-the-art, spaceship.

Personally, I think the best connection of people and places as characters was found on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. Its brooding, dark, often dysfunctional atmosphere worked extremely well with its equally brooding, dark, often dysfunctional people and the times in which they lived. It seemed the right place from which to stage the conflict with the Dominion, much more than would have been the case with, say, an Ournal Class Spacedock.

So, for me, the enjoyment of watching the places as characters in the story, as much as watching the people, is what draws me to these shows.

Let me say also that I like every Star Trek show that's been on the air: Star Trek: The Original Series for its certain level of cheesiness mixed with strong character and stories; The Next Generation for its level of refinement and development of a more expansive universe; Deep Space Nine for its "real" feel and a certain level of grittiness of place, time, people, and story; Voyager for, at the very least, some very interesting aliens and potential that may

have fallen short of its maximum level of excellence and, most recently, Enterprise for its attempt to take us back to some beginning.

Do I have any favorite starships? Of course! I've always found either visual or technological appeal in the Excelsior, Defiant, and Prometheus-class vessels. It's mostly an aesthetic issue for me, though I've also enjoyed the stories that went with these ships.

Some of you may know that the fiction that we write aboard the USS Jaguar is as heavily steeped in ships and in locations and time as it is in people and character. We've generally come to think of ourselves as something of "owners" in the period and places after the Next Generation/Deep Space Nine/Voyager era. With the recent developments in the Deep Space Nine series of novels, which currently push into 2376, we express in the beginning of our storylines a desire to develop a continuing universe laid down by these shows, and my role in this fiction has been to develop character sets and places to "play" in the fictional universe of the 2380s and 2390s. Therefore, we've created our own unique set of characters, which include starships.

Joost Ueffing, Scott Akers, and I have been developing a set of vessels that we feel reflect the character of the times we "live in" and what we envision as a "modern" Starfleet, populated by various battleships, state-of-the-art exploratory cruisers, and new classes of starships. Therefore, we've created a 14th Fleet composed of, among others, Sovereign, Crusader and Frontier Class Heavy Cruisers; Akira and Eximius Class Battlecruisers; Ambassador and Galaxy Class Explorers; Intrepid, Nebula

and Excelsior Class Cruisers; Prometheus Class Tactical Cruisers; Steamrunner and Freedom Class Destroyers; Rapier Class Combatants; Norway, Cantell and New Orleans Class Frigates; Saber and Defiant Class Escorts; Nova Class Surveyors; LeJuene and Puma Class Combat Transports; and the Excalibur Class Space Control Vessel. As you may be able to tell by our choices, our ships are as much a part of our story (a somewhat dark and combative time post-Dominion War) as the people we play and the places to which they go.

The notion that characters are SO important to stories is evident in our heavily-developed cast list, which includes all the people and all the starships that have appeared in our stories (http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/index_2377-2399.doc). I encourage everyone to take a look, particularly those interested in writing similar stories and those who may be interested to know how we develop names for our characters. After all, names are important, aren't they?

For example, Enterprise itself says a lot about what we've all been talking about for almost 40 years as Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future and what we speculate was supposed to be his concept for a "wagon train to the stars." We can look at many of the starships we've seen – Voyager, Intrepid and others – as part of this same vision. We can even see names such as Defiant, which speak to the darker picture painted in a show like Deep Space Nine. We've used a similar dynamic in thinking of the names, particularly of the ships, in our character development.

Alien names tend to sound very alien; take for example, a name like "Taran'atar" used to describe a Jem'Hadar rather than something generic like "Bob." Similarly, the names I've chosen (as part of my job as Jaguar's Ops Chief and Fiction Coordinator) reflect some type of epic feel to our fiction. Therefore, I've often chosen often mythological names or names of individuals of historic or military significance. If you look up some of the names in our cast list, you'll get a glimpse into history, science, medicine, and military heroes among other things).

The point? I hope this article will encourage you to think about which ships you like and why. Be imaginative, be creative and dream. While Star Trek may be going off the air, there are still a lot of ways that we can talk about it, think up new adventures for familiar characters, and think of the "future's future." So keep imagining!

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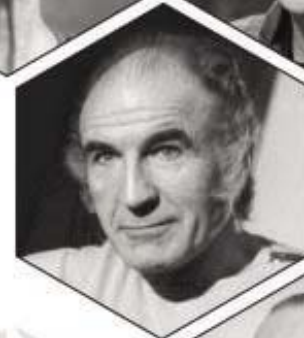


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Arizona

Jul 21-24 **Phoenix ConGames**, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 8829, Scottsdale, Arizona 85252 Ph: 480-236-4314 <http://www.conevents.com/page/p05/main.asp> Info@ConEvents.Com

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California

Jun 4-5 **Creation**, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <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>

Jul 1-4 **Anime Expo**, Anaheim, California; Info: 1733 S. Douglass Road, Suite G, Anaheim, CA 92806 Ph: 714-937-2994 <http://www.anime-expo.org/reg@anime-expo.org>

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Jul 9 **Star Struck: Out of this World**, Sacramento, California; Info: 3217 Life Way, Placerville, CA 95667 Ph: 530-417-3365 <http://www.geocities.com/starstruckcon/frellingbored@yahoo.com> Benefits: National Bain Tumor Foundation and Arcohe Elementary

Jul 9-10 **Construction**, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363 <http://sfsfc.org/construction/reg@sfsfc.org>

Jul 14-17 **Comic-Con International**, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comic-con.org/ccinfo@comic-con.org> Guests: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Keanu Reeves, Djimon Hounsou, Jude Law, Jessica Alba, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Jessica Biel, Ryan Reynolds, Eliza Dushku

Jul 16-17 **Hollywood Collectors Show**, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Jul 29-31 **Costume College**, Van Nuys, California; Info: 2148 S. Fremont Ave. Box 24, Alhambra, CA 91803 <http://www.costumecollege.org/>

Aug 26-28 **ConChord 19**, Woodland Hills, California; Info: PO Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.conchord.org/rickfili@yahoo.com> Guests: Three Weird Sisters, Martin Gordon-Kerr, Andrea Gordon-Kerr, Joe Bethancourt, Larry Niven, James Lee Stanley

Aug 27 **San Jose Super Toy Show**, San Jose, California; Info: 532 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128 Ph: 408-298-1709 <http://lorida.com>; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://www.timetunneltoys.com/toyshow.html> ttunnel@concentric.net

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Colorado

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>

Connecticut

Jul 15-17 **ConnectiCon**, Hartford, Connecticut; Info: 179 Norton St, 2FL, New Haven, CT 06511 <http://www.connecticon.org/thehappyuy@ConnectiCon.org> Guests: Tim Buckley, Matt Boyd, Ian McConville, Brian Clevinger, Mookie, Scott Ramsomair, Mohammad Haque,

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Florida

Jul 9-10 **Spooky Empire**, Plantation, Florida; Info: PO Box 460574, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33346 <http://www.spookyempire.com/info@spookyempire.com> Guests: Kenny Baker, Malcolm Dixon, Rusty Goffe, Peter Mayhew

Jul 15-17 **Vulkon**, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/vulkon@aol.com>

Jul 22-24 **Vidcon**, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33565 Ph: 813-982-9616 <http://www.stonehill.org>

RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Benefits: Francis House

Jul 22-24 **Earthbound**, Tampa, Florida; Info: www.earthbound2005.com/Earthbound2005@yahoo.com Guests: Sylvia Anderson, Prentis Hancock, Zenia Merton, Barry Morse Benefits: Diabetes Research Institute; National Parkinson Foundation

Georgia

Jun 10-12 **Sci-Fi Summer**, Roswell, Georgia; Info: PO Box 957203, Duluth, GA 30095 <http://www.sfscon.org/info@scifisummer.org> Guests: Bob Burden, J. Alan Tripp, Emerald Rose, Atlanta Radio Theatre Company

Illinois

Jun 10-12 **DuckKon 14**, Naperville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 <http://www.duckkon.org/info@duckkon.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

Jul 8-10 **G-Fest XII**, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 311 Valerie Ln., Steinbach, MB, Canada, R5G 2A3 <http://www.g-fan.com/johnlees@mb.sympatico.ca>

Jul 29-31 **Flashback Weekend**, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5948, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-5948 Ph: 847-478-0119 <http://www.flashbackweekend.com/flashbackweekend@ameritech.net>

Aug 5-7 **Wizard World Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/chicago.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

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Jul 1-3 **InConJunction**, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 68514, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0514 <http://www.inconjunction.org/conchair2004@inconjunction.org> Guests: Tara K. Harper, Aaron Williams, Eugene Roddenberry, Jr., Alan Smithee, Tom Smith, Robert Pyatt, Steve Godzilla

Aug 18-21 **Gen Con Indy**, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave., #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencon.com/events@gencon.com>

Iowa

Jul 29-31 **Demicon 16**, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 32095, Des Moines, IA 50322-7572 Ph: 515-224-7654 <http://www.demicon.org/info@demicon.org>

Kentucky

Aug 12-14 **ConGlomeration**, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 32095, Louisville, KY 40232-2095 <http://www.conglomeration.org/cochair@conglomeration.org> Guests: Mark Zug

Louisiana

Aug 5-7 **Crescent City Con XX**, Metairie, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 52622, New Orleans LA 70150-2622 <http://www.crescentcitycon.com/programming@crescentcitycon.com> Guests: Marv Wolfman, Darlene Bolesny, Larry Dixon, Andrew Fox, Bret Funk, Danny Frolich, Mercedes Lackey, Tedd Walley, Debbora Wiles

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Jun 24-26 **Port Con Maine**, Portland, Maine; Info: PO Box 756, Standish, ME 04084 <http://www.portconmaine.com/info@portconmaine.com> Guests: Megan Campbell, Daniel Kevin Harrison, Jared Sorensen, Cat Dancer, Nate Frisoli, Not So Random, Nick Johnson, Kevin Brunelle

Maryland

Jul 8-10 **Shore Leave 27**, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shoreleave.com/information@shoreleave.com> Guests: Mary McDonnell, Steve Bacic, Pat Tallman, Jeffrey Witherth, Danny Strong, Alexis Cruz, Joanna Cassidy, Mark Goddard, Malachi Throne, Chase Masterson, William Windom, Lucy Albert, Lorraine Anderson, Derek Tyler Attico, David Batchelor, Kirk Borne, Tye Bourdony, Greg Cox, Peter A David, Keith DeCandido, Kevin Dilmore, Michael Jan Friedman, David R George, III, Robert Greenberger, Kevin Andrew Hosey, Heather Jarman, Robert T. Jeschonek, A Rhea King, Yoji Kondo, Jeffrey Lang, Kevin Lauderdale, David Mack, Susan McCrackin, Terri Osborne, Marco Palmieri, Patricia Papineau, Carolyn Collins Petersen,

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Massachusetts

Jun 24-26 **Black Road**, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: c/o Deb Allen, 217 Miller Road, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 <http://www.theblackroad.com/deb@theblackroad.com>

Jul 1-4 **Gaylaxicon**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 1059, Boston, MA 02103-1059 USA <http://www.gaylaxicon.org/Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com>

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Aug 12-14 **CauldronCon**, Danvers, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 132, Tewksbury, MA 01876 Ph: 978-761-1577 <http://www.cauldroncon.com/cauldroncon@aol.com> Guests: John Rhys-Davies, Royd Tolkien, Peter Mayhew, Jeremy Bulloch, Julie Caitlin Brown

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Jun 10-12 **STARFLEET Region 13 Summit**, Allen Park, Michigan; Info: 7747 Orchard, Dearborn, MI 48126-1071 <http://summit.region13.org/summit@region13.org> Benefits: STARFLEET Academy's Scholarship Program

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

Minnesota

Jun 10-12 **STARFLEET Region 6 Summit**, Moorhead, Minnesota; Info: c/o Peggie Kennedy, 1093 Churchill Street, Saint Paul, MN 55103 <http://www.geocities.com/r6summit/>

Jul 1-3 **CONvergence**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: 1437 Marshall Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55104 Ph: 651-647-3487 <http://www.convergence-con.org/info@convergence-con.org> Guests: Len Wein, Dr. Jim Kakalios, Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Marv Wolfman

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Aug 19-21 **Diversicon 13**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://www.diversicon.org/> info@diversicon.org Guests: Sheree R. Thomas, Minister Faust

Missouri

Jul 22-24 **ShowMeCon 3**, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 410115, Creve Coeur, MO 63141-9998 <http://www.showmecon.com/> info@showmecon.com Guests: E. Susan Baugh, Margene Bahm, Bill Blair, Toni Blair, Norman Cates, Mike Cole, Eric Coleman, Glen Cook, Ryu Cope, Larry Dixon, Elonka Dunin, Glenda Finkelstein, Gayle Gibson, Bennie Grezlik, Gary Hanak, John Kauffmann, Larry Kirchner, Lloyd Kropp, Mercedes R. Lackey, Stephen Lackey, Suzie Lackey, Tom Meserole, Sandra C. Morrese, Jim Murray, Paula Helm Murray, Marella Sands, Steven Silver, Jon Stadter, Matthew Taggart, Mark W. Tiedeman, Ray VanTilburg, Jeff Ward, Warren Williams

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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

Jul 29-Aug 1 **Gathering of the Gargoyles**, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 3511 Herron Court, San Antonio, TX 78217-3228 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/> info@gatheringofthegargoyles.com Guests: Greg Weisman, Thom Adcox-Hernandez

Aug 11-14 **Creation**, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Aug 14-18 **Bill Blair Birthday Celebrity Landing Party**, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: PO Box 10981, Burbank, CA 91510-0981 <http://www.billblairfanclub.com> billblairfanclub@aol.com Guests: Bill Blair Benefits: American Red Cross and American Cancer Society

New Hampshire

Jun 13-Jul 22 **Odyssey**, Manchester, New Hampshire; Info: PO Box 75, Mont Vernon, NH 03057 Guests: Melanie Tem, Steve Rasnic Tem, Elizabeth Hand, Allen M. Steele, P. D. Cacek, James Morrow, John Clute, Sheila Williams

Jul 29-31 **OGC**, Manchester, New Hampshire; Info: PO Box 692, Nashua, NH 03060-0692 <http://www.ogc-con.com> OGCcon@yahoo.com Guests: John Terra

New Jersey

Jun 17-19 **Anime Next**, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 1088, Pearl River, NY 10965 <http://www.animenext.org/> info@animenext.com Guests: Vic Mignogna, Travis Willingham, Wayne Grayson, Mike Sinterniklaas, Marc Diraison, Lauren Goodnight

Jun 24-26 **Northeast Filk Convention - Contata**, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: Box 244, 75-22 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 <http://www.nefilk.us/> info@contata.org Guests: Carla Ulbrich, Joe Giacoio, Harold Feld, Persis Thorndike, Mara Brenner

Jul 13-17 **Dexcon 8**, East Brunswick, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 3594, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 Ph: 914-328-3740 <http://www.dexposure.com/dexcon8.html> dexcon@dexposure.com

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New Mexico

Aug 26-28 **Bubonicon 37**, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://bubonicon.home.att.net/> bubonicon@att.net Guests: Stephen R. Donaldson

North Carolina

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

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 Runtton, Tom Palmer, Jason Pearson, Brandon Peterson, Chris Pitzer, Joe Rubinstein, Marie Severin, Kelsey Shannon, Chris Staros, Brian Steelfreeze, Karl Story, Arthur Suydam, Roy Thomas, Tim Townsend, Herb Trimpe, Mike Wieringo, Marv Wolfman

Jul 15-17 **Trinoc-con**, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 10633, Raleigh, NC 27605-0633 <http://www.trinoc-con.org/> info@trinoc-con.org Guests: Charles Keegan, Margo Anderson, Joe R. Lansdale, Jael, Scott Cover, Mike Moon, Ursula Vernon, Davey Beauchamp, Richard Butner, Tonya Cook, Mike Jasper, A.

Leigh Jones, John Kessel, K. A. Laity, Jason Erik Lundberg, Lee Martindale, Jack McDewitt, James Newman, Scott Nicholson, Stephen Mark Rainey, Warren Rochelle, Laura J. Underwood, Drew Williams, Shaun O'Rourke, Sherri Belmar, Jenn Dolari, Jade Gordon, Larry Holderfield, Kittyhawk, Erin Lindsey, Van Plexico, Mirana Reveier, Jamie Robertson, Jessica Silverstone, Elizabeth Troub, Matthew Z. Wood, Three Quarter Ale, Christopher Brodie, James Conrad, Geoffrey Frank, Eric Queen, Tom Rogers

Ohio

Jun 23-26 **Midwestcon 56**, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: 5627 Antoninus Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/> scribe@cfg.org

Jun 30-Jul 3 **Origins**, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 280 North High Street, Suite 230, Columbus, Ohio 43215 Ph: 614-255-4500 <http://www.originsgames.com/> CustServ@GAMA.org

Aug 5-May 7 **Twisted Nightmare Weekend**, Middleburg Heights, Ohio; Info: 1901 Marks Ave, Akron, Ohio 44305 <http://www.twistednig.htm> areweekend.com info@twistednig.htm Guests: JR Bookwalter, Bruce Campbell, Patrick Desmond, Robyn Griggs, Joe Knetter, Josh Medors, Debbie Rochon, Rune Shepherd, Brinke Stevens, Tom Sullivan

Aug 19-21 **Creation**, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Oklahoma

Jul 15-17 **Conestoga 9**, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 440 S. Gary Ave, Box 45, Tulsa, OK 74104 Ph: 918-445-2094 <http://www.sftulsa.org/conestoga@stulsa.org> Guests: George R. R. Martin, Brad Foster, Brad Denton, Margene Bahm, Paula Helm Murray, Jim Murra

Pennsylvania

Jun 3-5 **Wizard World Philly**, Philadelphia, PA; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/philly.cfm> convention@wizarduniverse.com Guests: Michael Turner, Joe Quesada, Adam Kubert, Andy Kubert, Jeremy Bulloch, Kenny Baker, Peter Mayhew

Jun 24-26 **Monster Bash**, Butler, PA; Info: PO Box 643 / Latrobe, PA 15650 Ph: 724-532-5226 <http://www.creepyclassics.com/bash.html> Guests: Richard Gordon, Sara Karloff, Donnie Dunagan, Gwynne Gilford, Carolyn Grimes, Dolores Fuller, Bob Burns, Miss Shock, Susan Gordon, Ben Chapman, Cortlandt Hull, Dee Ankers-Denning, Forrest J Ackerman, Basil Gogos, Wes Shank, Bob Tinnell, Ygor, Ron Chamberlain, Bill Diamond, Mark Clark, Count Gore De Vol,

Kyra Schon, William Max Miller, Don Reese, Leonard Kohl, Frank Dietz, Richard Valley, Lorraine Bush, David Nelson, Tom Amorosi, Baron Von Wolfstein, Dr. Gangrene, Son of Ghoul

Jul 7-10 **Anthrocon**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 270, Devault, PA 19432-0270 <http://www.anthrocon.org/> anthrocon@anthrocon.org Guests: Peter Laird

Jul 15-17 **Confluence**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.cphg.org/parsec/conflu/> parsec-home@netcom.com Guests: Tamora Pierce, Escape Key

Rhode Island

Jul 14-17 **Necon 25**, Bristol, Rhode Island; Info: 67 Birchland Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860 Ph: 401-726-2003 <http://www.campnecon.com/> necondano77@yahoo.com Guests: Linda Addison, Gerard Houarnar

Tennessee

Jun 17-19 **HyperCon**, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: c/o Darrell LuAllen, 6001 Old Hickory Blvd. Apt 411, Hermitage, TN 3707 <http://www.hypercon.info/> hypercon@gmail.com Guests: David Deitrick, Lori Deitrick, Brian Keene, Sherrilyn Kenyon, Mary M. Buckner, J. Ardian Lee, Bryan Smith, Kristi Brobeck, Hunter Cressall, Dr. Amy Sturgis, Dr. David Lavery, Melissa Gay, Todd Lyles

Jun 18-19 **Adventure Con**, Knoxville, Tennessee; Info: 1623 Montvale RD, Maryville, TN. 37803 <http://www.adventurecon.com> eraser@chartn.net

Jul 29-31 **LibertyCon 18**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.libertycon.org/> uncletim my@libertycon.org Guests: Timothy Zahn, Robert Lynn Asprin

Texas

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

Jun 24-26 **Apollo Con**, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 541822, Houston, TX 77254 <http://www.apollocon.org/> Guests: Robert J. Sawyer, Victory, Lee Martindale, Martha Wells, Bradley Denton, Dusty Rainbolt, Scott A Johnson, Julia Blackshear Kosatka, Juanita Coulson

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

Jul 21-24 **ConMisterio**, Austin, TX; Info: PO Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 <http://www.conmisterio.org/> lillian@conmisterio.org Guests: Jon A. Jackson, Earlene Fowler, Linda Landrigan, Joe R. Lansdale, Kate Derie

Aug 19-21 **Armadillocon 27**, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-6259 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/> ArmadilloConTX@yahoo.com Guests: Charles Stross, Ctein, Sean McMullen, Jim Minz, Jim Mann, Laurie mann, Charles de Lint

Virginia

Jun 17-19 **Anime Mid-Atlantic**, Richmond, VA; Info: PO Box 2636, Glen Allen, VA 23060 <http://www.animemidatlantic.com/> animemidatlantic@hotmail.com Guests: Mark E. Rogers, Eirik Blackwolf, Keith Burgess, Greg Ayres, Doug Smith, Robert V Aldrich, Austell Callwood, SanKnights, Steve Bennett

Washington

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

Aug 26-28 **Dragonflight**, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/> convention@dragonflight.org

Australia

Victoria

Jul 15-17 **Continuum 3**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: GPO Box 603, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia <http://www.continuum.org.au/> info@continuum.org.au Guests: Neil Gaiman, Poppy Z. Brite, Richard Harland, Robin Hobb, James Allen

Aug 21 **First Contact Conventions**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: 2 Ardmore St, Mitcham, Vic, 3132, Australia Ph: +61 03 9873 0231 <http://www.firstcontactconventions.com.au> info@firstcontactconventions.com.au Guests: Kevin Sorbo, Laura Bertram

Canada

Alberta

Jul 1-4 **Westercon 58 (Due North)**, Calgary, Alberta; Info: PO Box 43078, DVPO, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7, CANADA <http://calgaryin2005.org/> info@calgaryin2005.org Guests: SM Stirling, Dave Duncan, Mark Ferrari, Cliff Samuels, Eileen Capes

Jul 21-24 **Fragapalooza**, Edmonton, Alberta; Info: 10312 - 21 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6J6B6 <http://www.fragapalooza.com/> gil@fragapalooza.com

British Columbia

Jul 27-31 **Gatecon**, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: PO Box 76108, Colorado Springs, CO 80970-6108 Ph: 719-574-6427 <http://www.gatecon.com/> kathryn.rogers@gatecon.com

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Ontario

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@c-ace.org> Guests: Jo Walton, Cara Mitten

Jul 15-17 **Toronto Trek 19**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7097 Station A, Toronto Ontario, Canada, M5W 1X7 Ph: 416-410-8266 <http://tcon.ca/tcon@icomm.ca>

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>

United Kingdom

England

Jun 24-26 **Starfury: Quor' Toth**, London, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, London W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> Guests: Amy Acker, Andy Hallett, Sarah Thompson, Laurel Holloman, Vladimir Kulich, Stacey Travis, Dennis Christopher, Jenny Mollen, Dayne Johnson, Clare Kramer

Jul 29-31 **Accio**, Reading, England; Info: 26 Discovery House, Newby Place, London E14 0HA <http://www.accio.org.uk/register@accio.org.uk> Guests: Steve Vander Ark, Elizabeth Kay

Aug 11-15 **Tolkein**, Birmingham, England; Info: 28 Loverock Crescent, RUGBY, United Kingdom, CV21 4AR <http://www.tolkiensociety.org/2005/2005.bookings@tolkiensociety.org> Guests: Dr. Rhona Beare, Patrick Curry, Colin Duriez, Anke Katrin Eissmann, Verlyn Flieger, Christopher Garbowski, Alan Lee, Ted Nasmith, Michael Scott Rohan, Tom Shippey, Brian Sibley, Viv Wilkes

Aug 12-14 **Consternation**, Cambridge, England; Info: 130 South Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6EL, UK <http://www.consternation.org.uk/membership@consternation.org.uk> Guests: Allen Varney, Marcus L. Rowland

Aug 19-21 **AyaCon 5**, Coventry, England; Info: c/o Kevin Pack, 81 Chatham St., Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9EG <http://www.ayacon.org.uk/registrations@ayacon.org.uk>

Aug 26-28 **Dimension Jump XII**, Peterborough, England; Info: PO Box 35, Hitchin, SG4 9XZ, United Kingdom http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension_jump.asp

http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension_jump.asp Guests: Danny John Jules, Chris Barrie

Scotland

Aug 4-8 **Interaction (63rd World Science Fiction convention)**, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: 379 Myrtle Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S2 3HQ, UK <http://www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk/info@interaction.worldcon.org.uk> Guests: Greg Pickersgill, Christopher Priest, Robert Sheckley, Lars-Olov Strandberg, Jane Yolen

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TIP FOR THIS ISSUE: "Brevity is the soul of wit." – Hamlet, William Shakespeare

A NOTE FROM THE FORMER COMPILER: Dixie contacted me and bemoaned the fact that she continues to receive paper copies of some of your MSRs. She finally got out of this job and I'm sure she could use the rest! If you file by paper, you can go ahead and send copies to me, your new Compiler, at: Adam J. Bernay, STARFLEET MSR Summaries Compiler, 525 East Clinton Avenue, Fresno, California 93704.

Region 1

Shuttle Armageddon NCC-S8812/01 Maryville, Tennessee
Four members of our chapter and several members of the USS Indiana met at Chia-Chia's Pizza.

Shuttle Banshee NCC-74916 Maryville, Tennessee
The crew held our Monthly Gaming Night playing "Champions: Return to Arms" Members attended several movies including Constantine, Man of the House, Hitch, Million Dollar Baby, and Cursed.

Shuttle Dark Star NCC-63545 Summerville, South Carolina
We are building our chapter website, recruiting, sending coupons to OCP, and giving Books to Operation Eagle.

SS Benu SFR-119 Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Members attended several movies including Constantine, Man of the House, Hitch, Million Dollar Baby, Cursed, Are We There Yet and The Pacifier.

SS Nikola Tesla NCC-SS005 Puryear, Tennessee
The crew worked on tsunami relief projects.

USS Aeon NCC-75022 Memphis, Tennessee
Crew has been watching their favorite episodes of The Next Generation at our monthly meeting following potluck dinners.

USS Alaric NCC-503 Asheville, North Carolina
Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played "Star Wars: The Game of Life-A Jedi's Path," and "Star Trek Uno"). Also, recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home.

USS Appomattox NCC-75001 Appomattox, Virginia
We went to the Lynchburg's Old City Cemetery Museum and then Amazement Square to meet an astronaut. Also, we had a membership drive at Madicon14.

USS Arizona NCC-71839 Alliance, Ohio
Still getting ready for "Hot Rod Power Tour" trip in June '05. Crew members working on '64 Olds Cutlass.

USS Asgard NCC-72402 Lancaster, Ohio
Members went on away mission to a Sci-Fi gaming con and assisted an associate member & family to move. Also, we held our meeting at possible new member's house.

USS Athena NCC-51896 Oak Hill, Virginia
Several members attended and worked at Farpoint where our Tribble fundraiser brought in \$501 for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund. We also had a non-Superbowl party on 2/6.

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A Thomasville, North Carolina
We are attending Stellercon this month and will have a ship's table.

USS Charleston NCC-71813 Charleston, South Carolina
An Online GCM was held February 6th, and a Movie Night on the 27th. Several work nights preparing for Flea Market Run (postponed because of it being too cold just yet!).

USS Chesapeake NCC-1887 Glen Allen, Virginia
PhoneyCon is being held March 12 from 1-4pm at the Dumbarton Library in Richmond, VA! Everyone's invited!

USS Columbia NCC-75017 Shelby, Ohio
Chapter received R1 Certificate of Appreciation for Fleet and Region support and activities as well as on-time reporting. Chapter worker on plans for annual Hibernian Death Party (St Patrick's Day and Idea of March Celebration).

USS Columbus NCC-72401 Columbus, Ohio
The crew met at Northern Lights library instead of Karl Rd.

USS Commonwealth NCC-74670 Richmond, Virginia
The USS Commonwealth has a one year Anniversary coming, so the CO will have a cookout in which awards and promotions for service will be given to the crew and Officers. An away team will see Star Wars III: The Revenge of the Sith and to the Battle of Richmond reenactment.

USS Dominator NCC-18076 North Charleston, South Carolina
The crew is making plans to attend the R1 Summit in May and Continued sending coupons to our base overseas. Members of the crew attended the local Trek Meet-up at a local mall.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631 Elryia, Ohio
The Gallifrey Crew celebrated the birthday of their Commanding Officer, Captain Thomas B. Heffner, on February 19 and attended NASA presentations on "Living in Space" and "Cars in Space."

USS Hathor NCC-3063 Louisville, Kentucky
Planning goes ahead for returning to a regular meeting schedule and for HHGG Movie Night and Conglomeration Room Party.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793 Amherst, Virginia
Meeting was presented by member Daryl Gooch & crew played "Whose Trek Line Is It, Anyway?" Everyone had a wonderful time & Daryl did a good job. Members Glenda & Dan Blanks have done a wonderful job researching &

coordinating the forthcoming chapter cookbook. Plans are in place for the Heimdal's 21st Anniversary Party on April 16th.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congrats to the Heimdal on 21 years, and here's to 21 more!

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D Charlotte, North Carolina
Crewmembers attended Hornet Night Out at the Roasting Company on 2/22 and celebrated Jamie's 54th birthday with cupcakes and entertainment by a magician.

USS Indiana NCC-79158 Indianapolis, Indiana
Indiana has made a ship class change to a Capital Class MK IV, to allow for the addition of the Starfleet Spec Ops unit and its desired equipment. ADU-034 will adopt an Arachnid Class Spec Ops Corvette as a secondary vessel dedicated to Spec Ops duties and to be named the "Cleopatra".

USS Intrepid NCC-74655 Mansfield, Ohio
We met to discuss our membership as per the memo from Region 1 Recruiting. WE discussed the latest in books and other publications. We also discussed the cons happening soon in Cleveland and Columbus. We discussed a bulletin for Vulkan to advertise our ship for membership.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D Newport News, Virginia
The crew planned for Quark's Casino Royale on June 11th, an "Enterprise Finale Party" on May 13th, and plans for our annual picnic on May 15th. We are looking forward to doing the March of Dimes' WalkAmerica on April 24th. STARFLEET ATLANTIC (a local Trek Club) held its 25th Anniversary dinner. COMM John Winsley gave them a Certificate of Appreciation from our Chapter.

USS Jurassic NCC-3500 Hammersville, Ohio
Members worked on the sequel to 'Prodigal Princess' ('That Which is Hidden') and the R1 medical quilt project and continuing the Afghan

Project, ham radio, and continued collecting for Stampede.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659 Raleigh, North Carolina
Members prepared for a giant yard sale in May to benefit Raleigh's Battered Women's Center. Kitty Hawk crew averaged twenty people manning phone banks for both shifts of UNC-TV's Festival. We even had two interviews on air the second night. This marks our fifteenth consecutive year of working the PBS telethon.

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Appearance in the March 12th St. Patrick's Day Parade, in Akron was cancelled due to snow. Shuttle refurbished, and other preparations for further parade work this spring are ongoing. A Star Wars Movie Night was held.

USS Liberator NCC-75008 Akron, Ohio
Activities included monthly meeting, working on web site and newsletter, submitting bid for regional summit, away team visiting another chapter's meeting, working on role-playing online, and an away team went to a movie premiere.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A Norfolk, Virginia
The crew held its monthly meetings and social nights in February and March.

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218 Tyner, North Carolina
We held our monthly meeting, and planned our upcoming events and charity work.

USS Normandy NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Crew continues to keep busy indoors as the winter wears on. We are looking forward to the upcoming summit season and warmer times

USS North Carolina NCC-75019 Hickory, North Carolina
In February and March, we held our General Crew meetings and continued plans for the Region 1

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Summit. We are also working with the local UPN station to have the final Episode of Enterprise covered at the R1 Summit.

USS Ohio NCC-75007

Barberton, Ohio
Members of the ship answered phones for our local PBS station. The ship held its annual Anniversary dinner at a local restaurant then went to a member's house to watch the three "Lord of the Rings" movies. Two members of the USS Pathfinder came to the festivities.

USS Pathfinder NCC-2121

Lima, Ohio
Between the Chief Science Officer/XO and the CO, computers have logged a total of approximately 1220 days of CPU time and completed 506 packets from the SETI@home project. Members continue to work as part of the Membership Processing team. CO and XO attended Ohio Anniversary party.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A

Chesapeake, Virginia
We held our monthly meeting at the home of the Armstrong's, and we're planning our annual picnic and pool party in July.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812
Louisville, Kentucky
POS Fan Fiction hit the ground running with nearly 20 installments this month. CO and XO assisting Region 1 in Awards Judging. Attended Burns night with the Scottish Society of Louisville. Launched new Shuttle, Armageddon, and donated Baby Food to Salvation Army.

USS Providence NCC-71796

Cedar Grove, Tennessee
The Providence held its normal Meeting.

USS Questar NCC-75435

Louisville, Kentucky
We are looking into co-hosting a table with the USS Hathor at Conglomeration and hopefully helping out at a local Jazz Fest while in uniform.

USS Renegade NCC-2547

Youngstown, Ohio
We held our 16th Anniversary dinner; award recipients were: Best Attendance-Ron Novak, Best Newcomer-Travis Bowen, Most Improved-Erik Stovall, Unsung Hero-Linda Barr, Renegade Commendation-Marlene Miller, and Member of the Year-Ron Novak.

MSR-RABBI'S

NOTES:

Congrats to the Renegade on 16 years... and on getting Marlene Miller to make an appearance somewhere! :-)

USS Reprisal NCC-1896

Fall Branch, Tennessee
We held our regular monthly

meetings, where we planned for the 8th Annual Mountain Rally in April and for the rest of the year.

USS Richmond NCC-2003

Covington, Virginia
The crew attended a performance of an a cappella group from UVA.

USS Ronald E McNair NCC-61809

Columbia, South Carolina
Members Pam and Michelle Michaud, had an away mission to the St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration held in Columbia. The CO attended a Star Trek Meetup meeting.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215

Ladson, South Carolina
Fiction writing continues; working on a story involving time travel. Operation: Eagle work continues to support wounded service members from Operation: Iraqi Freedom.

USS Star League NCC-2101

Waynesboro, South Carolina
The crew met at Freidman library, went to see the movie Mr. 3000 and went to dinner at a local Mexican restaurant afterwards. We also had a crew walk at a local river walk.

USS Star Runner NCC-74222

Greer, South Carolina
In February, we held a Ship Meeting and a Movie Night, and in March we celebrated Day Of Honor on the 26th by having a party.

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122

Spring Lake, North Carolina
The Chapter Business Meeting was held at Cliffdale Library and the Chapter went to Marketfair movie theater for Activity Day.

USS Tristar NCC-71829

Knoxville, Tennessee
Talked about focusing on recruiting more members. Made plans for a movie day.

USS Tycho NCC-59325

Martin, Ohio
The Captain and Crew of the USS Tycho received a Region One Certificate of Achievement for all of our hard work serving our community. At this month's meeting our Chief Engineer talked to us about the benefits of HDTV and using a digital recorder to record TV programs.

USS Wasp NCC-1721

Shelbyville, Kentucky
CO attending ConCave in KY, may see former or current SFI members there from other chapters.

USS West Virginia NCC-2008

Charleston, West Virginia
At our monthly meeting, the new Captain presented Captain(s) Guy & Barbara Tucker with a Certificate of Merit for their service to the crew, crewmembers pooled their spare change and purchased shamrocks for Jerry's Kids, and Romulan dignities were in attendance.

USS White Eagle NCC-2302

Jacksonville, North Carolina
We are going to decommission. Our membership is below ship status. While our ship is put to space dock we will continue our fellowship with fleet in other ways. Thanks for all the help and support over the years.

USS Yeager NCC-61893

Bluefield, West Virginia
This month's event, an anime festival and WizKids Games Demonstration had four non-members in attendance. Our March event, a one-day mini-con, is hoped to do even better.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A

Catawba, South Carolina
We had a joint meeting with the Blood Claw and had a great time. We talked about the convention and summit coming up, and maybe having the meeting next month at one of our new people's houses. We will be helping at ConCarolinas in June, attending R1 summit in May and the NCSC picnic in April.

Alabama

Region 2

Shuttle Andromeda NCC-74692/02
Tampa, Florida
Commodore Leslie A Ryan ran in the Gasparilla 1-Half Marathon, doing the 13.1 distance in 2 Hours 18 Minutes. Crew met with other members of Area sci-fi Fan Clubs at the Monthly Tampa-Sci-fi Meeting. Plans continue for Regional Summit, Genesis Fleet day at Ren Faire, STARFLEET Day at Ren Faire and supporting Relay for Life Teams sponsored by Saint Joes Hospital.

Shuttle Dauntless NCC-74214

Orange Park, Florida
Captain Tom Donohoe married Commodore Kimberly Brooks on 2/14/2005. Set up the Dauntless SETI group for members of the Dauntless to participate in the SETI@Home project. At the R2 Summit, we met with our mothership, the USS Myrddin. COMM Donohoe was made a member of the Orion Sewing Guild.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congrats to Mr. & Mrs. Donohoe... "Sunrise, sunset... swiftly fly the years..."

SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007

Florence, Alabama

The club made our annual donation to CP of \$100, we discussed several projects for this year's Ren Faire. We had our meeting and discussed a proposed rally at the UPN station in support of Enterprise, the proposed mini-summit for Zone 3, and the Next Star Wars movie.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003

Miami, Florida
Our new meeting location is OUTLAND STATION Comic and Collectible Store. Two BLACKSTAR members are forming a small sub-unit where they live, that will remain

part of the ship. There are no current plans for this group to become a Shuttle. Eight BLACKSTAR members attended this year's annual BLACKSTAR trip to the Renaissance Festival at Deerfield Beach on February 19.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920

Leaksville, Mississippi
February saw the Dark Phoenix running a Krispy Kream fund raiser, appointing Kellie Zehner as our Chief Steward, and sponsoring Ashley Little in the AHA Jump Rope For Heart program. In March, Pat Malone, Larry and Mary Morris attend R2 Summit and ran both Security and Color Guard, and the crew purchased and delivered clothes and The Incredibles on DVD for the kids at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home in Wiggins, MS.

USS DaVinci NCC-74671

Columbus, Georgia
The USS DaVinci recently celebrated its 9th anniversary in the manner of all DaVinci affairs - with a party! There were 20 DaVinci members and 7 members from other ships in the Region in attendance! The Dalmuti tournament was won by Travis Heller in a landslide victory.

USS Draco NCC-78501

Hanceville, Alabama
Starting to get memberships back on line for the ship and as money starts to ease up for member membership will get back up

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822

Odenville, Alabama
Members have continued going on their shopping trips. Work on the on going puzzle is progressing nicely. Members also went to see a member, who lives around the Atlanta area, recuperating from a fall down the stairs and losing a family member a day or two later. Our thoughts are sure with them at this time.

USS Gasparilla NCC-74400

Brandon, Florida
USS Gasparilla hosted successful R2 Summit 2005! Ralph Planthoff was named R2 Flag Officer of the Year. Members also attended Vulkan in Orlando, along with USS Continuum, USS Khai Tam, Shuttle Dauntless, USS Myrddin, USS Paegan, USS Guardian, USS Relentless, USS Trident, USS Blackstar: A true Zone 1 event!

USS Guardian NCC-26244

Cocoa, Florida
Crew supported Fleet Day activities at the Kennedy Space Center.

USS Haise NCC-74664

Brandon, Mississippi
Farewell to Star Trek Enterprise will be held May 13. The crew discussed and confirmed plans for a number of activities including Space Day (May 7), away mission to Rainwater Observatory, seeing the new Star Wars movie, and made tentative plans for Haise 10th anniversary

special dinner on April 26. We also discussed charitable projects for the year with MS Diabetes Foundation and Community Stewpot.

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004

Graysville, Alabama
The USS Hephaestus attended the Region 2 Summit where the awards for: Chapter of the year, CO of the Year, Cadet of the Year, Member of the Year, Scholastic achievement for Cadets, SFA achievement Awards were received. The chapter has sponsored the Elephant at the Birmingham Zoo.

USS Khai Tam NCC-57299

Tallahassee, Florida
In February, the chapter held its Business Meeting, the Captains' Poker Night, and cleaned the St. Marks Bicycle Trail.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172

Dunedin, Florida
The Myrddin held its monthly meetings and members attended the Region 2 Summit and the Orlando Vulkan.

USS New Hope NCC-50335

Montgomery, Alabama
Created and decorated boxes for individuals use with Michael Riley getting First place and metal for his design on his box. Went to the Anniversary Party for the USS DaVinci, and had a party with another Science Fiction Club that watches Stargate SG-1.

USS Odyssey NCC-454-A

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
We started a weight loss contest with other Mississippi ships.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695

Collins, Mississippi
Took a trip to KSC Jan 29 and met with the Dark Phoenix.

USS Paegan NCC-1755

Lake Mary, Florida
The monthly meeting went well with 10 members attending and enjoying the famous Trivia contest. Also, due to luck and hard work, our crew roster is up to 15 members, a 4 year high (50% increase).

USS Relentless NCC-81001

Palm Bay, Florida
RADM Betsy Matteis has returned to FLEET! Also, we held Valentines for Veterans: Cadet Rowan handed out 17 hand-colored Valentines to local Police and Fire Departments in the cities of Palm Bay, West Melbourne and Melbourne.

USS Republic NCC-1371

Conyers, Georgia
Had monthly meeting on 26 Feb 2005. Determined that we would change our normal methods of doing our meetings. As of March, we will be meeting the first Saturday of the month and will be performing our monthly activities for the month on the third Saturday. Determined possible panels for both Sci-Fi summer con and Dragon'con.

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USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005
Savannah, Georgia

Activities included crew Meetings at Media Play, a club yard sale at the Meyers' house, a Crew meetings at Shoney's Restaurant, a non-RPG game night at Capn's house, our monthly movie night (Constantine), Club Bowling Night, Club RPG Garu gaming, a Capn's Table at Logan's restaurant in costume, and marching in the Tybee Island and Savannah St. Patrick's Parades.

USS Shadow Hawk NCC-74660
Opelika, Alabama

We held a bonfire to welcome new chapter members.

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097
Decatur, Alabama

We gave with four bags of food and some treats to the Decatur Animal Shelter this past month. There were several departmental meetings, get-togethers to watch Enterprise, several telephone meetings with local members, and several group shopping excursions. For the EROP Project we planted more trees again this month and got the ground ready to plant the herbs, vegetables and fruit trees.

USS Trident NCC-74692
Jensen Beach, Florida

We held a monthly Meeting at Jalil's, Wednesday viewings of West Wing and Smallville at Commodore Jack's Place, 10th anniversary cookout on 2/20, Co Meeting with Shuttle Andromeda Station Co and Crew at house of Blues in Orlando and 2/26 and Savannah Jalil read to Children at Barnes N Noble In Jensen Beach Sat 2/26.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congrats to the Trident on 10 years, and here's to 10 more!

USS Triumph NCC-26228
Dania Beach, Florida

We are planning for Trek Day, April 23rd, at the South Regional Library. We are still involved With the Overseas Coupon Program and sent in \$4001.06 to our servicemen overseas. Commodore Joe Dobson former captain and Region 2 Zone Coordinator is coming back! He is still involved with the Adopt-A-Street program and requested our help on his next street clean up on April 10th.

USS Victorious NCC-40967
Clearwater, Florida

We had our regular monthly meetings, the Orlando Vulkan Conventions, and the Bay Area Renfest.

USS Wernher von Braun NCC-72069
Madison, Alabama

A DGA Games representative visited with us and went over plans for a possible gaming convention in our area in the fall. Scott Stevens and Donald Daniel won door prizes given out by our guest.

USS Yamato NCC-731807
Gardendale, Florida

The group is looking for another place to meet. Also, we're working on plans for the year, including having another yard sale.

Region 3

Shuttle Maverick NCC-61914/01

Idalou, Texas
We received a thank you note from Ronald McDonald House for donations and making dinner for its residents on 01/15. Our crew attended "What's Up?" astronomy program at Texas Tech Museum on 02/03, and had an away team mission to the Silent Wings WWII museum, honoring glider pilots trained here. We are also enjoying movie nights.

Shuttle Thunderwolf NCC-74663/05
San Antonio, Texas

Members of the crew have volunteered 201 hours during several disasters in the area: Cmdr. Jeff Schnoor (175), Delia Ruiz (113), and Norma Ybarra (13). The ship met for their monthly meeting and for dinner and a night of activities and games. Members donated office supplies, bedding (sheets, Pillows, & Blankets) to the Ronald McDonald House.

SS Freedom III SS-001
Eules, Texas

The Freedom III looking for a few good men and women to participate in this year's IC'05 by volunteering for the Events Services Dept (Security).

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889
Round Rock, Texas

Dinner with the crew of the USS Rhyanna, followed by gaming on 02-13. Gaming and movie weekend on 02-25, 26, 27.

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888
Houston, Texas

Chapter continues to support IC 05 and looking forward to regional spring events. Houston members got together for a film night with the Texans Reenactment group. No movie is safe. We mailed \$1876.63 in coupons to our base in Japan. Our Away Team Rahkexphon in New Orleans is gaining members. They hope to start the shuttle process in the next few months.

USS Bethel NCC-74663
Grapevine, Texas

Members of the Bethel worked the Dallas Comic Con February 12-13.

USS Bexar NCC-71718
San Antonio, Texas

Our medical department are collecting and delivering the toys we collect for the EMS Trauma Buddy program, which gives children a toy when they are involved in a traumatic experience or accident to help them keep calm and focused on the stuffed animal.

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019
El Paso, Texas

Several members reacted on February 25 and 26. Our anniversary party was on March 19.

USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, Texas

We held two meetings, had a poker night to increase ship's funds, welcomed two new members, and discussed our upcoming community service project.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628
Lubbock, Texas

Activities in February included the Monthly Crew meeting at Godeke Branch Library, Pool & Darts practice at Fox & Hound, cooking and serving Taco Bar at the Ronald McDonald House, answering phones for the CMN Radiothon, and Game Night at the CO's house.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914
Amarillo, Texas

We met to watch new episodes of Stargate: Atlantis, and Stargate: SG1. We also spoke about a member's recent visit to Star Trek: The Experience in Las Vegas, NV.

USS Panther City NCC-74917
Fort Worth, Texas

Held monthly crew meeting on February 19th, and celebrated our 6th Anniversary as a chapter on March 5th.

USS Regulator NCC-73337
(formerly USS Comanche)

Weatherford, Texas
Working on getting new Motto, Nickname, newsletter title, insignia, etc. Lots of busy work to do. Held discussion on Quark's Fundraiser business. Have until first Sunday of April for ideas for charity for this year. Made plans to see 3rd installment of New Star Wars Trilogy the weekend after it premieres to avoid crowds.

USS Rhyanna NCC-1892
Austin, Texas

We collected tomato products for Hill Country Ministries Food Pantry, and several members volunteered time to work at the Round Rock Food Pantry. The Rhyanna and Arc Angel met for dinner, and several Rhyanna members attended the Arc Angel's general meetings.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300
Houston, Texas

Several crew members attended the monthly Star Trek Meetup. A small away team attended the Save Enterprise Rally at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles.

USS Tejas NCC-9756
Vernon, Texas

First Step of Wichita Falls is our charity.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425
Dallas, Texas

All had a wonderful time at the Anniversary Party on 2/12 as some long distance members were there. Seven members volunteered

at Dallas ComicCon: Kris Winegar, Jan Agee, Liz Weber, Ed Dravecky, Dan Stockleman, Dan Dreesbach, and Robyn Winans. Also, we donated \$3,377.08 to the Overseas Coupon Program for the month of February, and wish to thank Linda Rosenbaum of the IKV Melota for her donation of coupons to the effort.

USS Victory NCC-74208
San Antonio, Texas

VADM Pat Spillers, CAPT Steven Gordon, CMDR TJ Gordon, and MCPO Gene Spillers attended the Region 2 Summit in Tampa, Florida over the weekend of March 6, 2005. TJ and Steve plan to assist with the San Antonio Wine Festival in April by serving as corks.

Region 4

ISS Pegasus NCC-9755
Las Vegas, Nevada

Pop top drive just broke 80 lbs. We are on longer counting them and went to recording by weight.

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

On Valentine's Day, one of our charter members, Jeremy Carsten (USAF) announced his engagement to the lovely Sarit. Anthony Spotts announced that he will be getting his Doctorate of Law this May. Once again, our CMO Linda Benton is heading up the local March of Dimes Walk. We know that it will be successful! Another member, Dara Allen, is learning "Fire Dancing" with REAL fire, too.

USS Moontype NCC-74213/01
Fort Collins, Colorado

The Command Staff is working on finalizing the plans for the commissioning celebration to be held at the Las Vegas Hilton, July 7, 2005. We are writing press releases for the American Council of the Blind (ACB) National Magazine, The Braille Forum. This press release and announcement will appear in the April issue of the magazine and the Convention Scope, which is the registration packet for the National ACB Convention.

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003
Redding, California

We have decided that for our first social-type activity, we shall bowl in March. Other plans include BBQ's, Movie Nights, Mini Golf and other activities. One member preparing to move to Sacramento to join the Job Corps.

SS K'Ehleyr NCC-009
Las Vegas, Nevada

We held our monthly meeting.

USS Angeles NCC-71840
Los Angeles, California

Members attended the Save Enterprise Rally at Paramount Pictures and had dinner with visiting Adm. Mark Hanford from R7. Yosemite trip presentation at our general meeting, Chinese New Year Parade, Gallifrey convention, plans

for 10th anniversary party, plans for Region 4 Conference. Applied for Fictitious Business Name. In March, we had 10th Anniversary Party, Trek & Sci-Fi viewing party, Grand Slam convention, Richard Biggs Memorial Event, and finalizing registration plans for the R4 Conference.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congrats to the Angeles on 10 years, and here's to 10 more!

USS Angelfire NCC-75025
Tolleson, Arizona

USS Angelfire had its semi-annual bowling party on the 19th of February. All members had lots of fun beating the CO at his game. The next meeting will be on the 5th of March with a trip to the Arizona Ren Faire.

USS Augusta Ada NCC-55011
Campbell, California

We met on 26 March; nominations for XO to be held next month, promotions next month, lots of science news, and a considerable technical discussion.

USS Centurion NCC-74801

San Bernardino, California
Monthly meeting held first Saturday of the month with IKA Nightblood. Participated in Fontana PD Child Safety Fair. Contributed 3100 soda top tabs to Ronald McDonald House "Collect a Million" Day.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003
Shafter, California

CO and XO continue their academic pursuits. Two of the CO's grandchildren are not well and the family is asking for prayers and well wishes.

USS Eagle NCC-1719
Fremont, California

Some crew members attended Gallifrey One Con while others Wondercon. Discussed some costuming and recruiting ideas for upcoming conventions. Also updated the event calendar to include some community services.

USS Gallant NCC-4890
Fresno, California

Had great and productive general meetings. We discussed future activities, and learned of a convention coming to town in June. Also discussed the R4 Video.

USS Highroller NCC-23104
Reno, Nevada

As of April 1, 2005 the crew of the USS Highroller NCC 23104 has decided to DECOMMISSION, due to lack of interest in our area. Some of the crew are deliberating on transfers to either the Shuttle Battleborn or unattached status. Tami and I (Fleet Captain Charles Flowers) have decided to transfer membership to the Shuttle Battleborn to stay active within SFI.

USS Northern Lights NCC-27001
San Jose, California

An Away Mission consisting of the CO and the Ops Officer

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attended WonderCon 2005 in San Francisco and had a great time! Several crewmembers are making preparations to attend BayCon in May.

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200
Visalia, California
Cancelled our February meeting due to CO falling and injuring herself. Crew has been asked by group putting on a convention in Fresno to assist with the convention.

USS S'L'heya NCC-1601
Fresno, California
Watching Enterprise last episodes. We have moved our entire crew to a different organization: the International Federation of Trekkers (IFT).

USS Stormbringer NCC-74213
Tucson, Arizona
Stormbringer Films production IMPERIAL CHOPPER was released 08 MARCH. Upcoming projects include planning to host visitors from R4 and R7 at our upcoming StarFest convention and defending our title for a 4th record year in the upcoming FanClub Feud at StarFest. Tucson Stormbringer members donated times and monies to the local branch of ASA (Autism Society of America). CO has 5 pounds of soda tabs for the local Ronald McDonald House.

USS William O Darby NCC-12474
Grand Terrace, California
Planning underway with local ST Clubs for Away Mission to Museum of Radio/TV for recruitment activities at Star Trek display. Working on Cadet Program for the younger Cadets on the Ship. Working with local newspaper on article regarding the end of the ST Enterprise series.

Region 5

USS Crusader NCC-74711
Otis Orchard, Washington
Five of our crew, including the Captain and XO, attended the Region 5 Summit on February 19th. This was in conjunction with RadCon in Pasco, WA. There was a lot to enjoy, and the fellowship with the members of other STARFLEET ships was great. We celebrated March with our annual "Monty Python" film festival.

USS Destiny NCC-97301
Salem, Oregon
A total of \$ 1163.79 in coupons was sent to our adopted US Army Base in Illesheim, Germany for the month of February. Also a used postage stamp collection for Cancer was started as well. This is being led by LT Nadine Romero.

USS Rubicon NCC-71816
Richland, Washington
February 18-20th: RadCon! What a time. We had a full room for the Region 5 Summit and a Marine Muster that ran smoothly. Among the activities at our March general meeting was an Easter egg hunt

without the mess of making the eggs: door prize tickets were hidden in three plastic eggs. We also had a report from one of our crewmembers, Tom King, who recently returned from service in Iraq.

Region 6
USS Czar'ak NCC-1798-A
Richfield, Minnesota
We had Bowling practice, held our monthly meeting, bowled with the USS Behr'ak, and helped with the March public television pledge drive.

USS Fox River NCC-81002
Appleton, Wisconsin
Crew planning family campout in July. Crew members busy with local projects. Two members went to the christening of the new Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw in Marinette.

USS Imperium NCC-2125
Fargo, North Dakota
Had pizza luncheon and meeting afterward and then went to see the movie Constantine together. Will be doing Public TV pledge drive next month. Planning is in full swing for Summit 2005.

USS Saint George NCC-63541
Saint Paul, Minnesota
OPS continues to update our web site and our cafe/press store. MEDICAL is keeping the crew informed on health related issues. SCIENCE continues to keep us up to date on real space news. CHARITY reports \$3,318.39 worth of coupons to four bases overseas.

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122
Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Plans were made for the upcoming Highway Pick up Season, The Duck Race, and The March of Dime Walk for America.

Region 7

ISS Kerberos NCC-74929
Newark, New Jersey
Two quiet months, with several people working on outside chapter projects.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C
West New York, New Jersey
Since implementation of new Imperium website, total traffic has increased significantly. Also, 2005 list of events for the Lexington has been added to the Region 7 website. March Lex meeting was a successful bowling event. Event planned to see Sal Lizard's Comedy Routine in NYC.

Shuttle Top Gun NCC-75029
Oxon Hill, Maryland
Farpoint and the first meeting at a local convention.

USS Accord NCC-1842
Ithaca, New York
Monthly meeting featuring Star Wars Life. Attended the Ithaca Downtown Chili Cookoff. Updated the USS Accord web site a couple of times. Quarterly newsletter.

USS Adamant NCC-3029
Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Super Bowl Party was held, and members from the Thagard joined us for great food and conversation as we cheered the Eagles. Unfortunately our support was not enough to help them win. A few members Farpoint. We are also considering putting in a bid for another Regional event this year.

USS Albany NCC-587
Scotia, New York
19 members attended four bowling events. Overseas coupon project - coupons mailed for the two months was \$2,933.51 for a YTD total of \$5,374.71. In March, 5 members went to Cooperstown to see the Baseball Hall of Fame. The renovation is not quite complete but it was still a nice trip.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812
Temple Hills, Maryland
Plans are underway for a camping trip in late spring/early summer. We are planning a Court of Honor for Stephen on April 23rd. The ship members who wish to attend will be attending since they helped Stephen achieve this honor. We are beginning plans for summer activities and our annual cookout.

USS Archer NCC-1069
Mantua, New Jersey
Lauren Milan took command of the Archer, effective Feb. 1. She also attended the 2005 Intergalactic Food Festival, Farpoint convention, the New Jersey Polar Bear Plunge, and the Seaside Heights St Patrick's Day Parade. Plans are underway to attend the recruiting event at the Trenton Computer Fair in Ewing, NJ, on April 16 and for the next Poker Night at our Chief Engineer's home.

USS Ascension NCC-2520
Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Members attended Farpoint. The CO was suffering from the sniffles. It was a fun convention for the most part. The CO attended USS Adamant's monthly meeting in North Wales PA on 0502.20.

USS Asimov NCC-1647
Paoli, Pennsylvania
Members went to the Polar Bear Plunge in Maryland. The following week, we had representation at the Intergalactic Food Festival. Then we sent a contingent to Farpoint. Finally, we played host to the February Philadelphia Star Trek Meetup.

USS Avenger NCC-1860
Linden, New Jersey
Plans are progressing for the 20th Anniversary Party. The Cradle of Aviation Museum trip is targeted for March 5. The trip to Museum of Television and Radio in NYC is set for August 6th. CNN trip scheduled for May 14.

USS Challenger NCC-1676-D
Toms River, New Jersey
The ship held the 11th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival and the

mock wedding of members David Lynch and Jennifer Thompson, recreating Worf and Dax's ceremony from DS9. We attended Farpoint, and hosted the Sector 1 Polar Bear Plunge. We hope to join Hank Trabold of Toms River and his three homemade life-size Daleks for the Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Plans continue to progress for our hosting the R7 Conference.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543
Dover, Delaware
USS DeBRAAK is major player in the R7 Recruitment table at FARPOINT.

USS Edinburgh NCC-77930
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Members spent much time preparing for the MPT drive in March, and were disappointed with its cancellation.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Members attended a farewell party for the Fischers and also attended Farpoint. We sent a group card to Edgar and are planning on honoring him at the ACS's Relay for Life. We went to Bubba's Pot Belly Stove for dinner.

USS Highlander NCC-10530
Randallstown, Maryland
Crew attended Farpoint convention and helped with STARFLEET Recruiting table. Planning for Maryland Public Television Telethon on Saturday March 12th.

USS Inferno NCC-15202
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Away Team attended Car Show.

USS Justice NCC-556
Florham Park, New Jersey
Finishing up latest video project. Plans to attend "Battle of Stalingrad" paintball game. Redesigning website.

USS Malverne NCC-2205
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Plans underway for spring activities. Meetings now dinner outings. Website under revision and migration to new location.

USS Matrix NCC-72296
Laurel, Maryland
We are continuing trek discussions. We are looking into changing web servers.

USS Niagara NCC-75634
Cheektowaga, New York
Ship celebrated its Second Anniversary. 30 members and friends attended the dinner celebrating with awards and promotions. The ship acquired an autographed guitar from the GOO GOO Dolls which is being donated to Toronto Trek for the charity auction. The Charity coordinator received confirmation of our first coupon shipment worth over 7000 dollars.

USS Osiris NCC-3092
Bronx, New York
On the 22nd of January, due to the

Blizzard that hit the east coast, our annual state of the ship meeting was rescheduled for the 19th of February. Unfortunately, there were no other events for this month.

USS Sovereign NCC-75000
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sent an away team to Farpoint. We also went to the Medieval times restaurant.

USS Starlord NCC-74225
Aberdeen, New Jersey
Throughout February, Friday Night Gaming nights were held at the CO's house, and Ship's Gatherings occurred on February 5 and 19.

USS Thagard NCC-652
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monthly Poker Night on the 26th.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A
Baltimore, Maryland
Katsucon was a big success. The Relay for life auction went very well. We collected around \$5000. The Convention went well so well in fact we are moving to a much larger facility. We had approximately 6500 bodies.

Region 9

Shuttle Star Saber NCC-74212
APO, Ehningen, Germany
We viewed DS9, and discussed our newsletter and other projects, including online possibilities of German/American Community service: helping to teach Germans English so we can better understand each other. This project will be headed by LTJG Sader.

USS Europe NCC-74668
Lisbon, Spain
We held weekly meetings, enjoyed RPG and Trivia games, and made preparations for Regional Summit in Berlin next month and recruitment drive at FedCon XIV. Newsletter number 18 was sent to members. On line gaming is being discussed, and a new yahoo group was created for discussions

USS Vanguard NCC-75026
Laakdal, Belgium
The crew enjoyed on line gaming. Some members attended a Star Trek CCG Game night. The Trivia Quiz games will be expanding and renewed in March, with pictures, etc.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star NCC-1160
Eagle River, Alaska
Pillow and Capt Dave Badger Marched with the Bloodmobile in the Annual Fur Rondy Parade.

USS Majestic NCC-78601
Victoria, British Columbia
Video night and Captain's treat at a restaurant.

USS Sol NCC-1733
Fairbanks, Alaska
Due to cold weather the meeting was quickly wrapped up and most of the club retired to Capt. Swift's house

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for a night of Stargate, Battlestar Galactica, and Enterprise.

Region 12

Shuttle Dragonstrike NCC-74305
Oswego, Kansas
Discussed Planning for the away mission to Region 12 Summit on May 20. With 10 members now on SFI Rolls, we are submitting Ship Commissioning VRR Paper work to mothership command, Region 12 Coordinator, and ShOC. Also, the crew was interviewed by a reporter who is doing an article on Star Trek and Sci-fi Fans for the MSSC college annual magazine (due out in May).

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva NCC-4101
Wildwood, Missouri
Members continue many ongoing projects, including: raising money for the Deforest Kelley Scholarship, participating in the Stampede Program and the Overseas Coupon Project, collecting soda pull tabs for Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, contributing coupons to the St Louis County Police program assisting local battered women organizations, supporting Major Paul Cheney (friend of Dr. Dave's) and Lt. Mike Watham (husband of Mike Miller's teacher) as they are deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, and sending school supplies to the Iraqi school children (over \$100 worth to date).

USS Atlas NCC-75013
O'Fallon, Missouri
Members attended our Regular Monthly Restaurant Nite. Our new website was launched -- www.ussatlas.org. We are planning for STAR WARS Celebration in Indiana next month.

USS Black Hawk NCC-75004
Rockford, Illinois
Celebrated 10th Anniversary of first meeting to establish chapter on 2/28; plans are to hold 10th anniversary celebration either the end of June or the first part of July when Commander Baker returns to US and visits Rockford.

USS Bortas NCC-74211
Urbana, Illinois
We held our regular meeting on 2/19/05 and submitted a bid for 2006 Region 12 summit.

USS Celt NCC-75018
Elkins, Arkansas
Held monthly business meeting at U of A Student Union, made plans for combined anniversary party with USS Marko Ramius crew in March, and discussed plans for R12 Summit in May and a bid to host Summit '06.

USS Claymore NCC-72292
Midwest City, Oklahoma
Preparing for Summit 2006. Several members visited Arkansas and spent time at a cookout with the Celt. Claymore youth raised over \$300 for JDR and over \$150 for Jump for Life. Cleaned up local parks and helped prepare them for the spring/summer use. Helped the local school glee club with costumes, music, etc. for

their Valentines day parade for the community.

USS Hexum NCC-2199
Belleville, Illinois
We will support the Multiple Sclerosis walk in Fairview Heights, IL, on 10 April. We are the designated cheerleaders for walkers and will be urging them on from the sidelines with banners, marshal music, and noisemakers. Our friends from the USS Discovery will assist.

USS Horizon NCC-1000-B
Fulton, Missouri
In February, eight members attended dinner out at Osaka Japanese Grill, five members attended the movie Diary of a Mad Black Woman, eight members visited an International Food Store, and four members met for lunch at a Taco Bell. In March, members saw the movie Guess Who and went to meals at Heavenly Ham and Buckingham's BBQ.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514
Wichita, Kansas
Held change of Command and reaffirmed other elected positions aboard the ship. Beamed to new meeting location at Prairie Dog Comics. Announced new recruiting contest. Members are selecting a charity to help for 2005.

USS Morning Star NCC-4126
Lawton, Oklahoma
Our far-flung core crew put in two busy charity months, including: feeding 97 at Street Feeding, Recycled for Food for the Poor. Collected BC UPC's, stamps for Stampede, and Campbell's labels for School for the Blind at Muscogee, OK. Delivered 72 lbs pull tabs Feb. 5 to RMH in OKC. A crewmember in CA assisted with annual Genesis Awards (animal welfare). Lawton members assisted with Humane Society Garage Sale (raised \$650).

USS Phoenix NCC-2155
Columbia, Missouri
Started new RPG. Interview with local TV station went well, and planning for American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" going steady. We are going to have a fan table at a fan sci-fi/fantasy con here in Columbia in April, and a booth at the local Earth Day event in May.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679
Augusta, Kansas
Working at clipping coupons. The crew will also assist the local Lions Club with concessions for the summer, all proceeds going to Relay for Life, at which we will be assisting.

USS Thunderbird NCC-71845
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Had a meeting a new member's house and a potluck dinner.

USS Umiak NCC-3142
St. Louis, Missouri
The crew went to see Cursed.

USS William Wallace NCC-2555

Joplin, Missouri
Recruiting activity at the CO's hospital may finally pay off (hoping to gain some more officers here shortly). Also making plans for the Enterprise finale party.

Region 13

Shuttle Aurora NCC-62004
Dearborn, Michigan
The crew had a Dinner and Movie Night, and Region 13 Summit Planning is underway. Crew members attended the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show.

USS Banting NCC-17220
Guelph, Ontario, Canada
In February, the crew went bowling and held our General meeting. In March, we participated in the Guelph Women in Crisis Charity Auction as item presenters, and held our General Meeting.

USS Empress NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, Michigan
Members working on our annual Bowl-a-thon and planning our IC trip, and also toured the USS Yorktown and Ft. Sumter.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020
Georgetown, Ontario, Canada
The crew enjoyed movie nights and our monthly meetings.

USS Parallax NCC-74657
Livonia, Michigan
Three crew members have started working on the Maquis Forces International Streaming Audio Radio Station, which is taking up a LOT of our time outside of personal/work lives.

USS Sinclair NCC-74209
Waterford, Michigan
A couple of members are still assisting the Aurora with the Summit for this year. Commissioning paperwork was completed and submitted to the required channels and were approved. Finishing touches on the Ceremony are being finalized, which will be advertised shortly. Other activities are also being planned for the fall months.

USS Valkyrie NCC-74658
Dearborn, Michigan
Waiting for spring.

USS White Star NCC-71012
Port Huron, Michigan
We are the Chapter by-laws, and had some laughs at the way we put things when we started. Planning for Relay for Life. February 27th was our annual Oscar party. Too many people thought Chicken Wings (inspired by The Aviator) were a good idea. They were good, but you can only have so many Chicken Wings.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: No, you can't. Not possible. :-)

Region 14

USS Jaguar NCC-74750
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada
Some of the crew continue to work on Jaguar Fiction. Our Fun Page

has been updated thanks to ADM Allyson Dyar.

USS Magellan NCC-72014
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada
The usual. Nothing special expected for the next few months.

Region 15

SS Ian Fleming NCC-SFR-1501
Newburyport, Massachusetts
We are gearing up production of our Spring edition of our Newsletter "The Moonraker". Web-site development continuing. We have also been busy with preparations for our upcoming Regional Summit. Members attended a going away gathering for Joe and Val Ruttar of the USS Endeavor, who are moving to Wisconsin. We have a new Marine unit on board, "The Living Daylights".

USS Ares NCC-26291
Boston, Massachusetts
Due to a personal situation the February meeting unfortunately had to be cancelled. We will resume meetings on March 26th.

USS Avalon NCC-74914
Standish, Maine
Activities included supervising Bonney Eagle High School Sci-Fi Club that Avalon sponsors, "The Quest Club"; our Monthly Poker Game, and weekly Dungeons & Dragons and Board Games. On Sundays, we open our doors to feed needy families from all over southern Maine. On Feb. 12 was our Annual Charity Auction with a "Casino Night" theme, raising money to continue our food pantry.

USS Endeavor NCC-1716
Baltic, Connecticut
Ship held a meeting and played Star Wars video game. Ship is presently planning to have representatives at the Region 15 summit.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637
Springfield, Massachusetts
The ship had her meeting on Tuesday night, February 8, at the home of Captain Doug Van Newenhoven. We talked about upcoming activities, including attending a few conventions as well as the Region 15 Summit.

USS Hood NCC-1707
North Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Weather problems caused cancellation of planned tubing event and March meeting.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784
Bangor, Maine
VAdm. Sal Lizard, of CompOps has asked us one of four Teams to process membership. We will be Team Three, one of two teams who will put together and mail the membership packets. Some of the other projects discussed have been the Captain's Chair Refit and the 12th Annual Blood Drive for the Red Cross.

USS Nelson NCC-74804
Northampton, Massachusetts
The crew determined by vote between dinner and a movie, bowling,

and laser tag as March activities, as well as when they would occur. Discussion about various charity projects, including supporting a local Red Cross chapter.

USS O Bannon NCC-5372
Sanford, Maine
The CO attended the USS Avalon charity event on 2/12. The crew assembled at injured Science Officer Guy Champagne's house for the February Meeting and the crew then participated in an O'Bannon Chronicles RPG. Also during February, the crew distributed hand-made Valentines at Veterans Homes and children's hospital wards, attended movies, and did D&D gaming. The crew capped off the month by donated 200+ books to a campaign to promote young adults reading.

Region 17

Shuttle Tiburon NCC-63546/1
Denver, Colorado
Members continue to help plan the Regional summit scheduled for the end of May. The Tiburon and 3 other chapters from the Region got together for a Star Trek Meet-up Dinner at a local restaurant (good time was had by all).

USS Alioth NCC-72383
Orem/Provo, Utah
Meeting at Chuck E. Cheese. Crew donated items for the Women's Shelter and the Crisis Nursery. Attended Museum of Art at BYU. Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Shades of Star Gate! Later same night we had an OCP coupon clipping/pizza party.

USS Anasazi NCC-62001
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Chapter visited the NM Space Hall of Fame and Museum. Plans under way for future events, recruitment continues and flight team for possible new Shuttle has been formed and is exploring options. Crew continues to recruit new members. Flight Team Alpha is nearing readiness for launch as Shuttle Aztec and hopes to get launched by IC.

USS Arc Royal NCC-63546
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Still working on the preparations for the R17 summit.

USS Mir NCC-73281
Las Cruces, New Mexico
In February, events included a Command Staff Meeting followed by a movie and later in the month the crew gathered to watch Fellowship of the Ring Extended DVD and had dinner.

USS Omega Glory NCC-26917
Denver, Colorado
Activities included an Aurora Reservoir Loop Hike, a Super Bowl Party (and Chili Cook-Off), Quilting Classes, Game Nights, participating in the Star Trek Meetup, the Arapahoe County CERT Exercise, and the Denver Citizens' Police Academy.

FOR SALE

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Klingon Makeup, Stan Lee, Executive
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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  
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of Honor John de Lancie (Q), Music Video,  
and News Broadcast 47 Live Eye Premiere  
of Deep Space 9.

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For Sale: 4 Prop or near prop quality items:
1 ST3 Phaser Type 2 \$90, 1 TNG Phaser 2
Type 1 \$100, 1 TNG Science Tricorder with
Scanner \$100, 1 TOS Phaser 1 \$75. All
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discount shipping to all other countries. Will
accept money order or PayPal for payment
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## SELLING COMICS

I have a large selection of comics dating  
from 1969 to 1994 that we would like to give  
the STARFLEET members an opportunity  
to purchase before selling them in the local  
area. We have DC, Marvel, Atlas, Pacific,  
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please email me at siskoturbo@netzero.net,  
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Worth, TX 76137 I will get you a list of what  
we have and prices. If there are certain ones  
you are collecting please list them and we  
will see if we have them. This offer is open  
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or at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-Cadet_YouthServices/. Questions can also
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to 8 PM CST on the IRC channel of # cadet/
youth_Services. STARFLEET Youth are
welcome to join #CadetQuarters and http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARFLEET_CADETS/ with parental permission. I can
be reached at frc-youth@sfi.org at any time.
Capt. Robin van Cleave

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ATTENTION GHOST HUNTERS! Possible  
new correspondence chapter forming in  
Region 15. If you're interested in the spirit  
realm, and all things haunted, this is the  
ghost ship for you. For more information,  
please contact Tracy at: [tnt@pivot.net](mailto:tnt@pivot.net) or go  
to your nearest medium (hehehe).

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Hi. I'm Nate Oram and am in Southeast
Iowa looking to form the first ship in Iowa.
Please drop me a note and let's see where
we can go from here. :-)
e-mail- InnGuy2@hotmail.com
Nate Oram, 329 N Roosevelt Ave #130
Burlington, IA 52601

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Are you looking for something different from  
your STARFLEET Membership? The USS  
Britannia is a Chapter on the edge!!! The  
very edge of STARFLEET International  
that is. Geographically located in Region  
20, (the UK, or IONA, whichever you may  
prefer), the Britannia is a Chapter with a  
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brings with her a uniqueness not found in  
other Chapters.

The Blues and Royals, the Britannia's  
Marine Strike Group, incorporate the unique  
aspects of the British Royal Marines and  
the tradition and rank structure of one of the  
Divisions of the Queens own Household  
Cavalry, the Blues and Royals.

The Britannia offers a new member support  
program, where all new unexperienced  
members are assigned a buddy or mentor,  
if they so wish, from the existing crew to  
help them settle in and adjust to life aboard  
the Britannia and in STARFLEET. We also  
offer a unique member training program,  
whereby members who wish to be guided  
through various courses and exams  
designed to teach the structure and fabric  
of the Britannia. We also guide members  
towards gaining OTC and OCC qualification  
with STARFLEET Academy.

The Britannia also runs an RPG, which is  
open to members and non-members alike,  
whereby you can have the chance to portray  
a fictional STARFLEET or Marine character.  
For those that have not simmed before, the  
Britannia also offers a detailed simming  
guide and tutoring to help you get started in  
the fictional world of Star Trek.

## MEMBERS WANTED

Feeling a little bit more competitive, then  
why not have a go with the Britannia online  
multiplayer games? Yes, the USS Britannia  
and Region 20 is out to conquer the universe  
as we know it. Interested in fragging a Captain  
or two? Or maybe there's an OPs officer and  
a phaser blast with his name on it?

To coin the British Telecom phrase, 'Its good  
to talk'. You'll find many of our crew lurking  
in the many STARFLEET IRC channels, the  
likes of AOL, or MSN, and bouncing mails  
across our very own listserv. Not forgetting  
the regular online meetings were Doritos, Bud  
and Guinness flow freely.

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](mailto:black.eagle@ntlworld.com), or our  
Chapter Executive Officer, BDR Adrian Jones  
on [jones.adrian@ntlworld.com](mailto:jones.adrian@ntlworld.com)

Thank you for reading.  
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Chief of Staff - USS Britannia  
Interim Reporting Officer - 380th MSG 'The  
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southeast Alabama. I'm working to start a
chapter in the Dothan, AL area. Please drop
me a note and let's see where it takes us. e-
mail: baby_bantha_93@yahoo.com Chris
Marcum, 396 Cypress St. Lot 5, Webb, AL
36376

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Calling all Unassigned STARFLEET  
Members! The USS Anubis is once again  
preparing to set sail. We will be a meeting  
chapter ultimately based out of Region 15,  
however, we welcome correspondence  
members as well!

We are seeking anyone who is presently not  
active with a chapter and who would like to  
lend a hand and help us form STARFLEET's  
newest starship.

Our focus is on creating a fun atmosphere  
to share our enjoyment of Star Trek, Science  
Fiction, and Fantasy while trying to do  
something to help our communities. More  
importantly, we want to ensure that all of our  
members, whether local or correspondence,  
are kept active and included to the extent they  
wish to join us.

To do this we need YOU! We invite you  
to join as we set out on a new adventure. If  
you'd like to know more or take the leap into  
this venture with us we are looking forward to  
hearing from you!

Please contact Richard Jolitz for more  
information.

Richard A. Jolitz, [emicarn@yahoo.com](mailto:emicarn@yahoo.com)  
80 Conant Street, Beverly, MA 01915  
(978) 927 - 8863 [If leaving a message,  
please mention STARFLEET]

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MEMBERS WANTED

The USS Galaxy out of Region 15 in
Springfield, MA. as well as parts of
Connecticut is looking for STARFLEET
member's to join the Galaxy. " The
Galaxy's Motto is " Live the Dream, and
Travel the Galaxy Through the World's
of Understanding. " So on behalf of the
Officer's & Crew of the USS Galaxy,
I would like to take this opportunity to
personally invite any and all STARFLEET
member's that don't belong to a Chapter
you would be more then welcome to join
our ranks. " If you are interested in joining
us you can contact me Doug Angeli,
at jdcruiser@verizon.net, or you can
contact Troy Wingen at 860-749-6701 out
of Enfield, CT. Doug Angeli 14123

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ATTENTION: Unassigned Members  
and any other members of STARFLEET  
residing in the Houston, Texas  
metropolitan area. We are looking for new  
members to join the USS SpiritWolf, a  
Region 3 meeting chapter in the Houston  
area. Anyone who might be interested  
please e-mail Robert Graham at [Robert\\_26884@msn.com](mailto:Robert_26884@msn.com) or send a snail mail to:  
Robert Graham, 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St.  
#C, Houston, TX. 77006. (713)526-0291.  
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## HELP WANTED

WANTED: A PERSON WITH A GOOD  
INTERNET CONNECTION AND FAR  
TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS TO  
DO A MIND-NUMBING, THANKLESS  
TASK.

Okay, now that I have your attention.  
the MSR Summaries Compiler seeks  
an Assistant to help with the work of  
assembling all of the Monthly Status  
Reports into a format in which they can  
be easily summarized. Candidates  
should be a STARFLEET member in  
good standing, have a reliable internet  
connection in their home, and have  
Microsoft Word. Applications will be  
accepted starting immediately and  
continue until May 10th. Appointment  
will be made by May 15th at the latest,  
and the work will begin immediately upon  
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apply to Colonel Adam J. Bernay at  
[maccabee6@ussgallant.org](mailto:maccabee6@ussgallant.org). Application  
must include a "letter" (can be e-mail  
message) indicating that they fulfill the  
requirements; including both a FLEET  
and real-life resume is preferred.

## ITEMS WANTED

WANTED: VHS Video Tapes of the  
following episodes: From TNG: "The  
First Duty," "Lower Decks" From DS9:  
"Homefront," "Paradise Lost," "Broken  
Link," "Apocalypse Rising," "The Ship," "Nor  
The Battle To The Strong," "In Purgatory's  
Shadow," "By Inferno's Light" "Ties of  
Blood & Water," "Soldiers of the Empire,"  
"Blaze of Glory," "In The Cards," "Call To  
Arms," and all of seasons 6 and 7. ALSO:  
Any novels dealing with the Dominion  
War. Please contact Adam J. Bernay at  
[maccabee6@ussgallant.org](mailto:maccabee6@ussgallant.org) ASAP if you  
have copies of these materials you are  
willing to part with!



## REGIONAL ADS

Come to the Region 4 Conference, October 7-9, 2005 in Los Angeles CA. See Star Trek's backyard! Starfleet Academy! Sit in Captain Picard's chair! Register now! <http://www.r4conference2005.com/>

**Please resubmit all ads each issue to insure that they will run as long as you need them to... thank you!**  
**Next deadline is 5/25/05...**  
**VADM Wendy Fillmore**  
**CQHQ - cq@sfi.org**

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a box of assorted Star Trek: TNG/DS9 era action figures with accessories. - Minimum asking price: \$50.00

2. Star Trek: TNG Interactive VCR Board Game, "A KLINGON CHALLENGE". Rare! - Minimum asking price: \$25.00

3. Playmates Classic Star Trek phaser - Minimum asking price: \$15.00

4. Playmates Klingon Disrupter - Minimum asking price: \$15.00

5. Playmates Star Trek Borg Ship - Rare - Minimum asking price: \$20.00

6. Star Trek: Where No Man Has Gone Before - A History in Pictures. Text by J.M. Dillard - Full Color - Minimum asking price: \$25.00

7. These Are the Voyages 3-D Star Trek Pop-up book by Charles Kurts. Cover has a hologram of the USS Enterprise 1701 going to warp speed. - Minimum asking price: \$20.00

8. Playmates Star Trek Enterprise-D Bridge playset - Minimum asking price: \$15.00

9. Duras Sisters action figures - Lursa/Be'tor - Unopened! Mint Condition! Rare! Minimum asking price: \$20.00

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11. Ambassador Sarek action figure - Unopened! Rare! Minimum asking price: \$15.00

12. Playmates Star Trek: DS9 Space Station - Minimum asking price: \$15.00

13. Playmates Star Trek Transporter Chamber - Minimum asking price: \$15.00

14. James Doohan autographed card of "Scotty" - Encased in plastic protector - Minimum asking price: \$20.00

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16. "LT Worf" 8x11 color photograph, autographed by Michael Dorn, in frame - Minimum asking price: \$20.00

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18. "CAPT Jean Luc Picard" in white tux, black and white 8x11 photograph, autographed by Patrick Stewart, in frame - Minimum asking price: \$25.00

19. The Art of Star Trek - Full color coffee table book by Judith and Garfield Reeves-Stevens - Beautiful and rare photographs, with an introduction by Herman Zimmerman - Minimum asking price: \$25.00

20. Star Trek: TNG Customizable card

game, with limited edition collectors tin. Unopened, and with official players guide book. Mint condition! - Minimum asking price: \$35.00 (Will throw in a box of TNG cards for additional \$15.00)

21. Star Trek: TNG Desk Top Viewer - w/audio and color sound effects. LTCDR Data's voice, transporter sounds, alert klaxon sounds - Excellent condition and fully operations. - Minimum asking price: \$35.00

Finally...

22. Star Trek comic books - An entire collection - mint condition. DC/Malibu

comics ranging from TOS to TNG and DS9, and adaptations of movies. Very rare, and hard to find in such condition. A total of 250 comics. - Minimum asking price: \$150.00

So feel free to publicize this across Region 01 and across Fleet- Anyone interested in purchasing any of the Collectibles above- and sending the winning bid feel free to contact the Region 01 Summit Committee or Contact Person and/or the IC 2005 Charity Committee--- once they email me or write me at the below address- authorizing me to send whatever item YOU choose I will immediately mail it off to the address sent my way.

Thanks for allowing me to participate in the Region 01 Charity Auction and the IC 2005 Charity Auction.

Have a great time everyone-----

COMM Bill Herrmann  
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## MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

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

USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D  
 Denver, Colorado

The crew enjoyed many activities, including viewings of Firefly, Smallville, and Enterprise; a Laser Storm birthday party, gaming nights, an outing to the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, organizing a Blood Drive, and contributing to OCP (\$11,856.34 for January and February).

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado

We had a wonderful time with our annual "Ice Cream Social" after the February General Business part of the meeting and we watched a VHS tape of "The Making of Deep Space Nine". We enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Parade in old Colorado City, the same day as our General Meeting. We are continuing our help of the Boy Scouts and Marian Soup Kitchen as a part of our Community Service program.

Region 20

USS Britannia NCC-5311  
 Guernsey, United Kingdom  
 Our founding Commanding Officer, Marie Wilson, has returned and has agreed to become the Commander of the 380th MSG! Britannia has also decided upon two new charities for 2005: the 380th will support the RNIB, and the Britannia would support Breast Cancer Research.



We hope you'll join us for our...

**20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

It all happens on 25 June 2005, a gathering of friends and fellow members to celebrate a two-decade long journey of fun and adventure. And we'd like you to be a part of it!

Here are some of the details...

Location: Victorian Manor, Edison, NJ (<http://www.victorian-manor.com/>)

Time: 6 - 10PM

DJ: Prime-Time Entertainment

Cost: \$50/Person (Make checks/money orders payable to "U.S.S. Avenger")

Food: A buffet-style catered meal with a variety of options to satisfy a variety of tastes. (More details to come!)

For those who might need to stay overnight, we have selected the Hilton Garden Inn Edison/Paritan Center for rooms at a discounted rate of \$79/night. This includes a continental breakfast. Contact the hotel at 50 Paritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837, or by phone at (732) 225-0900.

To reserve a space, or if you have additional questions, contact the Avenger's Commanding Officer, at:  
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 331 Academy Terrace, Apt. 17, Linden, NJ 07036-5695  
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<http://www.sfi.org/compop/database/join.asp>

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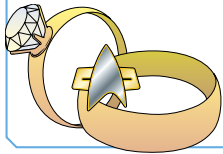
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# STARFLEET *Society*

**"If we join together, no force can stop us..."**



Jadzia to Worf, "You Are Cordially Invited"

**'FLEET Weddings**



Matt Donohoe, Matt Brooks, Tom Donohoe (CO, USS Dauntless, R2), Kimi Donohoe (USS Dauntless), Morgan Kirby, and Kimberly Donohoe ~ Tom Donohoe and Kimi Brooks were married on 2/14/05 on Mickler's Landing in Jacksonville, FL.



Above: Adrianne and Tony Lopes of the USS Pride of Scotland were married December 31, 2004 at the home of her parents, Orville and Sally Moss in Louisville KY. Ricky Bruckman of the USS Hathor performed the ceremony. Assisting children, Nate and Heidi. The bridesmaids were Valerie Trapp and Cynthia Beard and Sandy Berenberg was the best man. Members of the Pride of Scotland and the Hathor were in attendance to wish the happy couple well.



Below: Michael Butwinick and Rebecca Beckett, both of K'Ehleyr Station in R4, were married on 3/19/05. The reception was held at the home of Becca's mother.

**"Second star to the right,  
and straight on 'til morning..."**

**FLEET Obituaries**



Ann Marie Reilly  
Entered the Final Frontier  
April 11, 2005

picture taken and submitted by  
VAdm Wendy Fillmore - picture taken at  
USS Avenger crew meeting in spring of 2001.  
see page 26 for more pictures

## **'Fleet Birthdays**



VAdm. Wendy Fillmore  
Birthday: 5/24  
K'Ehleyr Station, Region 4  
Wendy is celebrating the 13th  
anniversary of her 29th birthday  
this year.

Welcome to the STARFLEET Society page! This is where I'd like to honor our 'Fleet weddings/anniversaries, birthdays, and those members who have passed on. Please send me your best photo with the basic information; who is in the picture, what ship/region they're with, what the event is, when it took place, and where. If I get enough submissions, this will be the new centerfold each issue. Get your submissions in to [cq@sfi.org](mailto:cq@sfi.org)!