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There's a New Starship on Earth - Literally!

CDR Doug Hogan • Shuttle Maverick, R3



Andy Gee and his wife, Janne, have gone "...where no one has gone before." They've gone into the restaurant business in their very own starship! The Starship Pegasus is a space-themed restaurant located just south of Dallas on I-35, in Italy, Texas. I've been watching their business grow via their internet site (<http://www.starshippegasus.com>) and recently stopped by with my daughter to interview them for the Communiqué. Over a lunch of meatball subs and huge wrap sandwiches, the Gees were kind enough to visit with us, Janne in person, Andy via phone.

How long has the Starship Pegasus Restaurant been open?

We opened the week before Christmas and have been working hard to continue to add things to eat, see, and do. Our most recent addition is the Lunar miniature golf course right outside, and of course, our menu is always being updated. We've got a really good recipe for chicken fingers that we're going to work into a new dish coming out next week called 'Alien fingers.'

I've been watching the growth of the Pegasus on the internet. Were there any problems you had getting set up?

One of our challenges is competition. In our area there are a couple of new restaurants that have opened up but one of our strengths is our flexibility. If our customers ask for a certain dish, we'll look into it and see what we can do about adding it to the menu. We have lots of different

kinds of entrees available, from pizzas to hot and cold subs, to wraps, to salads. We can offer customers a wider variety of dishes on our menu, along with different kinds of fun activities.

Do you plan on Pegasus being a franchise?

We're looking into that. There is a company that is interested in the concept that we've been talking to and our future is wide open! We're looking forward to the second phase of our project, which is building the adjoining space complex, featuring a museum, technology and robotics displays, lecture hall, and a space camp, all in domed buildings resembling planets.

Who came up with the idea for the design?

Andy has always been interested in architecture and monolithic domes. He took his skills in real estate and combined the architecture and engineering and came up with Starship Pegasus.

Does the shape of the building help in the costs of the construction?

The domed shape not only helps keep heating and cooling down, but the initial construction costs are less and it is cheaper to maintain in the long run. The shape is incredibly tornado resistant and really opens up the space available inside. We're just down the road from the Monolithic Dome Institute (<http://www.monolithic.com>) where they offer workshops and conferences to people from all over the world.

Other than your architecture, is there anything that makes your restaurant special?

This is a fun destination. We offer a wide variety of food but we also offer lots of activities to do. Along with miniature golf, we've got one of the best gaming systems around.

I noticed your X-Box wall.

We've got multiple flat-screen X-Box systems, arcade games, and the ability to project the games on the outside of the dome, resulting in a unique gaming experience! We also have astronomy lectures and even a puppet show for the little ones. We realize our customers' interests are varied so we try to have something for just about everyone.

The proposed complex has educational features. How important is that to the overall design of the Pegasus?

It's very important. We want to offer a place to challenge kids' creativity. Kids need to be able to "think outside the box" and not get bogged down in just learning how to do a certain kind of academic test. We want to help expand their imagination, so yes, the concept of education is very important to us.

Have you had contact with Sci-Fi fans?

We've had lots of coverage in the local media when we opened last winter and we've had some interesting e-mails from our website. We've had people travel from some pretty far away places to come see us. We've also been in contact with Eugene Roddenberry about his upcoming movie 'Trek Nation.' Of course, we'd love to see more fans stop in, especially if they're going to the STARFLEET International Conference. We're probably right on the way.

Is there anything you'd like to say to the Communiqué readers?

Come on in! View the website and drop us a line.

How can people contact the Starship Pegasus?

Our website is:
<http://www.starshippegasus.com>
and our address is:
Starship Pegasus
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Italy, Texas, 76651.
Our phone number is (972) 483-7755.

We're open 11-9 on Monday through Saturday.
Trek on down to see us!

More pictures on page 3!

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This picture of Ann Marie Reilly, printed in CQ#128, page 34, was originally taken by CAPT George "Geordi" Padovan on 07/20/2001. **Apologies** to Geordi on the oversight, and many thanks for the great picture! ~Ed.



Apologies also go out to the Shuttle Tiburon crew and Bran Stimpson, RC/R17 - first, for not printing the information about the R17 Summit/Marine Muster sooner, so that it didn't get to folks until after the fact; and secondly, for running the wrong article to announce the launch of their shuttle. The correct article appears on page 7 of this issue. ~Ed.



The USS Alioth had a farewell to Enterprise party. We will miss thee.
Standing is MCPO Richard Knox. Seated is Ensign Katherine and Joey Ercanbrack.
Kneeling, Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, Capt. Tiffany Knox, RADM Lynnette Knox, LT. Dayne Clark, Alyssa Clawson. Crew of the USS Alioth/NCC-72383, Region 17
(Taken May 13, 2005 by RADM Keira Strong)

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STARSHIP PEGASUS



Top left:
The front of Starship Pegasus

Center left:
The dining room

Bottom left:
Mini golf course



Top right:
Workstations

Center right:
Aliens welcome visitors to the restaurant.

Bottom right:
Model of what the expansion is planned to look like.



USS HAISE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

CAPT Lucy Ferron, CO • USS Haise, R2

The crew of the USS Haise, NCC-74664, gathered for a celebratory dinner in honor of the tenth anniversary of the ship on April 26, 2005. Two of the pictured crew members were present at the ship's commissioning, Rear Admiral Bethany Theilman and Commodore Jim Brunton. Following an opening ceremony and dinner, the crew had fun going through memorabilia from the ship's early days then ate anniversary cake with the

ship's logo screened on top. A special congratulatory message from Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise was sent to the crew and read as part of the anniversary ceremony led by Haise CO, Capt. Lucy Ferron, XO Capt. Raban Kilgore, and Region 2, Zone 4 Coordinator, Capt. Larry Morris.

(Photo taken by our waitress on Bethany Theilman's camera. Submitted by Lucy Ferron)

USS Haise members at the celebration:

Kneeling front - Reed Jackson, Isa Kilgore, James Jackson

Front row - Raban Kilgore, Michaela Austin, Jim Brunton, Lucy Ferron, Evan Theilman, Beverly Jackson, Annie Harris Kirkham

Back row - Larry Morris, Bethany Theilman, Clay Bartunek, and Mark Young.



USS STAR RUNNER...

Shoots a commercial for UPN!

FCAPT Debbie Butcher • USS Star Runner, R1

In August of 2001, we contacted the Greenville, SC UPN Affiliate Channel 62 WASV. They were gearing up to begin a new STAR TREK series; a prequel to all the other series before it, a show that would bear the name of the most famous of all sci-fi vessels, "ENTERPRISE".

We emailed the promotions director, told them about the local fan organization in the area, and let them know that we were interested in helping them promote the show. They jumped at the chance and requested that we be featured in a commercial for the show. We agreed and it began to snowball. In September 2001, we filmed the first commercial and found ourselves in a unique position. A position where we were becoming visible and had friends at the network.

Since the first commercial, we have done three live spots for the network and two additional commercials. Two spots were at a Greenville Braves baseball game, a minor league team for the Atlanta Braves. One spot was at a local college football game at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. We were also interviewed by UPN Affiliate and by the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, a local newspaper from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

As the show "ENTERPRISE" progressed, the ratings slipped quickly, due in large part to the storylines and writing. When the show first aired we, the fans, were expecting the birth of the federation and a look at the early days in Starfleet. The series initially, did not deliver that to the fans. The writers began changing well-known established storylines and the fans were disappointed. With each season, the storylines kept getting further away from the history that Gene Roddenberry, the creator of the franchise, had established as STAR TREK lore, or cannon, as he called it.

In January 2005, the fourth season began with a bang. There were new writers that have been fans for as long as they can remember. They started writing episodes that the fans would enjoy and making the connections necessary to make the series connect to all the established storyline history in STAR TREK.

Early in March 2005, Paramount Studios announced the cancellation of the series at the end of season 4. There was a huge upset in the fan community and a write-in campaign, similar to the campaign in the 1960's, began in an attempt to save the show. A group by the name "TREK UNITED" came to the rescue, or so we hoped. They started rallies and attempted fundraisers to try to save the show. They were also responsible for online petitions

and other avenues in an attempt to get Paramount's attention that the fans were still watching.

When the announcement of cancellation was made, I contacted WASV once more to see what they had planned. Ms. Tamara Thompson, Promotions Director for the station, wanted to have a small party for 10-20 people at a local restaurant. We quickly explained that was a great idea, but they were thinking too small and that they might want to make it more of an event. I explained that thinking bigger was better.

We came up with a bunch of ideas and had a meeting with her in person. She liked our ideas and decided to see what the station was willing to do.

After talking to her superiors, she was given the green light on a fan appreciation party. We began talking on a regular basis and shooting out ideas. We suggested getting a large enough space as soon as possible so announcements could begin to be made.

She set up a great place in Spartanburg, the Summit Pointe Conference Center adjacent to the Hampton Inn. Then she set up a date to shoot a commercial for the event. We were excited about getting to do another commercial so we jumped at the chance.

After shooting the commercial, the final preparations were coming together. The only question left was if this would be the final episode.

After a lot of hard work and fundraising, "TREK UNITED" made a final offer to Paramount Studios and it was not enough. We were still on a course that would say goodbye to the show and the end of an era.

In the 1960, the original series only ran for 3 seasons, with season 3 being a gift after the famous write-in campaign. Then in 1979, the STAR TREK franchise was given new life with "STAR TREK THE MOTION PICTURE", and new fans were born. Then they began a series of feature films. Now after almost 40 years the franchise has 10 films, comic books, cartoons, and merchandise all over the world, and 4 spin off series. What other show can boast that?

Every spin off series but "ENTERPRISE" had a seven year run ending with the next series already in its second or third year of production. Now with the end of "ENTERPRISE", since the beginning of "THE NEXT GENERATION" series, we are seeing the end of an 18 year consecutive run for the spin offs.



Front row: CAPT Matt Power, Crewman Bill Morris, and FCAPT Debbie Butcher
2nd row: LT Mandy Rollins, FCAPT Gary Hollifield, (Michael, Keela's husband?), and Keela (from NC KAG)

With the end, we needed to say goodbye with style. Ms. Thompson agreed and on May 13, 2005, that is what happened. After bouncing ideas off our chapter for a few months, she delivered a great farewell party. We had one last meeting with Ms. Thompson on May 9th at the desired site, again the Summit Pointe Conference Center, at 10am to make the final arrangements. They asked us on our opinions and needs and they got them. We were impressed with the site and were looking forward to seeing the results.

On May 13th, Matt, Pat and Jim Power arrived at 11:45am as was discussed to help with the set-up and found nobody there. After talking with the employees at the site, they discovered that the set-up times had been changed and they would be there at 2pm. The event was scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. This worried us but we went forward with the plans.

We arrived after at 3:30pm to find that the set up was almost complete and that a fan was

already on site. Then we unloaded and set up the items that we had brought for the party. Then Matt went to the room provided for changing and got into his Klingon costume.

We were impressed with the decorations. The main entrance into the ballroom had an entryway that reminded us of the holodeck entrance. The cash bar was covered by a set like an awning that looked like the promenade on "Deep Space Nine". Then there was a light fixture that was similar to a warp core. As we entered the ballroom area, our eyes were drawn to this long cloth covered with light fixtures that hung from the 10-foot high ceiling to the floor. They had a soft glow in red, yellow and blue lights.

There was a projection screen at the front of the room and a plasma TV in the rear. There were also at least 14



FCAPT Debbie Butcher and Cadet Brandon Legano (USS STAR RUNNER 74222, R-1, March 2005)



CAPT Matt Power, FCAPT Gary Hollifield, Keela (from NC KAG)

large round tables in the room with about 8 chairs per table. There was also an area at the front of the room where 3 six-foot long tables were placed to the right of the main screen with "ENTERPRISE, STARGATE SG1, X-FILES, OUTER LIMITS", and of course UPN merchandise on them to be given out as door prizes.

To the left of the screen there were three more six-foot tables in an L form that we could use as a recruiting table along with a place to display items that we had brought for display. Items like STAR TREK models, a Darth Vader helmet with light saber, signed photos, an original series Battle Star Galactica Sylon centurion helmet, and a full sized Borg Queen bust made by local artist Bill Morris were a few of the featured items.

As the rest of my group arrived, we began putting up our posters and banners. Several members took root at the main entrance desk and were shown how to stamp hands as the fans came in. Matt was told that a local rock radio station, 96.7 the Buzzard, was going to be onsite for emcee and entertainment purposes.

However, several of the people he spoke to had said that they had not seen the commercial or heard the radio station announce the party. Therefore, we were really beginning to worry that this party was going to blow up in our faces.

As 6pm rolled around a few fans began to trickle into the door and we decided to go ahead and open up. We were expecting 40-60 people to come and have fun. However as the night progressed the lines became longer at the front door and we saw more than we hoped.

Before the first show began, a head count was taken. Even with people coming in and out of the room there was a count of almost 200 at the party that is an outstanding achievement and far beyond what we had hoped.

As the night continued, the emcee began giving out door prizes. Everyone was having a blast. The music, the company, and the

atmosphere were perfect. Everyone I spoke to was enjoying themselves and I saw smiles everywhere I looked.

We all sat down and watched the final two episodes and during commercials, the emcee continued to give out door prizes. We had heard some bad things about the actual finale and were worried that it would disappoint us. The USS Star Runner's final opinion about it was that it was worth watching and we were not disappointed at all.

The party continued throughout the evening until midnight when they had to lock the front doors. In all we were very pleased with the party, and I believe that we will see new members for the local Starfleet chapter here in Greenville, South Carolina.

To those that worked so hard to make this party the success that it was, I say thank you, especially to Ms. Thompson. You are a true diamond and we hope we get to work together again very soon.

Now that the series is over, we look towards the future for more STAR TREK movies and possible series that will keep the dream that Gene Roddenberry created in his mind almost 40 years ago: "IDIC", Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations, a dream where life is better and everyone gets along.

May the dream live on.

Thank you, Gene. You are truly missed.

You can get photos of the event at the sites listed below.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BON_VOYAGE_ENTERPRISE

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

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

WHAT'S HOT WITH THE USS INFERNO

In the Second Quarter?

BDR K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK
(Larry D. French, Sr.) • USS Inferno, R7

Greetings, STARFLEET,
This is Brigadier (newly promoted) K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) again with news about what the infamous USS Inferno has been doing and is planning to do. Unfortunately, this report does not have many pictures to accompany it like it usually does.

We are always busy. In February, three members attended the Pittsburgh Auto Show. In March, the XO and Ops bowled in the "Bowl for Kids' Sake" charity bowl-a-thon. In April, the XO conducted the Scouting for Food drive and five members of the crew attended the Camp Dover Peace Conference. Everyone that went had a good time and none went away dissatisfied. In May, we had several volunteer and/or participate in the Pittsburgh Race for the Cure. Combined ship total for volunteer hours for the project was 30 hours with 5 people on the project. Also in May, we had an Enterprise Finale Party. This is the first time since the Inferno's commissioning that 11 out of our 15 members have gotten together for an event. Most of our events gather 3-5 members at a time, but never this many.

On May 21st, we have 12 members of the USS Inferno and 2 members of the USS Niagara going to see Star Wars Episode

III. This should be fun and everyone is excited about going. We are also trying to plan a ship Memorial Day Picnic.

On June 4th, the crew of the USS Inferno is sponsoring a Region 7 Western Frontier Picnic at North Park in Pittsburgh, PA. Anyone in STARFLEET is encouraged to attend.

We are planning a July 4th celebration with details to follow. We are also planning another Camping Trip (Not an official Wilderness Challenge) for July 15-17 at Cooks Forest, PA. Anyone in STARFLEET is welcome to attend. Let the Captain or XO know if you are interested in attending.

The USS Inferno's sister ships, the ICV Heghnach and RS Hecate will be attending the 10th Anniversary of Maquis Gras. The guests will be J.G Hertzler (Martok) and Robert O'Reilly (Gowron) on September 30th thru October 2nd. I guarantee that if you haven't seen them together before, it is truly something to see. They are hysterically funny together. You don't want to miss this! Check out <http://www.mavfiresword.com> for details. I hope to see a large contingent of Maquis and House Ki'RK there, especially since the both Klingon Chancellors will be there.



USS DESTINY JOINS THE 2005 UFO PARADE

CAPT Craig Martin, CO • USS Destiny, R5



The first pic (above) is a group shot of Klingon Commander Paul Karczag (bigger one) and Klingon Robert Ison (small one). The Storm Troopers are Jango Fett (Commander Jason Hopkins) and the Red Storm Trooper is Matt. The Biker Scout is Steve. They also have the Jedi Female Laurie with them. The USS Destiny has CO CAPT Craig Martin in the red Next Generation uniform and Chief of Engineering ENS Michael Martin has gone to the Dark Side in the Darth Vader Costume. He was trying this out in preparation for the Star Wars III Party we were hosting 4 days later.

** The next pic (below) is of Craig Martin with his wife Lorrie and daughter Shelby checking out the UFO exhibit in down town McMinnville and walking off the ice cream we had. There was lots of booths covering many aspects of UFO Information, including a "Big Foot" Foot Print Plaster Cast made in Yellowstone National Park in the late 60's Must be real then ?



**The next pic (below) left to right had Craig Martin, Michael's daughters Mykala and Anntera, and Craig's daughter Shelby posing with a Yoda Prop from a Portland MovieLand Theater on the back of a 57 Chevy Nomad.



Our Chapter is very small, about 14 of us with only 6 members that actually meet each month. However, it just so happens that my brother Michael Martin and I work for a sheet metal roofing company that has 30-foot flat bed trailers, and it was the perfect size for a float in the McMinnville UFO Festival Parade on Sat., May 14th, 2005.

So I contacted our friends up in Gresham, Oregon, the "IKAV Raptor - Imperial Klingon Fan Club". They were thrilled to ride with us on our float, seeing as how the parade is 11 blocks long. Nothing worse than a sweaty Klingon ;)

We also met up with the "Kamino Squad 501st Legion of Storm Troopers" from Portland, Oregon, while setting up at the parade. They opted to walk the full length of the parade though. Pffft. Storm Troopers LOL.



**Also there is a pic (above) of the Storm Troopers posing in front of the crowd, they won 2nd Best for Alien Group.

**The pic of us eating on the trailer (below) was before the parade, it took a total of 6 1/2 man hours to make 2.... 28 foot signs. And Craig's R2 D2 cooler was filled with 21 pounds of candy, which just barely made it to the end of the parade. There was over 500 people standing along the streets, anyone that could show me the Spock Hand Sign got an extra piece of candy.



**The next pic (above) is of the Klingon female whose name I could not pronounce, "Vikkiat". She won the Best Female Alien contest and got to ride in the Special Model T Car in the parade.



**There is also a pic of Craig Martin with a female Trekkie "Angie" (above) that was also from the Portland MovieLand Theater. I could not get her to join our club because of the 50 mile distance between Portland and Salem. I was going to try the Vulcan Mind Meld thing but my wife wouldn't let me. There are female powers even a Vulcan cannot over come.

SHUTTLE TIBURON LAUNCHES!

BGR Bran Stimpson, CO • Shuttle Tiburon, R17

Greetings from the inky depths of Region 17! We are the Chaffee Shuttle Tiburon, swimming around the south central Denver area.

The Tiburon is a Marine shuttle, commanded by Captain Bran Stimpson. Sergeant Major Kevin Severson is the Executive officer, Commander Sarah Severson is the Chief Operations Officer, Colonel Dan Spence is the OIC for the 888 MSG, Commander Christina Sievers is the Chief Communications Officer and our Chief Science officer is Jennifer Sontag.

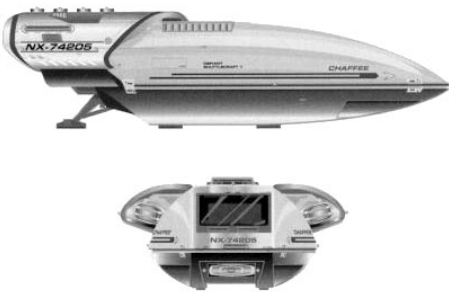
We launched at 12:01, January 1, 2005 at the annual Arc Royal anniversary party. The Arc Royal is our mothership and her crew has been wonderful in assisting and encouraging us. During the ceremony, Captain Stimpson was presented with the Keys to the Shuttle by Fleet Captain Bob Bulkeley. These included; the key to the head, the weapons locker and the ready room. Arc Royal CO Fleet Captain Joe Hinson had his own present for the new shuttle. He gave Captain Stimpson an engineering kit, which consisted of tissue paper for hull patching, bubble gum for repairing leaks, a wire hanger for when our beloved skipper locks us out, marbles

for the CO to keep safe (ha ha ha) and duct tape for everything else we may encounter. You never know what one may find in space.

Tiburon's goals include spreading the fun and camaraderie of STARFLEET in and around Denver, as well as working directly with our fellow R-17 chapters for the betterment of the region and STARFLEET International. Blood drives, volunteering around the city and working with Denver's Dumb Friends League have been discussed. We are helping with the regional Summit and Muster, scheduled for May, 2005. Details can be found at www.region-17.org/summit.

The 888 MSG Tiger Sharks encompasses the entire crew. Colonel Spence has plans for us in and around the region, the brigade and the SFMC in general. We look forward to expanding the playing field and working together with the other MSGs in the region and SFMC. Currently, we're putting together a flight team in conjunction with the Arc Royal for joint weekend missions to Qzar for Battletech simulations.

You can find us online at www.arccroyal.org/tiburon. There are pictures from our launch, as well as our ship's logo. Updates will occur as needed.



**The pic of us waving while on the trailer during the parade (above) was mostly the family of Craig and Michael Martin, with the Klingons at the rear. Those in the left side of the pic are brother Joe Martin, w/son Andrew Martin and our mother, Shirley Martin... on the right side were Anntera Martin, sister Donna Flannery w/ granddaughter Samantha, Shelby Martin, Mykala Martin, and Lorrie Martin.

**Special note: The 14 bails of hay were loaned to us at no cost from a local Champion Feed Store. They thought that Star Trek was a great thing to be involved in because it is about our future!

DEPARTMENT OF ONLINE GAMING

FCAPT Roger Stearns, Director SFI DOG

OPERATION WATCHDOG

The STARFLEET International Department of Online Gaming was established in 1999 under the leadership of Joe Brouhard. I am pleased to inform you that the SFI gaming group is still in existence today and is here to serve the membership. Our website and message boards are hosted at <http://sfigamin.net>. Our purpose is to bring gamers in Fleet together in friendship and fun as we pursue the enjoyment of yet another aspect of fandom, specifically Trek Gaming. Our online gaming activities are not limited to just Trek gaming titles such as the popular Armada series, Elite Force series, and Bridge Commander. We help coordinate and encourage gaming among Fleet members in other gaming titles where the interest is indicated; including but not limited to the Battlefield series (Battlefield 1942, Battlefield Vietnam, & Battlefield 2), Guild Wars, real-time strategy games, and popular Star Wars titles.

HAZARD TEAMS

Hazard Teams are based on the concept in the Elite Force game of having a specialized unit on a starship to deal with the most dangerous away missions. The application of this concept into SFI equates as establishing who the elite gamers are among your crews. We at DOG invite each chapter in SFI with interested gamers onboard to register with the sfigamin.net forums your crew's group of gamers. We plan to utilize the Hazard Team program to coordinate crew vs. crew gaming, as well as STARFLEET vs. other organizations. At the very least, if you have one gamer among your crew, we ask for you to have at least one of your crew register in the forums to keep your fellow crewmates informed of current gaming news and activities.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

In addition to having some crew vs. crew gaming, the DOG Staff would love to see some region vs. region gaming in Fleet. To assist in coordinating this effort, please ask your Regional Coordinators to appoint a member from your region to serve as a Representative to the Department of Online Gaming. These Representatives will be crucial to providing input on helping DOG serve the membership better. Regional Representatives are needed to help coordinate activities, encourage gaming, and providing information.

With a second dark age having fallen upon the Trek gaming Community as a result of the Activision lawsuit against Viacom/Paramount, we have a long wait until the next Trek game is developed. Operation Watchdog is a concerted effort by DOG to keep STARFLEET members informed about the next Star Trek internet game currently in development by Perpetual Entertainment. Operation Watchdog has a second mission objective of assembling in the sfigamin.net forums the Fleet members that plan to get and play the next Trek game. The game is STAR TREK ONLINE, and will be a Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game. Essentially Star Trek Online will be a Star Trek version of games like EverQuest, World of Warcraft, Guild Wars and the like. Due for release in 2007, we want to get started now in preparation of having a coordinated STARFLEET International presence in the game. Detailed news on the game will be posted in the sfigamin.net forums and brief news bits will be included in the STARFLEET Communiqué publication.

Quick Help – Gaming Shorthand

In an effort to make sure we all know some of the basic gaming lingo, included here is a brief list of gaming shorthand you'll want to know.

FPS = First Person Shooter (examples: Star Trek Elite Force, Star Wars Battlefront, Battlefield Vietnam)
RTS = Real-Time Strategy (examples: Age of Empires, Rise of Nations, Battle For Middle-Earth)
RPG = Role Playing Game (examples: Diablo, Dungeon Siege)
MMO = Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game (aka, MMORPG) (examples: Guild Wars, EverQuest, World of Warcraft, Star Wars Galaxies)
STO = Star Trek Online, MMORPG with expected release date in 2007
DOG = STARFLEET International's Department of Online Gaming





ADVERTISE YOURSELF IN FELLOWSHIP

ADM Helen Pawlowski • USS Troubadour, R12

ADM Marlene J. Miller • USS Renegade, R1



One of the time-tested methods of selling a product is ADVERTISE!

STARFLEET is your product and YOU are the advertisement. How do you advertise yourself? You advertise yourself by your presence, physically and by publication of good works done by you in STARFLEET's name. You advertise by virtue of Fellowship. Fellowship among your current friends and Fellowship among friends you haven't met yet.

Back in the days when 'Trek-related conventions were numerous, I used to see a group attending them, all dressed in "Monster Maroons," looking sharp as a tack and very impressive.

I was a loner, looking in, but I assure you that those uniforms and the general appearance of the group caught my attention and certainly my interest. At about the third such convention one of these people approached me and mentioned that he'd seen me several times before and asked if I'd be interested in joining a Star Trek fan club. Would I?!!!!

The members of the USS DISCOVERY and particularly Lester Schopp were my first introduction to organized fandom by virtue of their appearance and willingness to step outside the boundaries of the usual recruiting table and present themselves as walking billboards to promote the dream. Believe me, it works!

When you go to a function as a group, go in uniform. Be neat, be sharp, and look for people you might have seen at other events. Carry fliers or cards that identify you so that you may be contacted for more information.

Press the flesh! Make yourself available!

ADVERTISE!

I don't know why you joined STARFLEET. Everybody has a different reason, I suppose; for me, it was a chance to "Talk Trek" with someone who would listen and respond. My kids would roll their eyes and say, "There goes Mom, again!" if I tried Trek talk on them.

When I joined the 'Fleet, I felt as though I had come home.

We've recently done a little snooping into what seems to interest other members of our persuasion, and we thought we'd share what we found, with you.

Following are our choices for Fellowship Feature Events happening in STARFLEET over the past few months:

Away Missions

Region 1:

USS ALARIC went to the Colburn Science museum to listen to former astronaut, Dr. Story Musgrave, speak. USS APPOMATTOX went to Farn Mountain Observatory. USS ATHENA organized a tour of the Space Telescope Science Institute (where the Hubble is controlled). USS DARK WOLF is planning a trip to Adv. Con. USS DOMINATOR attended the North Carolina/South Carolina Sectional picnic. They also attended the monthly Star Trek Meet-up at a local mall. USS HEIMDAL went to the Science Museum and IMAX Theater in Roanoke. They plan a day at the lake on a houseboat in July. USS JAMESTOWN attended IKV Bat'leth's Mike Broome's welcome back party. They also participated in the March of Dimes Walk America. USS MAELSTROM attended a function for the Open Door Food Pantry. USS OHIO attended two conventions. USS POWHATAN volunteered to answer telephones for the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon and PBS TV membership drive. USS RENEGADE attended Vulkan and will be assisting in a one-day mini-con with Aron Eisenberg (Nog, on DS-9) as guest. USS RONALD E. McNAIR went camping at King's Mountain State Park, South Carolina. USS STAR LEAGUE had a crew bowling outing. USS STARWARD FURY took an 8-mile nature hike at a local park. USS YEAGER is planning a picnic at Claytor Lake.

Region 2:

SHUTTLE ANDROMEDA attended Astronomy Day 2005 at the Museum of Science and Industry. They also attended the Bay Area Renaissance festival. USS BLACKSTAR proposes to take a trip to Miami Metro Zoo, a trip to Parrot Jungle Island and a bowling night. USS DaVINCI went on a trip to the Coca Cola Space Science Center in Columbus, Georgia. USS GASPARILLA went to an APS lecture on "Dark Energy" by Lawrence M. Krauss, PhD, author of The Physics of Star Trek. USS JUBILEE participated in the Arthritis Walk with the USS NEW HOPE. USS KHAI TAM cleaned an adopted portion of St. Mark's Trail. USS MYRDDIN attended the Renaissance Faire and the Relay for Life. USS NEW HOPE did the Arthritis Walk and raised \$649.00 to place 5th out of 28 groups. They walked 3 miles. USS RELENTLESS attended the Bay Area Renaissance Faire. USS REPUBLIC had an away team mission to the local Ren Fest. USS ROGUE PHOENIX volunteered at Oatland Island's Sheep to Shawl Festival,

the SKC dog match in Daffin Park, and had a club bowling party. USS TRIUMPH participated in Adopt-A-Street program. USS VICTORIOUS attended the Bay Area Project.

Region 3:

SHUTTLE MAVERICK participated in the MS walk, the Relay for Life, and visited the traveling Viet Nam Memorial Wall. SHUTTLE THUNDERWOLF has been active taking classes at the American Red Cross and in helping respond to apartment and residential fires. They also operated First Aid Stations at Ten Days of Fiesta. USS AURORA VULCANUS went to Scarborough Faire. USS JOAN OF ARC answered phones in uniform for a PBS TV auction in May. USS SPIRIT WOLF attended Star Trek Meet-up. USS TRINITY RIVER attended the opening weekend of Scarborough Faire.

Region 4

SS CASCADE STATION has scheduled a Mini-Golf excursion. SS K'EYLEHR went to see the Titanic exhibit and, at another time, went roller-skating. USS ANGELUS visited the LA County Arboretum (site of the Voyager pilot) and attended Lancaster Poppy Festival, Shatner's Charity Horse Show. USS HELLS FURY had a Cadet away mission to some local parks. USS ONIZUKA is meeting for a round of mini-golf. USS STORMBRINGER attended StarFest 2005 where they won the Sci-Fi Feud contest for the fourth year in a row.

Region 5

USS DESTINY will have a picnic at Silver Falls State park.

Region 6

USS IMPERIUM went to Winnipeg, Canada for a leisure time away mission.

Region 7

USS ACCORD went to the local Planetarium. USS ALBANY went bowling. USS ASCENSION attended the East Coast Hobby Show at Fort Washington, PA where some members won silver plaques for models they entered. Some attended a tour of the battleship New Jersey, in Camden, N.J. After the tour, the crew grabbed a bite to eat in the mess hall on board the battleship. USS AVENGER is awaiting info on skirmish/paintball, and a joint venture paintball / whitewater rafting. USS FLYING FOX took a trip to Chiller. USS NIAGRA brought many friends and a number of school directors together at the Vulkan Convention in Cleveland. USS THOR will be working operations, security and emergency services at Balticon in Baltimore, MD, and again at Anime Mid-Atlantic in Richmond, VA.

Region 9

USS EUROPE went to FedCon in Germany.

Region 10

USS CRYSTAL STAR assisted in a booth during Kid's Day at Egan Center.

Region 12

USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA attended Ballwin Arts Festival and Taste of Ballwin Day. USS BORTAS had a miniature golf outing. USS DISCOVERY had a bowling event. USS JEANNETTE MADDOX went to the Great Plains Renaissance Faire in Wichita. USS THUNDERBIRD went to Tiger Safari, an animal preserve in Tuttle, OK, where some of the crew fed a tiger.

Region 13

USS BANTING went to see a play done by a local theater group. One of the crewmembers had a role in the play, and two others were part of the backstage crew. USS EMPRESS had an away mission to an historic mill. USS WHITE STAR members attended Penguincon.

Region 15

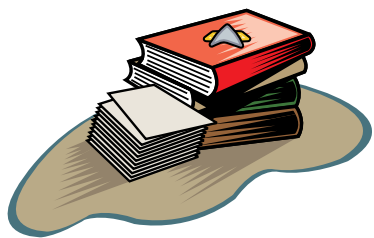
USS ARES and USS DARWIN went on a geocaching hunt in downtown Boston. (For more information go to www.geocaching.com).

Region 17

SHUTTLE TIBURON attended a snowed out/rained out game of the Colorado Rockies, and attended StarFest. USS ANASAZI sent to Denver for Star Fest. USS ARC ROYAL went to Star Fest. USS MIR visited the Tularosa Basin Museum and Alameda Park Zoo. USS OMEGA GLORY listed so many activities there's not space to print them! USS PIONEER was also very busy!

This tells you what activities some of STARFLEET members were involved in, but many more things occupied their time: gaming, movie nights, Enterprise finale, clipping coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project, having picnics, saving postage stamps, pop-tabs, recycling, recruiting, going to meetings on other ships, sharing outings with other groups such as KAG, and fundraisers.

The charities that benefited from 'Fleet members' efforts were: Ronald McDonald House, Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Pregnancy Crisis Center and the Veteran's Home - both in Georgetown Ohio, Open Door Food Pantry, Lorain County Department of Ageing, Operation Eagle - for wounded troops, "Any Soldier" Program, Arthritis Walk, Decatur Animal Shelter, Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Relay for

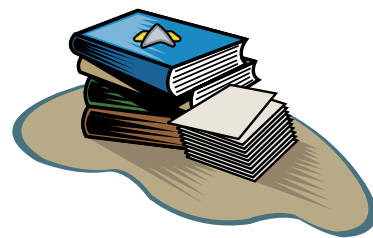


BOOK REVIEWS

“Engines of Destiny” and “To Reign In Hell”

BGEN Larry Neigut

USS Archer, R7



Engines of Destiny

Having left Captain Harriman, Captain Scott, Demora Sulu and the others behind on the bridge of the Enterprise-B, Captain James T. Kirk raced thru the ship's corridors on his way to the Deflector Control Room. He knew time was short and he quickened his pace. He slid down the gangway and opened up the deflector panel and started switching around the isolinear chips. He reinserted the main control and cried “That’s it. Go!” In an instant, Kirk was gone.

Scotty activated the shuttlecrafts’ transporter controls which were already locked onto Captain Kirk. As Kirk materialized, Scotty hardly noticed as the Goddard’s alarms were blaring, assaulting his ears. When he looked up, the Enterprise was gone. The Nexus couldn’t have swallowed her up, but she was gone none-the-less. And to make matters worse, sensors showed something else was out there. Two somethings. Hundreds of times larger than the Enterprise. They were the last things he ever wanted to see. Borg cubes.

As he felt a hand on his shoulder, he turned to stare into the smudge-stained and very puzzled face of James T. Kirk.

Engines of Destiny was written by Gene DeWeese, and takes place after Captain Kirk was killed during the launch of the Enterprise-B. Continuing nightmares keep tugging at the mind of Montgomery Scott. He feels guilty over the deaths of his captain and the hundreds of El-Aurians who also died in his attempt to free them from the Nexxus. In his misery, Scotty meets young Matt Franklin, who will later ship out with him aboard the Jenolen, only to be lost when his pattern degrades after 75 years stuck in a transporter loop, and a mysterious woman named Guinan.

To ease his distress, Scotty determines to rescue Captain Kirk just as he is torn off the Enterprise by the Nexus. Learning of Scotty’s plans, Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the Enterprise-D set off to prevent this from happening, following Scotty back in time, into the nightmarish hell of a universe controlled by the Borg. Earth has been assimilated. There is no Federation. There is only the Alliance, peopled by the Vulcans, Romulans, Klingons, and the Cardassians. They are led by Arbiter Sarek.

Can Captain Picard set things right? Or will this timeline become permanent? If Picard is successful, what will become of Captain Kirk? For the answers to these and

other questions, you must read “Engines of Destiny.” You won’t be disappointed.

To Reign in Hell by Greg Cox

Many years ago, Captain James T. Kirk exiled former world ruler Khan Noonian Singh to a planet called Ceti Alpha V. Eighteen years later, The USS Reliant accidentally stumbled upon Khan and his followers. What followed next is best told in Star Trek II-The Wrath of Khan. But what happened to Khan and the others after Captain Kirk dropped them off?

Captain Kirk wondered the same thing. One year after the destruction of the Reliant and the death of Khan, Captain Kirk, Mr. Spock, Dr. McCoy and Mr. Sulu return to Ceti Alpha V. There they will discover the tomb of Lt. Marla McGivers, the Starfleet officer who joined Khan in exile. Along with her tomb, they discovered the data disks from McGivers tricorder and a hand-written journal of the colony by Khan himself.

The journal details the harsh conditions the colonists endured from the time they were left on Ceti Alpha V until 6 months later when Ceti Alpha VI exploded and “everything was laid waste”, up until Captain Terrell and Commander Chekov beamed down to check out the planet for

Dr. Carol Marcus and the Genesis Project.

Many of the questions raised by myself and others will be answered in the book. First, where did Khan get the Starfleet emblem he wore around his neck? Second, how did McGivers die? Third, why does Khan wear a glove on his right hand? Fourth, why do the surviving colonists look so much younger than Khan, and why are they all blonde haired? Fifth, who is Joachim, and what happened to Khans’ Israeli bodyguard, Joachim?

This book is a must read. Cox has also written several other books about Khan, a two-part series called the Eugenics Wars. Part one deals with a 4 year old Khan and the development of the Chrysalis Project and the creation of the Übermenschen (supermen). Along for the ride are some old friends, Gary Seven and Roberta Lincoln, who try to recruit Khan to work for them. Part two continues the story, but now Seven tries to stop Khan from taking over the world. In the end, Khan is given the Botany Bay, the DY-200 class sleeper ship, and the rest is, as they say, history.

I would read the Eugenics War books first, then “Reign in Hell.” As Khan would quote his favorite author, Milton, it is “...better to reign in hell than to serve in heaven...”

Life (American Cancer Society), the San Antonio Children’s Center, Hill County’s Ministries Food Pantry, Round Rock Food Pantry, Willburger County Humane Society, Wichita County Humane Society, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Oklahoma School For the Blind, Boy Scouts of America and Marian Soup Kitchen.

We were most impressed by the following ships. Let us share with you their:

Unusual Contributions

In Region 1, the USS KITTY HAWK is gathering books for a retirement home that does not have a library.

In Region 3, the USS BEXAR is collecting stuffed animals for the EMS Trauma Buddy Program, who in turn, gives a child a teddy bear or stuffed toy when the child is involved in a traumatic experience or accident. The toys are also given to the American Red Cross who shares with the San Antonio Fire and Police Departments.

In Region 6, the USS ST. GEORGE is trying to recruit members in Riverside, Iowa, with the intention of basing a ship in that town. Since Captain Kirk was born in Iowa, it has been decided that he was born in Riverside; hence the push for a ship in his birth place.

In Region 7, the USS RICHTHOFEN is organizing a convention, Cauldroncon, that will have guests from “The Lord of the Rings”, “Star Wars”, and “Harry Potter.” Among other guests, the Harry Potter stars will be the young adults who portray Neville Longbottom, Seamus Finnegan, The Weasley Twins, and Vincent Crabbe.

In Region 12, the USS WILLIAM WALLACE’s C.O. was contacted by a person in Springfield who wants to launch a Shuttle from his ship!

In Region 15, the USS AVALON runs a food pantry out of the CO’s house. They are given foods by USDA and Wayside Food Rescue, which they store on shelves and in freezers from which people in need may take what they need on a walk-in basis.

Also in Region 15, the USS KASIMAR has built and is refurbishing a Starship bridge. They are presently working on the Captain’s chair.

Finally, yet importantly, in Region 17 the USS WIND SPIRIT has been donating Beanie Babies to the soldiers in Iraq. It seems as though Iraq’s kids have sometimes warned these soldiers of imminent ambushes and danger by the terrorists – and in return, the soldiers have given Beanie Babies to them. The kids highly prize their toys.

There’s one stuffed toy story we heard that would break your heart and we’d like to share it with you. One returning soldier tells the story of their convoy moving down an undisclosed road somewhere in Iraq when they came upon a young girl sitting in the middle of the road. The child was situated in a way that they couldn’t drive around her. The soldiers tried to get her to move, but she wouldn’t budge. They kept approaching but the child wouldn’t move from her spot on the road. As they got about 100 feet from the child, one of the

Iraqi-speaking soldiers hopped out of his vehicle and went to the child to see if she was injured. When he approached and asked the girl to move out of the road. She said “No” and pointed to a land mine next to where she sat. Up to this point, it hadn’t been seen by the soldiers and, had they continued ... they would have triggered the mine.

While our soldiers were disarming the mine, with a great big smile she proudly showed all the other soldiers a stuffed toy given to her by a soldier she met several days ago. Needless to say, she got more stuffed toys that day.

We hope all of this has given you an idea of how you can influence the world around you and make STARFLEET a fun and functional place to live and spread Fellowship.

Enjoy!

THE END OF STAR TREK?

VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7

For months now we've been talking about, writing about and thinking about the untimely conclusion of Star Trek: Enterprise cut down in its fourth, and probably, best season ever.

The premature end of this series, whether you liked it or not, gave pause to Star Trek fandom in general and to how it will affect the future of STARFLEET in particular.

The media took note of the fact that this fall, no Star Trek series will be airing for the first time in 18 years. I was interviewed by a daily newspaper and gave some thoughts on how I felt about the future of the franchise, fandom and as always, I tried to slip in promotion for STARFLEET and my own chapter while I was at it.

I tried to give a hopeful but realistic view of how I thought fandom was going and that while Star Trek: Enterprise was ending, Star Trek fandom would still be around and that STARFLEET would be a leader in fandom, continuing to do what we do best, have fun, support various charities, and keep the torch lit for Gene Roddenberry's ongoing adventure.

Perhaps for the first time since the original Star Trek, we got a feeling that a Trek series ended before its time. Oh sure, we all felt TNG, DS9, even Voyager could have run for more than 7 seasons but we generally felt that each post ST Classic series had a healthy run. There was no feeling that, unlike the original show, that we needed to complete a "5-year voyage."

Well, as we saw in the last episode of Enterprise, it made it for 10 years. You could say we got cheated out of six years of the NX01 saga. This time, there is little

chance we'll see any new adventures through a big screen reunion as we did with Kirk and company. Somehow, it just wouldn't be the same anyway, not with us having seen the "final voyage" of Archer's crew. It ended on a bittersweet note, just like the end of the series itself.

My crew sat around during our finale party, and while various levels of sadness were expressed as we watched the three familiar Enterprise ships warp out into space with their captains' voices spoke some very familiar words, a few of us wondered...what now...what next.

I'm sure others may write about what went right and wrong with ST: Enterprise and how it could have been better but I thought it more interesting to write about what's next for fandom.

May was a month for endings. ST: Enterprise and the last Star Wars film. Those endings only marked the conclusion of particular chapters of each franchise. Sure, Star Wars completing the Skywalker family saga. But that doesn't mean Star Wars has ended. That particular sci-fi universe will live on in books, a possible new TV series and another animated series. It will branch out with new characters and different eras in that universe.

Perhaps George Lucas learned a few tricks from Star Trek.

Clearly, Star Trek benefited from Star Wars which proved to Hollywood that big budget sci-fi could be profitable and with a hungry audience wanting more.

The end of Enterprise caps off the end of fifth ST series. It marks the fourth show

that spun off from the original show. That is an incredible record. Especially when you consider that we've also had 10 motion pictures.

Is this the end of the Trek? No, we know that. We'll see another movie and most likely another ST series. Yes, the franchise will take a break. It will need the support of fandom as it did in the 70s.

Things seem to happen in cycles for Sci Fi. SW had a long break. Doctor Who returned to the small screen after a decade (even if you count the Fox TV movie). Even a show called Battlestar Galactica continues to build a following on the Sci-Fi channel. Neither are the same show but a new vision of a familiar favorite interpreted in the 21st century.

Will a new series/movie live up to prior series? Who knows, they'll have tough act to follow. Each show had a lot of virtues which makes the saga unique in that in some ways, it is in competition with itself. In the same way as we compare "Doctors" in Doctor Who, we had our favorites.

In some ways, fandom is almost back where it was in the 70s, we're hoping for new exciting and true to Gene Roddenberry type Trek. We've got the novels, fan films and plenty of good Sci Fi out there...well...perhaps a fair amount of good Sci Fi...we can never truly have enough, to keep us content for now. Fandom has changed since the Internet. As many in the Fleet have said, it has both helped and hurt fandom. In many ways it has brought us closer together as an organization. It keeps us almost instantly in touch through IRC, various lists, websites etc. But fans don't seek the latest information from the

fandom community. They can go right to the source at StarTrek.com or any number of websites.

We've also gotten older and between families, finances, jobs, moving, health etc. the "old guard" is dwindling a bit. New blood is coming in but not in rapid numbers as was the case in the late 80s and early and mid 90s.

Clearly, recruiting has gotten harder and many ships have formed as corey chapters and several meeting groups have changed to corey groups. That isn't to say they are any less vital part of STARFLEET or that they are having less fun than meeting groups but just another example of how things are changing.

I don't think this means the end of ST fandom and certainly not STARFLEET but fandom is changing and just as the franchise is evolving, so are we. Keeping fandom alive means our continuing to do things that will bring us together (be it electronically or in person) and most of all ...for us to continue having fun.

Perhaps now, more than ever, we need to truly enjoy our fandom and not take it for granted. We are entering a whole new era and perhaps for a while, it will be up to us to provide the excitement and to show those who have a passing interest in fandom, the benefits of being involved in a large fan community like STARFLEET.

Maybe we need to open up our meetings more, get a bit more creative and to provide and produce events that new fans can enjoy.

To coin a phrase...these are the voyages...our voyages and we have a lot of adventures ahead of us and many to look back upon rather fondly.

LIFE WITHOUT MY ROM DOLL

CAPT James J. Cecil, Second Officer • USS Commonwealth, R1

It is apparent that the spring brought about the endings of some very popular things in the science fiction arena. The season finales of both Star Trek's Enterprise and that of Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda, which I watched religiously to the point of imposing a "Don't Call Me at 7 PM" notice to all my friends and crew members of the Commonwealth. Heck even the USS Commonwealth's name pays homage to Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda as well as to the state of Kentucky (which is where the USS Commonwealth resides in) and that to the gallant men and women of the nuclear submarine the USS Kentucky.

I can honestly say that Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda is the first ever science fiction show that I have watched from its pilot episode "Under The Night" to its fifth and final season. I've got so into Andromeda that I had the official website book marked on my PC, as well as its other websites (which are all now nonfunctional). I also purchased "The High Guard Handbook: The Essential Guide to Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda" by Gareth Wigmore and Thomas Gibson, to playing Captain Dylan Hunt in a Play by e-mail Role Playing Game.

I do currently own several actual props from the show as well. These props are a Mogg Mine, three costumes, and the large

suit case seen in several episodes. Each of these items that I have come with a letter of authenticity from Tribune Entertainment, and I even own the entire first season DVD collection and I'm looking for season two through five.

However, as I look back at that huge suitcase. I get cold chills up and down my spine just thinking about the actual fact that Rommie, played by Lexia Doig, actually touched it. Heck! I know that Captain Hunt (Kevin Sorbo) had touched it even Harper. Now that Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda is done and over with I still want to see all the cast and characters, especially... ROMIE!

I know what your saying already, "James you can still get to Romie every Friday evening on the Sci-Fi channel." True, but I won't get to see her in any new episodes. "What about a spin off?" you say. Just talk for now but nothing clear-cut. Besides that would be like doing a spin off of Spock's Adventures without Captain Kirk, Scotty, and the others. It just wouldn't be the same without Captain Dylan Hunt in it. So how's my life been without my Romdill?

Let me just say that I have a good friend that lives in Alabama that e-mails me a picture of Lexia Doig (Rommie) to ease my Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda withdrawal, LOL!

NAMES IN THE STAR WARS UNIVERSE, PART I

An Etymological Perspective of Sith Names & Terms

Colonel Adam J. Bernay • USS Gallant, R4

I admit it, I love words. And I have an especial fondness for etymology, which is the study of the origin of words (okay, that's overly simplistic, but this is not a college paper.)

I also love Star Wars. It was the first movie I saw in a theatre (it may have been the first I saw, period, I don't have a recollection of much before this), in my oldest brother's car at what would become the last drive-in theatre in Fresno, surrounded by all three of my siblings. (I fell asleep about half-way through, but I wasn't even three yet, so I think I can be excused.)

But I didn't do much heavy thinking about the significance of the names of the Star Wars characters and institutions to the plotline of the trilogy of trilogies (yes, I still think the final trilogy is coming... if for no other reason than it will make Mr. Lucas a lot of money) until I saw Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith. A line hit me at the time as being very funny, Obi-Wan Kenobi, saying of Anakin Skywalker, that he was "Always on the move." I knew that Anakin's eventual Sith name, "Vader" had to have some connotation of "movement," since "vade" is used in both "invade" and "evade." Also, there was the obvious "insidious" connotation of "Darth Sidious." Thus began my quest to unlock the secrets of the Star Wars names.

Indispensable in this quest was the Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online (www.m-w.com), which obligingly lists the etymology of various words. I began with "invade," the most obvious word to check "vade" ("Vader" would thus mean "one who vades"). Here is what I found: "Etymology: Middle English, from Latin invadere, from in- + vadere to go". I also checked "Evade," and found: "Etymology: Middle French & Latin; Middle French evader, from Latin evadere, from e- + vadere to go, walk." Both entries also read "more at WADE".

Main Entry: 'wade
Pronunciation: 'wAd
Function: verb
Inflected Form(s): wad-ed; wad-ing
Etymology: Middle English, from Old English wadan; akin to Old High German watan to go, wade, Latin vadere to go intransitive senses
1: to step in or through a medium (as water) offering more resistance than air
2: to move or proceed with difficulty or labor
3: to set to work or attack with determination or vigor - used with in or into <wade into a task>
transitive senses: to pass or cross by wading.

Thus "Vader" can be seen as meaning either "going" – as in going from the Light

to the Dark Side of the Force, which could be the first and second definitions of "wade" (stepping through a medium offering more resistance than air or to move or proceed with difficulty or labor), – or as "one who sets to work or attack with determination or vigor," which we can see in his first acts as a Sith: the attacks on the Jedi Temple and the Separatists' last headquarters.

An alternative etymology for "Darth Vader" is offered by the blogger at <http://www.stefangeens.com/>

My father took me to see the first Star Wars in New York in 1977, and I came away extremely impressed. I was eight, fluent in Dutch but only a year into English, which meant that the word "Vader" carried a clear connotation not evident to most others in the cinema — it literally means father in Dutch. This would prove prescient, given subsequent plot developments. It would make even more sense some time later, when my English vocabulary came to include the word dearth, a synonym for "absence". Darth Vader, quite clearly, means Absent Father.

A bit of a stretch, in my opinion, considering that "Darth" is the appellation for most Sith Lords, but interesting, nevertheless.

"Anakin Skywalker" also yields some interesting results. While it would appear "Anakin" is a name created by George Lucas specifically for his tragic hero, it has come into usage as a unique American name meaning "Warrior." However, if we analyze its component parts, we find something very interesting. As a prefix, "Ana" means upward or backward, as in anabolism or anatropous. As a word unto itself, "kin" means "relative", so "Ana-kin" would mean "back kin" or "ancestor." (As an amusing side note, "-kin" as a suffix means "little," so "Ana-kin" could also mean "A little backward.")

"Skywalker," the family name of the heroic clan that is the center of the Star Wars series, in its base meaning, "One who walks the skies," has a pleasant science-fiction feel to it, but we should remember that "walk" is also an English translation of vadere! "Sky" is actually an old Norse word meaning "cloud." So, we have "one who walks in the clouds." The expression "to walk with one's head in the clouds" means that a person is unable to accept or acknowledge the darker things that happen in life. In many ways, it is this unwillingness to accept that bad things happen that drives Anakin to the Dark Side of the Force in his desire to find a power to keep his wife Padme from dying in labor. One can also see the name ironically, in that he comes to embrace the darkness.

Moving to Anakin's final master, the name Darth Sidious would seem obviously to come from the word "insidious," meaning, "awaiting a chance to entrap, treacherous; harmful but enticing, seductive; having a gradual and cumulative effect, subtle; of a disease: developing so gradually as to be well established before becoming apparent," which certainly seems to describe how he comes to power and his general modus operandi.

But the etymology of the word "insidious" is also illustrative. The Latin word is "insidiosus", from *insidiae* ambush, from *insidEre* to sit in, sit on, from in- + *sedEre* to sit. Thus we see that "sidious" is from "sedEre", which is the Latin for "to sit." What is the way we are almost always introduced to this character? We see the back of a throne-like chair, it turns, and we see him seated upon it, as befits an Emperor.

His "real" name, Palpatine, also is interesting. The initial thought was that it came from "palpitate," meaning, "to beat rapidly and strongly, throb," which could refer to throbbing with power, but <http://www.stefangeens.com/> suggests a different origin:

The origin of the name Palpatine reflects the ambiguous nature of the Chancellor's role. *Palpating* can mean touching a body with one's hands for medical purposes, such as when examining for breast cancer. But it can also mean molesting, for pleasure. Which of these, then, might be the most accurate description of what the chancellor is doing to the body politic of the Republic?

Now, picture him attacking someone with Force Lightning. How are his hands cocked? Need I say more on this subject?

The other Dark Lords of the Sith mentioned in the films are:

Darth Plagus, who can control life and death: his name is certainly derived from "plague", which has the obvious connotations about life and death. Additionally, "plague" is from the Middle English *plage*, from Middle French, from Late Latin *plaga*, from Latin, blow; akin to Latin *plangere* to strike. Also appropriate for a Dark Lord of the Sith.

Darth Maul, who killed Qui-Gon Jinn The Phantom Menace: his name we recognize as a verb meaning to beat, bruise, mangle, or handle roughly. However, "maul" is also a noun, meaning "a heavy often wooden-headed hammer used especially for driving wedges." He certainly began to drive a wedge in the Jedi by killing Qui-Gon. The etymology of the noun "maul" is Middle English *malle* mace, maul, from Old French *mail*, from Latin *malleus*; akin to

Old Church Slavonic *mlatu* hammer, Latin *molere* to grind."

Darth Tyrannus, the errant Count Dooku: Tyrannus is a genus of birds known for their pugnacity (or quarrelsome or troublesome nature). Additionally, the word has its roots in tyranny, meaning an oppressive power, especially exerted by a government; a government in which absolute power is vested in a single ruler (which could easily be his role in the Separatist movement, we're really not told); or a rigorous condition imposed by some outside agency or force.

Finally, "Sith," according to <http://www.wikipedia.org>:

"The word Sith can also be a spelling of the Irish word *Sidhe* meaning a type of fairy." "Sidhe," according to <http://www.wikipedia.org/>: In Irish mythology, the *sidhe* are a supernatural race, quite distinct from humankind. There are a number of different types of *sidhe*: *aes sidhe*, banshee, warrior or *daoine sidhe*, *leanan sidhe*, *sluagh*, the fairy host or Wild Hunt, *sidhe* who can fly through the air and shift shape at will, *sidhe* who walk the earth at dusk, the guardian *sidhe* of the lakes of both Ireland and Scotland and many more.

They are the remnants of the underground kingdom given to the Tuatha Dé Danann after they were defeated by the Milesians. According to The Book of Invasions or Lebor Gabála Érenn, the Tuatha Dé Danann, the "People of the Goddess Danu" were defeated in battle by the mortal Sons of Mil. As part of the surrender terms the Tuatha Dé Danann agreed to dwell underground in the *sidhe* (singular *sid*), the hills or mounds that dot the Irish landscape. Each member of the Tuatha De Danaan was given one mound. Later, due to a corruption of the meaning, both the mounds and the supernatural entities (i.e. sprites) became known as the *sid*, modern Irish *sidhe*.

However, in English, according to Merriam-Webster Online, "sith" is an archaic form of "since," which means, "from a definite past time until now," which is definitely the view of the Sith prior to their reappearance in The Phantom Menace.

In my next article, I will begin to analyze names from the Jedi side of this war. In the meantime, anyone who has any information on the origin of the term "Darth", please contact me at maccabee6@ussgallant.org and I will include it in my next article.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: This is not to imply that these ideas were the intentions of George Lucas in creating these terms. This is my analysis based solely on etymology and my viewing of the films. I have read only one Star Wars novel.]

SLEEP APNEA

AND DIABETES

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Could treating a common sleep disorder improve diabetes control?

Sleep apnea is a disorder in which the throat muscles relax during sleep, obstructing the airway and causing brief but frequent breathing interruptions. Obesity is a common problem for people with type 2. Is obesity also a major risk factor for developing this sleep disorder? Also, previous research has shown that sleep apnea is independently linked to glucose intolerance and insulin resistance, the primary characteristic of type 2.

This means that people with type 2, whether they are obese or not, may be at risk for developing sleep apnea. And anyone with both type 2 and sleep apnea are at risk for increased glucose intolerance. So, could treating a common sleep disorder improve diabetes control?

What I'm really saying is that we have to take care of our bodies. Remember that diabetes can cause heart attacks, blindness, strokes and loss of limbs. So remember to eat right, lose weight, take your medicines, and see your doctor once a year or if your diabetes is out of control, then you see your doctor every 3 to 6 months.

Remember, you have one body and please listen to your body. Now I hope my husband the CO of the USS Commonwealth reads this and understands his health is not only important to him but to me as well.

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[editor's note: STARFLEET has a Yahoo group dedicated to diabetes discussion - please feel free to join the list and ask any questions you may have pertaining to diabetes, diet, blood sugar control, and related health issues... <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/groups/FleetDiabetics/> ... if we don't know the answer, we're happy to help you find it.]

HELP DESK ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

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This is my first official article for the CQ as Help Desk Administrator, so I thought I'd introduce myself first, then get down to help desk business. My name is Christina Fatolitis. I'm the Chief Engineer of the USS Myrddin in Largo, FL. We're a member of Region 2. (Shameless plug: Region 2! Second to NONE!)

My real world background is in the Help Desk field. I'm currently a Systems Support Specialist for a regional health care company where we support about 500 users. I've been in the Information Services industry in various positions since 1999 where I've done everything from help desk to network administrator to training to field support.

First off, I'd like to thank the help desk staff for all their help. They've been great at helping me get my bearings and given me some good perspective on things. They work very hard at keeping the inbox clean, and the tickets updated. In addition, I want to thank the CompOps staff for their quick ticket turnaround time. I appreciate all your hard work!

Next, here's what I'm hoping to accomplish during my appointment as Help Desk Administrator:

1. Develop a training program for Help Desk staff to include help desk software, policies and procedures, and customer service.
2. Research and implement new software that will enable better ticket management. If any of you work in the help desk field and know of any software that you've used and like, let me know.
3. Develop a web-based interface for submitting tickets. This will serve a few purposes: Make tickets easier to work with, and reduce the amount of spam that comes into our Help Desk inbox.
4. Hire more Help Desk staff. I am not looking to do this right away. I would like to develop the training program first, so we have something for them to build a skill base from. I don't believe in throwing someone in the water if they don't have the resources.
5. Improve our response time to our members. This will involve researching and looking at ticket resolution statistics and seeing where we can improve.
6. Develop strong written Help Desk policies and procedures.

Tips and Tricks from the Help Desk Administrator

1. Please make sure you include your name, SCC number, and ship when you

e-mail the help desk. We do have duplicate names in the database, and it helps us to make sure we have the right member.

2. Please include a complete description of the issue you're having. Everyone's been VERY good about this, and I appreciate it. This is just a reminder.

3. If our response solves your issue, please email us back and let us know it's been resolved. Much like a real-world corporation, we measure our response time and effectiveness. Help us by providing feedback.

4. You don't need to log into the database to renew your membership! You can go to <https://database.sfi.org/secure/renewal.php> and follow the instructions provided.

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January	academy	5	March	academy	1
	comm	6		comm	1
	compops	114		compops	61
	helpdesk	54		helpdesk	39
	ops	11		ops	5
	Promotions	3		Promotions	1
	sfmc	2		sfmc	1
	Treasury	1		Treasury	0
		196			109
February	academy	3	April	academy	2
	comm	4		comm	2
	compops	68		compops	52
	helpdesk	56		helpdesk	37
	ops	4		ops	4
	Promotions	1		Promotions	0
	sfmc	0		sfmc	1
	Treasury	1		Treasury	0
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				helpdesk	186
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EDITORIALS

TRADITIONS, PROTOCOL, AND STARFLEET

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"Military" is not a bad word. Many of our traditions come down from centuries of military and Naval practice. Before we condemn the word "military", or bandy about the term "paramilitary", let's consider for a moment what other organizations have some of the same trappings we do. The Boy Scouts have rank, uniforms, awards, even a salute. The Salvation Army has captains and colonels- and they do a lot of the community service we do. Yacht clubs have some seriously Naval garb, and prove that we're not the only social organization with Commodores. The Lions, Kiwanis, Moose Lodges, Rotarians- all of them have their own traditions of protocol and even titles. Most of us refer to our boss as 'sir' or 'ma'am' in daily life. I've seen EMTs with chevrons to denote seniority. Just because we choose to adopt certain traditions does not make us military, or paramilitary any more than a chapter whose meetings are run by Robert's Rules of Order makes them overly parliamentary.

We are here to have fun. So are the Scouts, so are all the social clubs listed above, and you'd better believe in each and every one of them a member in a position of authority or responsibility is expected to carry out their duties. In ANY organization, of any size, there is administrative work to be done that is most assuredly NOT fun. Just because you volunteer for a job doesn't mean it's any less of a responsibility or duty if you're accepted. If you can't handle the job, don't accept the appointment. There's 4,000 other members counting on those of us in positions of responsibility to pull our weight, or the organization will founder. Period. Get an assistant, get temporary help, do what you have to- but DO YOUR JOB. If "Real Life" gets in the way, as we've all had it do, it's your responsibility to see to it that your subordinate or another member pick up the slack for you until things get better. We are an Honest to G-d not-for-profit corporation. Yes, we're here to have fun- but we're also here to keep

the organization running. And that takes work, and dedication. Minimalizing the responsibility of a job within STARFLEET by saying "it's only volunteers doing it" is a cop-out. If what we're doing is that trivial, then there's no need for an overarching Association, and we should all just go back to being isolated chapters.

While we're on the subject, our leaders are giving a significant amount of their time to this organization. As a Chapter CO I can tell you it takes a LOT of my time to keep up our activity level. I can't begin to imagine the stress of being at FLEET level, with a couple of hundred chapters to deal with. Is it too much to ask to treat these people with the respect their position and dedication deserve? Why not make a point of using their title, or "sir" or "ma'am"? It's not being Military, it's being polite. It's being grateful for the work they put in. Even more than that, though - it's tradition. Not the military's, not the navy's, but ours. We are STARFLEET, seeking to emulate Star Trek. CAPT Kirk never referred to a Flag Officer by first name unless it was appropriate to do so. Let's keep some of the dignity of our source material by using the simple, respectful protocols of our own 'service' while at official events. I don't hesitate to call STARFLEET a 'service' rather than a 'club' or 'hobby' because it's what we do- we give back to our communities. We work. In theory, our ranks and titles are based on that service to our organization and communities at large.

I don't make it a point to greet and salute Flag Officers because I'm Barbara Adams, Whitewater juror, and I think I'm an officer in Starfleet- the UFP's exploratory and defense service. I do so because I am an officer in STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, and I wish to show my respect for those who give of their time so that my crew and myself can have activities such as IC and Summits to enjoy.

This brings me to another point. If I never see or hear the phrase "Fictional Rank" again it will be too soon. Are you going to tell an Eagle Scout his rank is fictional because the BSA isn't an armed service? The term we SHOULD be using is "Organizational Rank". That is, valid within and mandated by our organization. In other words, while we're not expecting to be saluted by personnel in other uniformed organizations or services any time soon- rank is part of our internal organization and is a measure of responsibility, position, and participation. It's not any more fictional than our awards. They may not mean much to someone outside STARFLEET, but they are a tangible recognition of our members by our members, and as such they have value, and should be respected.

I think we need to define what Rank is once and for all, as I said in my previous post. There's a lot of conflicting procedure out there about Rank, what it is, what it isn't, how it's used, how it's granted.

1) Is rank an indicator of position, or a service award? It CAN NOT be both and remain consistent.

2) Is rank a "role playing" title. Some say it is. If that is so, is Mandi "role-playing" the CS, or is she in fact the CS, chairperson of a very real not-for-profit organization with a budget, members, and dues?

3) Is rank "real" or not? When I give an order, I expect it to be followed by virtue of the fact that my crew elected me to be their Commanding Officer, thereby granting me the authority to issue orders IN A REASONABLE MANNER. It is *MY* responsibility to issue only those orders necessary to the operation of the chapter, and not attempt to take advantage of my authority. This responsibility goes all the way up the chain to the CS, and all the way down to the Petty Officers leading new members. This IS a volunteer association,

but by choosing to be a part of it, you also choose to be a part of the chain of command. Agreeing to be a member is agreeing to respect those officers and noncommissioned officers appointed over you by your elected commanding officer.

STARFLEET has a serious case of Multiple Personality Disorder, exacerbated by the fact that the doctrine of Chapter Sovereignty has resulted in a whole bunch of groups who want to do things their own way so badly, that we're no longer a cohesive organization. What we need if we are to survive as a worthwhile association of chapters, is to pull things together a bit. Establish Standard Operating Procedure. Perhaps suggested guidelines for promotional Time in Grade for all ranks, not just the flag ones. Include a short section on customs and courtesies in the MHB, stressing that it's part of the rich tradition of STARFLEET to show proper respect for our Regional and FLEET staffs, and indeed all members who are in positions of leadership- as those are the ones keeping the ball rolling for the members who are just content to 'show up'.

These are issues that need to be resolved soon. If we can't agree on what our organization actually is and how it runs, how can we keep it running in the difficult times ahead, now that Star Trek fandom is apparently waning? STARFLEET grew, and indeed thrived, when there was no new Star Trek on TV- but it did so from the energy and teamwork of the membership. If we're going to continue on as a fragmented, bickering collection of individual chapters and not a true Fleet with a shared vision and way of doing things- STARFLEET is doomed. I'm not imagining for one minute that we can be in lockstep with one another, nor that we should try to be. I am simply stating that we need more cooperation and less POLITICS and infighting.

THE POWER OF ONE

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The Power of One

It is easy to despair when you find yourself alone and without friendly contact.

It is conceivable that you are in a vacuum, unnoticed and ignored.

However...

Consider the power of one:

At one time, the atom was considered to be the smallest unit of creation. Look at what the atom did to Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

Consider procreation:

One sperm is responsible for a being so complex and so intricate that it can create works of art, marvels of science, bridges, buildings, and monstrous machines that fly across oceans.

There is the tale of a nail:

For want of a nail, a shoe was lost.

For want of a shoe, a horse was lost.

For want of a horse, a battle was lost.

For want of a battle, a kingdom was lost...

All for the want of a nail!

You have the power to change the world.

Your vote may sway an election, your voice can reach across a silence and influence someone in doubt.

Your hand, extended in friendship, can create a world of fellowship for another.

Do not underestimate the power of one.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

SIMPLER THINGS FROM THE LATINUM CARPET

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I'll be 36 years old this year, and although I am by no means the oldest or wisest member of this organization, nor I've not been to as many places or seen as many things as other members of STARFLEET, I've given thought to all the changes we've seen over the last 25 years. In my mind, the explosion of the Internet and technology has created a very different world. While I'd like to share some of the changes I've seen and comment on their application, I also want to discuss my feeling that somehow we've lost some special quality to life while benefiting from technology. It's food for thought, and if I seem judgmental, don't take it that way. My goal is to spark some nostalgia and make you think back to those times when there was a special quality to everyday life.

The Internet

I'm a huge fan of the Internet. I believe electronic media (Internet, chat rooms, cell phones, PDAs, etc.) have opened up immeasurably the ways that we can talk to each other in real time, while the cyber-community we've created has allowed us to close the physical distances we feel. In STARFLEET, with members spread out all over the world and correspondence chapters made up of members that may live hours or days away, electronic mail and chat rooms let us narrow the distance between ourselves. Web logs allow us to share our thoughts and get to know each other better. Sometimes, we may feel that we know fellow Fleet members better than ourselves and our own families.

But I have to ask myself: have we lost that special feeling that we used to get when, as children, we'd run out to the mailbox and wait for that letter or package. The physical act of opening and reading was exciting. It was news from afar, and it made that connection we had to friends and family far away all the more important. It was something to be cherished, and we pinned to see the people, go to different places, and live those experiences first hand.

Shopping

I mentioned recently on STARFLEET's unofficial electronic list that I purchased some DVDs off the discount rack at the local music/video store. It was interesting to read the response I got, because what was mentioned was how quickly people could find bargains online at various media clearing houses.

So I found myself thinking about the physical act of shopping and how the "instant buying" we experience at places like half.com and eBay has changed things. I concluded that I like to shop — I like to hold things, pull them off the rack, read the jackets, and look at the covers and the

photos. It gets me out of the house and becomes an activity.

I can spend HOURS just in the science fiction section of a bookstore. I can spend just as much time in a music store listening to music samples. Now I know I can do much of the same thing online — web resources like Napster and Kazaa (even CDNow) have made it relatively easy to look, listen, and buy right off the virtual rack. Still, there's just something missing sitting in front of a small screen. Being in the store means that you can interact with the sales staff and with other consumers, who surprisingly will actually talk to you about the music and movies and books you're buying. Truth be told, there's also something to be said, especially in bookstores, for sitting in the cafe drinking your favorite beverage and eating something really bad for you while you dive into a good book.

Going to the Movies

I hate crowds, and I hate standing on long lines for just about anything. But I love opening night at the movies. I love the noise and anticipation of seeing a film that I know everyone in the room has been waiting for. The last time I can say I felt that level of excitement was when I was standing in line to enter the theater for the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Yes, movies can be downloaded. Yes, you can wait for the video/DVD release from Blockbuster and other media stores (or wherever else you can get them). But being in the theater, watching the big screen, getting the full picture and the full sound — whether it is in THX, Dolby Digital, or anything else — is just COOL.

And then there are the people — you're all in it together. You've got your friends that have crowded into the theater, hit the concession stand and are sitting in the theater, watching intently for 2 or 3 hours. Never mind that the concessions are overpriced. It's the movies and the popcorn, candy, and vat of soda all go along with the experience and the relief you get from hitting the rest room afterward to expel all the caffeine and salt is equally part of the experience.

I'm equally surprised that people I don't know will turn around to talk to me about the movie and react to comments my friends and I make. Suddenly, I've met someone new or found another person with similar interests who might just end up being another friend for the long haul. The previews count as well; they're part of the experience. Even on DVD, I often times find myself watching the previews.

Can you get the same experience watching a DVD in your living room, or watching a

download off the Internet on your laptop? I don't think so, unless you invite your friends — and a few strangers. I think we actually get a little TOO much off the media these days. There's so much extra on DVDs and media: commentaries, behind-the-scenes descriptions, and so forth. I'm just interested in the movie, pure and simple.

I love to simply watch and see what the director and actors put onto film as their vision of the story.

I realize that a lot of people LOVE all the extras. Let's face it; those of us who are Trekkies enjoy every minute detail of Star Trek as much as the episodes and movies themselves, and we pride ourselves on knowing every one of those details. But when was the last time you sat down just to watch the story unfold?

Going places

I love conferences and conventions, both professional and recreational. I look forward every year to STARFLEET events, such as international conferences and regional summits, as much as I love going to professional conferences. (As an aside: this July, I'll receive a prestigious Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry in Washington and my parents will see me put on a cap and gown and participate in pomp and circumstance.)

But why do I love going places? I suppose, once again, it's because of the people, the sights and the sounds. It's going there, getting there, being there, and coming back. It's the experience. It's seeing friends who I haven't seen for some time. It's staying up most of the night telling jokes, sharing stories, taking pictures, dressing up (we all know how much we LOVE to dress up in STARFLEET!) and the roleplaying. Now we may claim that we say we never use our fictional positions to exercise real authority, but it is fun to put on our vestments and play pretend, to salute our Admirals and to call off the roll and recognize our "commanders" and our crew members who excel. Isn't it?

Reading

I've mentioned reading a few times, and I'm going to finish with reading, because it brings me full circle, in a sense. You, the reader, are sitting here, holding this Communiqué. Hopefully, you're relishing the words on the pages and waiting with anticipation of what's coming next. If not, just flip the pages and there's likely to be a comprehensive convention listing or some good photos of people dressed as aliens.

You had to wait for this. Some of you who are overseas waited longer for it. It didn't come to you electronically, though some of you no doubt download it off STARFLEET's web pages or perhaps burned a copy to CD-ROM. It came to you in the mail and, if you're like me, there was a smile on your face when you opened up your mailbox. It's just a little bit messy, because the ink may come off on your fingers. It's just a little bit frayed, because it's been handled by man and machine and probably traveled hundreds — if not thousands — of miles to get to you.

But it's yours. It has your name on the mailing label. You paid for it and, for many of the stories within, you may have even put something of yourself into it. (If you haven't, you should think about it. I've been writing since Issue 88, and they still keep publishing the material I send in! — Ed.: After we trim it and replace the \$1.25 words with 75-cent words!)

Books tend to be that way for me. They're pieces of the author's lives, their visions and their thoughts put onto paper to share with other members of the human species. It's a way to share the human condition. The newsletter in your hand is just a piece of your community and the experience we share. It didn't require a computer, the Internet, or the ability to download and open a file. Just two hands and two eyes and a little bit of light to read by.

Is it earth shattering? No, not really. Most of the time, it's a simple message or a short piece about what's going on in our world. Right now, it's you reading about what's going on in the minds of the other 3500+ people with whom you share a common experience. There are hopefully familiar people and places contained within its pages, and there's hopefully a smile on your face as you're reading.

I'm a huge fan of the Internet. I enjoy meeting my friends each day in the chat room. I eagerly wait as my Outlook inbox fills each evening with the messages, good and bad. Still, it's the simple things that drive me these days.

I hope you all feel just a little bit of the same excitement I do when I pick up my CQ, or when I see a familiar face at a convention, or when I just take the time to talk to the people in the bookstore, at the music-listening station, or the line at the movie theater. Most of all, I hope you feel connected.

After all, we're all in this together, and we're all part of the same community, aren't we?

THE NEW VOYAGES OF STAR TREK

LT Alan Anderton • USS Magellan, R14

The demise of "Star Trek: Enterprise" has most Trek fans asking the question "Where to from here?" There is uncertainty and despair in many quarters that the decision by UPN and Viacom to "give Star Trek a rest" could mean the end of Star Trek as one of the leading forces in Science Fiction for mainstream media.

There is no such uncertainty amongst one group of fans - the Fan Film makers. Fan movies are in much the same vein creatively as Fan Fiction. Fan fiction came about because the fans were so impressed with a TV program, so in love with the characters, that they wanted more. What started out as handful of mimeographed Trekzines in 1967 now accounts for archives of thousands of stories as the fans strive to create a "resonance", as one commentator called it, with the object of their fascination.

Many fans have exercised their desire to get more Star Trek into their lives by incorporating Trek subjects and themes into their hobbies and arts. Models, songs (Filk), costumes ... even knitting patterns! What it boils down to is that Star Trek is a rich modern mythology of heroes and archetypes that reach deep into our psyche. It is only fair then that Trek should be at the forefront of the newest expression of fan creativity - Fan Movies.

One of the major players in Trek fan movies right now is Jack Marshall who rose to fan fame in 2002 when he used his editing skills to improve the 1989 Star Trek V: The Final Frontier by surgically removing the deadwood. The resulting edition of the movie caught the attention of Fans round the country and, more importantly, other fans who were interested in working on Trek film projects. In conjunction with CGI creator Max Rem and actor & set designer/maker Jack Cawley, he has produced two episodes of a critically acclaimed fan production, "Star Trek: New Voyages".

Alan: Jack, thanks for granting this interview. You're not old enough to have seen the first runs of the Original Series. Why is that your focus? How does it hold more fascination for you than say the Next

Generation or Deep Space Nine?

Jack Marshall: I discovered TOS in the 70's during syndication. Though I was born in 1966, I really didn't have my first Sci-Fi experience until the early 70's. So TOS was my first. I will say that after TOS, DS9 is my favorite.

Alan: There have been two episodes of Star Trek: The New Voyages so far, the second drawing praise for its acting, special effects and storyline. Were you surprised at the response, especially from ex-stars of the TV series who have volunteered their services for future episodes?

Jack: I was in fact very surprised. I recall telling the cast and crew I would be pleased if we had 10,000 downloads. Thankfully, the response from those we want to have involved as guest stars has been terrific. It's opened doors I never thought I'd see.

Alan: It is only natural that the production has evolved and improved as you, your cast and crew have gained in experience. What would you say have been your biggest challenges? What's given you the most satisfaction?

Jack: The biggest challenge will always be getting the cast and crew together. We're from all over the world and it's a scheduling nightmare coordinating everything. Satisfaction comes with the warm reception we've been given by fans.

Alan: You are executive producer as well as director which gives you an enormous control over what you are doing - you don't have to answer to anyone else <coughBermancough>. Your production has three co-creators though - what part have Max Rem and James Cawley played in the creation of ST:NV?

Jack: James' gift is creation - he's built all the sets and costumes. Max has a flare for action and pacing and creates the beautiful effects for the show I'm the visionary. I organize the schedule and oversee all pre and post production as well as the physical directing of the show. I don't think any of us could pull this off without the other. We

each have our areas and we each have a vote. It's worked well thus far.

Alan: No one contends the fact that Viacom/Paramount own Star Trek. Not only do they have copyrights on key words such as Klingon and Tricorder, but it also covers anything that is a significant likeness. It is a complex legal and ethical question that probably has no definitive answer, merely a balance between copyright protection and respect for the fanbase and New Voyages is right there on the knife's edge! Could they be a sleeping giant who might pull the plug on you?

Jack: I suppose they could, but why would they? Believe it or not, Paramount is very aware of its Trek fanbase and the last thing they want to do is have another web crusade like they did in the 90's where they shut people's websites down and alienated the fans. We've had some preliminary talks with them regarding licensing and before that had been in constant contact with Viacom's legal department and know that if we follow the groundwork they've laid for us, we'll be ok. There are other fan films out there who have not yet come to the attention of Paramount who are actively collecting money on their websites. Our agreement says we cannot do that. I asked them why others can and their reply was simply - we never heard of them. So our success has been a double edged sword. But a danger of getting shut down? I think it's nil as long as we

follow the guidelines they have set out for us.

Alan: One of the factors that make it possible for you to film New Voyages is the fact that you don't make a profit. This is reasonable - Viacom can't be expected to allow anyone to make money with their "property". However, does this mean that you have to work at a loss? Could you be sponsored? What if Pizza Hut offered to do your on-site catering?

Jack: That's right; we can't make money by selling DVD's, T-Shirts, or anything with the Star Trek name on it. However, we can take donations to pay for the production of the show itself. In theory, someone could have a fund and we could have [them] pay the bills from that fund, like hotels, food, lumber, props, etc.

Alan: The last I heard, the cost per episode for UPN to make Enterprise was \$750,000, just running off to fantasyland for a moment, what could you do with the budget from just one episode?

Jack: I'd think the possibility of seeing a dozen or so New Voyages episodes done professionally would be a distinct possibility.

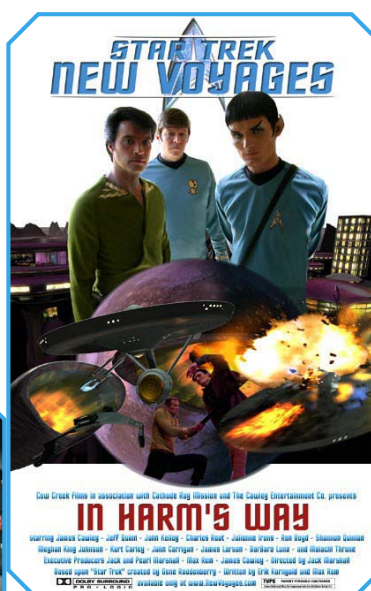
Alan: On behalf of STARFLEET International and Star Trek fans everywhere I would like to wish you luck in the future and look forward to seeing great things from Star Trek: New Voyages. I think it fair to say that we certainly will be seeing more of "Star Trek: New Voyages"! They will be filming episodes 3 and 4 simultaneously in September, with episode 3 being released early in 2006 and episode 4 in the fall. Jack Trevino & Ethan Calk, both veteran Deep Space 9 writers, are writing episode 3, which will "re-introduce" the characters of Chekov and Sulu.

Episode 4 is being penned by none other than D.C. (Dorothy) Fontana, who, as story editor, could be said to be one of the foremost creative influences on the original series! To cap it off, Walter Koenig, the original Pavel Chekov, will guest star as an older version of the character he created in the original series. I don't know how they're going to do it but if D.C. Fontana is writing it, we can look forward to a rare treat!

Episodes 1 and 2 can still be downloaded for free from the internet at <http://www.newvoyages.com>. For the latest news about this and many more Fan Film projects checkout the Trek Fan Movie Forum at <http://lists.blaser.tzo.com/modules.php?name=Forums&file=viewopic&t=2>



Jack Marshall as "Scotty" in the first episode, "Come What May" ...



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FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

"Remembering a Friend"

BGEN Dennis Rayburn • SS Nikola Tesla, R1



On April 20th, the Chaplains/Counselors Resource Center in cooperation with the office of the Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC, held an online memorial service for Ann Marie Reilly. It was officiated by CH Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET and Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC. The following was taken from the log of the service.

Dennis Rayburn:

We've gather tonight in this channel to remember our honored friend and fellow member who has entered that last great undiscovered frontier. We gather not only because we mourn, for we do, but also to remember and celebrate the life that was Ann Marie Reilly. Though her time among us was shorter than we might like, she touched our lives, each in her own unique way.

So we gather this evening, to pause, reflect, and to remember together. What I'm going to do on is open up for each of you who wish to, to speak of your memories and thoughts of AM.

Thomas Carroll:

I don't remember how Ann Marie and I started talking but when we started we sort of clicked and developed a close friendship. During that time we chatted about things in fleet and she mentioned that she had a hard time opening up to new people...eventually I was able to gain her trust and she passed on what had caused the her fears. While my past wasn't as bad as hers we kind of clicked and began to develop a close friendship of which I will cherish till I die.

She must have had some Italian in her heritage cause she made a mean spaghetti for an Irish lass. God Speed Ann Marie.

Robin Van Cleave:

Three years ago while on bed rest during a complicated pregnancy, I discovered the world of IRC. Everyone was friendly. Always willing to show me a new command. One day I was figuring out how to use /whois. I clicked on DocAM and decided to venture a "howdy Ann Marie!" She was a bit taken back when I got told in private, "my name is AM, only family calls me the other." Ok. I said to myself. Let's chat a bit and found out that AM was this really wonderful person, who like Tom said wasn't quick to open up to anyone. Over the next year, I found myself looking forward to when AM was online and our little chats.

I must say <<rubs rump in remembrance>> she was pretty good about kicking when you needed to do something. Today, I wondered what I was going to say that could honor a friend like that when my husband tossed the "quotable Star Trek" book in my lap. This is from Voyager. Scorpion, Part I Janeway to Chakotay,

"Three years ago...I didn't even know your name. Today...I can't imagine a day without you." Yet we are learning to live without her. All my love, AM. May your great spirit rest on high.

Sarah Bolick:

My name is Sarah Bolick. I am Chief Science Officer of the soon-to-be ship Top Gun. I don't remember the exact day we met. But my memories are strong of other times we shared. AM has taught me many things: to believe in myself, encouraged me to pursue my poetry, to not be afraid of death, even if it's walking up to my doorstep and it's only a matter of time.

Her life, I believe it's safe to say, that no one has gone untouched by her life. This past week has been one of the hardest. I remember we talked of everything. We talked about my poetry. We talked about our lives and what more we'd like to do with them in the time we've been given. I'd like to share a poem I wrote for her:

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 always 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

This is my poem to her.

There's so much I wish I could say. There's so much I wish I could do. But I don't have the words to begin to express everything that's going on in my mind at this moment.

Brandy Hallman:

Ann Marie was my daughter's Godmother. She asked to be her Godmother when Crystal was born. Both her and Liz were/are very close friends of my family. We will miss AM, and Liz and I still get in contact frequently. We've met both only once at IC 2003. We hope that the Reilly family will be able to move forward remembering the good things AM had to contribute.

Brenda Bell:

I've known AM and the Reillys for a number of years as members of the AVENGER and STARFLEET. We've seen Liz grow up from a "too serious" preteen to a confident young lady, and we've seen AM's health go through a number of ups and downs through it all. She was always afraid of dying... yet with all the pain she went through... One thing that I think we need to remember is that even

through the darkest parts of her life, she always had a strong faith in G-d and was one of those people who put her religious faith into practice... some might call it a "walking ministry". I hope that's not taken offensively or presumptuously.

At her funeral, I spoke with one of her non-FLEET friends who have also been having a hard time dealing with her passing. I mentioned that AM's now free from pain and is probably one of G-d's most enthusiastic new angels, rolling up her sleeves and digging into whatever tasks He has for her in His realm. "OK, that's done. What next, L-rd?" I can see her enthusiastically entering that part of her life. While I'll remember the dark parts, I'll also remember the stitch-and-b*tches, and her zest for life. It was all too short, all too painful, but lived to the very fullest. I wish I could say something as eloquently as Sarah has, but I think the most vivid thing for me is celebrating her life, rather than mourning her passing. I'll miss her, as we all, but I'm comforted in that she's free from pain and able to do whatever Tasks He has asked of her.

Alex Rosenzweig:

We met AM with her Girl Scout troop at an Astronomy Sunday at an area nature museum where Avenger had a recruiting table. She quickly decided that she really liked what we were about, and she and Liz joined soon after. Over the past ten years she became an active part of the group, and of our little community. Until she no longer was able, she was always active, involved, a friend to so many people.

She hosted events, giving of herself and her home with generosity and joy. She loved to cook for guests, and she loved having folks over. She was always first in line to help plan the parties and picnics, and she was someone we could turn to when we just needed to talk. Many were the times I sat in her living room, just talking with her, about good things and bad, and she always did her best to put a smile on my face.

Even as her illness began to overtake her, she continued to be part of things as much as she was able, and she never, ever surrendered to sadness or anger, even when faced with the realization that there was likely no coming back from where she was. She was noble of soul and joyous of spirit, and she fought to make her life worth living until the very end.

I'll miss her, and I'll never forget what she meant to me, to our ship, and to this community we call STARFLEET. Wherever you are, AM, you'll be remembered.

Dean Rogers:

I have held many titles in my life but if there is one title that rises above anything else, that is "Son-in-Law". I am very honored to have met Ann-Marie Reilly in my life. She has always put a smile of my face, got me to relax, and blessed me with her wonderful generosity. I first met my Mother in law back 3 years ago, right after her 2nd heart attack. We quickly became fast friends and had so much in common that during the process of knowing her, I gotten to know her daughter Liz. In fact, to quote the Police "Every Little Thing She did was Magic".

Every time I was in NJ, she always welcome me with open arms, anytime I had a problem with school, work, and sometimes here. She is the 1st person I run to and when I planned to start TG, she was the 1st supporter. Even though, AM never officially joined TG, she declared herself "The Ship's Mom" so she cold put me in the corner just in case I get out of line :-)

I remember one of the greatest laughs we had. Back in Jan 2005, we saw a commercial for my car and a truck and they created the Mailbu Maxx. She teased me so much that night, I was totally in stitches from the way she can put a smile on anyone face no matter how bad day you was.

There are so many stories I can tell but what more can I say to a wonderful person who has touched every one of us here tonight. Either she made you laugh or cry, she gave you a shoulder to cry on or had a good friendly talk with you. Ann-Marie Reilly is everything I've always wanted in a great friend, a wonderful colleague, and most importantly, a beautiful talented Mother-in-Law :-)

Val Rosenberg:

Ann Marie was always there when you needed her. She heard what you were saying and gave you a great feeling. She was always there for anyone who became her friend

Darlene Topp:

I never met AM in real life, we didn't really talk a lot, but we did have some small brief conversations in private from time to time. We talked about how I missed my relationship with my daughter after having left the family home 5 years earlier. AM gave me some advice on how I could start talking to my daughter again and how to keep it going once I did. I have been in contact with her since Christmas and I regret that AM is not here so I can tell her how it's going. Rest well, AM and thank you for being there for me, even if it was for a brief time.

Mary Kane:

I met AM only once, face to face, at IC

2003 (where I also met Liz and Dean), but we chatted often in IRC. Since my mother has had a transplant, I was able to tell AM various things about that process and she, in turn, listened to me and gave me hugs when I needed them. The Hornet has also had a member to pass away from a lengthy illness, six years ago and like AM, Elaine kept on contributing what she could, even as her health failed and her body betrayed her. So, to the Avenger, we, the Hornet, grieve with thee and share your pain. I am sad that AM is no longer with us, but I rejoice that she is now free of her physical ills and I feel sure she will continue to keep a watch over her family, and her friends. I'd say, rest in peace, but as T'Mana said, she's probably up there in heaven working away! Go with God, Ann-Marie Reilly!

Dustin Williams:

There isn't a whole lot of words I can say to express the friendship AM and I had. We went back and forth about life, love, bad relationships, and whatever there was to talk about. There were a few times where I'd get a call and she would be tired and hurting and just simply ask to talk. Sometimes I'd get a message from her with her fears of this and that. All I could say was no matter what we were all here for her.

I would like to say though, we laughed together we cried together and this year we were going to dance together. I regret missing out on that chance but I will say this. I have told her before and I will tell you all. It may seem like it was the darkest hour for some of us in our lives and it was her spirit that shone through that darkness. I believe her final hour was neither dark nor grim but she shined her brightest that day if only you looked hard enough to see it. Thank you Go with God and put a smile on heaven AM ill miss you

Wendy Fillmore:

I remember the meeting Alex mentioned, where we first met AM and "lil' Lizzie." AM and I became good friends on the Avenger in Medical. She had a great time contributing to the newsletter, organizing the parties... well, we all know how involved she was. I regret that we weren't as close after I moved out here to Vegas. And I'm sorry that I couldn't be back in NJ to offer more than long-distance moral support during this hard time. But I am relieved that AM is no longer struggling or hurting. I hope her daughter will forgive me for always seeing her as the little girl we left behind when we moved out here over 5 years ago now. :) I'd like to stay friends, so Liz, keep in touch sweetie. We're all going to miss your mom terribly, but none so much as you and your grandma. Give her a hug for me.

Michael Balewitz:

Sept 9, 2001 I heard about this Star Trek club that met in North Brunswick. During the meeting I was talking to AM who was the CMO. I joined medical and that's where the friendship began. I'll always remember her as a person who went the extra mile for all who knew her. She had great strength and courage even when her health took a turn for the worse. I made a vow to her when she went in for the bypass surgery that I'd never leave her side. Right up until

I saw her casket being lowered into the ground I never left her side.

AM, you were the best person to ever have come into my life. You showed me what it was to stand your ground, never give up on your dreams. AM, you're sorely missed and I'll cherish all the good times we had. There's just so much I still need to tell you. I know your looking down on us all. AM I love you and miss you.

Bill Herrmann:

First of all- To Liz and her Mother- I say Rejoice- You will see her Again. Love never dies. Ann Marie Reilly was a person who demonstrated Love without apology. From my standpoint, Ann Marie was a stalwart example of friendship and compassion in SFI. Despite her own physical problems and difficulties, she always was ready to "lend a hand" or otherwise demonstrate support and encouragement. I recall when my Mother was terminally ill with Pancreatic Cancer. Ann Marie sent me emails that encouraged us and she also sent a "Get Well" Card for my Mom, which did cheer her up at the time.

Ann Marie also responded to the various volunteer efforts in SFI and the SFMC of the "OPERATION: EAGLE" that reached out to the Troops overseas. Like many in SFI, Ann Marie was included in the roster of "THE EAGLE SQUADRON" -TREKKERS FOR THE TROOPS & FAMILIES" Every Support Poster that went overseas in the last decade had Ann Marie's name alongside her friends and fellow Fleeters not just in Region 07 and onboard the USS AVENGER, but throughout SFI.

When she learned of the "OPERATION: EAGLE" Outreach to WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER she sent me a Phone Calling Card with over 300 Minutes paid for. It went to a wounded Soldier from Iraq so he could call home for the Holiday's. She specifically asked me to keep that quiet. THAT was Ann Marie. But now- you know.

Her Light and Smile have not gone out of the Universe. They have taken up abode in all our Hearts. It was a Privilege and an Honor to meet her and call her a Friend in Fleet. She personified the term. She now walks the streets of Gold with another "Chief Medical Officer" by the name of Deforest Kelly and probably by now has met the Lady with cancer that she tried to cheer up who was named Carol Jean Herrmann, along with all those who have gone ahead before her who were Family and Friends. Heaven, you see, is a place of Reunion-each and every day of our lives. So Peace Ann Marie. No more pain. May God Bless You and Your Family- Thank You for the Joy You gave in our Life. SFI is better because YOU were here. I know I am.

Allyson Dyar:

I had the honor of meeting AM at several conventions, including IC 2003 where she, Liz and Scott gave me the official STARFLEET Whine Glass. It sits in a place of honor on my shelf. I enjoyed AM's company in #starfleet and miss her dearly. Three weeks ago today, I had to

put my kitten Simone to sleep because her feline leukemia progressed to lung cancer. I'd like to think that Simone is sitting on AM's lap, purring.

Richard Thompson:

She was my Friend and I am a Better Person for knowing her, Thank You AM, you will be missed, all my love to you Liz n Grandma

Scott Akers:

I'm not known for saying nice things, so I too will keep this short. Ann Marie you will be missed

Todd Brugmans:

Thinking back over the years in my relationship with Ann Marie, I'm reminded of all the times she generously gave of herself. There was the time when I came back from England, an emotional wreck after a disastrous first attempt at marriage. Ann Marie made up for troubles I'd experienced over there by even months after my return throwing an unexpected birthday party for me one night, just because.

She was a friend, a confidant, a co-conspirator, and the person who started the whole "Damn You Todd" legacy. In life, I've discovered there are only a handful of people you'll come to think about time and again, while others' names fall to obscurity. Ann Marie was one of those people who have made a profound impact on my life. For me, hers is not a name that will be taken from my daily thoughts and memories.

As I mentioned at her wake, we're all of us the sum of the experiences and people we meet. With her passing, we're all diminished somehow. Yet I will celebrate an inspirational life that has left the legacy of so many who've been bettered for knowing her, a self-assured, caring and intelligent daughter who AM nurtured, supported and encouraged. I know she's watching over us, and I'm damn certain she'll take us all to task when we step out of line. Hey, after all, what are friends for?

Steve Gordon:

I remember meeting Ann Marie right here in irc a few years ago. She was this feisty Irish woman who scolded me in private if I got out of line. I met her for the first time at IC in San Jose, and her hair was as red as anything I can remember, but her personality was unforgettable. She was this giving, caring lady that I will never forget. Thanks, AMie (as I called her) for making us all better...we spoke a lot in irc...she loved to cook. I just wish that I could have gotten to know her a lot better.

Scott Smith:

One of my favorite authors has a saying: "Shared pain is lessened, shared joy is doubled." Where to start? I first met AM a little over 4 years ago and, like many of you, quickly came to realize that here was a truly great person. Most of us know what IDIC means. AM not only knew it, she embraced it wholeheartedly. I will miss her, as will all of you. I cherish the

time I knew her and she will always be in my heart and mind. May she always be a shining star in our lives, Amen.

Patrick Barnes:

October 2003--my first meeting...after the meeting, I was hooked on Avenger. This red-haired fireball with loads of fun comes up to me and smiles: "Wanna join Medical? We've got the booze!" This took me by surprise...as I was the stranger in the group, she was the very first to make me welcome.

I joined Engineering at first, but I soon became fast friends with AM. She didn't let a little detail like a health condition slow her down. She met life and enjoyed it till the end. I love you, Ann Marie, and I always shall. Thank you for being my friend. Rest In Peace

Janek Kazimer:

I would like to thank Ann Marie for setting me onto the right path following an away mission we had to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was unable to attend due to her condition, but she knew I did a job well done when all of our crewmates were telling her how well I performed the tour and for that, she connected me with a few people that had later on motivated me to push hard to set a few goals of my own. Thank you Ann Marie for thinking of me. Rest in peace, we all love you.

Jamie Delantonas:

AM was a dear friend, who I always called a friend, but when I heard she passed away, it was hard. I wish I had met her at IC03. So, with that out of the way, I'll close by saying AM, you are still my best friend. Thank you

Dennis Rayburn:

I'm blown away here. With all of the comments, remembrances, thoughts, etc, this has been a tremendous thing. This is the longest, heaviest attended online memorial I've conducted. I have no doubt that AM is totally blown away up there right now, looking down on all of this. It's just seems right as she was one of the ones who helped me come up with this type of online service.

AM was a member of Chaplains/Counselors and was a great help to me. She was great to encourage me when I needed it, and to kick me in the lower quadrants when I really needed it. She was a Mother Confessor of sorts to me as when the Chaplain needed help, she was one of the inner circle I could turn to for advice. I never have been one for formality. When folks call me Rev. or the other titles I would grit my teeth. AM always called me Padre and is the only person I would allow to do so as it was her way. It wasn't a formal greeting to her, but one of friendship, which I treasured. I miss her phone calls. I miss her counsel. I miss my friend.

May the angels, AM, lead you into paradise, May the martyrs receive you at your coming, And lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of angels receive you, And with Lazarus, who once was poor, May you have everlasting rest.

ACADEMY OF STAR WARS STUDIES

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FCAPT Alex Trevino, Jr. • USS Bexar, R3

Greetings to the members of STARFLEET!

My name is Fleet Captain Alex Trevino, Jr., and I am the new Director for the Academy of Star Wars Studies. By the time you read this, IC 2005 will have just concluded.

First off, I want to thank, COMM Todd Brugmans, the Academy Commandant, and, Michael Timko, Dean - Institute of Science Fiction, for the privilege to serve you, the members.

As the name implies, this Academy school will deal with the Star Wars universe. The main goal as with all course at SFA is to have fun, and maybe learn something new.

The school is currently made up of thirteen (13) courses or classes with a total of twenty (20) tests. Two (2) of the tests are designed for Cadets ranging in age from six (6) to thirteen (13) and the other two (2) tests geared for Cadets from fourteen (14) to seventeen (17) years of age, but ALL tests are available to anyone wishing to take any of the courses. This will be a cost free electronic campus.

Most of the tests are based on the movies in general. Some of the courses will require some research on the part of the student (the Internet, technical journals that may be found at your local library or bookstore). I am always available to help point you in the right direction.

Successful completion of a course or class (taking all the tests associated with that course) entitles the student to an

electronic certificate that he or she may print out for their records. If the course or class has only one test then the student is eligible for a printable certificate. If the course has multiple tests, the student will receive a grade report for their records. Successful completion of all the tests in that course will then earn the student a certificate.

In the case of the student taking the course by snail mail the certificate will be printed out and mailed to the student along with his grade(s) in a SASE provided by the student. Failure to provide a SASE will delay the process until the student complies.

I will also let the student's Commanding Officer know of the student's successful accomplishment.

REQUIREMENTS:

To take any courses in this School or any other STARFLEET Academy course you must be a member in good standing with STARFLEET (current, active SCC#). If the course you are taking has more than one exam, you must complete the previous test first in order to advance to the next level.

If you need to take this course via snail mail, the student must LEGIBLY PRINT the information that is requested below and all correspondence with this school must include a SASE. Failure to supply a SASE or not being able to read your writing will result in delays for you, the student.

APPLYING TO THE ACADEMY OF STAR WARS STUDIES:

Any student wishing to enter this school must apply with the following information:

- 1) SCC#
- 2) Rank (optional)
- 3) Name (as listed with your SCC # in the STARFLEET Database)
- 4) Address (either email or full snail mail)
- 5) Chapter (optional)
- 6) Chapter CO (optional)
- 7) Chapter CO Address (either email or full snail mail) (optional)
- 8) Name of course you are wishing to take
- 9) Pre-requisite date if needed

COURSE CATALOG:

The following courses make up the Academy of Star Wars Studies:

- 1) Aliens (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)
- 2) Bounty Hunters (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)
- 3) Droids (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)
- 4) Imperial Ships & Technology (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)
- 5) Imperial Studies (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)
- 6) Jedi Studies: Jedi Padawan, Jedi Knight & Jedi Master. (Exams – 3. Must be taken in order to advance to next exam. Certificate awarded upon completion of entire course.)

7) Star Wars Movies (Exams – 3. Must be taken in order to advance to next exam. Certificate awarded upon completion of entire course.)

8) Padawan Studies 1 & 2. (Cadet Course 14-17) (Exams – 2. Must be taken in order to advance to next exam. Certificate awarded upon completion of entire course.)

9) Rebel Ships & Technology (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)

10) Rebel Studies (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)

11) Religion of Star Wars (Exams – 1. Certificate awarded upon successful completion.)

12) Sith Studies: Sith Apprentice & Sith Lord. (Exams – 2. Must be taken in order to advance to the next exam. Certificate awarded upon completion of entire course.)

13) Youngling Studies 1 & 2. (Cadet Course 6-13) (Exams – 2. Must be taken in order to advance to the next exam. Certificate awarded upon completion of entire course.)

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UPDATE: SFA

EUROPEAN ACADEMY CAMPUS

FCAPT Michael Vermoesen • USS Europe, R9

Greetings STARFLEET,

I would like to give you all an update on what is going on at the European Campus of SFA since this month we are starting to revamp most of the Region 9 websites and transferring to a new host. Also, the academy website has been upgraded and moved to the new host. I hope by the you read this that the intended URL works, but if not, check it on a regular basis.

As we want this great organisation that is called SFI to become more Internationally, we decided that it would be great to start translating academy courses, as well as various documents into different languages. Of course, this will bring a huge amount of

work with it, and also new director's will be needed to do this.

Qualifications to become directors for these courses should be:

- foremost, the director must be able to read and write language fluently
- Are a graduate of the courses you want to translate
- Have passed at least OTS and willing to do OCC within 6 months of appointment
- Have some knowledge on how the academy operates
- Reliable internet and email access
- Be willing to work in a team

At this time, the European Campus offers OTS in English, Dutch, French and

Esperanto, with German being added soon. Some US Campus course director's have already been contacted by us to get approval for course translations, and none of them objected to the idea, so I would like to thank them all for that. So if you are a director and want to get your course translated, please let us know.

Another project being pursued is the creation of free courses. The idea behind this is that we should offer potential members an idea on what they can expect from the SFA if they decide to join. Of course we don't want to be overloaded with course requests, so we do ask that a student is at least affiliated with a ship in our fleet.



Since this an entire new development in SFA it will take some time to get it all started. At the first stages of this project, we are trying to create all new courses. So if you have any free members on your ship, please inform them about this new activity they can soon try out.

European Academy Website:
<http://host.megasom.org/~region9/academy/>



FRONT AND CENTER

FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1 Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings, fellow members of STARFLEET!

I hope this message finds you doing well and ready for an exciting and fun summer! I personally am in the middle of a job transition that I'm looking forward to starting after IC. Speaking of IC, the STARFLEET International Conference is just 3 weeks away, and the Headquarters staff is prepping for Fleet's "Big Dance" with enthusiasm and excitement.

I wanted to come to the membership with a heart to heart talk this month. It seems like January 1st was just yesterday, but, as time has flown, and it is already June. We're getting close to the half-way point of Year 1 of this administration, and recently, some concerns have been expressed about what this administration is doing for Fleet. Some of this has been done constructively, some has been done mean-spirited and with threats. Either way, the comments are taken to heart, considered, and acted on.

Some have expressed concerns that our team isn't as vocal as some previous administrations. Our team has a quiet style about it. We try to get the news out, we wish to keep information flowing, but we're not as public as some wish us to be. When I sign every message I send out as Commander, STARFLEET, I include the following quote: "It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit." That quote is attributed to Robert Yates, but others, including former US President Ronald Reagan, have been known to say it from time to time.

It's not just a trite tag line to me. It really is a firm belief of mine, and perhaps it has kept me from being the "Spokesperson" for Headquarters that I should be. I'm going to endeavor to be much more vocal the next 2.5 years as I continue to sit in the center seat of STARFLEET. So, be careful what you ask for... <g>

So, just how is STARFLEET doing? What has this administration been up to the first 6 months? STARFLEET is pretty much holding steady in our membership numbers at this time. Based on the number reported from CompOps in CQ #126 (the last one of the former administration), we had 3790 members. Today, as I look at the database, STARFLEET has 3820 (including those renewals and new memberships waiting to be processed). While this isn't near the 10% growth goal we hope to have by the end of the 2005, it does show some promise. Based on the numbers that the Retention and Recruiting Department give me monthly, some regions and chapters are indeed seeing substantial gains in membership retention and recruitment of new members. Others, sadly, are not. And

these issues are a concern of Ops Chief Jack Eaton and myself.

At Region 1 Summit, I was asked a question from the R1 Recruiting Chief, Ron Novak. He asked what goals Fleet HQ would like to see regions and chapters meet in terms of growth and retention. I tried to break it down to the simplest form of growth out there. The Chapter. If we could see our 246 chapters grow by 10% each, Fleet as whole would be seeing great success.

Certainly, it can sound difficult to propose we recruit close to 400 new members to STARFLEET. Where? When? How? So, that's why at R1 Summit, we discussed the idea of every chapter growing by 10%. That means for a chapter with 10 members, it's as simple as recruiting *one* new person. For chapters with 20 members, 2 new members. For those few chapters out there with 30, 40, and 50 members, you have a little more work cut out for you. But, everything starts at a chapter level in STARFLEET, including growth and retention. So, today, I challenge every chapter to work together on that 10% goal. Only a small number of people in STARFLEET aren't assigned to a chapter or region. So, this goal is quite attainable. Let's work on it together in our local chapters. If each chapter grows, their regions grow, and of course, STARFLEET grows.

I admit that our team ran on a very comprehensive platform during last year's election. We do have ambitious goals. Not every goal is going to be accomplished this year, and this year alone. We have three years, and we're going to roll out projects and initiatives as time, resources, finances, and volunteers allow. Like US President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address when laying out his ambitious plans and goals, "all this will not be finished in the first 100 days... But let us begin." And that is what we intend.

Much of our goals involve changing attitudes and resolving the infighting and apathy that so many see on email lists throughout the organization. FADM Mike Malotte in his outgoing column in CQ #126 stated that the biggest challenge facing STARFLEET is no longer slaying the dragons of operational issues of the corporation. Instead, in his words, the new challenge is "to find something for the membership to get behind and band together for." We can try out best to resolve the "us vs. them" attitudes that permeate some levels of this organization. We can set the example, even, but this is something that we don't expect we can change overnight, not even possibly in 3 years. Every person with an SCC # must help in this capacity. The ownership of this organization is in your hands! Let's work together in this challenge.

Someone mentioned recently during an email list flame war that the majority of people in Fleet can't seem to get along. Unfortunately, that is a perception that many hold and express often. But, I really disagree with that statement! For those that are involved in the "online" world of STARFLEET, the various lists, the various discussion forums, they sometimes see the unofficial lists and the unofficial chat and IRC channels as the world of Fleet. Even I sometimes fall into that trap. I get discouraged when I see another flame war. I get discouraged when it looks like no one can play nicely.

However, I have to sit back and realize that the "online" world of STARFLEET is not the end all and be all of STARFLEET. Certainly, much of the business of Fleet is done online. Certainly, there is much fun to be had online with fellow Fleeters. But the majority of people in Fleet do get along! I see it every time I go to a Regional Summit or International Conference or a Chapter or Section event. The majority of people in Fleet don't immerse themselves in the online world of STARFLEET. So, for those of you that get discouraged at the next heated email discussion online, don't fret! A vocal minority may not always play nicely, but overall, the MAJORITY of STARFLEET are doing positive things!

I read through the chapter reports monthly as time allows. I see all the very good and positive things that members of STARFLEET do! I am so humbled to be the person that is leading the organization we all so deeply love and appreciate. It is a responsibility I take very seriously. All of those that serve on the Executive Committee take the responsibility very seriously. We admit that we aren't perfect. We admit we don't always have all the answers. But, we are working hard to do the best job we can.

We encourage feedback and for you to share your concerns with us. We can't get a good barometer of what is working and what isn't working if we don't have feedback. So, by the end of the summer, we're going to have a survey for you, the membership, to fill out. This is a method of feedback we wish to use to "grade" ourselves. The results will be compiled and put in a "report card" of sorts that we'll share. Please, take the time to participate in this process and let us know what you think, what concerns you have, etc. Of course, you can share those concerns at any time with any of us. Feel free to write or email at any time. But, please, especially take the time to participate in our semi-annual review.

So, just what has this administration been doing the past five months and what are future plans? Here are some highlights, but definitely not a complete list!

- The CFO's office has transitioned everything to QuickBooks, opened up accounts with a national bank, and put into place detailed procedures for approving expenses and managing assets. All this will allow for a complete budget to be done by the end of this year for 2006.

- The CFO's office has staff cross trained, allowing monies to be deposited quicker, credit cards to be processed weekly, and no single point of failure in the CFO's office delaying the deposit of membership monies and making payments on behalf of Fleet.

- The Quartermaster will soon be debuting a website, STARFLEET goodies are included in Membership Packets, and the QM is working on low-cost items for recruitment and retention incentives

- CompOps has revamped much of the Membership Processing work-flow, setting up multiple teams, a division of duties, allowing for no single point of failure in the process. This has enabled MP to provide a 2-3 week turnaround for most processed memberships.

- The database team continually implements upgrades and features to the SFI Database. You can log in at <http://database.sfi.org> and see for yourself their hard work.

- The web team keeps the SFI.org website updated now, and will soon be unveiling a new look to the SFI.org site. Efforts are made to ensure emails and links are current and working. Transition to a professional hosting service will allow for even more additions and functionality in the SFI.org site.

- ShOC and Ops are working together in chapter growth, development, and care. International Regions are seeing growth, with R20 (UK) and R9 (Europe) seeing significant gains.

- STARFLEET Academy continues to see new courses being added. Members will be especially interested in the Institute of Science Fiction where you can take courses ranging from Star Wars, Stargate, Babylon 5, Battlestar Galactica, and more!

- Communications will see work begin on the next version of our fanzine, Stellar Visions later this year. The STARFLEET Press Corps is being revived, and the CQ will continue to improve and evolve as member content allows, so send in those good articles!

- The VCS Office now oversees the STARFLEET Helpdesk. We have a trained helpdesk staff overseeing answering mem-

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VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

RADM Sunnie J. Planthold • USS Gaspirilla, R2

Vice Commander, STARFLEET



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Ahhh... summer is around the corner. Summer is a great time for vacations and Fellowship, visiting friends, family and STARFLEET chapters!

On May 13-15, Ralph and I attended the Region One Summit in Charlotte, NC. We felt like we had "arrived at home." USS North Carolina's CO, Col. Jonathan Wilson, and his Summit Committee provided plenty of activities and fun for the folks. Standing in for the RC, VRC

Willy Smith showed his great Southern charm, wit, and humor as MC. Mychael Barnette, of Summit Security, recovered the VCS' chocolate vault after it was kidnapped. Being the first to respond, he was awarded the VCS unofficial Chocolate Award. The 1st Brigade SFMC Muster gave out Brigade-level awards and had an "open session" discussion on the concerns of its members.

Edward Allen III, Overseas Coupon Program director, has had health difficulties during April and May. He now has his

computer up and working, ready to catch up on e-mails tallying the coupons that have been sent to various Armed Forces locations overseas. He gave permission to post his home phone number: 513-635-8256. His e-mail: ocp@mchsi.com; OCP website: <http://www.ocpnet.org>.

The new Help Desk Administrator is Christina Fatolitis, of the USS Myrddin in Region 2. She is working with my Chief of Staff in getting this department functioning at full efficiency. Look for her article elsewhere in this issue.

Ralph and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at IC 2005 in San Antonio, TX, the first weekend in July!

Sunnieside-Up: Relax and enjoy a chocolate treat daily.

S. Planthold

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-ber questions and issues, and stats are being kept that will allow us to identify problem areas and attend to those more proactively. The Fleet Resource Center continues to evolve to better serve the membership and offer more out of your STARFLEET experience. The Annual Campaign Year of Fellowship is getting more participation from chapters and members as we continue to play together in Trek and Sci-Fi Fandom.

- The CS Office is in the process of rolling out the Individual Awards program, to provide for more member recognition. A new team is going to be hitting the ground soon in the Marketing & Public Relations Office to better promote Fleet and its members good works. A Member Advisory Panel was formed and has close to 40 members providing input and feedback on Fleet.

So, you can see that your Headquarters staff has been working hard the past 5 months laying a solid foundation for the

next 2.5 years of this administration and beyond. We're not going to rest on our laurels during this time. We're going to keep working for you, the membership, as we promised last year when we first ran for office.

And for those that are our critics, yes, even "the Fellowship of the 200," I ask you to consider the words of John F. Kennedy from his inaugural address, "So let us begin anew - remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness... Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us."

So, I close, with a paraphrase of my own from JFK's speech. With a good conscience as my only sure reward, with history the final judge of my deeds, I go forth to lead the Fleet I love.

In Fellowship with Fleet,

Mandi Livingston



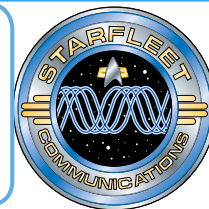
Front row: Warren Price, (USS Providence), Janice Graham, (USS Renegade)
Back row: Pam Michaud (Assistant R/1 Awards director), Sunnie, Mandi, and Teresa Remaly (Shuttle Armageddon)



COMMpletely RELEVANT

COMM Bob Fillmore • K'Ehleyr Station, R4

Chief of Communications, STARFLEET



Welcome to another stellar edition of the STARFLEET Communiqué! Although this is the third issue we've published under Team Starfleet, we've gotten a lot of great feedback from the general members. Seems a large majority of you enjoy the publication, and that is great! We do plan to make some subtle changes and improvements, so if you have any suggestions, please send them in. We appreciate any suggestions and will do our best to incorporate as much of your ideas into the CQ as we can; keep them coming! :)

The Newsletter Awards are on track, and I want to thank everyone who submitted samples to be judged. If you are going to be at IC, I may be persuaded to allow some late entries, so feel free to bring your best works to be judged.

Lastly, in our continuing effort to improve the look and layout of the CQ, we have decided to consider revamping the front page banner. The current CQ Grafix Grandmaster, the incredibly talented Admiral Gumby, has gone on sabbatical from this prestigious post. Therefore, we

will be opening up the position of Official CQ Grafix Master and applicants will be judged on their ideas for a new front page banner. No limits, no restrictions. Get creative, and submit your ideas to us. The winning banner will be used in CQ131, and the winning artist's portfolio will be showcased in that centerfold as well. The Grafix Master will continue to hone their skills and work their craft in an effort to approach Grandmaster status. Achieving the rank of Grafix Grandmaster will not be easy; however, I'm sure that there's a lot of talented folks out there who can do it.

Will it be you? Submit a new banner, and find out. :)

I do want to personally thank Gumby from all of us for all of his hard work and dedication to STARFLEET, the CQ, and Fandom as a whole. His talent will be missed, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Bob Fillmore



THE TOWAWAY ZONE

COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton • USS Trident, R2
Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



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Well, it's been almost six months since the change in administrations and I thought it might be a good time for a review. What has Operations done and what are we still planning? So far, I feel we're doing pretty well.

My staff is fantastic. They have all stepped up to the plate with each of their jobs and are all a joy to work with.

We have dusted off the Chapter Care Program. Steve Bowers has already contacted chapters who are under strength or are delinquent in reporting and with the assistance of Pete Mohny in Retention and Recruiting is working to keep as many chapters as possible viable. We are still working on some materials to send out to our "problem children" with such titles as "So, You Hate Filing Your MSR" and "MSR Cliff Notes: A Guide to Filing a Report with Fleet".

I will be the first to admit I have a lazy side. That's part of the reason I implemented an MSR Review Team. These people weed through the over 200 monthly reports looking for the unique, unusual and of course the problems. This team

has been saving me tons of time and helped focus efforts to get things fixed.

Thanks to a corporate trainer on my "real life" job I have become somewhat proficient at Excel. I have revamped an internal spreadsheet to track MSR reporting in a more automated fashion. I will also be expanding the breakdowns in the reports. I know this doesn't mean much to the rank and file members, but it has been keeping me off the streets at night.

In conjunction with Lauren Milan we are looking to add a "Chapter Locator" to the STARFLEET website. With this, you simply enter your zip code and the "Chapter Locator" gives you a listing of chapters within that area. If you'd like to see examples of this check out my inspiration, www.sonicdrivein.com.

I have gotten into a regular rhythm and schedule which seems to work. I try to answer my emails as quickly as I can, but I will admit to an occasional post or two slipping through the cracks. If you email me about something and don't hear from me in a reasonable amount of time please feel free to bug the heck out of me. It's my job.

My other shortfalls would have to be with the Help Desk and changes made to the Database. Each of these is simply a matter of learning the processes and programs. When I do another of these assessments I'm sure I'll have a better report for you. I will proudly state that I have cleared all outstanding Help Desk tickets from the Operations queue as of this writing. Progress, however small, is still progress.

In the next few months CO's will start receiving an emailed reminder about their MSR's. This is just a gentle little nudge from Ops.

One other change I am planning is to make the online MSR mirror the paper form. There are a few fields on the written form which do not appear online and I want this to be brought more in line.

So, that's how the first six months here in Operations have been. I am looking forward to more of the same as we move along. The best part of this job is the interaction with a larger base of Fleet members. I have called a number of CO's and RC's in the past few months when it seemed an email just wasn't sufficient. As I write this Kris Williams of the USS Arizona is en route

from Ohio to Florida. I read her MSR, which mentioned she would be visiting Florida, and decided to extend a Fleet welcome to her while she was in town. In an upcoming CQ I'm, sure you'll read her account of her road trip here and the STARFLEET Cookout we had for her upon her arrival. Something like that would probably not have happened before I was in this job. I love it.

Operations proudly announces another commissioning since the last issue:

USS Dragonstrike NCC-74305
Entene-Class Dreadnought
Commanded by:
Fleet Captain John DuBose
City of Charter: Oswego, KS
Region 12

As per our usual business part of the article; the Vessel Registry is ready for downloading. 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.

Keep those cards and letters coming.

Report for April 2005			
	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	52	55	95%
R2	28	31	90%
R3	19	19	100%
R4	16	20	80%
R5	2	7	29%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	27	31	87%
R9	2	2	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	18	26	69%
R13	6	8	75%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	11	11	100%
R17	7	8	88%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	198	228	87%

Report for May 2005			
	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	54	56	96%
R2	25	30	83%
R3	16	19	84%
R4	15	20	75%
R5	3	7	43%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	28	31	90%
R9	2	2	100%
R10	2	3	67%
R12	20	27	74%
R13	8	8	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	10	11	91%
R17	7	8	88%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	197	229	86%

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – MAR./APR. 2005

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Nancy Rabel Hall (61)
Nancy Joan O'Shields (62)

Silver Boothby (100 -149 completed courses)

Antonio Lopes III (105)
Patricia Lewis (109)
Michael J. Timko III (122)

Gold Boothby (150 -199 completed courses)

Bill Rowlette (152)

Dilithium Boothby (300+ completed courses)

Glendon Diebold (304)

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

Key:

(H) Graduated one or more classes with Honors
(D) Graduated one or more classes with Distinction
* indicates multiple graduations in a series. (number reflects number of courses completed in this reporting period)



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

COMM Todd F. Brugmans • USS Avenger, R7
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



The Academy is continuing to provide its services to the Fleet as a whole, including a new service that I'm happy to finally report is now available for Fleetwide use. First, I'd like to announce that at the time this is being written, we are working on establishing a new director for the Officers Command College. I have been handling requests and grading of this course in the meantime, and will continue to do so until our newly selected director is up to speed. We have some new folk joining the Academy staff which I'll be touching on in just a moment. I'd like to take a moment to discuss the annual Scholarship program for this year. The deadline for applicants to submit for consideration of a STARFLEET Scholarship award is July 1st, 2005. Naturally, as this falls the same weekend as the International Conference, it will be impossible to determine who is awarded which scholarship at that time. We will be looking to make Fleet-wide announcements regarding this year's scholarship winners in August of this year. The current Director for the Scholarship Program is Jill Tipton, who has served in this capacity from the beginning of this term, and will be looking to focus her time on her own collegiate studies following the issuing of this year's awards. In the meantime, Jill Tipton can be reached via email at kitara72764@yahoo.com for any additional details. 2005's recipients will be announced in the next issue of the CQ.

I am extremely pleased to announce that the Online Academy is now available through the Academy website for widespread use. <http://academy.sfi.org/>

onlineacad/index.php. This version of the Academy, developed and nurtured by our Academy webmaster, Dino Gravato, allows students to take courses in "real time" by accessing the webpage. The Online Academy as met with tremendous success throughout its beta testing period, and much of the feedback we've received thus far has focused on the ease of use and convenience. The Online Academy currently features a small sampling of the courses we offer through STARFLEET Academy, but will continue to grow as our staff becomes more familiar with the technology. My heartfelt thanks to Dino, and to the Academy Directors who've already embraced this new direction for the Academy, and made it a reality.

So let's talk about the International Conference for this year, shall we?

STARFLEET Academy will be there for you, and I do hope (provided you're attending, of course) that you'll stop in and meet with some of us throughout the weekend.

The Academy will have some of its courses available for you to take at the IC this year, sharing our 'classroom space' with the STARFLEET Marines Academy, which will also be making course offerings available. In addition, I personally will be hosting three panel discussions at the IC, which I hope will be of interest. In one panel discussion, we will be actually building a new course for STARFLEET Academy. You'll be able to witness and take active part in the brainstorming and development of a new course offering for the Academy. The

second panel discussion is an invitation for the CO's and XO's of the Fleet's chapters to join with the Academy staff to determine what they'd like to see added to the list of courses in the Institute of Leadership Studies. The ILS is dedicated to providing prospective leaders on the chapter level or higher with the tools they need to effectively take on a leadership position. Lastly, the Academy will be having an open forum panel, which provides you with an opportunity to come and share your impressions, thoughts and opinions with members of the Academy staff regarding your Academy experiences, good, ill, or otherwise. I hope to see you there.

My Primary Staff

We have several new faces joining the Academy's staff roster this reporting period. Returning as Director for the STARFLEET Academy Security School is Greg Staylor, Director@SFA-Security.com. Glen Diebold joins us as Director for the College of Survival Studies, and he has been hard at work developing new course offerings for this college. Richard Benker is our new Director for the STARFLEET in Cyberspace course, and Carolyn Zimdahl is taking directorship of the Cadet School of Law, in addition to her main Academy School of Law duties. Gary Hollifield Jr. has agreed to serve as assistant director for the School of Trekology, which is currently closed for revision. Alex Trevino joins the Institute of Science Fiction as its new Director for the Star Wars studies. And we welcome Dave James to the Academy's Department of Arts and Graphics. Dave will be assisting

Lourdes Underwood with the development of all the graphics and certificate designs we incorporate in recognizing academic achievement throughout the Academy. Appointments for the Directorships of the College of Temporal Physics and the Officers Command College will be made in the next issue of the CQ.

Graduates

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

Boothby Awards

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate Glen Diebold on becoming the third member in all of STARFLEET to be issued the Dilithium Boothby award. It represents, at present, the highest level of achievement STARFLEET Academy has to offer, and Glen has worked hard to reach this level. We of the Academy Staff salute his accomplishment.

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. The recipients for this period are on the opposite page (all numbers of completed courses reflect the Database standings as of deadline for this issue of the CQ).

EC/AB SUMMARY

RADM J. C. Cohen • USS Accord, R7

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

* A report was made to the AB by the CS regarding the resignation of the previous IG.

* Discussions about a Warrant Officer rank system being added to the STARFLEET membership handbook was made by an RC on behalf of members in his region.

* The IG announced his intention to form a committee to help simplify the method by which RCs are selected. His intention, in addition to simplification, is to increase participation in the RC election process. The IG also post information for the RCs on avoiding risk in Non-profit organizations.

* Computer Operations announced changes to the membership processing system.

* Because STARFLEET level award nominations were due, the Awards Director

made announcements of due dates, requests for submissions, and tips for having successful nominations.

* The CS Chief of Staff began to gather the official list of EC/AB attendees and proxies, their travel plans, and to gather agenda items for the EC/AB meeting at the IC.

* The EC/AB list bid farewell to John Simmons, the previous RC of Region 17, and welcomed the new RC from R17, Bran Stimpson. Additionally, Joost Ueffing

moved from R14 to R13, making him ineligible to serve as RC there, and former RC Manon Lessard-Bellanger has again stepped in to that position, at least on an interim basis.

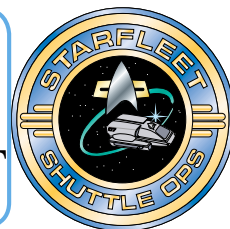
* If you have any comments on any issue before the AB, or wish to see an issue raised, you should discuss the matter with your RC. A listing of your RC and every RC can be found in the back of every CQ, including this one.



The SHUTTLEBAY

RADM Jerry Tien • USS Eagle, R4

Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET



Hello, Fleet!

Time sure flies when you are having fun. STARFLEET International Conference (IC) 2005 is almost upon us. This is shaping up to be a very busy quarter. We just launched and commissioned these chapters in recent weeks:

Shuttle Foe Hammer (R12)
Shuttle Saratoga (R20)
USS Dragonstrike (R12)

In addition, there will be several more ships coming on line in July:

USS Dauntless (R2)
SS Maverick (R3)
USS Tiburon (R17)

Moreover, the following vessels are going through final stages of construction. Once we are done with pre-flight check, they should launch / commission right around IC 2005:

Shuttle Albion (R4/20)
Shuttle Rosen (R12)
USS Moontype (R4/17)

I am very glad to see all these groups hard at work, helping STARFLEET grow. I am especially looking forward to meeting them at IC this year.

Several other groups have also indicated interest in starting new shuttles. Rather than going through the challenge of shuttle start up on your own, why not let Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC) give you a hand? We have the Department of Technical Services, Office of Technical Information, Advanced Starship Design Bureau and even schematic artists available for your needs. If you require help with human resources, we can also point you to the right departments for recruiting help and so forth. You'd be surprised at the wide variety of fleet resources available these days.

Next, some administrative business at ShOC headquarters: We have some immediate openings for web developers to help our web site upgrade project. Interested parties should contact me as soon as possible. I know lots of folks are looking for places to showcase their web skills (sorry, there can be only *one* Spiderman :). So, give ShOC a try!

Customer service is one of the top priorities for this administration. In order to better serve all of our chapters, ShOC is working with Ops to get more feedback from you. For all the commanding officers out there, please take a moment to respond to these surveys. Your input is crucial to future improvements of this organization. Don't hesitate to contact us either. We love to hear from you.

Of course, STARFLEET is not all work and no play. If you are still debating to attend IC 2005 or not, isn't it time to give it a shot?

This is especially true for folks in western regions. If you don't like flying, you can always try ground transportation. (After all, it worked for Adm. Nowlin!) I hope to see you in San Antonio. It will be a fun weekend.

Finally, while new Trek series might be on hold, there is no reason you can't create your own "Star Trek Experience". For example, you can still catch a glimpse of various locations where they made the show. As a matter of fact, this year's Region 4 Conference will be held in Los Angeles, CA on 10/7-9. It will be a great opportunity to visit many of the locations used to film the Trek series, not to mention meeting many R4 members.

In any case, keep on Trekking!

Richard Smith

STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

BDR Deborah Malotte, STARFLEET Director of Promotions • USS Normandy, R1

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

Captain/Colonel

Rose Armstrong
Larry Hart
Will Hartford
Norma Dubose
Vance Watkins
Shawn Gregory

Commodore Brigadier General

Stephen Idell
Chris Esquibel
Chris Dunivan
Brett Price
Thomas G. Brinkley
Bea Hart
Kathy Schopp
Jeremy Trent

Rear Admiral/ Major General

Raye Crews
Patricia Lewis
Ben Redding
Nat Saenz
Chris Rossman
Kimberly Donohoe

Congrats to all promotion recipients!

-- Minimum TIG scale, effective January 1, 2003:

Captain/Colonel	24 months Time in Fleet
Fleet Captain/Brigadier	18 months Time in Previous Rank
Commodore/Brigadier General	21 months Time in Previous Rank
Rear Admiral/Major General	24 months Time in Previous Rank
Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General	30 months Time in Previous Rank
Admiral/General	36 months Time in Previous Rank

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

--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.

Fleet Captain / Brigadier

Larry D. French, Sr.	Dave Berube	Sean Niemeyer
Mark Libby	James Kerr	Stephen Ives
Rich DeMidio	Tom Townly	Linda Barr
Thomas N. Donohoe	Bran Stimpson	Lisa D. Brinkley
Janice R. Graham	Joe Dorffner	Lester Schopp
		Seileach Corleigh

Vice Admiral

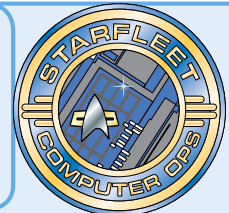
Richard Smith



COMPOPS

VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, R15

Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



Hey all! It's Lauren Milan here, Webmaster for SFI.org, and innumerable other Web sites over the years. Sal Lizard is on the road as I write this, and he's asked me if I'd take the helm for this issue... boy, will "Santa" be surprised when he comes back and finds out we've added a "naughty or nice" column to the SFI Database!

I'd like to take the opportunity to talk about the STARFLEET Web site, specifically the changes that will be taking place over the summer. By the time you receive this CQ, we will be well on our way to completing this process; we'll keep members apprised of the brief, necessary planned outages that will occur during the site transition. I would like to thank you, the membership, in advance for your patience and understanding as we go through this procedure.

SFI.org's New Home, and Why We're Moving

As many of you know, we've been having frequent issues with STARFLEET's Web hosting service, primarily Web site and e-mail list outages. Now, outages happen to all sites once in a while, for a variety of reasons. But it's become all too common an occurrence for sfi.org, and the members have made it clear that it is simply unacceptable. Even a brief outage, say an hour, can start up a storm of frantic email on our lists. And if our lists go down, even briefly... well you can just imagine how angry members get.

And that is why we started looking for a new Web hosting service. It's a long,

arduous process, researching, registering and then finally moving over our web site. But it's a solid investment in SFI's web presence. We may be a fan organization, but our members expect us to maintain a standard of quality and professionalism in our communications. We expect our CQ to be delivered regularly, and have an attractive and professional layout with lots of informative and entertaining content. When we post to an email list, we expect our messages to appear immediately. And when we go to the SFI.org web site, we expect it to be clear, useful, up-to-date, accurate... and most importantly, we expect to not be greeted with a "404 File not Found" screen!

SFI.org Redesign

As many of you already know, I have been redesigning the SFI.org web site this year, and I'm very proud of the direction the site is moving in. It's not simply a "facelift," where we give the site a pretty new template, move things around a little, and call it a day. We've expanding, restructuring, and in some cases, starting over from scratch, to accommodate the changing demands on STARFLEET's Web presence. When designing this site, I kept our administration's Annual Campaign theme in mind: the Year of Fellowship, "How can SFI.org be a tool for fostering fellowship in SFI?"

For starters, we're tailoring information to both our potential audiences: the SFI member, and the non-member visiting to learn more about SFI. When you enter the site, you have two paths open to you. Either you can go to our Welcome center,

with a brief, informative message about SFI, who we are, what we do, and how to get involved, or you can head directly to the Member portal, which holds all our organizational news, announcements, resources, and other useful features for members (If you like, you can also bookmark the Portal homepage to bypass the Welcome message on the homepage, or bookmark the Welcome Center for use in your own recruitment efforts).

Here's a quick rundown of some of other our new and expanded features:

- News Center – We'll be offering original featured news articles, in addition to the traditional announcements listings, including special spotlights, reports, interviews, and more, that you won't find on any SFI list!
- Fandom Resource Center – 'Cuz we're not just about STARFLEET business, we have listings of recreational fandom resources from SFI members, both official and unofficial, including e-mail lists, web sites and other resources.
- Recruitment & PR Resources – A central location for recruitment materials to help you recruit for your chapter or region. The official Recruitment Guide, press release archive & guidelines for producing your own local releases, banners, buttons, and other downloads for your own Web site & recruiting materials, and more.
- New ShOC site – The ShOC site has been redesigned to be an engaging one-stop-

shopping site for current and would-be Chapter-in-Training members and mother ships. Frequently asked questions, useful resources & guides, and departmental news.

- Revised & Expanded Regions Map – Fun and easy-to-use map detailing to find STARFLEET chapters near you!

The Next Stage

Remember, ladies and gentlemen, this is just the next stage of SFI.org's growth and expansion... not only will more be coming down the road this year, but our current offerings will also be revised & amended according to member feedback. A great deal of the changes reflected in the Web redesign came directly from member comments, suggestions, complaints, sometimes rants... and if the site is to be useful to the members, it needs regular "course corrections" to tailor it to our needs as an organization.

I want to thank you, the membership, for your input in the redesign process, and for your cooperation and understanding as we move SFI.org to the next level. I also want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as STARFLEET's webmaster; it's been a dream of mine for a long time, and it's been a very exciting and rewarding opportunity, and I'm extremely proud to serve!

Fleet Captain Lauren Milan
SFI Webmaster
webmaster@sfi.org

JOIN THE STARFLEET PRESS CORPS

By VADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7

You may have heard about it, but what is it? Well, the STARFLEET Press Corps started back in the early 90s under the coordination of then SFI Communications Chief Cari Brandt, the first commanding officer of the Region 7 ship USS Thagard. She developed the idea of trying to get regular contributors to the Communiqué.

Cari was originally on my ship and she knew of my interest in journalism, fandom, and Trek fiction. It was a natural that I'd join up. I had been a frequent contributor to the CQ but now, well now, it was going to be official as I carried my blue plastic laminated SFI Press Corps badge on my uniform. As if that would give the con coordinators or guests any feeling that I had additional credibility.

Not really, but it was fun and it showed other SFI members that I wasn't at that particular con just for the fun of it, I was going to write about...something at that convention. Others joined the Press Corps

and it was one way to get regular writers, artists and photographic contributions to improve the CQ.

Different administrations came in; different SFI Communications Chiefs tried other approaches. The CQ changed under the Smith administration from a magazine look to a newspaper look. The one thing that didn't change, was the continuing need for members to submit con reviews, tech articles, reviews of episodes, movies, other Sci-Fi articles, commentary on Fleet, Trek, games, videos, novels and most importantly, Fleet, Regional and chapter events.

The Press Corps faded away but now it is back. You haven't heard much about it because ... well, because I was awaiting some word on my proposal and should have simply stepped up and wrote this article months ago. I realized that my

postponement of this article was exactly why we need a press corps. Don't wait, but write, submit, draw and take a few digital pics to send our way. I don't know if we'll have some fancy badge or ID card as we did in the 90's.

We'd like to have a regular group of correspondents from each region. People we know will either make sure an article is submitted on important regional events like summits/conferences, even if it means they will submit articles and photos themselves. That won't mean that new contributors or those who only occasional submit material won't be seeing their work in print.

Does the SFI CQ have a standard for the material submitted? Outside of no plagiarism, an issue discussed by our SFI President in prior issues, no. That isn't to say that while we don't expect Associated Press style articles that we won't be looking for particular things in certain type of articles.

Con Reviews: Where was the convention, was there an SFI presence beyond your ship? Did SFI have a recruiting table, who were the guests, what did the SFI/Ship do at the convention that made it fun, why do we wish we were all there too?

Regional Summits/Conf.: Who put on the conference, who were the key officers in charge, what made it special, what regional business was discussed, what were the fun events and theme, who got awards, were there any special guests?

Next issue I'll write more about CQ style. Don't think that you need to be a professional reporter to submit to the CQ. That isn't our intent. We want to read things that are from the membership and that can include your own viewpoints. For those who want to be listed as part of the SFI Press Corps and want to help develop the idea further, please contact me at Beamaboard@aol.com or call either 732-830-3262 or 856-627-1718. Let's talk about it!

CFO BANK REPORTS for 02/05, 03/05, 04/05

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



February 2005:

Beginning Balance: \$40,666.62
Transfer in from other Bank: \$96.91
Income:
Membership Processing \$3200.94
Credit Cards 2518.94
PayPal 466.00
Checks & Money Orders 201.00
Cash 15.00
Quartermaster 25.00
Checks 25.00
VR Shuttle & Ship Fees 20.00
Interest on Savings 15.94
Total Income for Feb: \$3,359.30

Sub Total \$44,025.92

Expenses: *
Bank Fees 0.20
Membership Processing 132.95
Credit Cards 112.92
PayPal 20.03
SkipJack & PayNet Fees 21.50
Supplies 750.46
Membership Processing 377.28
Office 373.18
Web Sites 144.03

Total Expenses for Feb: \$1,027.64

Ending Balance for STARFLEET \$42,998.28

STARFLEETT Academy
Beginning Balance
Transferred In: \$1,764.97

Income \$0.51
PayPal set up 0.51

Ending Balance for SFA \$1,765.48

STARFLEET Marines
Beginning Balance
Transferred In: \$602.12

Income

Expense

Ending Balance for SFMC: \$602.12

March 2005:

Beginning Balance: \$42,998.28

Income:
Membership Processing \$4,074.09
Cash 369.09
Checks & Money Orders 1606.00
Credit Cards 1648.00
PayPal 451.00
Quartermaster 1,125.00
Cash 188.55
Checks 499.45
Credit Cards 437.00
VR Shuttle & Ship Fees 0.00
Interest on Savings 17.66
Total Income for March: \$5,216.75

Sub Total \$48,215.03

Expenses: *
Bank Fees \$0.00
C Q Newsletter 1,391.50
Printing 191.50
Postage 1200.00
Credit Card Fees 136.76
Membership Processing 94.78
PayPal 18.74
Quartermaster 13.24
SkipJack & PayNet Fees 10.00
Equipment Purchase for Membership Processing 1,062.79
Supplies 4090.74
IG 122.01
Membership Processing 3932.41
OPS 36.32
Web Sites 145.80
Total Expenses for March \$6,827.59

Ending Balance for STARFLEET \$41,387.44

STARFLEETT Academy
Beginning Balance
Transferred In \$1,765.48

Income
PayPal \$17.00

Total Income \$17.00

Expenses:
PayPal Fees \$1.40

Total Expenses \$1.40

Net Monthly Income \$15.60

Ending Balance for SFA \$1,781.08

April 2005:

Beginning Balance \$41,387.44

Income:
Membership Processing 3,263.00
Checks & Money Orders 854.00
Credit Cards 1659.00
PayPal 750.00
Quartermaster 24.00
Cash 24.00
VR Shuttle & Ship Fees 20.00
Interest on Savings 18.94
Total Income for April: \$3,325.94

Sub Total \$44,713.38

Expenses:
Bank Fees
Membership Processing \$122.21
Credit Cards 89.26
PayPal 32.95
SkipJack & PayNet Fees
Supplies
Membership Processing 1,196.50
Office
Web Sites 239.40

Total Expenses for April: \$1,558.11

Ending Balance for STARFLEET \$43,155.27

April 2005:

STARFLEETT Academy
Beginning Balance
Transferred In \$1,781.08

Income
PayPal

Expenses

Ending Balance for SFA: \$1,781.08

STARFLEET Marines
Beginning Balance: \$736.47

Income

Expense

Ending Balance for SFMC: \$736.47

March 2005:

STARFLEET Marines
Beginning Balance
Transferred In: \$602.12

Income
Cash & Checks 134.35

Expense 0.00
Net Monthly Income \$134.35

Ending Balance for SFMC: \$736.47

Note: These are combined balances for Checking & Savings Accounts that include Scholarship Funds. We will have the majority in the savings account to earn interest. All STARFLEET money entries will come into the General Account.

R1 SUMMIT REPORT

ADM Willy Smith • USS Heimdal, R1

We had a great time at the R1 Summit (May 13 -15 in Charlotte, NC) and I'm sure many new friends were made and of course you get to put the names with faces and have the opportunity to talk to some of those names that you've only heard or read about. I was able to meet Vice Commander STARFLEET Sunnie Planthold and her husband Ralph. Sunnie truly has a "busload" of personality and a briefcase of chocolate to go with it! (It's a long story). As always it was great seeing CS Mandi and while I was talking with her I had to remind myself several times that she is the Commander of STARFLEET now but she's hardly changed at all. In my opinion I believe Mandi will do a great job as Commander STARFLEET because of her willingness to listen and fairness (as well as many other cool attributes). Also big thanks to Chris Wallace for traveling from the west coast to be with us and help answer some technical questions about STARFLEET procedures.

We met new people and saw our old friends from north, south and in between. I only wish that I had more time to spend with each person or group over the weekend because each of you is special. I also thank each of you for attending the sessions and panels and for putting up with my "uhh's" & "hold on a second's" while trying my best to hold the meetings. But mainly, each of you who are reading this and attended the Summit this year, I just really enjoyed spending the time with you and I sincerely hope we accomplished a few things along the way as well as having a great time. If you left not knowing something please let me know and I'll do my best to quickly answer your question.

I appreciate everyone's wonderful help in making announcements, handing out awards and the number of other things that were presented or announced over the weekend. Large thanks go out to Dennis Reyburn for staying up late, downloading and printing temporary R1 Award certificates for Saturday's general session and to Victor Swindell for making sure they got there one way or another. Significant thanks go out to Jonathan Wilson and the crew of the USS North Carolina for pulling the summit together despite many setbacks along the way. I sincerely hope that they will consider hosting another Summit in the future because I really enjoyed everything. Last but not least, thanks to all the Regional Staff and RDC's that were there and held or attended panels. Believe me; even if you only had a handful of people in your meeting, you've made a difference. Sometimes it only takes that spark to keep people interested for another full year or begin work from some of the ideas that were discussed and put them in motion. This is what a Summit is all about!

ALL IN ALL it was a very good weekend and I wish that we could have had 80 more in attendance, but people have other commitments and it can't be helped. Linda and I have already registered for next year's summit and from the presentation given, it sounds like a real winner! We hope to see you there or somewhere around the Region or STARFLEET soon and until the next time please take care.

ADM Willy Smith, USS Heimdal
R1 Vice Regional Coordinator
VRCRegion1@aol.com

R1 AWARDS

CAPT Pam Michaud

USS Ronald E. McNair, R1

SFI Region held its annual Summit May13-15 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The STARFLEET Region One Awards were developed to recognize hard working individuals, chapters and others associated with STARFLEET - The International Star Trek Fan Association for outstanding and dedicated service and achievement, and for demonstrating the ideas of Star Trek. Region One award winners are submitted by the Region Awards staff for consideration for STARFLEET Int'l Awards. Information about the various awards given by Region One may be accessed at <http://www.regionone.net/R1/> under Awards. R1 Deputy Awards Director, CAPT Pam Michaud presented the following Annual Awards:

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR
Best Quarterly Newsletter "Stardate"
USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D
Va/WVa section

Best Monthly Newslette
"Trekosaurus"
USS Jurassic NCC-3500
Indiana/Ohio section

Best Overall Newsletter
"The P.O.S Times"
USS Pride of Scotland
KY/TN section

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE
Best Handbook
USS Jurassic Crew handbook
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

Best Chapter Website
USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812

Best Department Website
SFI R1 Chapter R1 Website

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR
CompOps
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

CADET OF THE YEAR
Stephanie Goldbach
USS Pride of Scotland

MEDAL OF THE YEAR/OFFICER
RADM Karen Goldbach
USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812

MEDAL OF THE YEAR/ENLISTED
CPO Dot Silman
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

CLASS OF EXCELLENCE
(Commanding Officer of the year)

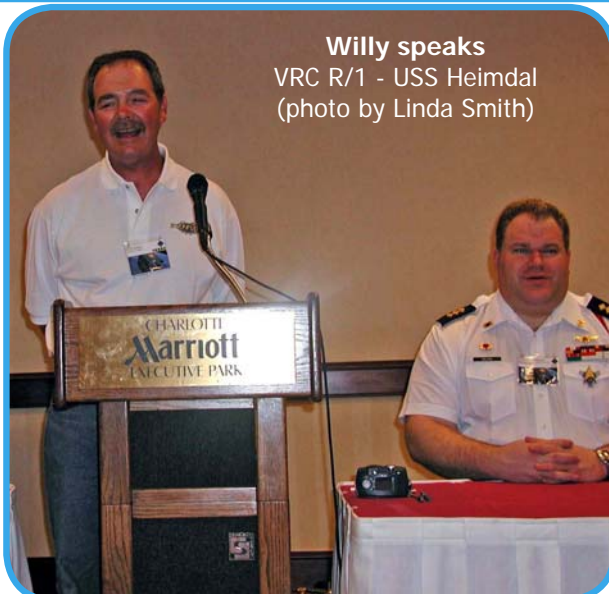
VADM Sandy Berenberg
USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812

EDITH KEELER AWARD
CAPT Jill Tipton
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

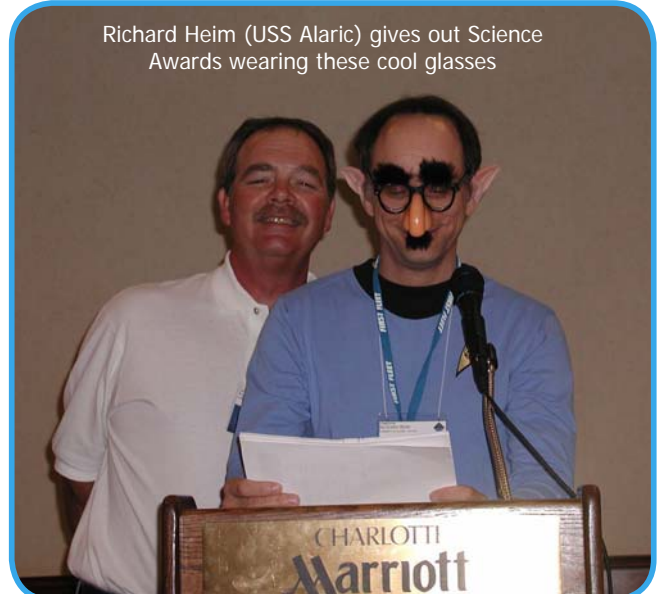
SHUTTLE OF THE YEAR
USS Pride of Scotland

STARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
USS Ohio NCC-75007



Willy speaks
VRC R/1 - USS Heimdal
(photo by Linda Smith)



Richard Heim (USS Alaric) gives out Science Awards wearing these cool glasses

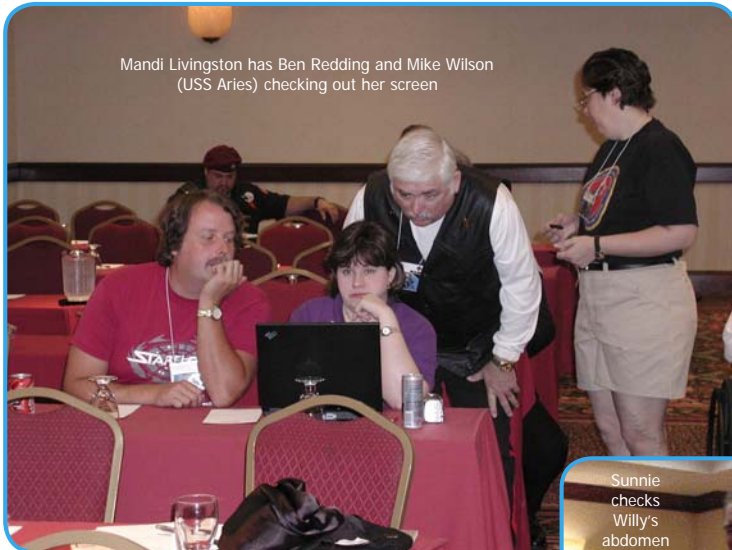
REGION 1 SUMMIT

pictures submitted by ADM Willy Smith, R1 VRC • USS Heimdal, R1



REGION 1 SUMMIT

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STARFEST 2005 - AAR

ADM Gumby • USS Stormbringer, R4

Admiral's Log: Stardate ICU812

Members of the USS Stormbringer attended the festivities at this year's StarFest Denver. It was called "Revenge of the Fest" and it was our best showing ever as a STARFLEET Chapter. The entire weekend was filled with fun, friends, and fandom. It took me three moons to recover.

Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance

So there we were, months ago, working our butts off on Imperial Chopper, when the idea occurred to us to throw one of those cool premiere party thingies like the real movie folks do. OK, we knew we could throw a good time; we just needed planning and preparation. Luckily, we had great resources and great folks willing to throw in to help the cause. The cause being a PARTY! After all, getting us all together to play star trek and have fun is what this is supposed to be all about... right?

Special Guest Stars

We had more folks join us from other places this year than ever before. Lauren Milan came all the way from New Jersey, and Boyd Harmon came out from L.A. and brought the snow with him. Dustin Williams brought his lovely girlfriend in from Salt Lake City. We were joined at the con by Everett Brooks from New Mexico and even had Adrian Howarth from the UK.

Jedi Knight Live

Friday night marked the latest Saturday Night Live parody episode from the Order of the Grey Jedi known as "Jedi Night Live". It was a good time with Weekend Update and Michael Myers stealing the show. Wedge World was good and there were other skits that left us in stitches. Glad it was live because it couldn't have been Memorex.

Friday Night Hockey Game

We went to a fight, but then a hockey game broke out! Luckily, we were prepared with our new Stormbringer Hockey Jerseys. We had Phaser Hockey Sticks and goalie

masks. We went down to the atrium social on Friday night with the 3' tall Galactic Cup trophy and the crowd loved it. We had folks ask us what division we were from, where we played and what our rankings were. Then they went "Oh, you're a Star Trek Club? Right on!" I handed them a STARFLEET application and said "Sign here."

To Drink, or not to Drink, but *what* is the question?

With the Stormbringer, you know you get top shelf treatment! We had a functioning R2-D2 with built in lights and beer keg. We had Brother James donate some Jagermeister, Bacardi, Cuervo, Stolli, and the patented "Liquid Panty Remover". David Horst of the USS Pioneer gave us a succulent bottle of his patented Bloodwine (vintage 2267, of course) that didn't really last that long cause the girls really liked it (Thanks Dave!) Someone beamed in a case of Roswell Alien Amber (Thanks, USS Mir and can we have our transponder codes back? We need those to make us go.) There was also non-alcoholic stuff too, but I don't remember what it was. Fact is that there was something for everyone. Heck, we even had food.

Fan Club Feud, Episode IV

Every year at StarFest since 2002, the 501st Stormtrooper Legion has hosted a Sci-Fi Feud. This is a parody of the Family Feud game show in which fan clubs are pitted against one another for fun and fun and more fun. The USS Stormbringer has won every feud since the beginning and this year was no exception. We are the champions for the 4th year in a row, and we're part of Region 4, so it appears that 4 is our lucky number!

The Mother of All Con Parties

This was by far the largest event we've ever hosted. Between 250 and 300 came through the party to laugh, toast the friendships and watch Imperial Chopper. We made more trips for snacks and drinks and aside from one minor noise complaint deftly handled by Dustin Williams, the



whole party went smooth as silk (even if it did last until 6:30am)

The BAR2-D2 Astrokeg Droid

This was the highlight of the party and photos are up on the section-31 website. It took me 2 months to build a life sized R2 astromech droid with a built in beer keg. We painted it black metallic instead of blue and even put a black bowtie around the dome. He got to the party a little late because he moonlights as a waiter at Chippendroids.

The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of

Most of these folks we only see once or twice a year. New friendships were made and old ones were rekindled. We mended a few fences and we obliterated others. Never did we realize that so many folks thought so highly of us as a STARFLEET chapter. The result is more members recruited into STARFLEET and the Stormbringer. If you want to recruit and grow your chapter, getting the folks together to have FUN is the WAY to DO it.

Aftermath

The morning after looked like the Jedi temple after Anakin slayed the children. There must have been 20 folks asleep in the two rooms. Some on the beds, some on the floor, some on the balcony and even one in the tub! It took us three hours to clean up before checkout and the housekeeping staff was very grateful.

Changing of the Guard

We elected Boyd Harmon to replace Dave Pitts as Commanding Officer of the Stormbringer. Dave has many irons in the fire and needs more time to devote to them. Dave is still with us and is not going anywhere, just that he's not going to have to worry about filing the MSRs and keeping the ship tidy. Thanks Dave for the hard work as Mon Capitan and welcome Boyd. May God have mercy on your soul.

Michael Myers...Stickin' it to the Oldies
Another highlight of the con was Laramie

playing the baby grand at the hotel dressed as Michael Myers. He would play good renditions of Ragtime and Beethoven with strategic pauses in which he'd stiffen up, stare at the crowd and start playing the theme to Halloween. We have pictures and video, it was hilarious!

Sunday's are good for R&R

We wanted to check out some con attractions Sunday, but we had a plane to catch. We said our goodbyes to Dustin and Jenny and proceeded to the hyperbaric chambers to decompress from a long weekend of permissible fun.

Special thanks to:

Andrew Ansardi, Mike Benefield, Everett Brooks, Nathan Tierney, The Feral Horde, John Miller, Steve Gibson, Kate, Christy, Eris and Sio, Jerris Hof, David Horst, James (I forget his last name), Nic Whitaker, Matt Spreer, Fran Simmons, Adrian Howarth, Cris Adrian, Drew Barker, Frank Leitz, Boyd Harmon, Lauren Milan, some guy named Eddie and last but not least, Dustin Williams and his sweetheart Jenny. If we missed anyone, we humbly apologize and blame it on sleep depravation.

Candid Moments

Photos are online at the section 31 website, <http://www.section-31.com>

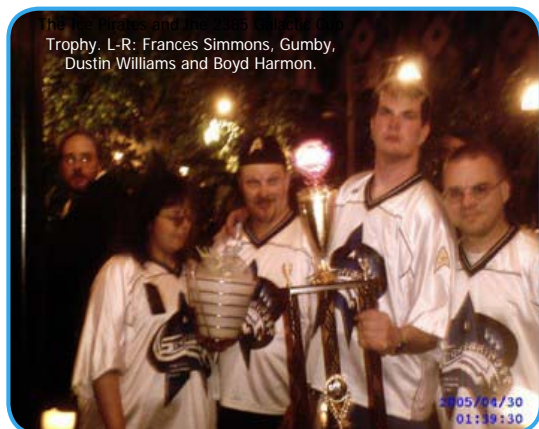
Parting Shot (of Tequila)

As of this writing, the whereabouts of Stormbringer Crewmen Andrew Ansardi and Mike Benefield are unknown. Scanners reported last contact on Deck 4, Jacuzzi at 05:56am. No towels were called for and no exits were logged. There was a note left floating in the Jacuzzi that when translated read:

"So long, and thanks for all the fish!"

End Log Entry.

ADM Gumby
Subspace Field Goal Kicker
USS Stormbringer
aka "The Ice Pirates"



Trophy. L-R: Frances Simmons, Gumby, Dustin Williams and Boyd Harmon.

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Brobacca pours a frosty glass of ale from BAR2-D2



Sign of a successful party! Lauren Milan takes a much needed break from everything!

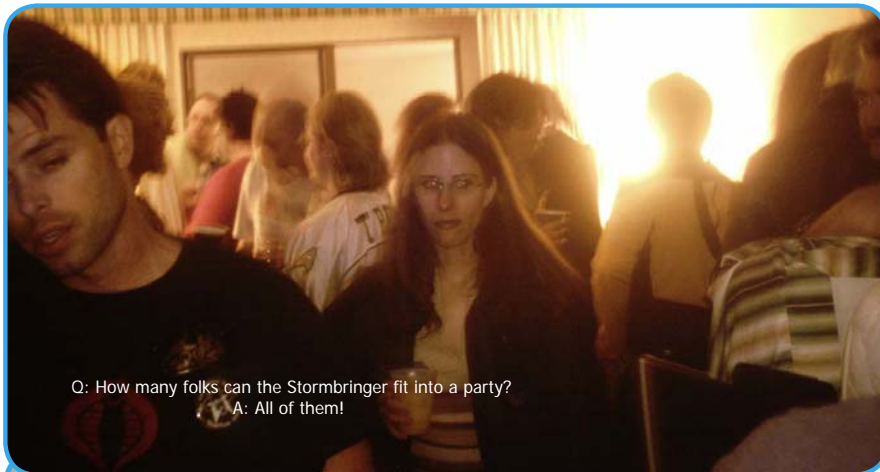


The infamous BAR2-D2 constructed by our very own Gumby-Wan Kenobi.

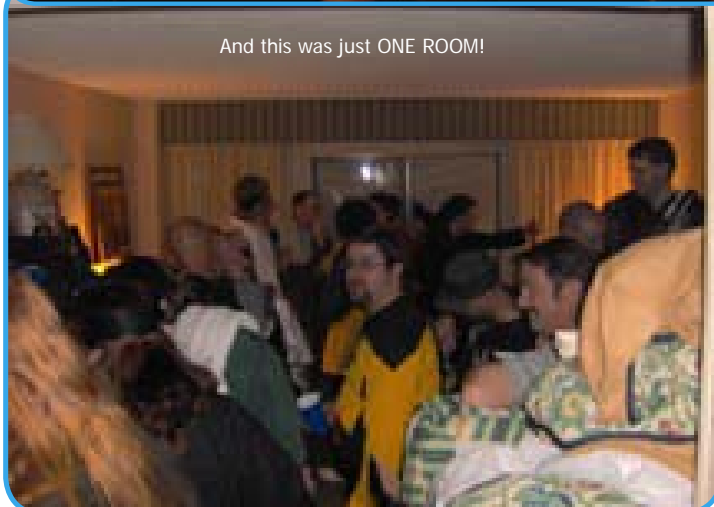
Once a year I decide to vacate R4 and wander over to R17 to hang out with Gumby and crew. It comes in the form of an annual event called StarFest.

This year was just as excellent as the last year! I flew from Ontario to Denver on Thursday, April 28th. When I left Ontario at 11:50 it was mostly sunny and 68 degrees, but when I got to Denver at 3 PM MST, it was foggy, a ceiling of 500 feet and a temp of 34 degrees!!! It snowed lightly MOST OF THE WEEKEND. Heh! Who says you can't have winter in April? Anyway, I got to see many guests, most notably Claudia Christian from B5, Grace Park from the new Battlestar Galactica and of course the original captain himself, William Shatner. I think the main highlight of the weekend was two things: Saturday night was a great show called "Jedi Night Live", done just like SNL. Well done! Later that night I, Gumby and the rest of the Stormbringer crew were host to a HUGE 2-room party. R2-Ber2 the Keg Droid served the beer well from the keg in its belly. Gumby (and crew, no doubt) did a fantastic job of making a life-like droid that was really a keg-holder, with the pump handle at the top and then the pouring tube coming out the side of R2's silver head.

It was a blast! You can see photos of the Saturday night party by going to <http://www.section-31.com/sb/starfest2005.htm>. Sunday was mostly recovery day, and then I flew back to WARMER weather on Monday afternoon. I cannot wait until the StarFest next year!



Q: How many folks can the Stormbringer fit into a party?
A: All of them!



And this was just ONE ROOM!



Captain Everett Brooks of the USS Mir having unnatural fun!



REGION 4 CONFERENCE 2005

FCAPT Janice Willcocks &
FCAPT Jon Lane • USS Angeles, R4

The USS Angeles will be hosting the STARFLEET Region 4 Conference this year, to be held the weekend of October 7-9, 2005.

There will be much discussion and help needed regarding this event over the next several months. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know!

We have a website dedicated to the conference, thanks to Larry Barnes of the USS Gallant and our own Jon Lane.

<http://www.r4conference2005.com/>

STARFLEET Region 4 Conference 2005

Date: **October 7-9, 2005**
(Columbus Day Weekend)

Location: **Courtyard Los Angeles LAX**
6161 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 649-1400

Host Chapter: **U.S.S. Angeles NCC-71840**

Fleet Captain Janice Willcocks
Phone: **(310) 791-7127**
Cell: **(310) 995-3187**

Price: **\$53/person**
(includes Friday night party, Saturday morning meeting, and **S a t u r d a y** dinner buffet)

\$10.00 Friday party only

\$7.00 Saturday morning meeting only
\$36.00 Dinner buffet only (This \$53 price will be in effect up until July 31, 2005. After August 1, registration will increase to \$69/person—an increase of \$5 for each of the above events. This price increase is intended to encourage early registration, as a 50% deposit is due to the hotel 60 days in advance, and 100% due 30 days in advance.)

Sleeping Rooms: **\$79 + tax per night, double occupancy**

\$15 additional for each extra person
(Please specify 1 King-Size or 2 Double Beds – smokers must request a smoking room as 90% of the hotel's rooms are designated non-smoking.)

This year we're scaling back the usual conference meetings and discussion panels to just Saturday morning. Then break out your uniforms and grab your cameras, folks, 'cause we're going site-seeing!

Before the weekend is over, conference attendees will enter the bridge of the Galaxy-class U.S.S. Enterprise, stroll through the grounds of Starfleet Academy, and walk in the footsteps of Captain James T. Kirk on the planet where he fought the Gorn.

We have trips planned to the Hollywood Entertainment Museum, The Japanese Garden and Vasquez Rocks. We plan to arrange for bus transportation to each of these sites. Please refer to the R4 Conference website for further details.

It'll be a conference like none you've ever attended before! And the best part is that the U.S.S. Angeles will be arranging for transportation to all site-seeing events. Those people flying into LAX can take a free shuttle to and from the hotel and never have to rent a car for the whole weekend. Those driving into L.A. don't have to worry about following complicated directions and getting lost. We'll handle everything. All you have to do is have a great time and take lots of pictures!

T-shirts are also available for purchase!

Registration fees for the conference and for any of the site-seeing trips will be non-refundable after August 7, 2005. The Angeles does not have the funds to cover last-minute cancellations, and most of our final prices will need to be locked in 60 days prior to the actual event.

If anyone is up to it, we may head over to the Encounter Restaurant at LAX for a fun and futuristic dinner!

Star Trek Hollywood Site Seeing

L.A. Hollywood, the birthplace and home of Star Trek for nearly four decades. Nowhere else can you visit and see as many actual filming locations from this legendary sci-fi series. Los Angeles is Star Trek's backyard, and this October the USS Angeles is going share our favorite Star Trek "sacred sites" with our fellow 'fleeters. Get ready for a very different kind of STARFLEET Conference!

The conference will be based out of the Marriott Courtyard Los Angeles LAX Hotel. This is a 3-star hotel at a 2-star price. Conference attendees who mention "STARFLEET Region Four" when they book their room will get a discounted super-low room rate of just \$79/night plus tax. (Important note: you must call the hotel directly at 310-649-1400 to make your reservation. The Marriott's central 800-number does not have our group rate in their computer.)

The hotel is right next to Los Angeles International Airport with 24-hour free shuttle service. Don't worry about plane noise, the hotel is completely soundproof, and the rooms have double-paned windows to keep the roar of plane engines surprisingly silent. You really do hear nothing (we have

checked out their rooms). The windows open, although this will allow in the noise of planes, so we recommend just leaving the air conditioner running. Each room has a small refrigerator, tub and shower, and free high-speed Internet access. There is also wireless access for \$9.95/day. The hotel has a gym and Jacuzzi, as well as a 24-hour market that sells snacks, sandwiches and salads (made fresh daily), and other "essentials." While there aren't many restaurants within walking distance, the hotel offers an impressive breakfast buffet (including omelets and waffles) for just \$9.95 per person.

The Courtyard is a Marriott-owned hotel and is one of the newest hotels along the LAX Airport "strip", having been built in 1993 and remodeled just last year. Their rooms are quite large and can easily hold 2, 3, or 4 persons. (Note, there is an additional charge of \$15 per person per night for a third and fourth adult guest.) Each room has a sofa (not a pullout bed) and the hotel offers cots, as well.

Because we are getting a special room rate, any room cancellations made less than seven days prior to check-in will result in the person being charged for a single night's stay regardless of whether or not they stay at the hotel. Cancellations made seven days in advance or earlier will receive a full refund of their entire deposit.

We've also set up discounts for airfare on American and United Airlines for those people flying in for the conference. For American, call (800) 433-1790 and mention StarFile code 71H5AF and you will receive a 5% discount off their lowest qualifying fare into and out of LAX for that weekend. For United, call 800-521-4041 for between a 5% and 10% discount off their lowest qualifying fare into and out of LAX for that weekend. Both phone numbers are manned during daylight hours seven days a week but might be closed if you call too late in the evening.

Now, here is more information about what we'll be doing during the conference weekend:

Friday Night Room Party (7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)

Come up to our hotel suite for snacks and refreshments and to pick up your conference packet. Stay to chat with fellow 'fleeters, watch videos, and just hang out and have fun.

Saturday Morning Conference (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Before the official conference begins, there will be an hour set aside for the STARFLEET Marines to meet and discuss things (attendance is optional for non-Marines). Then the general session will include chapter introductions, state of the region, some member-produced videos and an open discussion (topics TBD)

Enterprise-D bridge set at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum



Saturday Star Trek Site-Seeing Tour to Hollywood (2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Mini-vans and/or busses will be waiting to take attendees to Hollywood Boulevard where we will visit the Hollywood Entertainment Museum (where we will get exclusive access to the Enterprise-D bridge set), the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and Grauman's Chinese Theatre. The registration fee for this trip includes admission to the Museum. Once inside, you'll get to see actual set pieces from Star Trek: The Next Generation—including the "horseshoe" tactical panel and command chairs from the Bridge, the Enterprise-D cutaway schematic panel from Engineering, Captain Picard's office, an actual Borg, and many more Star Trek props, alien prosthetic heads, and panel displays. Bring your camera to take pictures sitting in the Captain's Chair or standing at Worf's post. The Museum also features the bar set from Cheers, Fox Mulder's office from the X-Files, and many other items from the long history of Hollywood. Afterwards, we'll walk from the Museum down Hollywood Boulevard where you can see the Walk of Fame stars of Star Trek actors DeForest "Dr. McCoy" Kelly and James "Scotty" Doohan. Finally, we'll end up in front of the famous Chinese Theatre where folks can take pictures of the concrete block that contains the handprints and autographs of the original Star Trek Cast. There will be time for a little souvenir shopping and then back to the hotel by about 5:30 or 6:00 (time approximate). Banquet attendees will have an hour to freshen up before dinner begins.

Saturday Afternoon Discussion Panel (2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

This is an option for those not wishing to go on the Saturday afternoon site-seeing tour to Hollywood. The conference room will be available for attendees wanting to meet and have open discussions about any topic. No official agenda has been set yet, but the room is available up until 5:00 p.m., when the hotel will begin setting up for the dinner banquet.

Saturday Evening Banquet Buffet Dinner (7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.)

The banquet will feature a few special guests, including Jim Van Over (who worked in the Paramount Star Trek art department for over a decade), Larry Nemecek (publisher of the "Star Trek Communicator" magazine, and Max Cervantes (prop maker on multiple Star Trek series). These guests will be bringing some "show and tell" items, including one of only two surviving props of the actual Sword of Kahless.

Register for this event early, as there are only 80 spaces available for dinner. Dinner will consist of a catered buffet with a cash bar. The banquet will include award presentations and promotions and as well as some fascinating stories from our special guests about what went on behind the scenes while filming Star Trek.

Sunday Star Trek Site-Seeing Tour to the Japanese Garden and Vasquez Rocks (9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

Sunday's trip will consist of two tour stops and a stop for lunch (cost of lunch is not included). The morning stop is the famous Japanese Garden and Donald Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. This beautiful and serene area was used as the filming location for STARFLEET Academy and Headquarters in episodes of TNG, DS9, Voyager, and Enterprise. Even if you've never been to the Japanese Garden before, you'll feel déjà vu as you stroll around the grounds looking for Boothby. The registration fee for this trip includes admission to the Japanese Garden.

At 11:30 a.m., we will continue our trek, stopping for lunch along the way at a group of fast food restaurants located in a small mall. After a 90-minute lunch break, we'll be just a short ride away from Vasquez Rocks State Park, a filming location featuring mysterious slanted rock formations that was used in countless Star Trek episodes, as well as in westerns and television commercials. This is another



The Angeles crew during one of our visits to Vasquez Rocks State Park, scene of countless alien planet sets on numerous Star Trek episodes.

great location to get photos while dressed in uniform. The return trip to the hotel will last approximately 90 minutes.

Therefore, you're probably wondering what all this will cost. Well, we've made it all pretty darn affordable. For the whole package—including the Friday night party, Saturday morning conference, Saturday evening buffet banquet, and both tours (including transportation and admission to the museum and garden)—the price for registration before July 1 is only \$93. After July 1, the price goes up to \$116. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can pick and choose which events and/or tours you want to attend and purchase them a la carte. We also have an \$18 T-shirt available with the Region 4 Conference 2005 logo printed on the front (in glow-in-the-dark ink, no less!).

In addition, registering for everything is a snap, thanks to a great website designed and programmed by Larry Barnes of the USS Gallant. Just go to

www.r4conference2005.com for all the information about this wonderful event, schedule, hotel info, banquet menu, news updates, and of course, a registration form. You can either register online using PayPal (which takes credit cards) or print out a registration form and mail it to the USS Angeles with a check. If you don't have access to a computer, just write to USS Angeles c/o Jennifer Cole, P.O. Box 241221, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1221 and request a registration form.

This is going to be an awesome regional conference. Even if you're not part of Region 4, you're welcome to join in the fun. The more the merrier, we say!

We here on board the USS Angeles get to hang out at Star Trek filming locations all the time. Yep, we're spoiled. Nevertheless, most fans never have the chance to see or visit these amazing places. So here's your chance. Register for the 2005 Region 4 Conference today and get ready to go where few fans have gone before!



The Japanese Garden, which served as the filming location for Starfleet Headquarters and Starfleet Academy



LINDA'S VACATION

BGN Linda Olson • USS Relentless, R2

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Corps

We just returned from a vacation to Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Cozumel, Mexico. The trip started with an 8-hour drive from our home in Madison, Florida to Miami, Florida where we boarded the Carnival Triumph, a big ship. We had a stateroom on the Panorama Deck (10) forward. Our room was wonderful and someone else had the job of cleaning it, making the bed, and turning it down at night. They left us cute little animals made from bath towels and chocolates each night. In addition to the pain in my back (I messed it up somehow trying to get our stuff from the elevator to our stateroom), our dining table turned out to be in the middle of a family of 17. The grandparents were on one side of us and the grandchildren (all 8) were on the other, the parents 'waaaaay down on the far end. The yelling across our table and the food fight was not the most pleasant of dining experiences. Then our neighbors in the cabin next door chose to party all night long, slamming doors, drawers, and throwing things against the walls accompanied by maniacal laughter and Spanish phrases. I was beginning to believe that this was the worst vacation of my life.

The first full day was a day at sea, as we sailed from Miami around Cuba towards Mexico. We mentioned the problems we had with the neighbors to the cabin steward that morning and he took care of the problem. We did not have any more trouble of that kind until the last night of the cruise. We began each day at the breakfast buffet, where one could indulge in anything imaginable for breakfast (except Eggs Benedict, for that we had to go to the formal dining room.) Lunch was always a treat and each day the buffet was fabulous and one line was a featured country. I believe during the voyage they had India, Japan, Greece, America, Caribbean, and France as featured countries. The center of the dining room was reserved for the dessert area. Boy did they have desserts! Also available at most anytime of the day or night was the Coney Island Grille serving hot dogs, burgers and fries; the pizza bar, ice cream bar, The Hong Kong Noodle Co, and the New York Deli. There was no lack of food on this ship. Besides these (free) places to eat, there was also a Dessert Bar and four Cocktail Bars throughout the ship. Dinner was again in the formal dining room (ours was the London, the other was called Paris) and again we had the "family" on either side of us.

We had enjoyed a relaxing day in the sun, hot tub and a formal Captain's Cocktail party and Dinner (lobster tail and all the trimmings) complete with beautiful sunset. Well, it would have been wonderful, without the "family" involvement (another food fight, this time noodles flew and the youngest ended with a bruise on his cheek when he turned over his chair). When we arrived back in our cabin after dinner the

Maitre D' called to ask if we would like to move our table. We, of course, said YES! After that, we were able to watch the food fights from the safety of three tables away from the family in peace and quiet. Each night the wait staff would do a song and dance routine for the diners. They were good too, even though they represented 80 nationalities and some little English. One night they sang an Italian song and none of the members in our dining room were Italian. The menus for the week included Prime Rib, Chateaubriand, Fillet Mignon, Cornish Hen, Black Tiger Shrimp, Veal Parmesan, etc.; with Tiramisu, Baked Alaska, Cherries Jubilee and just about any other dessert you can imagine.

The first night we went to the Wonderful World Show in the Rome Lounge. It was a Vegas style song and dance show with very colorful costumes and lots of glitter and lights. Other shows during the cruise were the Mexican Folklore Show (more music and dance); a comedy show, but I was not thrilled with the comedian, and the Magic Show, which was supposed to be on Tuesday night, but Kevin and Caruso, the magicians, missed the boat in Cozumel and had to be flown to Grand Cayman, to meet us there. Their show was good when we finally did get to see it.

The second day we spent in dock at Cozumel, Mexico. Wade and I had been there before and were supposed to take a Pirate Dinner Cruise that evening before the ship sailed out, but the cruise was cancelled due to lack of the required number of participants. Therefore, we found ourselves with a full 16 hours to do nothing. We walked (painfully) along the beach and then sat and watched the waves for a while. Wade got some great nighttime shots of the ship before we left the beach. That night dinner was open seating and we chose to try the Paris dining room to the aft of the ship. It was pleasant, but our dining companions were four "young adult" girls, trying hard to finish dinner in time to hit the hot spots of Cozumel before the ship sailed at midnight. Somewhere along about here I was starting to feel my age!

The third day was another day at sea, and again I spent time in the hot tub trying to get my back to cooperate. Wade entered the Slot Tournament in the Casino, but did not fare well. He had been doing rather well at the Roulette wheel, however. He thought about entering the Blackjack Tournament but never did.

Other things to do on the ship at sea were internet café, internet golf, Art auctions, shops selling everything from souvenirs to formals, pools, slides, hot tubs, movies, bingo, raffles, a running track, and of course just lounging around on the deck in the sun or an "expensive" visit to the ship's spa. During the cruise, there were live bands in the pool area, chamber music in the lobby area, live entertainment in any of the various clubs and the shows in the

Rome Lounge, a very large theater style room.

Now when you go to the formal dining room for the first time, you will see a place card on your table, which reads either, the red team, blue team or white team. There is a competition that lasts the entire cruise to see which team can earn the most points. Points are earned for various things, such as the Scattergories, trivia, and survivor competitions. They want you to wear your team colors whenever possible, of course, you don't have anyway of knowing what team you will be on when you pack. We were on the Blue Team. We started out in the lead but ended the cruise in second place.

Wednesday, the fourth day of the cruise, we were in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. By this time, my back was feeling a little better and I was sure I could make our excursion. We took a tender boat from the ship to shore where we caught a bus headed to Hell. This is an area along the coast that is dark rock and looks very evil. We were allowed 15 minutes to take pictures and purchase post cards. We had planned to send many cards from here, and had made up stickers for the message and the addresses; however, time ran out before we could get them all done, so most of you may not have received the card you were intended to receive. From there we boarded the bus again to visit the Turtle Farm and Rum Cake factory. Yep they grow sea turtles in tanks (big tanks with lots of turtles) for food. They used to import them to the states, but that was outlawed a while back. So now, it is just for island food and tourist dollars.

From here we again boarded the bus, (thank goodness it was air-conditioned) and headed to the docks on the other side of the island to catch our boat to the sandbar. The water was a beautiful blue and the sun was bright. I didn't pay a lot of attention to the trip out, as I was trying to find a position on the boat that didn't hurt my back. However, when we arrived at the sandbar area, we were one of many boats loaded with tourist who wanted to "swim with the stingrays". I was slow getting off the boat, but the water was very cool and comfortable and the creatures were cool. They would swim right up to you. The guides would catch them and let you hold them or kiss them, I didn't do either. You could also have your picture made with them. Of course, they wanted to sell you the picture and the video of the event. Our time in the water was not nearly long enough. Nevertheless, I managed to get a really red sun burnt back out of the deal. Then we loaded back up and headed back to town. Here we were given an hour to shop. Wade and I walked a few blocks looking at the town and the beach. He managed to get some pictures of island flowers and birds and then we headed back to the dock area. There I sat and waited (the back again) while he visited the

Hard Rock Café for a hat and shot glass to remind us of our trip. At 4:30, we set sail for Jamaica. That evening we were treated to another beautiful sunset and we spend some interesting time talking to some of the people we had met during the trip. The people on this cruise were from all over the world and many different languages were heard throughout the voyage.

Thursday we managed to get up on deck as the sun was coming up as we were just entering the port at Ocho Rios, Jamaica. It is a beautiful place. Reminds me a lot of my Tennessee home. Mountains rising against the sky covered with green foliage and houses sitting in remarkable places among the trees. One of the houses we could see from the ship belongs to Mick Jagger, and we did get pictures. Here we walked from the ship along the pier to an area where the excursions started. Our trip was to go to the Enchanted Gardens and Dunn's River Falls. The Enchanted Gardens are what is left of a closed resort on 21 acres of Jungle. The dense foliage is comprised of many tropical plants with some of the largest leaves I have ever seen. In addition, some of the strangest and most beautiful flowers I can recall. Streams with 14 waterfalls ran throughout the area and there was a duck pond complete with swans, and a special area for parrots, peacocks, and other exotic birds. There were natives sitting under the shade of the tall trees and carving beautiful wood animals. This was truly a beautiful place and if it had not been so hot, I would have loved to stay there longer. However, we still had the falls to see, so we boarded the bus again for the bumpy trip back down the side of the mountain and out along the coast to Dunn's River. Now this is 600ft of waterfall. It is like a river but never actually runs flat. It is a massive series of cascades and short falls down the side of the mountain to a beach. The way the excursion works, you walk down to the beach and climb back to the top in the water. Of course, I couldn't actually do this due to the back problems and Wade was carrying the camera and taking pictures of everything. We did walk along the paths and climb the stairways leading to the beach and back. This was again a beautiful area with lots of tropical plants. Our fellow cruisers were having a great time slipping and sliding in the water and on the rocks. Nevertheless, it was hot. I was most grateful to get back to the air-conditioned bus and head back to our ship. As we were pulling away from the pier, a storm came up and the island disappeared in the haze of clouds and lightning. It was rather impressive.

Friday was again a day at sea, and in the evening, we packed our bags to prepare for the debarkation once we docked in Miami. We attended the talent show and the colors competition finals in the Rome Lounge and spent a last evening in the casino. There was not much of a sunset that night but

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STATION PROFILE: WATCHTOWER-CLASS SPACE STATION

- STARBASE 47 (AKA VANGUARD STATION)

ADM Alex Rosenzweig • USS Avenger, R7

Drawn from Material in the Writers' Guide to the "Star Trek: Vanguard" Novel Series, By Marco Palmieri, and the Station Design by Masao Okazaki

In the year 2264, the U.S.S. Constellation (NCC-1017), under the command of Matthew Decker, explored the unclaimed area of space called the Taurus Reach. This area is very far from the core areas of the Federation, and the Constellation was the first Federation vessel to explore the region.

During the survey, the Constellation's crew made a startling discovery. Following visits to five different planets, in five different star systems, each several light-years apart, analysis of particular biosamples (both animal and vegetable) revealed extraordinarily complex DNA, far more data-rich than natural selection would seem to account for. Unlike a Human genome, which has 23 base pairs, the DNA in the biosamples had several million base pairs of information. The initial conclusions suggested two possibilities: either a new and previously unknown form of evolution, or a bioengineering effort beyond anything the races of the Federation had ever seen before.

Either answer had profound implications. If this phenomenon was natural, it could have profound implications for understanding life itself. And if it was a "created" thing, the beings who had done so could be powerful allies, or formidable enemies. As a result, Star Fleet Command decided that the matter was worthy of a full investigation.

To support the project, a massive exploration and research effort was committed to the Taurus Reach. The command center for this effort was Starbase 47, also known as Vanguard Station.

Vanguard Station was constructed on the edge of the Taurus Reach, and serves as the jumping-off point for forays into the region. The station is of the Watchtower-class, an evolution of the older J-class design. It has a standard complement of 2,400 Star Fleet personnel, as well as a small number of civilians. It can also support a transient population of up to 1,200 persons.

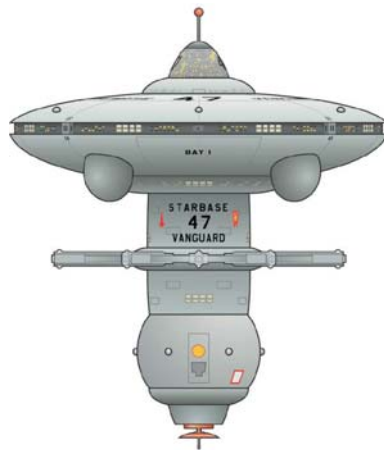
The station's primary spacedock facility can accommodate up to four Constitution-class starships. Its external docking facilities up to twelve additional vessels. In addition to its docking facilities, Starbase 47 is well-equipped to support the research and colonization efforts in the Taurus Reach, as well as to provide analysis/investigation support for the information and materials gathered by the ships exploring the region.

The station is well-armed and heavily-shielded. 12 heavy phaser banks and 12 photon torpedo tubes, mounted on both upper and lower sections of the station, provide complete firing arc coverage of the surrounding space.

A large and well-equipped infirmary is served by over 60 persons. In addition the complement found on most starships, Vanguard supports a number of medical research specialists, drawn to the station by the promise of what lies beyond in the Taurus Reach.

Recreational facilities include lodgings within a simulated terrestrial/Class M environment (notably the large "Stars Landing" complex) in the upper module, sports facilities, swimming pools, a cabaret, a theater/concert hall, an aquarium, and a zero-gravity recreation center. Other "amenities" are sometimes provided by visiting alien vessels.

Other notable characteristics of Vanguard Station include the powerful computer core, in a torus in the lower section of the upper module; a large matter/antimatter reaction assembly in the lower module; the extendible/retractable primary sensor array; the operations center near the top of the upper module; and cargo and maintenance facilities in the central module.



In 2265, three Star Fleet starships are assigned on semi-permanent basis: the Archer-class scout U.S.S. Sagittarius, a small, lightly-equipped vessel with a crew of less than two dozen; the frigate U.S.S. Bombay, which typically runs support missions for colonization, starmapping, and tactical operations; and the Constitution-class heavy cruiser U.S.S. Endeavour.

Vessel Systems Description Form:
Watchtower-Class Space Station

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Length Overall: 849.0 meters
Beam Overall: 849.0 meters
Draft Overall: 921.0 meters

CREW COMPLEMENT:

Total Standard: 2,400
Total Guest Capacity: 1,200
Emergency Capacity: 61,500

POWER:

Primary Power Generation System
Type: Mark IX Matter/Antimatter Reactor

SENSORS:

Main Sensor Array Type: Rotatable
Multi-Spectrum Array

ARMAMENT:

Phaser Banks:
Number: 12
Emplacements/Bank: 1
Photon Torpedoes:
Number of Tubes: 12
Torpedo Type(s): Various

DEFENSES:

Deflector Systems
Type: Primary Force Field
and Deflector Control System
Cloaking Device (Y/N): N

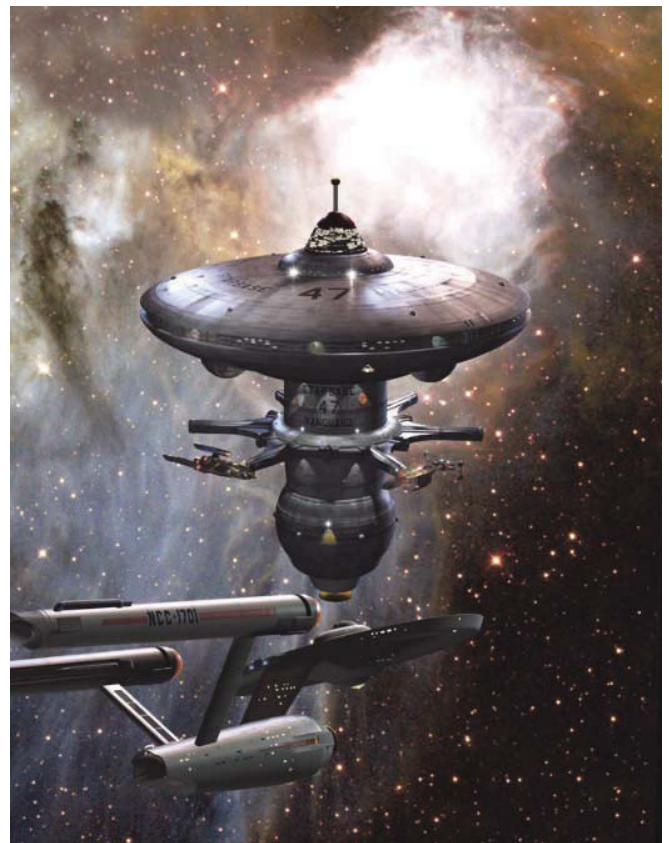
AUXILIARY:

Tractor Beam(s)
Number: 24 Emitters

EMBARKED CRAFT SUPPORT:

Shuttlecraft Bays: 8
Starship Docking Bays: 4
External Docking Ports: 12

Vanguard Station/Starbase 47 will be featured in the upcoming Star Trek novel series "Star Trek: Vanguard". Book 1, Harbinger, by David Mack, will be published in August. Check it out at a bookstore near you!



MEMORIES OF A VET

BGEN Truman Temple • USS Centurion, R4

A few days ago, when I had to take my son to his doctors, we met an elderly gentleman who was seated by the pharmacy. He was wearing a ball cap with a type of ship designation I had never seen before. I approached and asked him about it. He said it was a transport. I shook his hand, as he was a WWII veteran, and he shocked me by continuing his story.

This elderly gentleman had been on the transport ship that had taken the Philippine president back to the Philippines at the same time that GEN Douglas MacArthur waded ashore. If you remember, the GEN and the Philippine president waded into together. In fact, GEN Douglas MacArthur had been in the next transport over.

So, you never know who you're going run into. My wife and I have on several occasions, at a local food store, run into a gentleman who wears a ball cap with PEARL HARBOR survivor on it. As we all know, there are not too many of those around anymore. This amazing gentleman was aboard the Battleship PENNSYLVANIA as she stood in dry dock.....his stories about her are vivid and vibrant as the day she was launched.

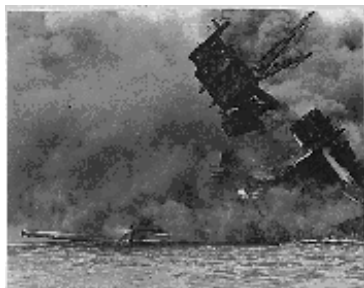


USS Pennsylvania

We've had the opportunity on several occasions to meet up with other Battleship crew members; mainly PENNSYLVANIA and OKLAHOMA. The ultimate though, has been meeting up with a USS ARIZONA survivor, here in San Bernardino. We must've spent a good hour or so just listening to him; and then due to time constraints, we had to be off. That was walking history. We each shook his hand; thanked him for letting us talk with him and for serving our country.



USS Oklahoma



USS Arizona

BGN Truman "T2" Temple
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batlHa' vanglu'taHvIS quv chavbe'lu'
One does not achieve honor while acting dishonorably

STARFLEET RETENTION & RECRUITING NEWS

RADM Pete Mohnney, Director
USS Hephæstus, R2

The 2005 STARFLEET Recruiting Contest is nearing completion, and several chapters have made big gains in their member counts since the 2004-2005 tracking began. Major standouts include the Anasazi, Tikopai, Hephæstus, Rogue Phoenix, Relentless, Hood, Jeanette Maddox, Heimdal and Trident, all with double-digit increases.

Other standout chapters, with 5 or more members gained since tracking started after the International Conference, include the following chapters: Dragonstrike, Laredo, Dark Phoenix, Gallant, Asgard, Asimov, Gasparilla, Hornet, Pegasus, Tejas, Tiburon, Wind Spirit, Arc Royal, Ares, Debraak, Fox River, New Hope, Nomad, Omega Glory, Top Gun, Cascade Station, Columbus, Dragons Cub, Marko Ramius, Matrix, Paegan, Panther City, Reprisal, Star League, Star Runner, Triumph, and Tycho. Seventy other chapters have grown by from 1 to 4 members – some great work going on across STARFLEET!

Looking at the regions, Region 02 has grown by 56 members, Region 06 has gained 4 members, Region 07 has gained 8 members, Region 10 has gained 4 members, Region 17 has gained 41 members, and Region 20 has gained 2 members. The form of this year's recruiting contest, as announced in January, is that this year instead of the contest being Region vs. Region, its Chapter vs. Chapter! The member counts for every chapter will be recorded monthly, starting with January 1 numbers, and the final numbers, taken just before IC 2005, will determine the winners. The place is that the first place chapter will get a certificate good for \$50 in Starfleet QM items or memberships, the second place chapter will get \$40, third place will get \$30, fourth place will get \$20, and the fifth place chapter will get \$10. In the case of ties, the prizes for the tied places will be summed and shared between the tying chapters, so if there is a tie for first, the \$50 plus \$40 will be split among the two winners, for instance.

The Recruiting Manual is now available online, at documents.sfi.org, and will first get some minor tweaks to update names and such and fix a few bugs, then will receive a major rewrite this year. If you have any comments or suggestions (or questions!) about the recruiting manual, please pass them along to me.

I will be contacting the Region 99 members about once a quarter, to see if they would like to be assigned to another region or to a chapter. I have several responses from my last contact, and can now reassign members from region to region or to a chapter.

As always, you are encouraged to pass this article along to regional mail lists, chapter mail lists, and any other electronic or printed media, and it may be published in any STARFLEET publication as long as it is left intact.

RADM Pete Mohnney
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dinner was again a treat. After our meal, the staff gave us a picture of the ship and autographed it for us. We had gotten to know our servers and the Maitre D' quite well. He had come over to our table, after we moved, and talked to us on a couple of occasions. It was very interesting to learn more about the crew and their lives onboard ship.

Saturday morning we arrived safe and sound back in Miami. After dealing with immigration and customs, we claimed our bags, loaded our car and headed out for the Everglades. Wade had been there when he was younger and wanted to show me the area. We were a bit disappointed because it is now interstate 75 and we didn't see a lot of wildlife. We wanted to take pictures of some of the exotic birds but all we really saw were buzzards and alligators. We arrived back at our Madison, Florida home in the early evening hours, too tired to unpack. A quick check of email proved that it is dangerous to leave our office for that long at a time and I spent most of Sunday doing laundry and answering email. Today was back to real life and my back is still not 100%. Anyway, if anyone ever tells me to go to Hell, I can honestly say, "I've been there, thanks."

Linda Olson
USS Relentless
Region Two

FROM THE OFFICE OF FLEET HISTORIAN

GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R13

Easily remembered are the names of those Kings that ruled, but as important (if not more so) are the names of those that made it possible for those Kings to rule. ~ Garth of Izar, unpublished notes

In the last issue of the Communiqué, we covered the Executive Committees (EC) of the Lerman, McGinnis, Smith (two), Rickard, Malotte and Livingston administrations. In this article, we will begin with Jeannette Maddox and go back to John Bradbury. As we go back, you will see how STARFLEET has morphed from a collection of John Bradbury's friends to the international organization of today.

The following lists include the ECs for both Maddox administrations and the Steve Smith administration, the teams led by Fran Booth, Eric Stillwell, John Wetsch and Adeline Longshaw. Finally, we'll list the players we know from the initial team that helped John Bradbury create STARFLEET.

1991-1992 — Administration #8 — Jeannette Maddox (Second)

CS	Fleet Admiral	Jeannette Maddox
VCS	Admiral	Sue Hampton
OPS	Admiral	Tom Davis
COMM	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Judith Brandy
SFA	Admiral	Rob Lerman
SHOC	Vice Admiral	Denise Peterson
	Vice	Kenny Proehl
	Vice Admiral	Cindy Krell
COMPOPS	Rear Admiral then Vice Admiral	David Forvendel

1989-1990 — Administration #7 — Jeannette Maddox (First)

CS	Fleet Admiral	Jeannette Maddox
VCS	Admiral	Sue Hampton
OPS	Admiral	Bryan Ackerman
	Vice Admiral then Admiral	Tom Davis
COMMS	Admiral	Jack Fields
	Vice Admiral	David Allen
SFA	Admiral	Rob Lerman
SHOC	Captain & eventually Vice Admiral	Denise Peterson
COMPOPS	Captain & eventually Rear Admiral	David Forvendel

1986-1988 — Administration #6 — Steve Smith

CS	Fleet Admiral	Steve Smith
VCS	Admiral	Chris Smith
OPS	Admiral	Bryan Ackermann
COMMS	Admiral	Buck Krause
	Admiral	Jack Fields
SFA	Admiral	Chris Lotito

1984-1985 — Administration #5 — Fran Booth

CS	Fleet Admiral	Fran Booth
VCS	Admiral	Cindy Fieser
OPS	Admiral	Kay Clancy
	Admiral	Bryan Ackermann
COMMS	Admiral	Steve Smith
SFA	Admiral	Jason Genser
	Rear Admiral later Vice Admiral	Chris Lotito

1982-1983 — Administration #4 — Eric Stillwell

CS	Fleet Admiral	Eric Stillwell
VCS	Admiral	Dave Posey
OPS	Admiral	Tony Wynn
COMMS	Admiral	Brian Jackson
SFA	Vice Admiral	David Wilton

1980-1981 — Administration #3 — John Wetsch

CS	Fleet Admiral	John Wetsch
VCS	?	?
OPS	?	?
COMMS	Vice Admiral	Tony Wynn
SFA	Rear Admiral	David Wilton

As you can see, we don't know who Fleet Admiral Wetsch's Vice Commander, STARFLEET was, nor do we know who his Operations Officer was. We are investigating both matters, and would appreciate any information that would help us fill in those blanks.

1977-79 — Administration #2 — Adeline Longshaw

CS	Fleet Admiral	Adeline Longshaw
VCS	Admiral	Peggy Goins
OPS	Admiral	John Wetsch
COMMS	Rear Admiral	Kevin Kadmas
SFA	Rear Admiral	David C. Wilton

1974-77 — Administration #1 — John Bradbury

CS	Fleet Admiral	John Bradbury
VCS	Admiral	Mark Bilbo
OPS/Recreation	Admiral	Peggy Goins
SFA	Admiral	Warren Scherffius

You may notice that the leaders of a certain administration were often the support personnel of the previous. If, at some point, we could take a deeper study of Vice Chiefs, we would see that process expanded. As officers pay their dues on one level, they move to the next level and, if successful in their service to Fleet, they move up again. This process that has usually served Fleet well, since the membership can become accustomed to new faces while seeing if those persons have the ability, competence and patience to accept ever-expanding levels of responsibility and authority.

There were a few holes in the research and, at some points, complete information on who held what role and whether there were multiple officers serving in succession may be incomplete. If you have – or know someone who has – more accurate information, contact me at chunone@nwlinc.com and I will update the charts appropriately. Please do not use historian@sfi.org as it is no longer connected to my address and has it had become a spam magnet.

FLEET RESOURCE CENTER

CAPT Tom Donohoe, Director • Shuttle Dauntless, R2

Fleet Resource Center

CAPT Tom Donohoe, Director
Hello STARFLEET,

The Fleet Resource Center (FRC) starting to take form. We are making progress in staffing, and the infrastructure that we will be using to provide resources for the members of STARFLEET.

Since the last Communique (CQ) we have added another director to the Fleet Resource Center. It is my pleasure to announce Lieutenant Commander Steven Fredette has been selected as Director of Communications; I am looking forward to, and expecting good things to come from the Communications Resource and Director Fredette. Please use the Communications Resource to find information regarding the different ways and technologies involved in the imparting and exchanging of thoughts and ideas.

The Fleet Resource Center is still looking to fill a key position, the newly created Recreation Director position. 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 this position, please contact me.

The FRC is working on providing an infrastructure, which will make it much easier to find information out regarding each of the areas within the Fleet Resource Center. This should help in giving members a quick way to find the information they are looking for without having to hunt for it. We will be sending out additional information on this as it becomes available. Our hope is to give members a quick way to find the information they are looking for.

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!

Accessibility

FCPT Jamie Delantonas, Director

Hi, all.....well, the R-1 summit is over...and I had a great time. Don't know who took the picture of Sunnie, Mandi and yours truly, but I am not going to take credit. I got to meet the boss lady and Mandi. Sunnie and I discussed some things on disabilities, had a panel, and discussed the MHB, academy courses, and the R-1 summit next year. As all of you heard by now, the disability department I run is no more.....it is now the FRC-Accessibility and I will have a lot more resources to help me, also, pending the outcome of a poll I made for the name of the D-2 list, it might change

back to SFI-D2 or have a new name. Well, I hope y'all go to your regional summits and have fun. If you did go, I hope you had fun. This ends another story for the next two months. I'll see you in 60.

"With my arms wide....."

Cadet Corner

CAPT Robin Van Cleave, Director

Greetings Everyone! We have been busy beavers over in the Cadet Services area the last couple of months. The schedule is planned for IC, goody bags for the early registrations are almost done (got to figure out how to make chocolate frogs that won't melt while in transport), and we've started practicing for the panels. It looks to be a fun time for everyone.

Remember, Cadets! Register before June 1st to get a special Harry Potter goody bag! And remind Mom and Dad that if you want a Cadet/Youth Services T-shirt, it needs to be pre-paid on the Cadet/Youth Services Website! http://ussjoa.homestead.com/SFCYS/cyserv_tshirts.html

New to Cadet Services is a Yahoo Group for Parents: STARFLEET_PARENTS. Mom and Dad, this one is for you! We hope to have many great discussions on tips, tricks, and trade-offs of parenting a new Trekkie Generation. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARFLEET_PARENTS.

Don't forget we also have STARFLEET_CADETS yahoo group for the kids: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-FRCCadetServices>), and a Yahoo group for Cadet/Youth Leaders: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-FRCCadetServices>).

Look for a new website to be rolling out in late July with many fun features for kids, parents, and Cadet/Youth Leaders! Starting with a Birthday Recognition Program for Cadets of all ages - newborns to new adults! We will also be adding links to websites with fun activities and information on all sorts of topics. If you have a favorite site you would like to see, an online submission form will also be on there so you can let everyone know!

Until next time, Safe Journeys!

Chaplains & Counselors

BDR Dennis Rayburn, Director

The last two months have been busy with good events and sad ones. I was privileged to get to attend R2 and R1 musters, meet members of the department in those regions, and discuss with them items of their concerns. It was great to see those folks and I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at IC 2005.

Sadly, we lost a member of this department and I lost a dear friend in the untimely passing of Ann Marie Reilly. She was

involved with us almost from the first. It's just so strange for her not to be around.

We hosted an online memorial service, which I hope an edited log appears in this CQ. It was the longest online service we've had and the largest attendance for one. As she helped create the format, I know she's proud.

That's all for now, until next time.

Communications

LTCDR Steven Fredette, Director

Greetings FLEET! This article for the CQ will be a little on the short side, since I have just recently been named as Director of Communications, Fleet Resource Center. Since the only new news from this office is about me, I'd like to take, what is probably a rare opportunity, to express my thoughts. This should give everyone a good idea on where I am coming from and how this office is going to be steered.

It is my hope to make sure every fan out there knows of all the resources that are available to them. Whether this is through promoting existing resources that have not been promoted all that well, or coming up with them on my own. No matter how well a resource is put together, it is all for naught, if no one knows about it.

Each year we pay our \$20 or so, to belong to STARFLEET. Why do this if one is not going to get their money's worth? How can one get their money's worth if they can't find or even know of the resources available to them? Face it, one can just as easily "hang out" with other Trekkers without paying membership dues.

My plan is a year from now, if a member says, "I didn't know about that", it's because they refused to take that time and read their CQ, email, visit the websites of STARFLEET, or go to their ship's meetings. The resources are and will be there, and they will be promoted, it is up to each member to use them.

In closing, I look forward to serving every member of STARFLEET!

LL&P!

Engineering

CAPT Jeff Davis, Director

Greetings to the Fleet. I returned from the Region 01 Summit a few days ago and must say, it was, in general, a blast. I conducted a panel for engineering and was able to sign up some new members for the EROP project. I handed out paper copies of some of the available work, and also had CD's available.

If you would like one of the latter sent to you, please send me an email with your name and address to capt_ncc_79158@insightbb.com.

The CD contains many PDF files for the Engineering Research Outpost Project and the Starship Engineering and Design Group, as well as several stories and a whopping pile of fonts.

It was a pleasure to meet one of the new participants for the USS Tri-Star, Emilee Dockery, at the summit. She did a wonderful write-up on what she is building as part of the EROP Project. She has tied it in with some stories she is also writing.

Crystal Ware, RDC-Engineering for Region 02, has also been in contact and was telling me how her group has been tying the EROP Project in with educational activities for her Cadets. They have been doing various conservation activities as part of the fictional aspect of the project as the cadets to actual conservation oriented activities in the real world. The day I talked to her, her 9 year old son was at the library researching water plants, for information to use in the EROP Project and to build a real water garden in the back yard. It just goes to show that fiction (EROP) can relate to reality and be both fun and educational in the process.

That's it for now. See you all in the next CQ.

STARFLEET Special Operations

BDR Deb Kern, Director

Greetings STARFLEET! In my last article on SFSO, I said I would introduce to you the existing Active Duty Units (ADU) and to tell you how to join and establish an ADU on your chapter or shuttle.

First, let me explain what an ADU actually is in SFSO:

ACTIVE DUTY UNITS - ADUs or Teams is the Chapter/Shuttle or MSG level of the SFSO. The main difference is the size requirements of an SFSO Team. The SFSO Team may be one or many members. A Team with only one member is referred to as an "Operative" and a Team with two members or more is referred to as a "Team". The other difference is the age requirement for the Unit Commander - Team Commanders only have to be 16 years of age, unlike SFI or SFMC Chapters.

So with that said, let me introduce the ADUs in STARFLEET Special Operations:

With the many changes in leadership, information gets sucked into that big black hole. So let us know if there is anything wrong okay?

Alpha Quadrant
Director of Alpha Quadrant Strategic Operations-Rear Admiral Sam Black

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Unit #-Chapter-Unit Name-Unit Motto
ADU-001-USS Lone Star-The Black Legion-"Knowledge is Power"
ADU-005-USS Antonio Maria Valsalva-
ADU-016-USS Jeannette Maddox-Madd Cat-Touch Not The Cat Bot A Glove
ADU-018-USS Allegiant-Copple's Commandos-Follow Me
ADU-020-USS Jaguar-Stalking Wolf-Hunters in the night, protecting the Federation
ADU-024-USS Saint George- -
ADU-028-USS Intangible- -
ADU-030-USS Parallax- "Nunquam desp?r?mus, nunquam succubimis!"
ADU-031-USS Trinity River- -
ADU-044-Shuttle Thunderwolf-Wolf Pack Omega-Boldly going where no one else dares to go

BETA QUADRANT

Director of Beta Quadrant Strategic Operations-Brigadier General James Monroe
Unit #-Chapter-Unit Name-Unit Motto
ADU-003-USS Orion- -
ADU-004-USS Dragons Cub- -
ADU-013-USS William O Darby-Ranger-We Deal Death Fairly
ADU-037-USS Mir-General Katho's Ranger-Spectemur agendo
ADU-039--Leah M Eddy-
ADU-042-SS K Ehleyr-The Fighting Phoenix-From the Ashes, We arise anew.
ADU-050-USS Stormbringer-Allen Johnson-Honoring the Past.... Imagining the Future
ADU-053-USS Majestic- -

GAMMA QUADRANT

Director of Gamma Quadrant Strategic Operations-Temporarily Closed
Unit #-Chapter-Unit Name-Unit Motto
ADU-046-USS Europe-Disciple of Aries-Always Ready, Ready to strike

DELTA QUADRANT

Director of Delta Quadrant Strategic Operations-Colonel Fred Parsons III
Unit #-Chapter-Unit Name-Unit Motto
ADU-006-USS Inferno- -
ADU-008-USS Rutledge- -
ADU-010-USS Hells Fury-Splinter Warriors-Secrets are our Life, Silence is our Vow
ADU-012-USS Reprisal- -
ADU-015-USS Dark Wolf-A An De-Reannag Cabhlach Diu'gha Famhair
ADU-019-USS Osiris- -
ADU-021-USS Dominator- -
ADU-023-USS MAAT-Demon Cell-Vini, Vidi, Nates Calce Concidi
ADU-026-USS DeBraak-Nightstalkers-Death Waits in the Dark
ADU-027-USS Prevailing Wind- -
ADU-032-USS Hood-The Northern Lights-Bona na Croin
ADU-033-USS Nebula-Maquis Marauders-To Err is Human, to Forgive is Against Regulations
ADU-034-USS Indiana-A Team: Rangers-

I Love it When a Good Plan Comes Together
ADU-035-USS Commonwealth-Team X-Ray-A man goes to knowledge like he goes to war, wide-awake, with fear, with respect, and with absolute assurance.
ADU-041-USS Dark Phoenix- -
ADU-043--Northern Phoenix-Fire from the Clouds
ADU-045-USS Highlander- -
ADU-047-Shuttle Dauntless-Shadow Cats-Touch not the cat without a glove
ADU-048-SS Lewis B Puller-The Geek Squad-Mess with the Best Die like the rest
ADU-049-USS Ronald E McNair-Ghosts in the Machine-you cannot hide from a ghost
ADU-051-Shuttle Andromeda-The Wild Cards-Never a Bad Deal
ADU-052-USS Challenger- always do your job
ADU-054-USS Star Runner-Lil' Rebels-Raising a lil' hell where ever we go

OMEGA QUADRANT

Director of Omega Quadrant Strategic Operations-Brigadier General Dennis Rayburn
Unit #-Chapter-Unit Name-Unit Motto
ADU-009-SS Nikola Tesla-new Universe order (nUo)-Rules and Bones are made to be broken

NOW, how does one create an ADU on their chapter or shuttle? It is very simple. The best way is to visit our website at: <http://www.sfi-specops.net/> and go to the Strategic Operations link and click. Then scroll down to where you see:

Assignment Request Form

If you would like to join our organization, please fill out an Assignment Request Form. We are always looking for new members so give us a try! And do not forget to tell all your friends.
Adobe PDF or MS Word DOC or Online

As you can see, you can join three ways. When you fill out the online form that Fleet Captain Robin Smith created it goes directly to the Director of SFSO, the Director of Strategic Operations and to the Technology manager for processing. On the Adobe and Word applications, there are instructions on who and where to send them after you fill it out.

This is very important:

Before joining the SFSO and creating an ADU, we ask that you receive permission from your chapter or shuttle Commanding Officer. That way they are not blind sighted and they know and approve of the ADU.

This is it for this issue of the CQ and next we I will describe how the Strategic Operations Department operates in SFSO. Thanks!

FROM FRC-CADET SERVICES

CAPT Robin Van Cleave • USS Joan of Arc, R3

Greetings everyone,

I tried to find the post that someone had made recently on the STARFLEET-I about "How can parents keep their kids involved with no active Trek on TV or in the Theatres?" (or something along that line of thought) to reference here and I got thinking about several things (dangerous, I know). So I have come up with a few things that might just help us Trekkie/Geek Parents in getting along with our kids and make sense in general. (would like to note, she included herself in that category.)

The first suggestion: Involvement

It is such a simple word with many meanings and applications. Find out what your kids DO like and at least make an attempt to find out what it is all about. You may not always understand what is going on, but your kids will learn some valuable lessons. For example, Alex LOVES Yu-Gi-Oh. Okay, okay, love is an understatement. He has clothes, shoes, bedsheets, posters, etc. Not being to sure what the Yu-Gi-Oh hype was all about (and the fact that its on the same time as Trading Spaces), Alex and I compromised. We switch off days on who watches what. I now enjoy watching Yu-Gi-Oh. Do I always understand what is going on? Nope, not a clue most days. BUT I do recognize several aspects and Alex has gained a greater respect for Trading Spaces. Alex also learned lessons on compromising and trying something new.

Second suggestion: Make it FUN!

If going to the monthly/bi-monthly meetings is too boring for the kids (our 2-yr-old starts to drive us insane after the first 30 minutes), bring along something that they like to do as well or include in your conversations items of relevance to your kids. I am not saying hold your entire meeting over the newest My Little Pony poseable figure, but do try to include items in your meeting that gets their interest. This teaches them about the diversity of interests that are out there.

Third suggestion: Spend time with your kids

Our house has International Night on Wednesdays. This means that a country was picked the week before and it got researched by everyone in the house. (parents - great time to show the younger kids how to safely surf the net!) We start out with preparing food from that country. (Yes, I will admit food preparation has involved take-out from a local restaurant on a couple of occasions) Mostly, I have been able to find some really good websites with easy to prepare recipes.

Alex and Christopher have learned about different cultures that are out there and have tried many new foods that wouldn't normally eat. (Alex's new favorite desert is Baklava.) Oh, and, Parents, this doesn't mean you can eat Finnish on this type of night. Finishing the left-overs is not a new experience >:-P

Fourth suggestion: Support groups

Believe it or not, there are other parents out there in a similar if not the same situation you are. To help many of you out, I have taken the guess work of where to find such a support forum and created a new yahoo group "STARFLEET_PARENTS." (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARFLEET_PARENTS) since it is a new group, it will take 48-72 hours for it to be searchable by the yahoo engines) I hope to make this a community for parents to share joys, tidbits, concerns, and accomplishments on everything that is family related in the STARFLEET realm. Feel free to check it out and join if you want to.

For those of you who are wanting to run a cadet program, there's a group for you as well! "SFI-FRCCadet_Services" (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-FRCCadet_Services). Not wanting to leave the kids out of having a support network, they have their own yahoo group as well! "STARFLEET_CADETS" (http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/STARFLEET_CADETS).

Fifth and final suggestion: Get the kids involved with TREK and SCI-FI events!

This isn't a joke. Our chapter has at least three uniformed/costumed events a year and all of the kids are involved! Even the two boys that are not into Trek get involved. Its fun! All of them have the opportunity for the kids to show up on TV and when you are pre-teen/early teen, nothing is more cool than that.

Along this line, bring the kids to IC '05! Youth activities will be highlighting one of the diversities in Trekdom - being able to enjoy more than one hobby and the blendings of more than one genre with "Hogwart's STARFLEET Academy" (thanks Icey Smith, of Region 3, for this wonderful idea!!) I should have more on the schedule for that up on the Cadet website by the end of the month. (<http://ussjoa.homestead.com/cyserv.html>)

Those are my few suggestions. Where people go with them is completely up to them!

Safe Journeys and Happy Trekking!

Capt Robin Van Cleave
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FROM THE 'DANT

BDR John Roberts Commandant, SFMC

STATE of the
SFMC

April/May 2005

Greetings Marines! It's been kind of a rough period for the SMFC and I am hoping to alleviate some of the problem areas with this update on the status of the SFMC.

Award Announcements

I am pleased to announce the following awards (please send congratulations, privately, to the email addresses listed):

United Nations Service Award
MCAPT Arlene Garrison
(annsickels@amerion.com)
COL Russell Garrison
(zero355@hotmail.com)
BDR Patrick McAndrew
(r5treas@hotmail.com)

For their efforts to help promote World Peace, beginning at the local level in their own communities, through dedicated and lengthy service to a recognized charity organization.

Leaders Commendation
LGEN Wade Hoover
(infocom@sfi-sfmc.org)
BDR Joe Brouhard
(dcoinfocom@sfi-sfmc.org)

For their extraordinary efforts in migrating the SFMC website to new hosting servers and in getting all email lists maintained by the SFMC Web Team migrated and operational in half of the estimated time.

Bank Account and Quartermaster Information

We started the month of March with a balance of \$602.12 and had two deposits (R2 Summit Merchandise sales) in the amount of \$134.35. That leaves us a balance as of the end of March of \$736.47 at this time.

We started the month of April with a balance of \$736.47 and had no activity on the account for the month of April. That leaves us a balance as of the end of April of \$736.47 at this time.

We have also set up a Pay Pal account and will soon be setting up the SFMC website to allow you to place orders online and pay for them via Pay pal.

Just a REMINDER: 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.

Awards Program Review

As a result of the discussion on the corps-I list this last month, the General Staff is about to begin a review of the Awards program to see where there may be holes that need to be filled, to give a cohesive policy of what to expect when a nomination is submitted to a member of the GS, and to try and revise the criteria for various to give a clearer picture of what is expected. We hope this review and policy development will not take long and will be done in time to be included in the MFM update that will be released around the time of the IC. If you have suggestions or comments that you feel should be looked at (in addition to what has been on the corps-I list), please send them to any member of the GS and we will be happy to consider them in this review process.

New Moon Props

The GS has considered a request from New Moon Props that they be permitted to continue their use of the SFMC collar pin design in their merchandise offered for sale on their site. The GS has approved this request.

Naval Unit Citation

This award was approved by the General Staff last year for

presentation to STARFLEET units (Ships, Shuttles, Bases, etc...) who have demonstrated strong support for the SFMC. This award is intended to allow the SFMC (at the BN/BDE and SFMC levels) to show our thanks for then chapters that allow us to serve aboard them and be part of them as we choose a different way to participate in our Star Trek fandom. Remember, without our Chapters we are much less able to do the things we do to help others and we will have fewer chances to have fun with our fandom experience. We're all in this together and wanting the same things, let's remember to thank those who help us do that from time to time.

For this reason, I plan to award the chapters that host the recipients of the Honor Awards with this Naval Unit Citation in recognition of their support and energy involved in making it possible for their Marines to excel in such a manner.

I also encourage all BDE OIC's to use this tool at their disposal to recognize any outstanding STARFLEET Chapters within their BDEs for the support and dedication they have shown their MSG's. This should not be used to give out to every chapter who hosts an MSG, but it should be used to recognize STARFLEET chapters who go above and beyond in the support of the MSG, in much the same way the Meritorious Unit Citation is used to recognize outstanding MSGs within the BDE.

Other Items of Continuing Interest

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

SFMC Flags: The supplier we had for this item (our second choice) has fallen through so this matter is once again being looked into for the future. I will keep you apprised of any new developments

Other SFMC Merchandise: We are currently looking into the feasibility and cost effectiveness of adding new merchandise to the Quartermaster's inventory. If you have ideas for things you might like to see offered, please let us know.

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 month. 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

DEPDANT

REPORT

BDR Aaron
Murphy, Deputy
Commandant,
SFMC

Greetings,

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming International Conference in San Antonio, Texas. It seems to be shaping up to be a good time for everyone there.

As of this article, the nomination period for the 2005 Honor Awards is over and the General Staff is in the process of making their recommendations to Commandant Roberts. From someone who has seen all the nominations, I can honestly say that this in one of the most competitive years we have had thus far. I would like to thank all the Brigade OICs who submitted nominations and to congratulate all the nominees. Outstanding, Marines.

Since before the end of his tenure as Commander, STARFLEET, FADM. (Ret.) Mike Malotte has worked diligently for TRACOM as their e-certs officer. With his recent move and change of employment, it has become necessary for him to clear his plate of some of his responsibilities. He was nice enough to continue to produce TRACOM's e-certs while the Corps took applications for a Corps-wide e-certs officer. After completing our application period, I would like to welcome BDR Joseph Dorffner to the staff. BDR Dorffner hails from the 7th BDE and brings quite an array of experience to the SFMC staff. Welcome aboard and may God have mercy upon your soul.

Well, I hope that everyone can make it to the IC this year. IC is a chance to make new friends and to renew old friendships. In the end, the experience is what you make of it. Let's make the best yet.

See you again in 60.
BDR Aaron Murphy
Deputy Commandant, SFMC

INFOCOM

LGN Wade Hoover • COINFOCOM

Greetings from the Office of Information Command.

Well, it's been just about a month since the SFMC changed hosts. Hopefully, all the issues relating to E-mail from the SFMC server has been resolved with this change. With the change, stability of the server should be better, as well as our ability to enhance the site with new features. There are some ideas on the horizon, so stay tuned.

With the change in server, some E-mail addresses have changed, and some addresses haven't been reset up yet. Here is the list of all SFMC E-mail addresses currently being served by the SFMC server:

John Roberts - dant@sfi-sfmc.org
Aaron Murphy - depdant@sfi-sfmc.org
Linda Olson - forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org
Brett Price - heraldry@sfi-sfmc.org
Jill Rayburn - tracom@sfi-sfmc.org
Chris Esquibel - tracom-doctrine@sfi-sfmc.org
Greg Franklin - tracom-academy@sfi-sfmc.org
Wade Hoover - infocom@sfi-sfmc.org
Joe Brouhard - dcoinfo@sfi-sfmc.org
SFMC Webteam - webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org
Scott Grant - sgm_sfmc@sfi-sfmc.org

We are also looking at E-commerce options for the Corps Quartermaster. In the near future, we certainly hope to have an option in place that will allow you to order, and pay, online.

I look forward to seeing everyone at IC. See ya' in 60, or sooner.

LGN Wade Hoover
COInfoCom, SFMC

FORCES

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Report of April 05

BGN Linda Olson, COFORCESCOM

Brigades Reporting -
All By the Numbers

Brigade	Active	Reserve	Total
first	48	19	67
2nd	54	25	79
3rd	55	29	84
4th	50	12	62
5th	9	15	24
6th	3	10	13
7th			90
9th	7	6	13

10th	3	4	7
12th	32	53	85
13th	3	10	13
14th	1		1
15th	16	9	25
17th	21	27	48
20th	8	2	10

total marines listed this period:

631Recruits
1st - Jacob Hollifield, Cidy Styblo, Johnny Ikner
2nd - Michael Lombardi, Emilie Lombardi, Christopher Lombardi, Joanna Lombardi
3rd - Marissa Schnoor, Isarah Schnoor, Gabrielle Schnoor, Gregory Friendian
4th - Boyd Harmon, Bonne Higginson, Mike Higginson, Steve Seidel, Catherine Temple, Glenna Juils
5th - Patrick Garrison, Thomas King, Michael Marquart, James Roberts
7th - Jenna Duerr
12th - John Fenison, Allen Glenn, Michael McGowan, Julie Rickard, Carolyn Zimbahl
20th - Geoff Upton, Keith Dennis, Charlotte Wilson, Liam Wilson, Sam Wilson, Sean Wilson.

Discharges

1st - Monika Rienholz
2nd - Barbara Paul, Gary Valentine, Steven Watkins, Greg Martin, Sunny Rose, Lee Cailey Heejung Gilbert
Ronnie Hodges, Drew Watkins, Kailey Roberts, Jennifer West, Greg Sherburne, James, Whitaker, Dristy Kirkland, Matthew Conley, Clifford Schwalb, Mica Smith, Ben Piazza, Lora Groover, Dawn Durden, Markus Tuomi, Ben Salisbury, Sian Ivey Fillingham, Jocelyn Collins, Justan Fillingham, Elizabeth Mathis, Adam Warren, Jason Oldfield, Josh Schultz.
4th - Kevin Cozart
5th - Sean Capellan, Bill Frazere, Greg Raekes,
7th - Darry Jennings, Tony Lopes, Donald Jones
17th - Phillip J. Kern, Jr. Michelle Warford
20th - Rob Adamson, Jason NeBon
MSG/MEU's activated
645th, 225th, 907th,

Deactivated

82nd, 155th, 681st, 715th, 773rd, 981st

Changes to leadership

OIC of the 9th BDE is now Kimberly Hoffman
958th OIC Michael Pope
78th OIC Richard Graham
308th OIC Harvey Mattern
314th DOIC Cathy Osborne
674th OIC Wade Olson
742th OIC Jonathan Slavin
760th DOIC Karyn Lloyd-Hontz
769th OIC Mike Balewitz
760th changes from MSG to MEU

Awards
Legion of Arms
1st Darrell Thomas
4th Lee Williamson, John Nelson
5th Thomas J. King

Cross of Valor
2nd Shaughn O'Connor
4th Truman Temple
5th Jeff Braff
7th Rey Cordero

Sword of Valor
2nd Bill Duane
4th Lee Williamson
5th Arlene Garrison
7th Dean Rogers

Shield of Valor
2nd Eileen Jone
4th Peggy Salyer
5th Crain Martin
6th Larry French

Star of Valor
2nd Bill Mock
4th Joe Butts
5th Nate Martin

Legion of Valor
2nd - 669th
4th - 1st
5th - 565th
7th - 669th

Initial Entry Training
2nd Daniel Dreesbach
3rd Norma Ybarra, Delia Riuz

Community Service
3rd LTC Murphy, 1SGT Baker
4th Truman Temple, Cyndi Temple, Roy Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Kimberly Temple, Robert Temple.
15th Arnold Splan, Seth Isquith

Embassy Duty
2nd Sunnie Planthond, DJ Allen, Larry Morris, Mary Ann Morris, Jeanette W. Self, Rebecca Louise Self, Pat Malone, Wade Olson, Neil Yawn

Great Barrier Expedition
2nd DJ Allen, Raye Crews, Pat Malone, Rebecca Louise Self, Jeanette W. Self, Mary Ann Morris, Larry Morris, Roy Green, Neil Yawn, James Brunton

Marine Honor Guard
2nd Larry Morris, Mary Ann Morris, Pat Malone, Rebecca Louise Self, Wayne Wright

Leaders Commendation
2nd Pat Malone, Larry Morris
4th Terrence Seidel

Meritorious Unit Citation
2nd - 654th, 677th, 78th, 674th, 630th, 696th
7th - 786th, 7th BDE.

Brigade Achievement Award
2nd Larry Morris

Medical Proficiency Award
15th Tom Guertin

Good Conduct
4th Roy Henderson, Kimberly Temple, Robert Temple, Lee Williamson, John Nelson
12th Rolando Gomez

Brigade Service Award
2nd Roy Green, Pat Malone
5th Patrick McAndrew

I would also appreciate it if all unit OIC's would go into the Database and look at your unit information and make sure it is correct. If there is missing or incorrect information please see that it is sent to me and to the next link in your chain of command. I am trying my best to get all the units updated before IC.

Linda Olson
CO Forces Command
ST_Dragonlady@msn.com

STATE OF

TRACOM

LGN Jill J. Rayburn, COTRACOM

Time for me to brag on my home brigade, the Fightin' First! Our muster for this year was great, and there was a wonderful discussion about how to improve things in both the brigade and the Corps. I want to thank all of those who participated. Everyone was professional, and I think we all learned ways that we as individuals can help to make our organization better. I also enjoyed seeing TRACOM staff members Kiwi Kane, Fred Parsons, and Jonathan Wilson. Kudos goes to Jonathan for chairing a great event.

Rather than discuss the open positions here, since that is a fluid situation, I want to remind folks that if anyone is interested in finding out what positions are currently open, please contact either Greg Franklin (bktalons@aol.com) or myself (jazdan@wk.net). We will also post those to the corps-I listserv so watch for openings there. Hopefully, our current openings will be filled by the time this issue hits mailboxes, but you never know.

A reminder to students: if you are experiencing a delay in receiving requested courses or course results, please do the following:

1) Please give instructors at least one week before taking any action. While we try our best to stay within the 48-72 hour timeframe, we do all have lives and jobs that will occasionally cause delays. You never know when someone is sick, having computer problems, or has had a family crisis.

2) After waiting one week, please contact the instructor and ask about the status of the exam. When you applied for the exam, you should have received a copy of the request, and that has the address of the branch director or assistant.

3) After 72 hours, if you have not heard from the director, please send a query to Greg Franklin at bktalons@aol.com so that he can investigate the problem. Your message should include the date of the original request or the date your answers were returned, and the date of the follow-up post to the director.

Failing all of that, if you are still having problems, please contact me. While I do have an open door policy, and I do want to hear from students on any issues, if you are registering a complaint, I will ask if you have followed the steps above, and if you have not, I will ask that you do so. Doing this will make my job easier, and will make the resolution of the problem simpler and quicker in most cases.

We are busy gearing up for IC, as I am sure everyone else is. We are planning to unveil a number of new courses at or before IC, and we are also working hard to have the new MOS manual at that time. We are in the early developmental stages of some exciting new courses that will have real-world applications for us today. As always, if you have suggestions for courses, come talk to us! If you know what branch your suggestion will fit into, talk to that branch director. If you are not sure, or if it might fit multiple branches, or even something completely new, please contact Chris Esquibel, DCO-Doctrine, at whiteknight1a@earthlink.net so that he can look over the proposal and determine where it might fit into our doctrine.

Here's what everyone has been waiting for March and April's Students of the Month and other stats. The Student of the Month for March is Sean Niemeyer, who completed 10 courses. The Student of the Month for April is Antonio Lopes III, who completed 6 courses. Congrats! In March, 39 students took a total of 92 courses, and in April, 24 students took a total of 42 courses. Hats off to the following students who earned Academic

Excellence Awards in March and April: John Nelson, Larry French, Geoff Upton (2), Larry Neigut, Joe Butts, and Deb Kern. If you want to see your name on this list, all you have to do is complete a 30 level paper with honors. Students often ask me for advice on selecting a paper topic. The best answer I can give was given to me by others in this post before me look at a branch in which you are interested, examine the manual, and write about an area that you believe needs to be expanded or anything you feel that is missing from the manual. Who knows...you may be asked to contribute to a manual revision project.

Here's a parting thought: a strong, healthy, well-rounded education is essential to everyone. Yes, we are a "fan club" and we participate in SFMCA courses for fun, but I also encourage you to support the youth in your chapter and your area. Even if you are not a parent or an educator, you can make a positive impact on the education of our young people. Remember that "education" is much more than school...it is learning how to be the best person you can be, and this is a life-long experience. I hope that everyone in STARFLEET and the SFMC are always striving to continue their own personal education, both through formal learning and growth as a person. If we at TRACOM have helped people to do that, then we have done our jobs.

TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

E9 SGT MJR Clayton Hobbs,
Director

A little history.

Since January 1999, over one hundred students have completed NCO courses. An active group most of the past students of this academy have, or currently, hold senior positions within the Regions and at the International levels of the Starfleet Marine Corps and Starfleet. I would just like to say thank you. So many of you have made, and continue to make,

important contributions which even today are improving the opportunities, courses, and materials available to new students. Generally students fall into three groups: Enlisted, Officer, and Mustang.

Most enlisted students are marines; however, new additions to the NCO manual now make it easier for Fleet enlisted to take these courses. The majority of Officers taking these courses are Fleet Chapter Captains. I appreciate their efforts to understand the roles, duties, and possibilities open to a chapter that actively supports enlisted members. Mustangs are a special group. They started as enlisted members and have chosen to become officers. For example, E4 Corporal John Roberts has gone on to become our current SFMC Commandant, and, a principle author of the NCO Academy Jack Kern served as E9 Sergeant Major of the SFMC before becoming a Chapter Captain. This small but vocal group is very active in both the Marines and the Fleet. The experience they have gained both as NCOs and officers in leadership positions has enriched the NCO Corps. In making additions to the NCO manual and course materials I am very fortunate indeed to have all of these students to work with. Thank you for your feedback and suggestions.

What's new.

As reporting is an essential element of any leadership position new students will find questions on this subject at every level of the NCO exams. Proficiency of this essential skill is an asset to any leader - NCO or Officer. Keeping in mind, that the vast majority of Marine Strike Groups are an integral part of active Chapters, means that marines report to more than one Chain of Command. The exams and course materials are being edited to include

this aspect of Active and Reserve Marine service. Models are being developed that will provide students with visual models to use as another source of information for their exam answers. These visual educational models are now being used by students and I hope to have them added as an appendix to the NCO manual in the near future. These models do not reflect the actual Table of Organization for any existing unit or chapter. They are meant to be examples only that assist students with answering the exams. Students of the NCO-30B Essay exam have achieved the most benefit from these models so far. The new NCO-10 exam is now available and the finishing touches to NCO-20 and NCO-30B will be completed by the end of June.

TRACOM's NCO Academy is open to every SFI member. I strongly encourage you to take every course that interests you. I value and appreciate your comments and suggestions. Many of the additions to the NCO manual come from your great ideas. Thank you.

Cheers,

E9 Sergeant Major Clayton Hobbs
Director NCO Academy
TRACOM



This picture was taken at our Marines meeting on June 18, 2005:
Mark Webb (right) receives officer's commission from 210th Marine
Expeditionary Unit Commander J.D. Clancy
~picture submitted by 1LT J. D. Clancy - USS Allegiant, R12

CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn•Shuttle Schweitzer, R1

Convention attendees:

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

Convention Organizers: Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to Fanboy@dactylmanor.org. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

Thank you to everyone who's contributed information to the list. Special thanks to: Jason Smith, Mary Ann Pugliese, RA Winans, Bill Blair, Laura Inglis, RA Winans, Onelia Herriot, Mary Dumas, Stephanie Rector, Trisha Tunis, Mysteri Tullis, Chris Howard, Terry Fitzpatrick, Gloria DeJesus, Alex Geairns, Ruth Green, Randall Shepherd, Chrissy Killian, Blaine Kimball, Jerry Robinette, Anthony Wynn, Stephen M. Phillips, and Paul Smith

Alabama

Oct 7-9 Con*Stellation XXVI, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.constellation.org/> constell@constellation.org

Arizona

Aug 5-7 Hexacon 15, Tempe, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 Ph: 623-773-1816 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/> hex15@hexacon.org

Sep 9-11 CopperCon 25, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/> cu25@coppercon.org Guests: Greg Keyes, Robert J.Sawyer, Michelle Dockrey, G. Harry Stine

California

Aug 20-21 Lost World Convention, Culver City, California; Info: PO Box 491, Armada, MI 48005-0491 <http://2005con.tripod.com/> TLWCon2005/OfficialSiteX.html

LostWorldLady@aol.com Guests: Michael Sinelnikoff, David Orth, Will Snow, Jennifer O'Dell, J&G Reeves-Stevens Benefits: Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation

Aug 26-28 ConChord 19, Woodland Hills, California; Info: PO Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.conchord.org/> rickifilk@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://www.timetunneltoys.com/toyshow.html> ttunnel@concentric.net

Oct 1-2 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

Oct 7-9 SilCon 2005, San Jose, California; Info: 1009 E. Capitol Expressway #415, San Jose, California 95121-2415 <http://silconventions.com> infodesk@silconventions.com Guests: Phil Yeh, Bill Blair

Oct 7-9 STARFLEET Region 4 Conference, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 241221, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1221 <http://www.r4conference2005.com/> ussangeles@hotmail.com

Oct 7-9 Conjecture 4, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 927388, San Diego, CA 92192-7388 <http://www.conjecture.org/> Guests: Jack McDevitt

Colorado

Sep 1-4 Tacticon, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 472664, Aurora, CO 80047-2664 <http://www.denvergamers.com/tacticon/> dgagames@aol.com

Sep 16-18 Nan Desu Kan, Denver, Colorado; Info: 1552 Monroe St, Denver CO, 80206-1850 <http://www.ndk.cc/genkidenki@hotmail.com>

Oct 21-23 MileHiCon 37, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/> lindanel@ix.netcom.com

Guests: Alan Dean Foster, David Mattingly

Florida

Oct 14-16 Spooky Empire: Screamfest, Coral Springs, Florida; Info: PO Box 460574, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33346 Ph: 954-565-6588 <http://www.spookyempire.com/info@spookyempire.com> Guests: Linda Blair, Dick Warlock, Tom Savini, Great Orbax, Leslie Hoffman, Linnea Quigley, Bloody Mary, Ricou Browning, Gris Grimly, Herschell Gordon Lewis, Lloyd Kaufman, Barry Anderson, Jon Herak, Basil Gogos, Bill Hinzman, Taso Stavrakis, William Greife, Joseph M Monks, Owl Goingback

Oct 28-30 Necronomicon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://stonehill.org/necro.htm> RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Guests: Lloyd Kaufman, Peter David, Jessica Galbreth Benefits: Kids & Canines

Georgia

Sep 2-5 Dragon*Con, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> dragoncon@dragoncon.org

Sep 23-25 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/> info@awa-con.com Guests: Robert DeJesus, Emily DeJesus, Matt Greenfield, David Williams

Illinois

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

Aug 13-16 Midsumcon VIII, Lincolnwood, Illinois; Info: 1273 West 74th Street, Chicago, IL, 60636-4103 Ph: 773-874-3781 <http://www.rich-and-sharon.org/game/midsumcon.htm>

Aug 19-21 Vividcon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 301 E 62 St, #9-C, New York, NY 10021 <http://www.vividcon.com/> elyn.illama@gmail.com

Aug 26-28 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Sep 1-4 Bouchercon 36, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 507 South 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 Ph: 215-923-0211 <http://www.bouchercon.net/> Guests: Dennis Lehane, Jonathan Gash, Marcia Muller, Bill Pronzini, Harlan Coben, Beth Fedyn

Sep 16-18 Chicagoland Entertainment Collector's Expo, Itasca, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2376, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Ph: 708-430-8107 <http://www.nonsportcardexpo.com> paul@nonsportcardexpo.com Guests: Dalyn Chew Lynn Me, John Czop, Darren Auck, Larry Thomas, Cindy Morgan Benefits: The Treasure Chest Foundation & Adopt-A-Classroom

Sep 29-Oct 2 Archon 29, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.archonstl.org/> info@archonstl.org Guests: Jody Lynn Nye, Bill Fawcett, Stephen Hickman, Keith Stokes, K.D. Wentworth, Toni Weisskopf, Hank Reinhardt, Author Vic Milan

Oct 21-23 ZebraCon, Northbrook, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2660, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 <http://www.zebracon.net/> KarenZCon@aol.com

Indiana

Aug 18-21 Star Wars Celebration III, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave, #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.starwarscelebration.com/> events@gencon.com Guests: George Lucas, Amy Allen, Kenny Baker, Jerome Blake, Paul Blake, Ralph Brown, Garrick Hagon, Gerald Home, Jesse Jensen, Zach Jensen, Shannon McRandle, Rena Owen, Mary Oyaya, Mike Quinn, Michael Sheard, Orli Shoshan, Jay Laga'aia, Nick Gillard, Rick McCallum, Jeremy Bulloch, David Prowse, Ray Park, Daniel Logan, Dave Elsey, Lou Elsey, Warwick Davis

Sep 30-Oct 2 Maquis Gras, Valparaiso, Indiana; Info: PO Box 1101, Portage IN 46368 <http://mavfiresword.com> bejen@mavfiresword.com

Guests: Robert O'Reilly, J.G. Hertzler, Benefits: Porter County Relay for Life & Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation

Iowa

Sep 9-11 AnimeIowa, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: 308 E. Burlington St. PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 <http://www.animeiowa.com/> info@animeiowa.com Guests: Johnny Yong Bosch, Richard Epcar, Robert DeJesus, Felipe Smith, Taliesin Jaffe, Tricia Dickson, Zarah Little, Greg Ayres

Oct 28-30 Icon 30, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: 308 E. Burlington St. PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 Ph: 319-337-9098 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/> icon@mindbridge.org Guests: Arlene Martel, Sarah Zettel

Kentucky

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

Maryland

Aug 19-21 Horrorfind Weekend, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 9722 Groffs Mill Drive, #109, Owings Mills Maryland 21117 <http://www.horrorfindweekend.com/> convention@horrorfind.com Guests: Jeffrey Combs, Ken Foree, Doug Bradley

Aug 19-21 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 3470 Olney Laytonsville Rd #165, Olney MD, 20832 <http://www.otakon.com/> info@otakon.com Guests: Greg Ayres, Luci Christian, Scott McNeil, Monica Rial

Oct 7-9 Intercon Mid-Atlantic, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 966 Hungerford Drive, Suite 17A, Rockville, MD 20850 <http://www.larpaweb.org/intercon/>

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Oct 14-16 Capclave, Silver Spring, Maryland; Info: 7113 Wayne Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-1734 <http://www.capclave.org/> Guests: info@capclave.org

Massachusetts

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

Sep 30-Oct 2 Wizard World Boston, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/boston.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

Oct 2-8 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 436, Belmont, MA 02478 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/vparadise@gmail.com> Guests: Debra Doyle, Laura J. Mixon, James D. Macdonald, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Steven Gould

Michigan

Sep 23-25 Foundation, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 515 E. Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823 Ph: 517-324-3585 <http://www.foundation-games.com> info@foundation-games.com

Oct 7-9 Conclave 30, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/> conclave@conclavesf.org Guests: Wen Spencer, Butch Honeck, Steve Collins, Uncle Kage, Tom Smith

Minnesota

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

Oct 7-9 Arcana 35, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/>

rekal/rekal@prodigy.net Guests: Stephen Jones

Oct 14-16 CONSume/Relaxacon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: 1105 Bellecrest Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109-1902 <http://relaxacon.tripod.com/sf@visi.com>

Missouri

Sep 16-18 MidWest Construction IV, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1825, Lee's Summit, MO 64063-7825. <http://www.midamericon.org/mwc4.htm> masffc@kc.rr.com

Nevada

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.alienactor.com> billblairfanclub@aol.com Guests: Bill Blair Benefits: American Red Cross and American Cancer Society

New Jersey

Aug 5-7 Creation, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Oct 14-16 Ubercon VI, Meadowlands, New Jersey; Info: 370 Ramsey Rd, Yardley, PA 19067 Ph: 866-UBERCON <http://www.ubercon.com/> kevin@ubercon.com

Oct 28-30 Chiller Theatre, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 23, Rutherford NJ 07070 <http://www.chillertheatre.com/> info@chillertheatre.com

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

New York

Oct 7-9 Albacon, Albany, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/> registration@albacon.org

North Dakota

Oct 21-23 ValleyCon 31, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 Ph: 701-232-8722 <http://www.valleycon.com/> conchairs@valleycon.com Benefits: Children's Hospital at MeritCare; YWCA; Big Brother Big Sister; Literacy Coalition; Recording for Blind & Dyslexic

Ohio

Aug 5-May 7 Twisted Nightmare Weekend, Middleburg Heights, Ohio; Info: 1901 Marks Ave, Akron, Ohio 44305 <http://www.twistednightmareweekend.com> info@twistednightmareweekend.com 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

Sep 16-18 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> vulkan@aol.com

Sep 30-Oct 2 Cinema Wasteland, Strongsville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/> zombies@cinemawasteland.com

Oct 7-9 Context 18, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-846-1051 <http://www.contextcon.com/> contextsf@yahoo.com Guests: Michael Swanwick, Gordon Van Gelder, Gary Braunbeck, Mike Resnick

Oct 21-23 Ohio Valley Filk Fest 21, Dublin, Ohio; Info: 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-4913 <http://www.ovff.org/> ovff@ovff.org Guests: Frank Hayes, Seanan McGuire, Terry Ellis

Pennsylvania

Oct 22 Ultimate Allentown Comicbook Convention, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Info: 972 W Washington St, Allentown, PA 18102 Ph: 610-351-3900 <http://www.ultimatecomidreams.com/> jnr116@ultimatecomidreams.com

Tennessee

Sep 2-4 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 190512, Saint Louis, MO 63119-6512 <http://www.mephitfurmeet.org/> registration@mephitfurmeet.org Benefits: Tiger Haven and Locks of Love

Oct 7-9 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee; Info: 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659 Ph: 423-753-2171 <http://www.storytellingfestival.net/> info@storytellingcenter.net

Texas

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

Sep 2-5 AnimeFEST, Dallas, Texas; Info: 3001 South Hardin Blvd, Suite 110 PMB 108, McKinney, TX 75070-9028 Ph: 972-569-8995 <http://www.AnimeFEST.org> info@animefest.org Guests: Maaya Sakamoto, Scott McNeil

Sep 23-25 FenCon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Info: PO Box 560576, The Colony, TX 75056-0576 <http://www.fencon.org/> info@fencon.org Guests: S.M. Stirling, Leslie Fish, Randy Farran, Larry Dixon, David Gerrold, Mike Resnick, C. Dean Andersson, David Lee Anderson, Jayme Lynn Blaschke, Margaret H. Bonham, Peter Bradley, Rachel Caine, Lillian Stewart Carl, Lillian Stewart Carl, David Cherry, Cat Conrad, P. N. Elrod, Rhonda Eudaly, Melanie Fletcher, Generic Radio Workshop, Joe Giaccio, Bob Gunner, Beverly A. Hale, Angeline Hawkes-Craig, Charlee Jacob, Scott A. Johnson, Julia Blackshear Kosatka, Joe R. Lansdale, Lee Martindale, Ardath Mayhar, Margaret Middleton, John Moore, Gloria Oliver, Teresa

Patterson, Dusty Rainbolt, M. T. Reiten, Nina Romberg, Selina Rosen, Rie Sheridan, Brad Sinor, Susan P. Sinor, John Steakley, Bill Sutton, Brenda Sutton, Jeff Turner, Carla Ulbrich, Thomas M. Wagner, Steve Wedel, Mel. White

Sep 30-Oct 2 Linucon, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 7966, Austin, TX 78713-7966 <http://www.linucon.org/> contact@linucon.org

Oct 14-16 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 292066, Lewisville TX 75029 Ph: 972-420-8639 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/> ben@hollywoodexpo.com

Utah

Sep 24 Mountain-Con 1, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: 3872 West 2550 South, Taylor, UT, 84401-9007 <http://www.mountaincon.org> info@mountaincon.org

Oct 28-30 AutumnCon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: 358 South 700 East, Suite B #520, Salt Lake City, UT 84102 Ph: 801-971-2641 <http://autumncon.org/> information@autumncon.org Guests: Allan Cole, Kate Elliott, Stephen Cosgrove

Vermont

Oct 21-23 Bakuretsu Con, Burlington, Vermont; Info: PO Box 44, Vergennes VT 05491 <http://www.bakuretsucon.org> info@bakuretsucon.org Guests: Scott Melzer, Michael Terracciano

Virginia

Sep 30-Oct 2 Rising Star 14, Salem, Virginia; Info: PO Box 10787, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0787 <http://www.rising-star.org/> conchair@rising-star.org Guests: Paul Dellinger, Barb Fischer, Peg Fisher, Mary Goad, Brenda Gressman, Thomas S. Gressman, Chris Impink, Ron Jarrell, Tim Mullins, Ted Reid, White Plectrum

Washington

Aug 26-28 Dragonflight, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/> convention@dragonflight.org

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Sep 1-5 Cascadia Con: North American Science Fiction Convention, Seattle, Washington; Info: Seattle NASFiC, Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111 <http://www.cascadiacon.org/> Guests: Fred Saberhagen, Liz Danforth, Toni Weisskopf, Kevin Standlee, Marc Abrahams, Hiroaki Inone

Sep 23-25 Foolsap VII, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461 <http://www.foolsapcon.org/> chair@foolsapcon.org Guests: Harlan Ellison

Oct 14-15 Sci-Fan Show, Lynnwood, Washington; Info: 19332 60th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Ph: 425-670-0454 <http://www.galaxyhobby.com/scifan.htm> info@galaxyhobby.com

Oct 21-23 ConiFur Northwest, Sea-Tac, Washington; Info: 13619 Mukilteo Speedway, Suite D5, PMB 172, Lynnwood, WA 98037-1606 <http://www.conifur.org/registration@conifur.org> Guests: David Hopkins

Wisconsin

Aug 19-21 JVL-Con VII, Janesville, Wisconsin; Info: 1316 Monterey Lane, Janesville, WI. 53545 Ph: 608-305-5525 <http://www.si-fi-nut.com/jvl-con.html> JVLCON@aol.com Guests: Jack Donner, Jennifer Lauer, T.W. Miller, Kathryn Sullivan, Mark Haeuser Benefits: American Red Cross Disaster Relief

Australia

Australian Capital Territory

Aug 4-7 Best Of Both Worlds 25, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 6241 4555 <http://www.bobw.com.au/alc@bobw.com.au> Guests: Paul Norell, Jonathan Harding, Jed Brophy, Jarl Benzon, Sandro Kopp, Jorn Benzon, Daniel Falconer, Peter Lyon, Matt Appleton, Emily Sturrock, Daniel Reeve Benefits: Guide Dogs NSW & ACT

New South Wales

Oct 14-16 Whovention, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 148, Gladesville NSW 2111,

Australia <http://www.doctorwhoaustralia.org/whovention/> Guests: David Warwick, Louise Jameson

South Australia

Oct 15-16 Terra Nova Two, Adelaide, South Australia; Info: PO Box 13419, Orehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +61 08 8396 2517 <http://www.terra-novaevents.com/> lhup@bigpond.net.au Guests: Marina Sirtis, Dominic Keating, Robin Atkins Downes, Gates McFadden, John Billingsley, Ronny Cox

Victoria

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

Sep 16-18 Roddenberry Universe, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: Rennison crt, Wheelers Hill, Victoria 3150 Australia Ph: +61 3 9848 1068 <http://www.scinut.com> OneliaH@inet.net.au Guests: Eugene Roddenberry, Jr., Steve Bacic, Anita La Selva, Vaughn Armstrong, David Winning Benefits: Royal Childrens Hospital

Canada

British Columbia

Oct 7-9 V Con 30, Burnaby, British Columbia; Info: #209-2166 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6K 2A4, Canada <http://www.v-con.ca/>

Ontario

Aug 26-28 SFX: Canadian National Expo, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 38 Riverlea Dr., Toronto, ON, M9P 2H4, Canada Ph: 416-241-7827 <http://www.canadiannationalexpo.com> info@hobbystar.com Guests: Patrick Stewart, Leonard Nimoy, William Shatner, Jeri Ryan, Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, James Doohan, Michael Dorn, Levar Burton, Billy Dee Williams, Ray Park, David Prowse, Nicholas Brendon, J. August Richards, Lou

Ferrigno, Neil Rayment, Adrian Rayment, Kevin Smith, Joe Quesada, Michael Turner, John Romita Jr., Jeph Loeb, George Perez, Brian Michael Bendis, Brian Azzarello, Adam Kubert, David Finch, Ed McGuinness, Marc Silvestri, Paul Jenkins, Mike Deodato Jr., Carlos Pacheco, Steve McNiven, Rags Morales, Pat Lee, John Cassaday, Dale Keown, Chris Claremont, Clive Barker, Cassandra Peterson, Linda Blair, Tony Todd, Gunnar Hansen, Ken Foree, Margot Kidder, Jhonen Vasquez, Jeff Lieberman, Ed Long, Damien Glonek, Bob Tyrrell, Fred Vogel, Janet Tracy Keijser, Brian Keene, Athena Demos, Nancy Kilpatrick, Sephera Giron, George Romero, Doug Bradley, Kane Hodder, Bill Moseley, Alejandro Jodorowsky, Yoshitoshi Abe, Yasuyuki Ueda, Yoshihiro Komada, Tommy Ohtsuka, Kia Asamiya, Mika Akitaka, Yumi Touma, Ryo Mizuno, Chiho Saito, Kunihiko Ikumura, Mari Iijima, Koichi Ohata, Gary Gyax, Ed Greenwood, Robin D. Laws, Matt Hullum, Kathleen Zuelch, Joel Heyman, Jason Saldana, Dan Godwin, Lucien Soulban, James Maliszewski, Malcolm Sheppard, Pieter Van Hiel, Steve Trustrum, Brand Robins Benefits: Ronald McDonald House, Childrens Wish Foundation, Hospital For Sick Kids

Saskatchewan

Oct 14-16 Hero's Gambit, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Info: c/o Bridge City Operations Group Inc, 23-2105 8th Street East, PO Box 44, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 0T8 <http://www.herosgambit.com/whughes@bcog.ca>

Ireland

Oct 15-16 Octocon, Maynooth, ; Info: 19a main street, Blackrock, County Dublin, Ireland <http://www.octocon.com/> info2005@octocon.com Guests: Charles Stross, Michael Carroll, Roger Gregg, Harry Harrison, Anne McCaffrey, Juliet E. McKenna, Michael Scott, John Vaughan

New Zealand

Oct 22-24 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Auckland, ; Info: PO Box 13419

Orehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/> info@pulpexpo.com Guests: Mark Waid, Christopher Judge, Torri Higginson, Robin Atkins Downes, Gates McFadden, Dean Haglund, Tiffany Grant

United Kingdom

England

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 Garbowsky, Alan Lee, Ted Nasmith, Michael Scott Rohan, Tom Shippey, Brian Sibley, Viv Wilkes

Aug 11-15 Tolkien 2005, Birmingham, England; Info: 28 Loverock Crescent, RUGBY, United Kingdom, CV21 4AR <http://www.tolkiensociety.org/2005/>

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/> registration@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 dj@reddwarffanclub.com Guests: Danny John Jules, Chris Barrie

Sep 2-4 Festival of Fantastic Films, Manchester, England; Info: 95 Meadowgate Road, Salford, Manchester M6 8EN, England Ph: +44 (0)161 707-3747 <http://www.fantasticfilms.com/festival/> Gil@manchestersfantasticfilms.co.uk

Sep 3-4 Dreamworker, Bristol, England; Info: PO Box 3250 Glastonbury, Glastonbury, BA6 9WL, Somerset UK <http://www.kumara.org.uk/> Guests: Steven Sears

Sep 16-18 Starfury: Prime, Blackpool, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> Guests: George Hertzberg, James Leary, Danny Strong, Iyari Limon, Armin Shimerman, Tom Lenk, Nick Brendon, Felicia Day, Indigo

Oct 9-11 Reunion 3, Leicester, England; Info: Flat 3 Blighwood, 57 Surrey Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 1HF, England Ph: +44 070 9281 2101 <http://www.sfball.com/info@sfball.com> Guests: Armin Shimerman, Max Grodenchik, Celeste Yarnall, Michael Sheard, Richard Arnold Benefits: Rainbow's Childrens Hospice, Loughborough

Oct 28-31 Cult TV, Birmingham, England; Info: PO Box 1701, Wolverhampton, WV4 4WT, United Kingdom Ph: +44 01733-205009 <http://www.cult.tv> festival@cult.tv Guests: Kim Darby, Pamela Sue Martin, Tanya Roberts, Ronald Wolfe, Terry Adlam, Martin Bower, Michael Sheard, Ken Basford, Kenneth Rock, Peter Tork, John Saxon, Michael Keating, Philip Madoc, Brian Grant, John Ainsworth Benefits: UNICEF

Oct 28-30 Autographica, Heathrow, England; Info: Highfield Business Ctr, 1 Simmonds Rd, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3RA <http://www.autographica.co.uk/> garry@Baldyman.com Guests: Buzz Aldrin, Charlie Duke, Stella Stevens, Carol Lynley, Brian Blessed

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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Region 1

Shuttle Armageddon NCC-S8812/01 - Maryville, Tennessee
The two guests at our last meeting have informed us they will be joining! I have also found a "lone" Trekker at work, and am working on her to attend our May meeting.

Shuttle Banshee NCC-74916
Maryville, Tennessee
The crew held our Monthly Gaming Night playing "Champions of Norrath 2: Return to Arms" and AD&D, attended a local minor league baseball game, and attended and participated with the local SCA. Members also attended the movie The Pacifier.

Shuttle Dark Star NCC-63545
Summerville, South Carolina
Members worked on recruiting and the website.

SS Benu SFR-119
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Members attended movie night, and three baseball nights.

SS Nikola Tesla NCC-SS005
Puryear, Tennessee
Had annual Wrestlemania party; now working on preparations for Star Wars III in May.

USS Aeon NCC-75022
Memphis, Tennessee
Crew did not meet in April due to schedule conflicts. Crew is planning a Memorial Day picnic.

USS Alaric NCC-503
Asheville, North Carolina
Gaming at monthly meetings (card and board games). Also, recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Sent away team to Colburn Science Museum April 17 to listen to former astronaut Dr. Story Musgrave speak.

USS Appomattox NCC-75001
Appomattox, Virginia
Twelve of us took a trip to Fan Mountain Observatory. We will be having a yard raking fundraiser.

USS Arizona NCC-71839
Alliance, Ohio
We have a news story that came out in our local newspaper about our participation in Hot Rod magazine's Power Tour in June. A new crew member was born in February; a boy 8 lbs 5 oz.

USS Asgard NCC-72402
Lancaster, Ohio
Crewmembers attended a gaming convention and assisted other members in a move.

USS Athena NCC-51896
Oak Hill, Virginia
One Athena member organized a tour of the Space Telescope Science Institute (where the Hubble is controlled). It was a lot of fun!

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A
Thomasville, North Carolina
Had a crew trip to Star Wars Celebration III. Planning an Enterprise Finale party.

USS Chesapeake NCC-1887
Glen Allen, Virginia
The crew gathered at members' homes to view The Incredibles and the final episode of ENTERPRISE. Helping to start a shuttle in Spotsylvania, VA!!! Got a Commander, an XO and a few members!

USS Columbia NCC-75017
Shelby, Ohio
Ship's SETI report 11 CPUs online 8,894 WPKPGS completed, and 16 CPU yrs used. Crew is discussing a 2006 Region One Summit Proposal "A Weekend on Risa".

USS Columbus NCC-72401
Took nominations for the upcoming election in July, and only the Deck Officer's spot is being contested.

USS Commonwealth NCC-75002
Kingsport, South Carolina
Crew meeting and a Cookout with awards ceremonies were held at the home of CMDR Darrell Thomas. First contact made with members from New York.

USS Dark Wolf NCC-18076
North Charleston, S. Carolina
Gearing up for an away mission to R1 Summit and Adv. Con. 4.0.

USS Dominator NCC-18076
North Charleston, S. Carolina
Chapter attended the NC/SC Sectional Picnic and the monthly Star Trek Meetup at a local mall. Coupon collection still going on.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631
Elryia, Ohio
The USS Gallifrey has recently undergone major changes and

a refit, to that of Intrepid Class Light Explorer; and continues their charity work and planning for several summer events this year.

USS Hathor NCC-3063
Louisville, Kentucky
The crew participated in two trips to see the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, and plans are in the works for an ENTERPRISE finale party and a trip to see Star Wars III: RotS.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793
Amherst, Virginia
Held 21st. Anniversary Party instead of meeting; 29 people attended the buffet dinner at a local restaurant. The entertainment was a band made up of 5 Heimdal members signing original filk and being funny.

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D
Charlotte, North Carolina
Had our last regular Hornet meeting before summer hiatus. Hornet Night Out was April 18 at Mama Fu's, in honor of Carolyn "Moogie" Peters' 55th birthday.

USS Indiana NCC-79158
Indianapolis, Indiana
No activity on the Indiana currently. The CO has relocated to Florida for a contract job. It is not yet known if this will become permanent.

USS Intrepid NCC-74655
Mansfield, Ohio
All is well.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D
Newport News, Virginia
Away Teams attended IKV Bat'Leth's Mike Broome Welcome Back Party, March of Dimes Walk America, and the IKV Bat'Leth meeting. Plans continue for Quark's Casino Royale on June 11th, and we planned an ENTERPRISE Finale Party.

USS Jurassic NCC-3500
Hammersville, Ohio
Continuing projects include Amateur Radio in general and Field Day 2005, the Afghan Project, and Stampede. A new crewmember is involved with lots of projects, including recycling, setting up a recruiting website, and a program taking disadvantaged children fishing.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659
Raleigh, North Carolina
April 2 meeting had good

attendance as we prepare for our yard sale at the State Fairgrounds on May 14th. We are also gathering books for a retirement home that does not have a library.

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Participated in autograph raffle at the Vulkan in Independence, Ohio, raising money for the local food bank.

USS Liberator NCC-75008
Akron, Ohio
Monthly meeting, working on web site and newsletter, submitted bid for regional summit, away team visited another chapter's meeting, working on role-playing online, away team went to movie premiere.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A
Norfolk, Virginia
The crew held its monthly meetings and social nights in April and May.

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218
Tyner, North Carolina
Members attended a function for the Open Door Food Pantry, and OCP Collections are ongoing.

USS Nebula NCC-61800
Lorain, Ohio
The crew started a Marine Strike Group and also donated 393 postage stamps to the Lorain County Department of Aging.

USS Normandy NCC-36000
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Crew preparing for R1 Summit.

USS North Carolina NCC-75019
Hickory, North Carolina
Held General Crew Meeting to discuss plans for hosting the upcoming 2005 Region 1 Summit.

USS Ohio NCC-75007
Barberton, Ohio
VAdm. Scritchfield went to additional Skywarn training. Members went to a local convention and had fun, along with helping man a STARFLEET recruiting table.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A
Chesapeake, Virginia
Planning on having ship's annual pool party in July. Also planning on trying to sign up for volunteering for answering telephones for Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon and PBS TV membership drive.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812
Louisville, Kentucky
Plans for Latin Luau later in May underway. Subscribed to Cruise Magazine for more source materials for POS Fiction and cultural feel.

USS Providence NCC-71796
Cedar Grove, Tennessee
Started planning for our June picnic. We will have no meeting in May due to R1 Summit.

USS Renegade NCC-2547
Youngstown, Ohio
We attended Vulkan April 15-17. CO and XO attended the monthly meeting of the Lagrange on April 26th. Some of us will be assisting the Dark Xmas promoter with a one-day mini-con, "Dark Carnival," April 30th.

USS Reprisal NCC-1896
Fall Branch, Tennessee
7th Annual Mountain Rally coming up on April 30.

USS Richmond NCC-2003
Covington, Virginia
Viewed Enterprise episode.

USS Ronald E McNair NCC-61809
Columbia, South Carolina
Crew members went camping at Kings Mountain State Park, South Carolina.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215
Ladson, South Carolina
Operation: Eagle work continues for wounded troops. Website work to be done soon. Fiction writing continues.

USS Star League NCC-2101
Waynesboro, South Carolina
The crew met for the 14th Anniv. Party at Admiral Cindy Krell's home, and also for bowling.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE:
Congratulations to the STAR LEAGUE on 14 years of service!

USS Star Runner NCC-74222
Greer, South Carolina
Planning and preparations were done for the UPN Enterprise Party, including making a commercial that aired on UPN.

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122
Spring Lake, North Carolina
Crew took an eight-mile nature hike at a local park.

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USS Tristar NCC-71829
Knoxville, Tennessee
Guests at our regular meeting in April included the CO and other members of the USS BANSHEE.

USS Tycho NCC-59325
Martin, Ohio
At the April meeting, our Engineering Dept. did a presentation on computer crashes and glitches.

USS Wasp NCC-1721
Shelbyville, Kentucky
Comm Patricia Lewis has been VERY busy with SFI academy courses. CO went to see Hitchhiker's guide on opening night. XO is now Publications Officer for the R1 newsletter.

USS West Virginia NCC-2008
Charleston, W. Virginia
Discussed Dunbar library Summer Reading Program. Requested report of Club's Library from our librarian Carol. Acknowledged crewmembers' individual community activities.

USS Yeager NCC-61893
Bluefield, West Virginia
Yeager has now been approved as an official Wizkids gaming venue. Picnic meeting June 18 at Claytor Lake, with activities including model Rocketry, RC toys, and hiking on the Old Virginian Railroad Right-of-Way.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A
Catawba, South Carolina
We talked about going together to the Region 1 Conference and ConCarolinas. We are planning on having a Beginning of Summer Party in June.

Region 2

Shuttle Andromeda NCC-74692/02 - Tampa, Florida
Members attended Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, Astronomy Day 2005 at the Museum of Science & Industry, and a Bay Area renaissance festival.

Shuttle Dauntless NCC-74214
Orange Park, Florida
Met up with members of local gaming group Order of the Hand for a marathon screening of the Lord of the Rings special edition DVDs.

USS Continuum NCC-74214
Milton, Florida
First Friday command staff meeting and Third Friday general meeting with promotions.

SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007
Florence, Alabama
We set up a recruiting table at a movie theatre for Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003
Miami, Florida
Six Blackstar members participated in the March of Dimes Pledge Walk and collected a total of \$263.00. Plans for future events include anime nights, bowling, and a trip to Metrozoo.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920
Leaksville, Mississippi
Kellie and Larry bought Doughnut round #2 to raise funds. Annual ship party proposed, New Years! Larry attended the U.S.S. Haise 10th anniversary party. Telephone meeting with Chad Sorrels (Mississippi Baptist Children's home) to plan for Bike Rack project.

USS DaVinci NCC-74671
Columbus, Georgia
The crew manned a recruitment table and helped at Game & Hobby Expo III at the Coca Cola Space Science Center in Columbus.

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822
Odenville, Alabama
Members have continued going on their shopping trips. Work on the on going puzzle is progressing nicely.

USS Gasparilla NCC-74400
Brandon, Florida
Activities include: Krewe Dine Out/Movie Nights: "Sin City" and "Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy", Tampa Bay Area Renaissance Faire: Chocolate Festival!, and an Away Mission to APS lecture on Dark Energy by Lawrence M. Krauss, Ph.D., author of "The Physics of Star Trek."

USS Guardian NCC-26244
Cocoa, Florida
Activity was an away mission to the Brevard county zoo.

USS Haise NCC-74664
Brandon, Mississippi
Tenth anniversary celebratory dinner held at Empress Chinese restaurant. Astronaut (and ship's namesake) Fred Haise sent a special message to be read for the occasion.

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004
Graysville, Alabama
The crew planned an Enterprise

Finale party for May 13, and also planned to see Star Wars on opening night. The crew has been investigating what sort of charity we'd like to focus on. Various ideas have been thrown out, including adopting a mile of the new Interstate 22.

USS Jubilee NCC-57299
Mobile, Alabama
USS Jubilee participated in the Arthritis Walk at the Montgomery Zoo with the USS New Hope

USS Khai Tam NCC-81000
Tallahassee, Florida
In April, the chapter held EHK2 (Emergency Holographic KhaiCon II), a weekend-long get-together.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172
Dunedin, Florida
Activities included a Renaissance Festival, Relay For Life, and the monthly meeting.

USS New Hope NCC-50335
Montgomery, Alabama
Went out to eat with Wanda's world and a competition between two crab leg eaters, and met in a park for a picnic and beginner's photography class and contest. We also did the Arthritis Walk and raised \$649.00. We came in 5th place out of 28 groups in raising funds and walked 3 miles.

USS Odyssey NCC-454-A
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Planning for Shore Leave.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695
Collins, Mississippi
Planning for Shore Leave.

USS Paegan NCC-1755
Lake Mary, Florida
The crew enjoyed a great away mission to the past at the local Renaissance Festival, no jousting about it.

USS Pleiades NCC-72388
Douglasville, Georgia
The Crew of the USS Pleiades met for a game night and our monthly online chat on. We've made plans to attend Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy as a group on May 1, and at that time decommissioned the USS Pleiades.

USS Relentless NCC-81001
Palm Bay, Florida
Activities included attending the Bay Area Renaissance Fair, moving XO to Melbourne,

and ran two Comic Store Recruiting Drives, the latter one at Free Comic Day events at 3 local comic shops.

USS Republic NCC-1371
Conyers, Georgia
Had an away team mission to the local Ren Fest, managed to consort with the English guard and French advanced guard from the famed GA Musketeer garrison.

USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005
Savannah, Georgia
Activities included volunteering at Oatland Island's Sheep to Shawl Festival, at the SKC dog Match, and at the Teddy Bear Clinic at Memorial Hospital; two Club RPG Garu games, a non RPG game night, a movie outing to see "Sahara," and a bowling night.

USS Shadow Hawk NCC-74660
Opelika, Alabama
Bonfire meeting at the XO's

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097
Decatur, Alabama
We gave with a bag of food and some treats to the Decatur Animal Shelter this past month. There were several departmental meetings, and get-togethers to see movies. We celebrated "Earth Day" by saving a turtle from getting run over on a busy street.

USS Trident NCC-74692
Jensen Beach, Florida
April meeting included viewing of STAR TREK New Voyages.

USS Triumph NCC-26228
Dania Beach, Florida
Trek Day, April 23rd, at the South Regional Library was a success. Channel 33, the local UPN affiliate, interviewed the away team for a news report to be aired on May 13, 2005 the night of the "Enterprise" finale. Also occurring in April was another away mission for the Adopt-a-Street program.

USS Victorious NCC-40967
Clearwater, Florida
The crew attended the Bay Area RenFest, shot some promos with UPN affiliate and worked with them and other local clubs on a party for the Enterprise finale, and attended another local clubs 11th Anniversary party.

Region 3

Shuttle Maverick NCC-61914/01
Lubbock, Texas
We served dinner to about 40 families at one of our charities, the Ronald McDonald House, participated MS Walk and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, visited the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall, and enjoyed a movie night, catching Frank Miller's powerful "Sin City."

Shuttle Thunderwolf NCC-74663/05
San Antonio, Texas
The Shuttle Thunderwolf has been active with the American Red Cross, taking classes and in helping respond to residential fires. The crew also donated collected supplies for the Ronald McDonald house, participated in and manned a First Aid booth at Fiesta, and went to the Poteet Strawberry Festival.

SS Freedom III SS-001
Eulless, 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). The Freedom III congratulates F3 member Herb Prewitt Jr. for receiving a grade of PASS for B3 from the School of Law (LAW).

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889
Round Rock, Texas
Gaming after the meeting on 4-16. Marine Drill on 4-25.

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888
Houston, Texas
Members went to Scarborough Faire, attended Denver's StarFest and mailed \$711.43 in coupons to our base in Japan. Our Away Team Rahxephon in New Orleans is working hard.

USS Bethel NCC-74663
Grapevine, Texas
Members of the Bethel are planning to work the Dallas Comic Con May 14-15.

USS Bexar NCC-71718
San Antonio, Texas
We will be helping the San Antonio Fan Force Star Wars group with the premiere of Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith. There will be a raffle and a trivia contest to benefit their charity, the San Antonio Children's Shelter.

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USS Firebird NCC-74919
Houston, Texas
Went to see Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019
El Paso, Texas
Several members reenacted at Frontier Days at Ft Selden and several members had a gun fight at Armed Forces Day, Fort Bliss Living History.

USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, Texas
We had visitors from Realms Con, which is happening here in Aug. We also continue our planning for our second time answering phones in uniform for a PBS television auction in May. Plans are also shaping up for a recruitment table later at the opening of "Revenge of the Sith".

USS Laredo NCC-03
Laredo, Texas
We held our Annual Spring Picnic and an outing for the Star Wars Premiere. We are continuing our planning for IC 2005 in San Antonio, Texas to publicize and promote Project Laredo.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628
Lubbock, Texas
Activities in April included the Monthly Crewmeeting, 9th Anniversary & Promotions Dinner, Poker and Video Game Nights, and a Klingon Episodes Marathon.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914
Amarillo, Texas
We met to watch the movie A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe! (British humor is SO strange.)

USS Regulator NCC-73337
Weatherford, Texas
Working on getting new Motto and newsletter title together. Planning for Quark's Fundraiser including picking a charity.

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 meeting.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300
Houston, Texas
Several crew members attended the monthly Star Trek Meetup.

USS Tejas NCC-9756
Vernon, Texas
Collecting for "Mile of Pennies," OCP, Humane Societies of Wilbargar and Wichita Counties, and First Step.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425
Dallas, Texas
CO and new associate member Harlan joined Region 3 members for the opening weekend of Scarborough Faire. Ship had a recruiting table at the Sci-Fi Expo. CO and Chief of Communications worked at the Official Pix autograph hall at the Star Wars Celebration III in Indianapolis, IN. Sith".

USS Victory NCC-74208
San Antonio, Texas
Regular chapter meeting April 16. Poker night April 30. IC preparations continue in earnest.

Region 4

ISS Pegasus NCC-9755
Las Vegas, Nevada
91 pounds of Pop Tops were collected from the Doris French School.

Shuttle Battle Born
NCC-23104/1 - Carson City, Nev.
K'Ehlyr Station has agreed to be our Mothership. We welcomed FCapt Charles and Capt Tammy Flowers from the USS Highroller, making us the Flagship for Region 4's Eastern Sector. We made \$300 at our March of Dimes garage sale. We are working on our local cable show idea and on a radio script.

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003
Redding, California
Planned another social outing since our last one didn't happen exactly as planned. Scheduled a Mini-Golf Excursion for Saturday, May 14th.

SS K'Ehlyr NCC-009
Las Vegas, Nevada
Meeting, Event to see Titanic Exhibit, Roller Skating event, and event to see "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"

USS Angeles NCC-71840
Los Angeles, California
Visited the LA County Arboretum (site of Voyager pilot), guests Jim

Van Over (scenic artist ENT) and Larry Nemecek (Communicator Editor) at general meeting, prepared packages for US troops via Any Soldier program, attended Lancaster Poppy Festival, Shatner's Charity Horse Show.

USS Angelfire NCC-75025
Tolleson, Arizona
Angelfire held a "Spring Fling" party/meeting on April 17th 2005 at Encanto Park in Phoenix, AZ. We all munched on food, played games, and beat each other senseless with Oriental Bamboo Swords. The Angelfire command staff called a "Yard Party" to assist one of our associate members in cleaning her yard of weeds after a severe illness.

USS Augusta Ada NCC-55011
Campbell, California
Meeting held; nominations opened for XO. We will be running Internet Lounge at BayCon.

USS Centurio NCC-74801
San Bernardino, California
Celebrated some birthdays. Had some promotions, courses passed. Ship gave over 3100 soda top tabs to Ronald McDonald House. Gearing up for summer.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003
Shafter, California
The usual tasks have kept us busy. Health problems amongst the cadet crew have kept us busy as well, however things have been looking up of late.

USS Eagle NCC-1719
Fremont, California
Members volunteered for fundraiser auction at PBS station, KTEH. We also had a movie party.

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 Hells Fury NCC-74304
Fresno, California
Preparations are underway for our 1 year anniversary as a commissioned ship. The CMO and XO led a cadet away mission to some local parks and cadets Stephanie & Kimberly Knapp

saw their first baseball game. The chapter's website is near completion and can be viewed at www.freewebs.com/ussHELLSFURY

USS Northern Lights NCC-27001
San Jose, California
The first part of the "Enterprise" Mirror Universe two-parter was screened, and all present agreed it was one of the best efforts the writers had put forth. The crew prepared for a busy May, with BayCon, FanimeCon, and a ship's party/wake to bid farewell to "Enterprise".

USS Onizuka NCC-71815
Chico, California
Local members met for a round of mini-golf on May 7th.

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200
Visalia, California
We hosted our Spring Poker Night; raised \$91 to pay for our Poker Kit. Our next activity will be at the new mini-golf in Visalia. We are looking forward to the first real convention we have had in several years.

USS S'L'heya NCC-1601
Fresno, California
James Wilcox (xo) and Rachel Hawken (co) invited to attend a charter party for one of Jim's amateur radio clubs. Meeting will be held the following Friday. Watching the last episodes of Enterprise.

USS Stormbringer NCC-74213
Tucson, Arizona
Numerous crewmembers attended Star-Fest 2005 where we conducted ourselves with honor by taking the Sci-Fi Feud contest for the fourth year in a row!!!!

USS William O Darby NCC-12474
Grand Terrace, California
Working with other local ST clubs on joint activities Cadet program planned Away Missions to movie openings and other future activities.

Region 5

USS Crusader NCC-74711
Otis Orchard, Washington
We watched Star Wars, Episode II in preparation for attending the showing of Star Wars, Episode III in May.

USS Destiny NCC-97301
Salem, Oregon
Another shipment of coupons went out on 04/07/05 to our

adopted US Army Base in Illesheim, Germany. Engineer ENS Michael Martin and CAPT Craig Martin are starting a project for a large scale model of our voyager class ship with working lights and sounds.

USS Rubicon NCC-71816
Richland, Washington
Participated in March of Dimes WalkAmerica. General meeting following at local eatery for our monthly gathering.

Region 6

USS Czar'ak NCC-1798-A
Richfield, Minnesota
Did our Movie day with Hitchhiker's Guide Movie, and then ate at the 50's Grill afterward.

USS Fox River NCC-81002
Appleton, Wisconsin
Ships crew having a Fairwell to Enterprise Pot Luck and Final Episode Viewing Party, 5/13/05!

USS Imperium NCC-2125
Fargo, North Dakota
Busy preparing for Summit. Went to pizza lunch and movie premieres twice in April (Sin City, Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy). Group went to Winnipeg Canada for leisure time away mission. Plans for summer picnics firmed up with area SciFi clubs.

USS Saint George NCC-63541
Saint Paul, Minnesota
XO is actively recruiting Starfleet members in Riverside, Iowa after an Easter visit. The local paper is submitting Trek items and is eager to get additional Trek items from across the fleet. Charity office has a total of \$2,745 in coupons going to our bases overseas.

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122
Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Plans were made for the up coming Highway Pick up Season, The Duck Race, and The March of Dime Walk for America Meeting held at Nathan Leonard's Home in Hermosa SD with 9 persons present. Next meeting May 14 at the MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA, Rapid City.

Region 7

ISS Kerberos NCC-74929
Newark, New Jersey
Quiet month, with slow release of games that are backlogged. Other than that, the active crew

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has been busy with exterior ship duties throughout the organization.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C
West New York, New Jersey
No away missions this month, though more are planned for the coming months.

Shuttle Top Gun NCC-75029
Oxon Hill, Maryland
Meetings: April 23rd & 24th

USS Accord NCC-1842
Ithaca, New York
Largish meeting. Meal and a mission to local planetarium, well attended. Picked up tickets to Ep. III. Planning Watkins Glen Weekend. Updated web site and calendar, working on Ep. III shirt.

USS Adamant NCC-3029
Hatfield, Pennsylvania
The CO and a few members attended the East Coast Hobby Show. We had a great turnout at our two Cantina Nights (one of which included seeing Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy), and we were accompanied by a few members from the Thagard. Ray Greenberg's 50th Birthday Party - This tri-ship event was held in Havertown, PA. Members from the Adamant, Thagard and Renaissance (indep) attended.

USS Albany NCC-587
Scotia, New York
8 bowlers collected money and bowled in the Team Bowl-a-Thon for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady. The set of coupons for OCP mailed was \$2,444.90, for a YTD total of \$7,819.61.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812
Temple Hills, Maryland
Several ship members attended Stephen's Court of Honor. Plans continue for summer activities and our annual cookout.

USS Archer NCC-1069
Mantua, New Jersey
CO Lauren Milan attended the funeral for Ann Marie Reilly this month, along with members from throughout the region. She also attended the Starfest convention in Denver and the IC 2006 planning meeting. We are planning a meeting/recruitment workshop with R7 recruitment officer Bob Vossellor in May, as well as a meeting/poker night in June.

USS Ari NCC-1723
Buffalo, New York
April Meeting topics discussed included Terry Schiavo, Pope John Paul II, Enterprise cancellation, temporal mechanics and animated episode Yesteryear, Trek physics (i.e. inertial dampeners), and the local county (Erie) budget crisis.

USS Ascension NCC-2520
Allentown, Pennsylvania
We attended the East Coast Hobby Show in Fort Washington, PA. Some members entered their models into the model contest and won silver plaques. Many Ascension members and the Adamant CO traveled to see the magnificent Battleship New Jersey in Camden NJ. Ascension CMO Bob Kurtz, who had served in the Navy, gave some interesting insights into the operations of the ship.

USS Asimov NCC-1647
Paoli, Pennsylvania
We're moving to a new address at the end of May. And we're now a Prometheus Class ship.

USS Avenger NCC-1860
Linden, New Jersey
Plans have been made for the CO and XO to meet with our hosts at the Victorian Manor, where we will be holding the USS Avenger's 20th Anniversary Party festivities. In Medical, the Department (like the whole ship) is mourning the loss of our former CMO, Fleet Captain Ann Marie Reilly.

USS Challenger NCC-1676-D
Toms River, New Jersey
Attended Atomic Con Comic Book Expo hosted by our friend Ken Fedeunewicz. Worked on New Frontiers for release in May. Attended wake of former USS Avenger member Ann Marie Reilly.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543
Dover, Delaware
Working with Region 7 in the planning for the International Conference 2006.

USS Edinburgh NCC-77930
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Looking forward to going to Shore Leave this year.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
We took a trip to Chiller, attended an IC06 meeting and planned our picnic for next week.

USS Highlander NCC-10530
Randallstown, Maryland
Crew looking forward to Shore Leave convention in July.

USS Inferno NCC-15202
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Ship attended Camp Dover Peace Conference.

USS Justice NCC-556
Florham Park, New Jersey
Plans to attend Star Wars III Plans to host Farewell to Enterprise. Website updated. Video project in final phases.

USS Malverne NCC-2205
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
The new dinner/meeting format continues. Summer plans under discussion. Website under renovation.

USS Niagara NCC-75634
Cheektowaga, New York
Away team mission brought many friends and a number of school directors together at the Volkon Convention in Cleveland.

USS Osiris NCC-3092
Bronx, New York
Crew meeting.

USS Richthofen NCC-73286
Mount Olive Twp, New Jersey
Organizing Cauldroncon <http://www.cauldroncon.com>. Have confirmed Lord of the Rings, Star Wars and Harry Potter Guests. Will have fan club tables available. Takes place in August, now selling tickets.

USS Sovereign NCC-75000
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Ship created a regional fundraiser that travels around R7 to other chapters through USPS. We're also in preparations for our 15th anniversary celebration.

USS Starlord NCC-74225
Aberdeen, New Jersey
Throughout April, Friday Night Gaming nights were held at the CO's house, and Ship's Gatherings occurred on April 2, 10, and 30.

USS Thagard NCC-652
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
The crew enjoyed Poker Night and Movie/Dinner nights.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A
Baltimore, Maryland
In May, most of the ships complement will be working operations, security and emergency services at Balticon,

a literary and media sci-fi convention in Baltimore.

USS Triton NCC-71819
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Reorganizing chapter. The chapter is still alive, but they are deep into discussions as to the future of the chapter and the direction they wish to take.

Region 9

Shuttle Star Saber NCC-74212
APO, Ehningen, Germany
Discussed News Letter Saber Strikes. Discussed Community Service Project Teaching English to young Germans. Discussed Away Mission to FedCon in Bonn Germany.

USS Europe NCC-74668
Lisbon, Spain

The crew enjoyed on line meetings, we are translating academy courses and SFI manuals into different languages, and the CO joined members of the Star Saber at FedCon in Germany.

USS Vanguard NCC-75026
Laakdal, Belgium
The crew enjoyed Online Gaming and spread information about real space travel daily on several mailing lists. Some members attended a Star Trek CCG tournament. The Operations Division has worked out a new website.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star NCC-1160
Eagle River, Alaska
Members assisted in a booth during Kids Day at the Egan center on 16 April.

USS Majestic NCC-78601
Victoria, British Columbia
Planning to watch the latest installment of Star Wars.

USS Sol NCC-1733
Fairbanks, Alaska
Admiral Carol sent an impressive box of stamps to HQ for the Stampede. The Stampede Director was quite impressed with rareness of many of the stamps. The USS Sol has earned Certificates from the Marine Unit Readiness Program and Vessel Readiness Certification Program.

Region 12

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva NCC-4101 - Wildwood, Missouri
Members planning on taking in

the annual Ballwin Arts Festival and Taste of Ballwin on May 15th at Vlasik Park.

USS Bortas NCC-74211
Urbana, Illinois
Held regular meeting and miniature golf outing 4/16/05
Held fundraiser for American Red Cross 4/29/05 & 4/30/05 10 members attending.

USS Celt NCC-75018
Elkins, Arkansas
Crew held monthly business meeting at Jim's Razorback Pizza in Fayetteville; moved checking account from UARK Credit Union to Arvest Bank and applied for non-profit status with the IRS; continuing plans for R12 Summit, ENTERPRISE finale party Trek Expo 2005, and fundraising ideas for purchase BDU's for SFMC members.

USS Claymore NCC-72292
Midwest City, Oklahoma
Preparing for Summit.

USS Discovery NCC-1308
Saint Louis, Missouri
Several crew members attended Star Wars Celebration, and we had a bowling event.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone NCC-3143 - Emporia, Kansas
Seven members planning on attending the R12 Summit.

USS Hexum NCC-2199
Belleville, Illinois
Several members, along with two from the Discovery, acted as cheerleaders for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Fairview Heights, IL. The MS Walk was a huge success with a total of 4,200 walkers and an anticipated amount of \$710,000 raised. We're planning to attend a drive in movie this summer. We stuffed American Cancer Society mailings for Dianne Sheffing's neighborhood at the crew meeting.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514 - Wichita, Kansas
The crew went to see Sahara and also Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, with robe and towels! In addition several of the crew went to the Great Plains Renaissance Faire in Wichita.

USS Marko Ramius NCC-23103
Fayetteville, Arkansas
Attended Celt Anniversary party. Dinner and movie night (Mongolian BBQ and Sin City this

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Ably Assisted by Padawan Learners Colonel Richard Jolitz & Captain James Cecil

month). Set dates for Summer Dinners and Movies, planning September fundraiser/Change of Command Party

USS Morning Star NCC-4126
Lawton, Oklahoma
Delivered 105 lbs tabs to RMHC in OKC. Fed 97 in street feeding program. Delivered 35 Campbell's labels to OK School for the Blind project station. Collected stamps for Stampede and BC UPC's, as always. Recycled for charity. Sent check to Food for the Poor with the money earned from several weeks of recycling.

USS Phoenix NCC-2155
Columbia, Missouri
Had great responses from our information/fan tables at KONNIPTION 2005 and Columbia, MO's Earth Day 2005.

USS Shawnee NCC-71802
Lenexa, Kansas
Went on a Diplomatic Training Mission to the Cinema Quadrant and studied the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679
Augusta, Kansas
We are still working on collecting and clipping coupons, and still getting in shape for the up and coming Relay for Life, which will be in June. The USS Sunflower will also assist the local Lion Club with concessions for the summer, all proceeds going to Relay for Life.

USS Thunderbird NCC-71845
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Went to Tiger Safari, an animal preserve in nearby Tuttle, OK. Some of us fed a tiger. We signed up two new Starfleet members (the paperwork on that is coming via USPS).

USS Umiak NCC-3142
St. Louis, Missouri
The crew attended a viewing of "The Amityville Horror."

USS William Wallace NCC-2555
Joplin, Missouri
Had breakfast with the Harwood family. Rebecca had been ill for the past several weeks with a bad arm infection. Also, I've been contacted by a lady in Springfield, she's interested in launching a Shuttle from my ship. More details to follow!

Region 13

USS Banting NCC-17220
Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Went to see a local theatre group's performance in which one of the members had a role and two other members worked backstage producing the play.

USS Empress NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, Michigan
Away mission to historic Mill. Making final plans for our annual Bowl-a-thon.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020
Georgetown, Ontario, Canada
We enjoyed movie nights, our monthly meetings, and a Field Trip to Ontario Science Centre.

USS Jaguar NCC-74750
Pembroke, Ontario, Canada
CMDR Gregg Crockett has started working on a Jaguar online magazine. Members are starting to make plans to attend the upcoming International Conference in Texas.

USS Parallax NCC-74657
Livonia, Michigan
Beginning a MASSIVE chapter reorganization. Expecting 5 transfers from what is now the USS Nebula. Chapter reorganization to begin publicly in the next few weeks.

USS Sinclair NCC-74209
Waterford, Michigan
Several members are still working with the R13 Summit Planning Committee for the Summit coming up. Plans beginning for adding departmental pages to the website for all projects which departments are working on. Several charity project ideas brought up at the meeting-proposals are in the works.

USS Valkyrie NCC-74658
Dearborn, Michigan
Watching the end of Enterprise.

USS White Star NCC-71012
Port Huron, Michigan
Members attended Penguincon.

Region 14

USS Magellan NCC-72014
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada
Not much to report. We'll have to discuss among us what kind of activity / activities the members would like to participate in. As for now, all seem to be in a 'receiving-only' mode.

Region 15

SS Ian Fleming NCC-SFR-1501
Newburyport, Massachusetts
Members of the Ian Fleming are deeply involved in preparations for the Region 15 Summit. Also members are planning on attending and supporting Regional events.

USS Ares NCC-26291
Boston, Massachusetts
We went over plans for the next few months including our next meeting on the 28th of May at Castle Island, as well as the next couple of Regional events like the Regional Summit and the Regional astronomy day. We also discussed plans for our new chapter hats.

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.

USS Darwin NCC-1166
Brockton, Massachusetts
Darwin crew joined with some the crew of the USS Ares for a day of geocaching; 6 out of 8 caches were found and all had a great time.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637
Springfield, Mass.
The ship had meetings on 3/22 at the home of Troy Wingen in Enfield, CA and on 4/12 at the home of Capt. Doug Van Newenhoven. We discussed future activities, recruitment, and watched a video.

USS Hood NCC-1707
North Chelmsford, Mass.
Meeting held at the Nashua Public Library. Activities for the next 4-5 months were discussed and the calendar was approved.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784
Bangor, Maine
Some of the projects ongoing have been working on the bridge set and planning for a campout Memorial Day weekend. Plans continue for attending Regional Summit, and \$75 was used to purchase items for the Regional Charity Auction. OCP totals for March: \$2722.66.

USS Nelson NCC-74804
Northampton, Massachusetts
By popular demand, the Nelson's monthly meetings normally scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of the month, has been changed for the month of May to the 29th, at Ellen & Alan Majka's house in Belchertown at 7pm. The Next edition of 'The Crow's nest will be published in Early June to include the Summit.

USS O'Bannon NCC-5372
Sanford, Maine
April 10 was the Official O'Bannon Long Day: The Day kicked off bright and early with the 5 mile MS Walk. The crew was able to collect \$235 for this cause. The gang then assembled at the CO's place for a steak BBQ, then it was on to the monthly meeting.

Region 17

Shuttle Tiburon NCC-63546/1
Denver, Colorado
We held our second gaming night, this time it was a StarCraft LAN party. The crew continues to work with the Region on the Summit. Members attended a snowed out/rained out game of the Colorado Rockies, the Denver Star Trek Meet-up dinner with other chapters and Star Trek fans, and also StarFest, where members had a great time.

USS Alioth NCC-72383
Orem/Provo, Utah
On April 30, for the 19th year in a row, the Alioth handled the registration for the March of Dimes Walk America. That night, after the march, we met at the home of the CO for coupon cutting, pizza, and promotions! We have \$3,548.12 to send to Japan.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congrats to the Alioth on 19 years volunteering for Walk America!

USS Anasazi NCC-62001
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Crew conducted regular meetings, some attended meeting of our new Flight team/soon to be shuttle. Also took away team to Denver to participate in StarFest and re-acquaint ourselves with old friends and make new ones at the largest annual con in the area.

USS Arc Royal NCC-63546
Colorado Springs, Colorado
CO and XO attended Starfest in Denver. Had a good time and connected with several people that we hadn't seen in over a year.

USS Mir NCC-73281
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Crew visited the Tularosa Basin Museum and Alameda Park Zoo. Afterwards they enjoyed dinner at local restaurant.

USS Omega Glory NCC-26917
Denver, Colorado
Activities included Trail Steward CPR recertification and New Trail Steward Orientation, Quilting Class, Colorado Grotto Meeting, Deer Mountain Hike, Colorado Bat Society, Convention Work Day, Elbert/N WS Weather Spotter Class, and Game Day.

USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D
Denver, Colorado
The crew enjoyed many activities, including a Movie outing and dinner, Texas Hold 'Em Poker Nights, Smallville and Enterprise viewings, Convention work sessions, StarTrek Meet up, StarFest, the Federation Ball, and Furry Scurry.

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Attended "StarFest" and had fun. We have been donating beanie babies to the soldiers in Iraq; it seems as though Iraqi kids have warned these soldiers of upcoming ambushes by the terrorists, and in return the soldiers have given these kids beanie babies, which the kids prize highly! 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
Most of the activity which has been happening on the ship has been revolving around modification of the Britannia's site, and recruitment of new members, which I am glad to report is going well: from March 31st to April 30th, I am pleased to announce that eight new members have joined Britannia.

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Klingon Makeup, Stan Lee, Executive Producer of the Spiderman Movies, Nemesis Station Armor, and special star Majel Roddenberry.

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Shuttlecon 92, STARFLEET's Western Regional Conference - August 29,30 Visalia, CA. Gene Roddenberry: A Tribute To The Man And His Dreams, STARFLEET and KAG Peace Conference, Writer Guest of Honor Marc Scott Zicree, Klingon Trial (Romulan Bad Guy), Masquerade and Cabaret, Guest of Honor John de Lancie (Q), Music Video, and News Broadcast 47 Live Eye Premiere of Deep Space 9.

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gryphonatlantis@yahoo.com

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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, Charlton, Epic, Capital, Eclipse, First, Western Comics, etc. If you are interested, please email me at siskoturbo@netzero.net, or write to: Goulet, 6929 Egan Way, Fort 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 until June 2005. After that time, we will sell in the local area.

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Tired of the intrusive ads of free web hosting services? Paying too much for web hosting? We are offering STARFLEET members a 50% discount off our regular hosting prices and no setup fees! Everything you need to make your web site as feature filled as you want and a very economical price. For more information contact rjolitz@outposttrader. For more information on the packages we currently offer visit outposttrader.net.



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CALLING ALL CADETS! Cadet/Youth Services can be accessed at

<http://ussjoa.homestead.com/cyserv.html> or at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-Cadet_YouthServices/.

Questions can also be asked on Sunday nights from 6 PM CST 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 difference. Laced with a British flare, she 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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Greetings, I'm Chris Marcum and I live in 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.

## MEMBERS WANTED

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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](mailto: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 or send a snail mail to: Robert Graham, 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St. #C, Houston, TX. 77006. (713)526-0291. Robert Graham 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St.#C Houston,TX. 77006

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Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Sare, Security Chief, and Lt. Amanda Sare (formerly Moore), Operations Manager, were married on 04/24/05 in Waterford, Michigan. Both have been members of the USS Sinclair for several years (even before we joined STARFLEET). Picture submitted by CAPT Joseph Sare, CO, USS Sinclair - NCC-74209 jsare@ussinclair.org <http://www.ussinclair.org>

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Please join K'Ehleyr Station in welcoming our newest member. Sydney Victoria Butwinick was born on Sunday, May 22, 2005, weighing in at 5lbs 4 oz, and was 18 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to Mike & Becca Butwinick, the proud parents (and K'Ehleyr members).

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March of Dimes/Walk America

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For the 19th year in a row, the USS Alioth of Region 17 has registered the walkers at the March of Dimes Walk America! In photo are Richard Knox, Robbie Lawrence, Lynnette Knox, Joey Ercanbrack, and Randy Bateman. In front are Tiffany Knox, Janet Shepherd, Cheryl Jean Bateman, and Dayne Clark.

Photo taken by RADM Keira Strong, April 30, 2005, at Seven Peaks resort in Provo, UT.