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## USS BEXAR PITCHES IN TO HELP KATRINA VICTIMS



CMDR Alex Trevino sorting items.



LT Terrie Thomas guarding the goods.

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chapters helped in the aftermath  
of Katrina, see pages 3-6



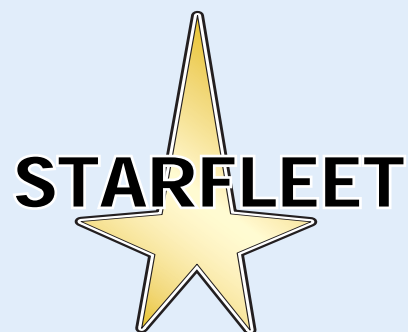
Toys collected for the smallest evacuees.



COMM Robert Ybarra carrying a box of donated clothing.

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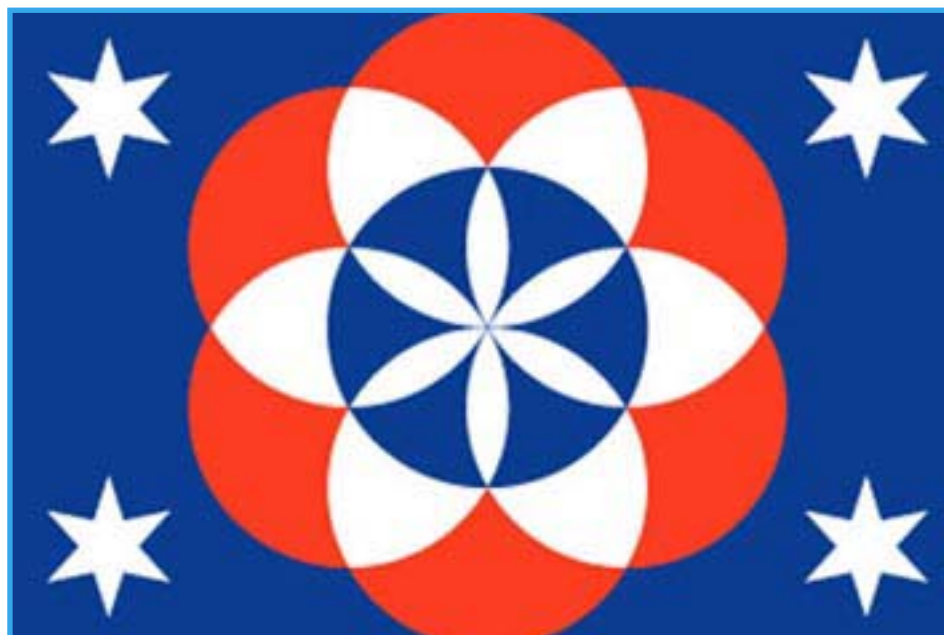
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## CORRECTIONS

In CQ#130, the caption with the picture of Gerry/Robyn Sylvester and her fiancé, Fred, incorrectly listed his last name as Miller. Fred's correct last name is **PARSONS**.

My profound apologies to both Fred and Gerry for this oversight.



Michael Huang has web sites for the Space Flag  
(<http://www.spaceflag.com>)  
and Spaceflight or Extinction (<http://www.spaext.com>).  
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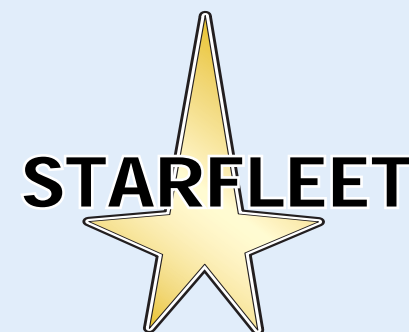
submitted by CDR Bruce Schulman, USS Hornet, R1

## GREETINGS FROM USS BONDAR!

RADM Paul Reid • USS Majestic, R10



Picture taken during my visit to Nanaimo. L-R: left to right: RADM Paul M Reid, CMDR Robert Olsen, FCAPT Norma Langlois, CAPT Loreleigh Graves, and CAPT Mike McColl. As a result of this visit, the USS Bondar will be returning to STARFLEET!



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## IN KATRINA'S WAKE...

### USS A.M. VALSALVA RESPONDS TO KATRINA DISASTER

ADM David A. Miller, MD • USS A.M. Valsalva, R12

Just a quick note that Valsalva members are helping with the Katrina disaster in the following ways:

- Donations to church and elementary school recovery fund drives.
- Donations of old clothes, shoes, toys, and personal hygiene items to local recovery clothing drives in Chesterfield and Kirkwood.
- Members and their children helped draw colorful welcome signs to be displayed at the empty Gumbo jail in Chesterfield that is getting the extreme makeover to serve as a temporary housing site for Katrina evacuees and their families.
- Dr. Dave getting the word out to the Fleet on Katrina help sites, vaccination information, crisis hotline information, etc. (see my recent web postings)
- As Group II Medical Officer for the CAP units in and around St. Louis, Dr. Dave working closely with eleven CAP units, the Red Cross, and the Group II Operations Officer and Group

Commander in mobilizing resources and personnel to assist evacuees coming to St. Louis.

- Dr. Dave assisting in getting the word out to all family physicians in the greater St. Louis area, via the St. Louis Academy of Family Physician's listserve, about patient care information (i.e. similar to the info posted on Fleet websites concerning where to help, needed vaccinations, the crisis hotline, etc.) and how local physicians can assist with evacuees coming to St. Louis.
- Finally, Dr. Dave is actually seeing and treating Katrina evacuees in his office.

Whew, and that was just last week alone! :)

David

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## GOLD NEBULA AWARD

submitted by COL Mark A. West • USS Regulator, R3

written by BGN John Roberts • USS Anasazi, R17

It is not often that the opportunity comes along that enables a Commandant to recognize Marines who have demonstrated their willingness to risk their own lives to come to the aid of their fellow human beings.

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize one such Marine at this time.

After Hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast areas of the United States, a lot of people in the city of New Orleans (and elsewhere) needed every bit of help they could get. Many Marines came to the aid of their fellow human beings, but only one has so far come to our attention as having risked his life in the process.

The willingness of this Marine, volunteering his time and energy, to:

1. Hang from a helicopter, from a single cable, to rescue those stranded by floodwaters;
2. Jump, unaware of what may be below the surface, from the helicopter to get a rescue line and life vest on a woman and her child so they could be rescued;
3. By endangering his own life in the performance of the two items above as well as the exposure to contaminated (by chemicals, waste and other hazardous compounds) and deadly animal infested waters (at least one person has died from a snake bite in the waters of New Orleans);

It is therefore my pleasure (and that of the entire SFMC General Staff) to award the STARFLEET Marine Corps' highest honor, the GOLD NEBULA AWARD to:

**COL JEFF SCHNOOR  
of the 347th MSG**

Private congratulations can be sent to Jeff at [cwoiiiwolf@excite.com](mailto:cwoiiiwolf@excite.com)

Given under my hand this 13th Day of September, Terran year 2005.

Jeff: Congratulations and thank you for your efforts to make the world a better place for everyone. COL Schnoor was in the New Orleans as a disaster volunteer with the Red Cross. During his down time from that posting, he put his previous Para Rescue training to work to help out the other rescue crews who were severely short staffed in the early days of the response to this massive disaster. COL Schnoor was not there as part of his job, thus qualifying him for the Gold nebula.

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SFMC  
"Where Angels Fear To Tread Is Where We Call Home"

## STARSHIP PEGASUS: UPDATE

CMDR Mary Bryson • USS Dauntless, R2

I have been corresponding with Andy Gee, with emails, and found out on September 29 that the Starship Pegasus restaurant is now for sale (because of the hurricanes and gas prices) for \$590,000. Andy is looking for investors to help open up a storefront, at a regular building, in Arlington Texas, where there is a nearby shopping mall. Andy's concept has been so well received that he is not letting go of it. He still plans to franchise it - that is why they're looking for another location. If you know of anyone who could help Andy and his wife Janne with their Starship restaurant, please have them contact Andy Gee at [Kinfolk100@earthlink.net](mailto:Kinfolk100@earthlink.net)





# OPERATION: SAFE HAVEN

## Crewmembers • USS Omega Glory, R17

Material for this article was contributed by KØKHA, KØMHT, KØSRK, KØSWX, KØVAM, KØVAR and KØVAS, members of the USS Omega Glory who participated in the events described here.

An on going project for the USS Omega Glory has been emergency preparedness. Amateur radio, first response and volunteerism have always been a staple of what we do. We always talk about what it is we are training for and we always end that discussion with the notion that we want to be ready and never be called up. As it turned out this September, we were ready and we got the call. Colorado did not get a drop of rain from the system that spun Hurricane Katrina, but we did get impact from the storm. Massive evacuations from the Gulf Coast reached out to the neighboring states. Colorado's governor committed to taking evacuees to lighten the burden of other states. They would be welcome to seek temporary refuge or make a new life.

It was September 1 when we got the notice that we were on alert for activation. Being on alert means having your gear ready and with you wherever you go. The initial information was sketchy. We were to handle the local side of the evacuation efforts, but we were not sure if we were going to be taking healthy refugees or supporting a medical evacuation. On September 3 we were upgraded to standby. That's when a callout is imminent. We were receiving more concise information now. Evacuees from New Orleans would be brought into Denver and housed at the old Air Force dormitories at the decommissioned Lowry Air Force Base. Then it happened. The Morning of September 4 we were activated under ARES, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ARES supports a multitude of agencies with communications and coordination. We deploy with other units with ARES personnel being imbedded with each of the teams and providing communications support for the operation.



U.S. Air Force personnel building an extension to the registration area

A lot of folks look at what we do and say, "Can't they use the phone? Don't they have radios?" The answer would be a very resounding "no" and "no". In a true disaster the first thing to go is communications. Phone service, land line and cellular, are commonly the first victims, even if the power has not gone out. Locally people panic, call for help, call relatives. And in the outside world everyone wants to know if their friends and family are okay. Calls come in with a far greater volume than the phone switches can handle. Five minutes into any newsworthy event the phone lines at ground zero are hopelessly jammed for hours. Radio communication is the way to go, but to the surprise of many, emergency and relief agencies are all on different frequencies with no means of contacting one another. In many cities even fire and police can not talk to one another. Crossing municipality lines only compounds this problem.

And that's what we do. ARES personnel are assigned to different operational areas and we work to keep the system running. We do everything from passing messages from operations into the field to tracking down individuals on the go to aiding in the logistics efforts.

The origins behind being called "hams" has long since been lost to the radio community, but we still tend to call ourselves hams and this is how we're known in the vernacular. The proper term is "amateur radio operator", but this tends to get frowns from the public at large. "Amateur" tends to carry an image of sloppy work by careless hobbyists who will never be ready for the real thing. Often we frown at this moniker, too, but amateur, here, is an FCC designation meaning that for what we do we do not gather payment of any sort. We are a volunteer force, supplying our own gear, conducting our own exercises and making ourselves available to assist the "professional" agencies in disaster relief. With that said, it should be noted that amateur radio operators are among some of the most knowledgeable and professional responders in the world. In our agreement with the licensing authority we are granted free access to the airwaves in exchange for standing ready to assist local, state and federal agencies with their communications needs.

### It's Not Sexy

"Registration Management, Lowry 900."

"This is Lowry 900. Go ahead."

"The Salvation Army Canteen is out of mayonnaise. Can you check with their



Vehicles at the Lowry staging area

truck to see if they've got more?"

"You need more mayonnaise?"

"The Salvation Army Canteen at reception needs more mayonnaise."

"Stand by, Registration Management. I'll check. Lowry 900 clear."

No kidding. Sometimes it's just the little things. When we deployed, we were a group of about twenty communications specialists. We were supporting an estimated three hundred police, fire and medical personnel from a dozen metropolitan departments, about three hundred volunteers ranging from cleaning crews to victims' advocates from Salvation Army, Red Cross and a multitude of church and community organizations and a number of evacuees that was yet to be determined. A normally empty Lowry campus quickly swelled up to the size of a small town.

A part of running that town was making sure that people were cared for. We did not need more victims than those that came on the planes. We had to look after the welfare of those who came to ease the burden of others. The Salvation Army deployed three food service areas, two at Lowry and another for the crews meeting the planes at Buckley Air Force Base five miles away. The logistics of serving three thousand meals a day are astronomical, so while a call for a jar of mayonnaise may be humorous, its contents represent the emotional wellbeing of a vast group of people.

### Isn't That One a Little Too Young?

On our arrival the first day, one of our ARES responders was a thirteen year old girl. We were stopped at the credentialing trailer and told that the minimum volunteer age was eighteen and that she would not be admitted. That's when the ARES "Emergency Communications" identification cards came out. To work communications for ARES our volunteers need to hold FCC amateur radio licenses. The FCC does not discriminate based on age, only on skill and if a thirteen year old can demonstrate that she understands the principles of radio communications, knows radio bands and communications protocols, can cobble together an antenna and calculate power output,

then she is qualified and licensed. Her FCC license was escalated to a Denver Sheriff's deputy and without delay she was processed and delivered to the communications trailer for assignment. She ended up being the youngest volunteer at Operation Safe Haven and, as irony would have it, was assigned to handle communications at the credentialing trailer the second day of the operation.

### The Anatomy of a Rescue

"Where in the world is Building 863?" That was a common question throughout the operation and regardless of who you wanted to talk to, you were probably going to Building 863. A lot of the administrative and support systems were located at this facility and controlled the rest of the Lowry campus, but Lowry wasn't the only command.

Management for the operation took place in a busy Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Centennial, Colorado, some ten miles southwest of Lowry. Here state and federal agencies manipulated the battle plan. The ARES manager was located here, together with one or more radio operators to run traffic between the EOC Command and the satellite locations.

The evacuation planes came in at Buckley Air Force Base, five miles east of Lowry. ARES deployed a communications trailer there to stay in touch with the EOC and share information with the staff at Lowry. Between the EOC Command and Buckley Command, we were receiving our information faster than the media and even faster than the managers who had faith in nothing more than their cell phones. Salvation Army also deployed a food trailer to Buckley. They tasked themselves with feeding the military and civilian personnel working the runways for Operation Safe Haven. In addition, using information we were able to provide them, they had upwards of 150 sack lunches ready as each plane landed and handed them out to the evacuees as they queued by, going from the planes to the waiting buses.

For a short time there was a plan to place a communications station at the Denver International Airport, but DIA Command never materialized. We had a fear that Buckley would not be properly staffed to take flights after hours and DIA would have been the next logical choice to receive large planes, but the Air Force came through for us by bringing in additional air traffic controllers and runway personnel to make sure they could handle the late night load. The extra work they took upon themselves saved us the trouble of having to deploy more people.

After the Lowry Air Force Base, the original home of the Air Force Academy, was decommissioned in





Colorado Governor Bill Owens (in light blue) and volunteer coordinator Keita Andrews (in red) talking to volunteers at Lowry 900 (dormitory)

1994, the Lowry area underwent significant reconstruction. Lowry was a huge piece of land to be absorbed by a metropolitan area and most of it had been underdeveloped and lay unused. Denver and Aurora, the two cities surrounding Lowry, split the 1866 acres of land, creating new housing, shopping, recreation, business and educational areas, but even ten years later with a strong economic influx at Lowry, about half of the old base remains available for development and many of the old military buildings still stand on the campus unused.

Lowry was the hotbed of activity for Operation Safe Haven with the bulk of the operational staff stationed here. Building 863, the old Lowry Gymnasium, was reception for the evacuees. Lowry Command, Lowry Registration Management, Lowry Volunteer Coordinator and Lowry Salvation Army Canteen were stationed here. Also located here were Lowry Credentialing One for the evacuees and Lowry Credentialing Two for the volunteer staff, police and paramedic command, clothing distribution, a staff of victim advocates, the Colorado SART – the State Animal Rescue Team – and the Dumb Friends League for those pets that were taken from the disaster area.

A second heavily staffed area at Lowry was at Building 900. This is the newer Air Force dormitory, which had now sat unused for ten years. There were, of course, many barracks at Lowry, but comfort wise the dormitory was the top choice. It was a modern 312 room facility with each room capable of housing a family of four. Lowry 900 was heavily used and at a minimum two radio operators were stationed here with the need growing to as many as five people at times. Also stationed here was the Lowry Salvation Army main truck, the State of Colorado Emergency Management team, the Red Cross, medical teams to assist with injured evacuees, clergy, a secondary base for the volunteer coordinator and a maintenance crew to make sure any issues were quickly addressed. The two to five communications personnel at Lowry 900 worked with all of these

teams to deliver information and arrange special preparations.

Additionally, there was a number of roving communications personnel. The Lowry Volunteer Coordinator was a common one to have wandering the campus. In addition to this we also had the Lowry Command Rover, resolving campus wide management issues, the Lowry Rover, helping get people and gear to various places, Lowry Fire, assisting the fire marshal who was making sure that all habitation issues had been addressed, the Lowry Bus, where evacuees were “triaged” and moved between facilities and the Lowry PIO – the operation’s Public Information Officer, having to walk a fine line between providing information to the media and preventing the media from assaulting the evacuees. We took the privacy of the victims of Hurricane Katrina very seriously and often our staff would interpose ourselves between a camera and an evacuee in a wheelchair to get them away from prying eyes.

#### A Leash on the Media

Needless to say, having a world news item touch Colorado was a big deal. News crews from all over the state and beyond were congregating on the Lowry perimeter, the only area where they could get close to the evacuees without being stopped. After the first day the police put up a bright orange tape fence and ordered the media to stay on the outside of this area. Still, there were many situations where the news crews would try to jump the fence or sneak in with other traffic to get a scoop. All staff was constantly on alert to stop the newshounds from causing trouble and the Lowry Public Information Office was soon a staff of a half dozen people trying to run the media gauntlet. The evacuees were all badged and were always free to come and go as they wished and free to talk to the media if they so desired. But they had to be the ones to make contact. The badges they were issued assured that they could come back to the safety and comfort of the dormitories at any time.

Of course the media were not the only problem. There were curiosity seekers, volunteers who were so anxious to help, they neglected to be processed and maintenance staff that would stumble into wrong areas uncredentialed. One such situation befell an ARES volunteer stationed at Lowry Salvation Army. Somewhere around 3 AM, as evacuees were being received, a man without an identifying armband appeared from behind the vehicles parked along the perimeter of the dormitory where the orange fence was. The communications staff is not a security force. At no point were we to deal directly with violators, but we were to make reports if we witnessed violations of the set rules and a call went out alerting everyone

of a potential security breach. In well under a minute three police officers were questioning the man. It turned out to be a harmless maintenance worker with a need to take a look at a generator, but security of the evacuees came first and he had to be credentialed before being allowed back.

#### The Sound of One Hand Clapping

Initially many of agencies that never worked with ARES before would shy away from a person assigned to shadow them. A lot of times they would say, “I have a cell phone” or “I don’t need a tail” or “my staff can take care of it”. We would always politely tell them that if they needed us, we would be available, then take on other duties until we were needed back at our assigned locations. Inadvertently the situation would change. Cell phone batteries died, phones were lost, busy signals prevailed, staffs would become overwhelmed. One small emergency and everyone was ready to get their communications person back, especially since we gave them information while it was still fresh, not a half hour after it happened. By the end of our shifts the people we shadowed would be telling us we made a tremendous difference in their day and ask that we be assigned back to them the following day.

An operation on a scale such as this makes for a very busy place. When the pressure was on, no one wanted to drop the ball. People stayed multiple shifts, neglected breaks and would leave behind half eaten meals. It wasn’t uncommon to find those who worked back to back shifts or those who would go home to catch a few hours sleep and be back to do a second shift in the same twenty-four hour period.

This isn’t to say that there was no downtime. When we knew that no planes were expected, we would be stood down. Areas that worked registration and credentialing would usually be able to leave right away. Other support areas tended to stay involved until they were no longer needed. On at least one occasion this proved to be a comedy of errors.

“This is Lowry 900 to any station still on the air.”

“...”

That’s the moment when you realize that you’re no longer useful.

#### Send More Ham

Sunday, September 4, the first day of Operation Safe Haven, was a madhouse. We were dozens of agencies, hundreds of people, pulled together to accept evacuation flights. Most of the 600 volunteers and professionals had never done anything like this before. We had to learn to

become a team, to understand the flow of operation and to trust that the people we handed the ball off to would not drop it. That’s a lot to do when the first big event that morning is an incoming Boeing 737 with 120 souls on board. You learn fast. You don’t have time to make mistakes and correct them.

Somehow we managed to pull the operation together. We were able to schedule shifts, get qualified people to fill them. Things managed to fall into place fairly well. The problems arose when shifts had to be modified. If planes were late or cancelled for the day, people would be stood down with a one hour or three hour call back. We’d sleep with radios tuned to the emergency frequency, in case an activation call was to come in. In some cases entire shifts were cancelled. Then we’d find out that we needed to get people to come in to meet a midnight flight. Those are the hardest ones, but amazingly the wealth of goodwill seemed infinite. Some of the members of the Omega Glory would work a regular shift at their day job, come in to work radio communications overnight, then return to their regular jobs in the morning. Many of our employers know that we are first responders and cooperate with our needs in an emergency when ARES is activated. Some even offer paid leave.

#### What is Everything?

People coming off the planes were tired and dirty. They wore the same clothes for a week, enduring 90+ degree heat in 100 percent humidity. Before being evacuated, they were forced to leave their shoes behind due to the contaminated water they waded through. They were hungry, thirsty, often alone, not knowing where their friends and family and pets were. Their things were under water, homes ruined and banks closed. Many came without any form of identification, without so much as an overnight bag. As they exited, many carried what few precious possessions they managed to save in their hands. Volunteers would get them small white trash bags to place their things in and write their last names on the side in permanent marker so this last bit of the familiar would not be lost.

Watching this ravaged flow of people was enough to force some volunteers



U.S. Air Force personnel unloading gear at Lowry 863 (reception)

to leave their posts and seek shelter behind cars and buildings so they could cry over what they saw. Even victim advocates, trained counselors who aid crime victims after tragedies like murder and rape, had to escape from their tasks to gather themselves as Katrina's fingers managed to touch them.

An older man stepping out onto Colorado soil paused and took in a deep breath of air. He was wearing an old t-shirt, a torn pair of slacks, old shoes that were probably not his as he wore them like slippers, no socks, unshaven, with a blanket draped across his shoulders. He stood on the lawn of the processing center, head lifted up as if it helped him breathe, nostrils flaring as wide as they could, then said, "What a sweet smell! Back home, for a week, I had sewer water surrounding my house, nothing to drink, no matter how thirsty. The smell was terrible. Just when I thought I had gotten used to it, something new would bubble up. It made me sick. It's so good to be here."



**ARES-13 and ARES-22 members waiting for their assignments at Lowry Command**

Another evacuee reminisced that just hours earlier he was on the roof of his flooded house in New Orleans, water lapping at his feet. It was dark and windy and out of nowhere a helicopter's spotlight hit him and moments later Coast Guard personnel were taking him to the airport, away from where he lived his entire life.

Children and adults alike shuffled through the registration line like refugees from a foreign land, doomed to an unknown fate in a place they had never seen before. Each child would be given a coloring book and a beanie baby and old and young alike they clung to these gifts as if they would never let them go. Sadly, no exaggeration or poetic license is used for these descriptions. In most cases this was all that these children now had to call their own. Everything else had been long since lost.

Not all evacuees came healthy. Some were injured either before or after the disaster. Many were given wheelchairs. One evacuee was too weak to be able to walk on his own.

An ambulance was needed to transport him from Registration Management to the medical area at Lowry 900. It was around 2 AM and the media had just arrived at the orange fence outside the dormitory building. They turned on a spotlight and aimed a camera at the commotion. Immediately two volunteers moved in between the paramedics and the news crew, trying to save what little dignity the evacuees had left.

We had to be careful as none of these folks were processed before coming to Colorado. We had no idea if they were exposed to hepatitis, cholera, Giardia, dysentery or other nasty bugs. We were alerted to sick people coming with the planes. There were asthmatics without medication, people with heart conditions and a person with kidney problems in need of dialysis. All of this added to the already complicated operation.

#### **The Lost**

A striking memory was the people who continued searching for their families. One evacuee was happy and worried at the same time. He and his family were put on two different planes in New Orleans, being told that their destination was the same place, but having arrived in Colorado he was distressed to discover that his wife and children were at an evacuation center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Yet, they were the lucky ones. They made it out alive and knew that their family members were alive and well and where they were and this made them lucky in that respect. In sharp contrast to this, another man lost track of his sister even though they were evacuated together and he cared a lot less about his own future than about what had happened to her.

An elderly woman stood by the orange fence with a cluster of television cameras and reporters. She held a handful of weathered and worn photographs of her daughter and granddaughter. She had no idea if they had made it out of New Orleans at all.

#### **Post Traumatic Stress**

There was little time to watch these events unfold. As we would finish with one group, another would be ready for us to undertake.

"Lowry 900, Lowry Bus."

"This is Lowry 900. Go ahead."

"We just sent you another bus. I don't have a head count, but it was full."

It's hard to slow down when this is a two minute warning and buses with twenty to twenty-five people cycle through every ten minutes. You aid someone down the ramp, help with a wheelchair, pick up a dropped toy

for a child. You don't even bother to remember the faces. The one you will turn to see next will look exactly like the one that just passed you by. They were infants and elderly, skinny and fat, black and white. Some managed to save a small bag. Others held on to the white trash bag that they had been given. There was grief in everyone's eyes. They were all dirty and smelly and too tired to be friendly. Some were crying. Some looked like nothing mattered to them anymore. As volunteers we had to struggle to stay passive to the pain that we saw. There was no way to comfort it. These people lost everything and were lucky to be alive. The sum worth of their possessions was in what on any other day would hold rubbish. You'd just whisper to yourself, "get this one in, there are more coming" and push on.

Trauma is a funny thing. Some days you can go on and on and on and it seems as if nothing can take you down, then days later dread manages to wrap its hands around you and pull you down. The news will show a clip of footage with the evacuees and you won't know their names, but remember a face and the way they clutched their trash bag and the way they gingerly stepped off the bus, afraid of this new world they've been sent to. Remembering is far harder than passing by the evacuees and not knowing their names does not protect you. You wake up in the morning and remember the fuzzy images of a dream – people, dirty and unwashed, huddled together, escaping. And you don't know them, but you know their faces. They become a part of you. That, too, is a part of the job. Rescuers often become trapped by what they do.

#### **The Rising Sun**

A week after the evacuation we learned that the woman with the photographs at the fence who lost her daughter and granddaughter had found them once again with the aid of the Red Cross database. When rescue came to her house in New Orleans, there was not enough room on the helicopter to take everyone and she forced her family to go, choosing to stay behind in the rising water and wait for the rescuers to return. The helicopter came back for her and took her with the rest of the evacuees to the airport where she was placed on a flight to Denver. By this time her family was already safely on their way to Houston.

#### **Worth the Price**

After Operation Safe Haven was over and we had a chance to relax and catch up on the sleep we had lost, one of our members who had doubts about all the training reflected, "I've been licensed as an [amateur radio] operator for only two weeks and look at what I've done."



**Staging area at Lowry 900 before the planes arrive**

Yes, giving these people a new home was well worth everything that we did.

By the end of September Colorado had given shelter to over 3000 residents of the Gulf Coast. They were provided with shelter, food and clothing. Special job fairs were held for them and local colleges offered reduced tuition and created late enrollment opportunities. Hundreds of children and teenagers were placed in local schools. Ever so slowly life is returning to normal for the evacuees and many of them are ready to make Colorado their new home.

We welcome them to our state and extend our hands in friendship. We realize that many are here to stay and we are happy that we were able to make their trip just a little bit easier. As September winds down, we try to put the disaster behind us and return to the training that makes ARES and CERT so valuable to communities across the country.

#### **Additional Information**

For more information on amateur radio and how you can help in your area, check out these websites:

USS Omega Glory:  
<http://community.ussomeaglorry.com/>

Amateur Radio:  
<http://www.arrrl.org/hamradio.html>

Amateur Radio Emergency Service:  
<http://www.ares.org/>

FEMA Citizen Corps/CERT:  
<http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/>





## HURRICANE RELIEF: MINI-ALEX TO THE RESCUE!



COMM Todd Brugmans • USS Avenger, R7

Dateline September 24, 2005  
Location: Seaside Heights, NJ

The crew of the USS Challenger hosted a 'Back to the Beach' weekend in Seaside Heights, NJ for this year's annual Region 7 Conference. Charity fund raising was foremost on the minds of the membership in attendance as Hurricane Rita was making landfall in the US Gulf Coast; the second major hurricane to strike that area in as many months.

Assistance in the fund raising efforts came in the form of six 4-inch tall resin-cast representations of Region 7's own ADM Alex Rosenzweig. Affectionately known as "Mini-Alex", the figurines depict the well known USS Avenger crewmember with bare feet, swim trunks, silver-lensed sunglasses, a brightly colored Hawaiian-print shirt, and a hollowed out coconut beverage, keeping with the conference's "Back To The Beach" theme. Each of the six figurines bore a different color Hawaiian-Print shirt, and a silent auction was conducted to raise funds for hurricane relief efforts.

Jeff Victor, conference chairperson for this year's Region 7 Conference indicated that any funds raised over the weekend would be matched by his employer, Cendant Corporation, dollar for dollar. After a 12-hour silent auction, the six brightly colored figurines netted a total of \$355.00 US, which, when added to Cendant Corporation's generous donations brought the total to \$710.00 US. Thanks go to the generous persons who participated in the auction, and congratulations to those who were

able to take home a Mini-Alex all their own. The winning bids went to Pat Commune, USS Challenger; Judy Waidlich, USS Avenger; Dave Singleton, USS Challenger; Dino Gravato, ISS Kerberos; and the man who inspired the figures in the first place: ADM Alex Rosenzweig, USS Avenger. Additional fundraising efforts, also matched by Cendant Corporation brought Region 7's total contribution to the American Red Cross to a grand total of \$1088.00.

The figures were crafted by COMM Todd Brugmans, Executive Officer aboard the USS Avenger, and Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. This is the second generation of Mini-Alex, the first version showing Alex clad in the Movie-era Star Trek Uniform seen in Star Trek 2 through Star Trek: Generations. Initially the Mini-Alex project started as a unique table setting idea for USS Avenger's 20th anniversary party held in June, 2005. At that time, 14 original Mini-Alex figurines were crafted.

Since their creation, Mini-Alex has taken on a life all his own. Mini-Alex has his very own Yahooogroups website and mailing list: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minialex2/>

He has been instrumental in recruiting efforts in the Louisville, KY area of Region 1, and has a near-cult following in the Gothic community of the greater Louisville area. The continued popularity and success of Mini-Alex has both the original ADM Rosenzweig and COMM Brugmans scratching their heads in awe and wonderment.

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE LADIES!

'Fleet members participate in  
Hot Rod Power Tour road rally

CMDR Holly Andreani • USS Arizona, R1

Two Bengay-Babes from Ohio's USS Arizona crossed the finish line of the Hot Rod Power Tour at Kissimmee, Florida. The duo went approximately 1,500 miles through seven major cities during the week-long endurance drive.

"The starting line was in Milwaukee," said FCapt. Kris Williams, co-pilot for this trek. "We confirmed registration June 4 and the actual rally started June 5. We left for Springfield, Illinois, the state fairgrounds; Indianapolis, Indiana, Indianapolis Raceway; Nashville, Tennessee, Opryland; Birmingham, Alabama, the race course; Tallahassee, Florida, the state fairgrounds; and finally Kissimmee's Osceola Heritage Park, were the checkpoints.

A customized '90 Dodge Daytono ES made the rally. The car is owned by XO Holly Andreani. It has a customized paint job, sound system, rims and other accessories.

"Kris and I had done the local cruise-in and had some success. We heard about the HRPT last summer," said Andreani, head driver on this away mission. "So we decided to go for it."

"The car has been pictured in Summit Racing catalogs, received trophies and was featured in local newspapers as the HRPT approached," said Andreani.

More than 2,000 rodders were reportedly at registration and another

900 signed on after Milwaukee.

Weather when the team left Alliance, Ohio was cool and rainy. "It was 40-60 degrees and rain," said Williams. "The temperature jumped to 85 degrees and sunny. The further south we drove, the hotter and more humid it became. When we approached the last venue in Kissimmee, we hear about tropical storm Arlene, tornado and thunderstorm warnings..."

The hot rodders left each morning by 9:00 a.m. and had to make checkpoints by 8:00 p.m. Time cards were used and had to be stamped for verification. Time zone changes were a factor too. "We would check in between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. each day," said Andreani. "We had to consider the car and ourselves to make the average 300 miles every day. Gatorade, water and anything cold was important." A group picture and mention in the national Hot Rod magazine were among the rewards of the journey. We also received a certificate and an HRPT street sign.

Why? "It was to move forward with the interest. The Daytona is now a rally car," said Andreani. "We intend to do other rallies as we learn. If anyone wishes to support us, they can..."

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More information about the rally can be found at:

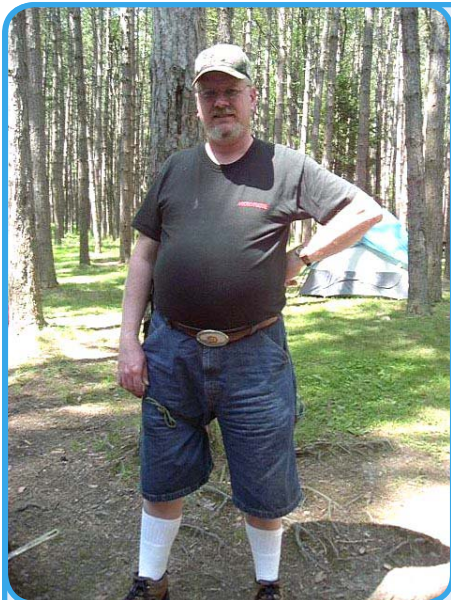
<http://www.hotrod.com/powertour/>



Kris Williams poses with her son, Ken Williams, beside Holly's Dodge Daytona.







From CAPT David W. Ferber, CO of the USS Inferno:

July 28-30, 2005

During the INFERNO's past camping trip this year, I decided to forego sleeping in a tent and instead slept on my sleeping bag, which was situated on a tarp out in the open. I probably accidentally ate some bugs in my sleep, but no critters bothered me until the "ENS Seymour vs. the raccoons" incident our second night. This worthy gentleman had put one of the food coolers near his tent, but opted not to place it in a protected area. This of course attracted the denizens of the forest at an inopportune moment late that night.



I awoke to the sounds of shouting from Seymour's tent and got up to see what was the matter - shades of "The Night Before Christmas". Unfortunately, mice may have been asleep, but the raccoons were not. I chased the bandits off, cleaned up the mess, and tried to calm down the rattled ensign. Others had gotten up by this time, and one went so far as to sleep in her car the rest of the night despite my assurances that she was safe in her tent. I sat up for awhile, then went back to bed. Before shipping out to dreamland, I decided to "mark my territory" in a

# USS INFERNO'S WILDERNESS CHALLENGE CAMPING TRIP

Story by USS Inferno Crew, R7

ring around the tarp so the raccoons would know who was sleeping there. The rest of the night was uneventful, thankfully.

From BDR K'moghjIH (Larry D. French, Sr.) zantai-Ki'RK, XO of the USS Inferno:

I almost didn't have the opportunity to go on this trip. My job had me tied up with a project that almost required me to work all weekend. It all hinged on the fact of how much of the project got done during the day on Thursday and Friday as to whether I had to work all weekend. Everything went smoothly and we completed almost the entire project by Friday afternoon, leaving only a little bit to finish on Monday morning, and allowing me the opportunity to go camping. I was so tired from working so hard at work that I hardly remember what went on Friday night. I fell asleep early and slept late. It was great this year that we got to sleep on a new air mattress, which made it much more comfortable.

From CAPT Ksimka (Debbie French) sutai-Ki'RK, Chief of Operations of the USS Inferno:

Things got off to a bumpy start that day. Jeff Jones and I had a few errands to run before picking up Ron Seymour and his stuff. After picking up Ron, we proceeded back to my place to pick my stuff up and then headed out to David Ferber's house to pick up what we could fit in my car. Before leaving, I managed to convince Larry French to go at the last minute, because he didn't know if he could go due to work. Before leaving Dave's house, I told him that Larry was able to go and that Tracey and he would have to pick him up at our house. Then, the fun begins. We left Dave's about 4:30 pm EST. On, the way to the campsite, we noticed a billboard ad for stump grinding. Whatever that meant. It wasn't until later that we found out what it meant. We got to the campsite around 6:30ish. We then had fun trying to get the permit for our campsite. Finally got it when the nice ranger man delivered it to the campsite just as we got there. We then proceeded to unpack my car and somewhat got things organized. Started by putting the French's tent up, then Jeff's tent, and then Ron's. At that point, we started looking for firewood because it was getting late and needed the fire to finish putting the rest of the tent's up and so that the rest of the gang



knew where to go. Just as we got the fire going, Dave, Larry, and Tracey showed up. Got Dave's tent up and tried to put Tracey's tent up, but she didn't have all the parts, so Dave said that she could sleep in his tent and he would lay beneath the stars. We then managed to get some dinner and talked about a wide variety of subjects. At one point during the camping, we talked about cow tipping, snipe hunting, and stump grinding all in the same conversation. On Saturday, we decided to play a little game. First, we hid Tracey's chair two campsites over on



the picnic table. She managed to find it 5 minutes after arriving back from going to the bathroom. We had some little visitors from during the night that decided to rummage through the garbage and left a munchies bag out. She picked it up and we all decided to look for firewood. During the next 20 minutes or so, the bag mysteriously got out of the bag 3 different times and put in the same exact position before she figured out what was going on. It made for a good laugh by everyone including the victim. All had a good time and we were sorry to leave, but a nice fresh hot shower and our beds were calling us home. Until next year's camping trip, this is Debbie French signing off.



From LtJG Jeff Jones, Personnel Officer of the USS Inferno:

The USS INFERNO went on its annual camping from the 29th to the 31st of July. Besides the revelry and camaraderie, one of the highlights of the trip was the traditional Saturday night bonfire. Captain D. W. Ferber and the crew constructed a fire par excellence - the stack of wood extended a good five feet into the night air. The tower of wood erupted into flames and there was no stopping it until the wee hours of the morning. The flames licked the sky at a magnificent height of ten feet and more. "Doctor" Ferber and his comrades are true surgeons of fire building.





# TREK FEST 2005

## CMDR John Schulte • USS Saint George, R6

"Friday June 24, 2005 marked the annual Trek Fest celebrations at Riverside Iowa, the self proclaimed birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk. This year's events included a kid's parade, Midway food booths and beer gardens, pet shows, demolition derbies and a Spockapalooza Rock band on Friday, with Trek and Invasion Iowa parades starting at noon, car and tractor shows, and a Trek costume contest on Saturday. A fun time was had by all, which included many

STARFLEET members from Region 6 as well as other Trek fans. Plans are underway for an annual St. George gathering in Riverside to celebrate Trek Fest as well as promote STARFLEET and the startup of their own STARFLEET starship. Trek Fest is held on the last Friday and Saturday of June each year and the town is located just south of Iowa City Iowa on Interstate 380, or about an hour from Des Moines Iowa. Additional information on Trek Fest can be had by visiting [www.trekfest.com](http://www.trekfest.com)."



Above: CAPT Kirk's ancestor, Bob Wieland-Kirk, watches the skies above Riverside for possible Klingon sneak attack. Left: CMDR John Schulte, XO of the USS St. George, poses beside the sign marking the future birthplace of CAPT James T. Kirk.

pictures submitted by John Schulte

# STARFLEET RETENTION AND RECRUITING

## RADM Pete Mohny, Director • USS Haephastus, R2

The 2005-2006 STARFLEET Recruiting Contest is in its second month, and some significant changes are starting to show up. Several chapters have made big gains in their numbers since the tracking began. Major standouts include the Allegiant, Celt, Wind Spirit and C M Russell, all with double-digit increases.

Other standout chapters, with 5 or more members gained since tracking started after the International Conference, include: Hexum, Kitty Hawk, Pride of Scotland, Andromeda, Firebird, Saratoga, Thor, Alaric, Thunderchild, Bexar, Dark Wolf, Okatoma, Tiburon, Trinity River, and Yaeger.

Seventy-one other chapters have grown by 1 to as many as 4 members – some great work going on across STARFLEET!

Looking at the regions since the tracking began, R1 has gained 1 member, R2 has lost 7, R3 has gained 1, R4 has lost 6, R5 has gained 5, R6 has gained 6, R7 has gained 13, R9 has gained 2, R12 has lost 24, R13 has gained 2, R14 has lost 4, R15 has gained 5, R17 has gained 7, and R20 has gained 6.

We have 57 chapters that are under strength (less than 10) members.

Counting the unassigned members from all regions and from R99, the change overall has been from 3783 members on 8/1 to 3777 on 9/14, a loss of 6 members.

As announced in January, this year's recruiting contest instead of being Region vs. Region, is Chapter vs. Chapter! The numbers for every chapter will be recorded monthly, starting with January 1 numbers, and the final numbers taken just before IC 2006 will determine the winners. The plan is that the 1st place chapter will get a certificate good for \$50 in STARFLEET QM items or memberships, the 2nd

place chapter will get \$40, 3rd place will get \$30, 4th place will get \$20, and the 5th place chapter will get \$10. In the case of ties, the prizes 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.

I will also be tracking the count of Unassigned members in each region, which should help us determine which regions most need help with this group.

The Retention and Recruiting Manual has been sent to the EC for approval, and assuming it passes their scrutiny, should be available online, at [documents.sfi.org](http://documents.sfi.org).

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.

The Orientation Officer of the Retention and Recruiting Office, Michael Vermoesen, has been contacting new unassigned members and trying to help them get in touch with nearby chapters, and has steered quite a few members towards this end.

As always, you are encouraged to pass this article along to regional maillists, chapter maillists, and any other electronic or printed media, and it may be published in any STARFLEET publication as long as it is left intact. Also, if you would like a listing of your chapter's month-by-month data, please don't hesitate to contact me at [pdmohny@aol.com](mailto:pdmohny@aol.com)

# FELLOWSHIP ~ A COMMENTARY

## VADM Joe Hoolihan, VRC • USS Matrix, R7

Excerpt from VRC R7, VADM Joe Hoolihan's address at the recent R7 Conference, 9/24/05. While this is Region specific, its core message can be applied to all of STARFLEET.

Some of you may know that SFI has declared an emphasis this year on Fellowship. Now we all know what fellowship means. The fact that all of you are sitting in this room at this time means you want to be with at least some of us, and that you enjoy it and derive pleasure from it.

I've been a member of STARFLEET for over 13 years. I've come to know and appreciate a number of people in both Region 7 and around the world, and these folks have become good and valued friends to me. Though we don't see each other that often, each time we meet is special, and for me, that's the Fellowship that SFI is speaking about.

But, there exists an ongoing problem in the region that really affects our fellowship. I'm talking about the hatred. I use that word specifically, and not lightly. I'm not speaking about dislike, irritation, or annoyance. I'm speaking about hatred; hatred of person against person, of chapter against chapter.

I'm appealing to all of you to help stop the hatred. Please.

We are all adults, and can choose to act like adults and act more civil to each other. I'm not so naive to believe we all can kiss and make up; I'm not going to ask us to join hands and sing "Kum Bay Ya".

If you have a situation with an individual or chapter, I am asking you to \*try\* to reconcile with them. If you cannot reach an agreement, then simply agree to disagree. Don't interact with them, don't comment, don't do anything with them.

In the case where said individual or chapter cannot be avoided, then use the services of our Esteemed Regional Mediator, VADM Beryl Washington. She is one of the wisest folks I know, with a great deal of common sense and the ability to see both sides of an argument and make useful suggestions.

We can reduce the friction that currently plagues our region if we all try to do our part.

Last March, you voted to keep me as VRC. I had 17 confidence votes, and for

that, I thank you, and will do my best in the job. But, there were two no confidence votes and one abstention. It was a secret ballot, so I don't know what chapters voted the no confidence, but, to practice what I preach, I invite those chapters to contact me to work out any differences we have. You can call, email, write, or arrange a face to face meeting, and let's see if we can reconcile our differences.

Folks, I am probably the least political person in the region. I have no agenda, no grudges, no axes to grind. My only desire is for the Region and for STARFLEET to succeed, to be a fun place to be. I am willing to work with each of you to make that happen.

I recently turned 55. This makes me an official Senior Citizen in some areas, but it really helps me to realize that life is far too short to waste being angry or hating. Because, in the end, it's the relationships we have that really count.

Thank you all for listening, and for the many years of friendship I have enjoyed. May we all have many more together.





# A GUIDE TO STAR TREK: THE ROLEPLAYING GAME

LTJG Jennifer Toy • USS Niagara, R7

RPG. When you hear that word, you automatically think of games like Final Fantasy, Everquest, and Worlds of Warcraft. I bet you didn't think of games like D&D or Live Action Roleplay (LARP). Yet it was these games that existed long before the more popular computer/video games.

It was over 32 years ago when the first D&D game was created. It was the game that defined the term RPG. Yet it is over shadowed by the more famous money makers that we all know and love.

Yes there have been Star Trek games that were created in the D&D style. They started appearing in the late 70's and are produced to this day. These games were made by different manufactures, such as FASA, ICON, and now Decipher. (You might recognize them for running the fan club and botching up the Communicator.) Each system has different advantages and disadvantages; I suggest you try them all before settling down on one system. (Check out <http://forum.trek-rpg.net/> for more information on each of these systems.)

The RPG, like its TV counterpart, has been mishandled. Decipher purchased the rights to produce

the game along with the Card Game (Which it pushes constantly), fan club, and the official magazine. They thought that everything with the Star Trek label will turn to gold so they threw together a stripped down system that will have little for serious gamers and is confusing for the novice. They produced about 6 books and one extra seventh book that was announced but never released. While the system is simple, the book is laid out in a confusing manner. You will find that out once you attempt to create a character, a task that even to this day I still dread. Luckily there is a vast and supportive community of gamers out there who will help you understand how to run/play a game, so you're not alone. You WILL need this help because when I first started learning I tried for months but I still didn't understand how to play then I got help online and suddenly I knew what I was doing.

The online community is what makes this RPG and all others like it great. They have many tutorials, webzines, mailing lists, and programs available online to assist you. While most of these tools will help the narrator more than the player, the players can also make use of the content.

Some of the most useful online resources are:

- **CODA Webzine:** This is the most useful set of tools out there. Whether or not you join the mailing list or just use the online resources, this site will teach you how to use your CODA (another name for the Decipher's systems) system. [http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/coda\\_bsr/](http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/coda_bsr/) or <http://home.mchsi.com/~gandalfoborg/> for the archives.

- **TrekRPGNet Forums:** Message boards are another great way to learn about any system and this board is no exception. It has areas for all the systems of yesteryear plus the most recent system. <http://forum.trek-rpg.net/>.

- **Star Trek Character Builder:** If you use only one tool you MUST use this one! It takes the majority of the pain and agony out of character creation and makes it so easy. It is made by fans for fans so it's also completely free! Just be warned, it is not perfect so use this as a first draft. [http://www.simtel.net/product.php?url\\_fb\\_product\\_page=77355](http://www.simtel.net/product.php?url_fb_product_page=77355)

- **Star Trek Character Generation Summary:** This tool gives you a step-by-step

summary of how to create a character. It makes the confusing jumble make some sense. <http://matrix.dumpshock.com/azziwatch/startrek.htm>

- **Decipher's official product website:** While Decipher isn't the best game maker they do provide several extra resources that are worth a look. The extra adventures are the most notable. <http://www.decipher.com/startrek/rpg/products/>

\* While you only need the Player's Guide and the Narrator's Guide to play, some online resources assume that you have the other books.

Finally, you have mastered the basics and are ready to play. Great! This is where the Decipher system shines. It is simple and adaptable. Your players will learn how to play in minutes. If a rule interferes with the story, change it! The entire point of any RPG, including this game, is to build a story, not to beat the game. You and your gamers will work together to create an adventure of a lifetime. In the beginning your stories will be simple but as your narrating style develops your stories will become more and more complex. Who knows where you will end up. . .

## VAUGHN ARMSTRONG-SINGING THE BLUES

LT Jackie Bundy • USS Angeles, R4

What do Vaughn Armstrong, Casey Biggs, Richard Herd, Ronald B. Moore, and Steve Rankin all have in common? Other than working on Star Trek? They all have a passion for music and together with friend, and fellow actor, William Jones they form the Enterprise Blues Band.

The Enterprise Blues Band is the brain child of Vaughn Armstrong the versatile actor who portrayed Admiral Forrest on ENTERPRISE. Armstrong has played a number of different roles on STAR TREK over the past seventeen years, both

alien and human, and his theatrical and musical roots stretch back to his teen years but how he got started entertaining others isn't the usual tale.

Vaughn Armstrong grew up in Redlands, California, an area Vaughn says was known as, "misdemeanor meadow" due to the high crime rate. To keep him out of trouble his Mother offered him \$10 to audition for a play when he was sixteen. Upon getting the role, he discovered that he it entailed to kissing a very attractive girl. "So the reason I got into theater

was money and women," Armstrong declared with a smile.

He credits acting with saving his life. An obsessive compulsive as a child, he firmly believes that the acting teacher who taught him that, "Dedication, responsibility and love for whatever it is you are doing was the way to focus your life. I transferred that focus to the theater and music and it steadied me well," he added. "I go back to my hometown now and my former neighbors are either dead or in jail. I thank god for the teacher who

showed me that there is a better way to do things. Put your mind and energy into something that is going to be positive for you and other people."

After a stint at a performing arts school in San Diego, Armstrong was drafted into the army and served in Vietnam. Starting out in the infantry, he was transferred into the entertainment branch thanks to his theater experience. After ten months in Vietnam and attaining the rank of sergeant, he was transferred to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, where he worked with the Fort Carson Little Theater. When his tour of duty was up, Armstrong moved to Kansas to work in theater. While there he met his wife, to whom he has been married 27 years.



# "EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN"

## A Review of "Trees Made of Glass," the Pilot of Threshold

COL Adam J. Bernay • USS Gallant, R4

If I were to reduce the plot of the Threshold pilot to its ultimate ridiculous over-simplicity – to a TV Guide log line – it could be, "Extra-dimensional aliens experiment on humans as phase one of an invasion." If that sounds familiar, it should: it's the plot of an episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation written by... Brannon Braga! (I know... shocking, isn't it?) So, here, Braga dusts off the plot to "Schisms," files off the serial numbers, extends it out, and presents it as a new show on CBS (Fridays at 9pm, check local listings). After all, "Schisms" set up a possible ongoing plot that Trek never picked up again, so why not?

That sounds more sarcastic than I really intended. It was a fascinating idea that really didn't fit well in Trek, so it makes sense to explore it in its own setting.

But that's not the only resemblance to a show that was unjustly not followed up on. While watching the pilot with fellow GALLANT member Kevin Klay, we both noticed major similarities in character structures

to The Lone Gunmen, the X-Files spin-off that deserved far better writing than it got. Let's review, shall we:

Beautiful and intelligent problem-solver and big blond muscle-bound guy bring in whacky trio of experts to solve major problem. I can even identify how similar individual members of Dr. Caffrey's "Red Team" are to individual "Lone Gunmen," but anyone who has seen both trios in action should recognize that the "Red Team" is pretty much the "Lone Gunmen," but better-written. Not better-acted – both trios are magnificent.

And again, not that I'm complaining... The X-Files episodes featuring Byers, Frohike, and Langly were always my favorites, and I really liked The Lone Gunmen series and was upset over its treatment by FOX. Seeing Red Teamers Pegg, Ramsey and Fenway interact felt like inviting old friends back into my living room... which made "Trees Made of Glass" easier to watch.

What do I mean "easier to watch"? Well... this is Brannon Braga's

writing we're talking about. The Threshold pilot was disturbing... far more disturbing than "Schisms" was in all of its cartoonish horror. As I said on IRC after viewing the show, it takes a pretty frakked-up mind to create stuff like this. Of course, being prime time network television, there's only so far it can go. But it goes there. Repeatedly. With a vengeance.

So, overall, I would rate "Trees Made of Glass," the pilot of the new series Threshold at a 9... but I wouldn't let kids watch it. This is a show absolutely not for anyone under 13... and not even then if they're sensitive.

Oh, and two more references to other genre presentations: the alien probe-ship-whatever that reprograms the humans looks a lot like TNG's Crystalline Entity... and as for the main character, the Contingency Analyst played incredibly by Carla Gugino... her name is "Dr. Mary Anne Caffrey." I could make a lot of Pern-icious puns at this point... but I don't want to Dragon this out any further...

Coming to Los Angeles in 1973, he entered the theater department at LA City College, did as much local theater as possible, and began auditioning for everything he could. Earning his first television role in the children's special "My Dear Uncle Sherlock" was the break he needed and he has been working steadily ever since, appearing in his first STAR TREK role seventeen years ago.

That first TREK role was Korris, the vocal Klingon in the STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION episode "Heart of Glory." "After that role, they just kept calling me back to audition for more work, until eventually I had done eight," Vaughn joked. "I think I had done the first six before they realized it was the same guy."

Originally auditioning for Rick Berman for the role of Vulcan Ambassador Soval, on ENTERPRISE, Armstrong instead won the recurring roll of Admiral Forrest on the prequel

series. At that point Armstrong assumed that his days of playing alien characters was over but then he was given the role of the Kreetassan captain in the episode "Vox Sola." Later he played another Klingon in "Sleeping Dogs."

Despite his long association with STAR TREK Armstrong is a relatively new face on the convention circuit, finally attending his first convention about four years ago. Concerned that he might run out of things to talk about at conventions and disappoint the audience, Vaughn decided to bring along his trusty ukulele and harmonica and play some original songs he'd written for the fans. The fans he played for loved the music and Vaughn soon recruited some of his buddies, fellow STAR TREK actors Casey Biggs, Richard Herd and Steve Rankin to join him.

The group expanded further when, while traveling together on a STAR

TREK Cruise, Vaughn discovered that long-time STAR TREK visual effects wizard Ronald B. Moore played guitar. Roping in his old friend William Jones to play percussion made the band complete, and after several months of writing original music and rehearsing the band has hit the recording studio and recently released their first CD.

Now fans all over the world can experience the band that StarTrek.com in a recent feature called a "...burgeoning musical phenomenon". The band's debut CD, Enterprise Blues Band, features seven tracks of original music including "Enterprise Blues", "Trekkie Deckie", "Red Shirt Boogie Blues", "Traveling Through Space", "Star Trek Woman Jones", "Enterprising On" and "Get Me to the Holodeck" can now be ordered through the bands web site at:

<http://ebluesband.com>



## STAR TREK

A poem by  
Kristi Stapleton  
USS Jubilee, R2

### STAR TREK

Star Trek is a show that is really very good,  
It usually portrays the characters acting the way they should.

Though sometimes they aren't always acting well and fine,  
It causes me to look at the life that is surely mine.

It's often easier to see the wrong in others than in ourselves,  
Our wrongs we try to hid and put on our live's shelves.

Tucked behind the good in us and all the happy things,  
But when we're alone, they all feel out and in our herats they ring.

Star Trek is an avenue that leads us away for awhile,  
It gives us joy, it gives us hope, and other reason to smile.

When we see our "Trekker" friends usually every month,  
We get togehter and share a meal then talk about the latest hunt.

The Romulans or Cardassians;  
Kirk, Sisco, and Bashier.

It's so much fun to have all of my friends near.

There's Maddy and Madelyn, Mike and Henry,  
There's also Wilton, and of course there's also me!

We had Ralph and Sunnie but they moved away,  
We sure do miss them lots and just want to say...

That we hope and trust that many more folks will join us and see,  
How much fun it is to be a member of the Star Trek fan club in Daphne, Alabama; the Starship JUBILEE!



# HEARD MORN SAY . . .

NEW!

Compiled by  
FCAPT Unicorn Escobedo  
USS Augusta Ada, R4

## STARDATES

Saturday, October 1, 2005  
Stephen Collins's Birthday  
Sunday, October 2, 2005  
Avery Brook's Birthday  
Persis Khambatta's Birthday  
Sunday, October 9, 2005  
Scott Bakula's Birthday  
Wednesday, October 12, 2005  
Final "Star Trek: The Animated Adventures" episode airs (1974)  
Thursday, October 13, 2005  
Beverly Crusher's Birthday (2324)  
Saturday, October 15, 2005  
Mark Lenard's Birthday  
Saturday, October 22, 2005  
Christopher Lloyd's Birthday  
Sunday, October 23, 2005  
Ira Steven Behr's Birthday  
Monday, October 24, 2005  
F. Murray Abraham's Birthday  
Gene Roddenberry passes away (1991)  
Thursday, October 27, 2005  
Robert Picardo's Birthday  
Friday, October 28, 2005  
Launch of "Star Trek Generations" - the first movie promotion Web site (1994)

## New shirt designs feature "The Trek Life"

Announcing a new collection of exclusive STARTREK.COM logo merchandise!

Celebrating the new hit comic strip "The Trek Life" are two designs featuring the characters Carl, Steve and Kate. The first shows the three Star Trek fans seated on the couch watching their favorite show, surrounded by familiar aliens. The other displays the faces of our three stars.

For the serious Star Trek fan ... new designs that will make you the envy of your fan friends: Reflect on how your hero would behave with a "What Would Kirk Do?" or "What Would Picard Do?" t-shirt. Rest assured that your visit to the resort planet will remain secret, because "What happens on Risa ... Stays on Risa."

With Star Trek: Enterprise beginning in syndication this month, we've brought back several popular designs from this series and the mirror universe.

It's even harder to choose since the new designs are available on a number of new products. In addition to several styles of t-shirts and sweatshirts, plus mugs, caps, mousepads and stickers, we've added a women's cap sleeve

t-shirt and three new items for kids: a baseball jersey and sweatshirts (with and without a hood).

To commemorate the arrival of these new designs, fans can enter for a chance to win a print of "The Trek Life" artwork signed and personalized by the award-winning artist David Reddick. Click here for details.

UPDATE 09.22.05 : In response to your requests, the "What Would...?" series now includes captains Sisko, Janeway and Archer. As a bonus, we've added a new design called "Klingon Romance" featuring a lovely Klingon lass. These exclusive designs will only be available for a limited time, so order yours today!

## Rick Berman on His Plans for ENTERPRISE Shelved Fifth Season, No Development on STAR TREK XI

The latest issue of STAR TREK Magazine, just out in the UK, features an exclusive interview with STAR TREK producer Rick Berman, in which he once again talks about the cancellation of ENTERPRISE and the lack of news on the upcoming STAR TREK prequel movie. Here are a few excerpts :

When asked about ENTERPRISE, Berman said "As soon as [executive producer] Manny Coto arrived, with his passion for the intermediate period between STAR TREK ENTERPRISE and STAR TREK THE ORIGINAL SERIES, he came up with numerous ideas that, in addition to the stories we actually did execute in Season Four, would have continued to have touched on more of the things that would eventually be raised in THE ORIGINAL SERIES. There were so many good ideas. And these ideas were not only from Manny, but from other members of the staff. We would have had no problem coming up with an exciting fifth season that incorporated and celebrated STAR TREK's past or, actually, its future. There were a lot of ideas. There were a lot of threads that could have been created, but if I start pulling out original episodes of the original series as examples, I'm just going to get all garbled up."

Regarding the eleventh STAR TREK feature film - currently titled STAR TREK: THE BEGINNING, he said "There's nothing new to tell you right now. There is absolutely nothing new. We've talked about where things were at our last couple of interviews, and those things haven't changed. You'll be the first to know when there's anything new to discuss."

"We're done with ENTERPRISE, and the film is still in the infant stages. The only things I've contributed to are the Star Trek DVDs. I did a commentary for the STAR TREK

NEMESIS DVD. I've done commentaries for the ENTERPRISE DVDs. But that's really it."

## Hallmark Trek Releases for 2005

U.S.S. Enterprise - NCC-1701-A  
Dimensions: 6" W x 1 1/2" H  
SRP: \$28

Khan  
Dimensions: 1 3/4" W x 5 1/4" H  
SPR: \$14.95

Locutus of Borg - STAR TREK: First Contact  
Dimensions: 2" W x 4 1/2" H - with sound chip  
SRP: \$28

## Paramount Gears Up For Star Trek 40th Anniversary

Paramount is gearing up to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Star Trek in 2006 with a huge convention in Las Vegas and new merchandise. But without a Star Trek series on the air, the studio will be unable to repeat its 30th anniversary festivities, which included a television special plus flashback episodes of Deep Space Nine and Voyager.

Creation Entertainment has unveiled a new line of merchandise featuring a newly designed 40th anniversary logo. Currently available are t-shirts including a long-sleeved black shirt with the title of every Star Trek episode from every series plus all the movies on the back.

In addition, Diamond Select Toys has announced that the company has signed a contract with Paramount which will allow Art Asylum to continue to develop collectibles, beginning with a wave of Star Trek: The Next Generation action figures including Commander William Riker and Lieutenant Commander Worf. Ship replicas such as the I.S.S NX-01 will be produced as well.

A set of collectibles based on 30th anniversary special episode "Trials and Tribble-ations" are available, depicting Deep Space Nine crewmembers Sisko, Dax, O'Brien and Bashir in original series uniforms, complete with tribbles. Photos may be found at <http://www.diamondselecttoys.com/news/09-09-05.asp>.

As previously reported, there will be an official 40th anniversary convention in Las Vegas. Tickets are already available at the Creation web site.

In 1996, Paramount celebrated the 30th anniversary of Star Trek with two episodes of the then-current shows. "Trials and Tribble-ations" saw the DS9 crew travel back in time to stop Klingon agent Arne Darvin from killing Captain Kirk on space station K-7 while it was overrun by tribbles, and Voyager's "Flashback" sent Tuvok and Janeway onto the USS Excelsior under the command of Captain Sulu as Tuvok recalled his experiences as a much younger Starfleet officer.

The franchise also produced a UPN special, Star Trek: 30 Years and Beyond, that featured dozens of cast members, guest stars and celebrity fans such as astronaut Mae Jemison and the cast of Frasier.

## Star Trek: First Contact CE

On Paramount Home Entertainment's Collector's Edition version of 'Star Trek: First Contact' the studio has hidden three hidden features for fans of the show.

Insert the second disc of the DVD set and on the Main Menu select the entry 'The Star Trek Universe.' On the following menu screen highlight the entry for 'Jerry Goldsmith: A Tribute' and then press the 'Right' arrow key on your remote control. This will highlight a small Borg sphere. Press 'Enter' now and you will see a four-minute clip of actor Ethan Phillips discussing his uncredited cameo as the maitre'd in the film, accompanied by behind-the-scenes footage and another uncredited cameo from writer Brannon Braga during the same scene.

To get to the second hidden feature, go back to the disc's Main Menu and select 'The Borg collective.' On the following menu screen highlight the menu entry for 'Main Menu' and press the 'Left' arrow key on your remote control to highlight another Borg sphere. Press the 'Enter' key and you will see a four-minute scene deconstruction narrated by art director Alex Jaeger, in which he discusses the development of the death of the Borg Queen, along with some behind-the-scenes Polaroids of test shots.

Another Easter Egg can be found on the Main Menu of the second disc. Highlight the entry 'Production' and then simply press the 'Right' arrow key on your remote control to highlight a Borg sphere, which will then give you access to some clips of alternative titles for the movie which were created during the production of the movie.

## Quark Bites

- <http://www.lcars.com/net/lcars/> - super cool website, check it out.

- <http://www.ic2006.org/> - STARFLEET 2006 International Conference & International Muster. Need I say more

[http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Main_Page) - Memory Alpha is a collaborative project to create the most definitive, accurate, and accessible encyclopedia and reference for everything related to Star Trek. The database is organized in a WikiWiki structure, which allows an incredible level of interconnectedness and expansion.

Source(s): StarTrek.com, Hallmark.com, TrekToday.com, Hidden Features



# "FRANCHISE FATIGUE? FANS WORLDWIDE STILL SUPPORT STAR TREK!"

International fan film campaign needs your help

LT Alan Anderton • USS Magellan, R14

As one of the few Australian members, I take every opportunity to interact with Australian Trek fans and at the moment the most active group over here is Trek United Australia. At the end of July a group of us had a brainstorming session about what to do next and we decided that we wanted to make a statement that Trek fandom was NOT as dead as the media was painting it. We specifically cited the explosion of interest in Trek fanfilms as evidence. The executive level of Trek United agreed that it was within their charter as an advocate of Trek fandom in all its forms and planning for a postcard writing campaign was put into motion.

We took as our slogan - "Franchise Fatigue? Fans worldwide still support Star Trek!"

Rick Berman coined the phrase franchise fatigue in comments on Feb 14th to the US entertainment industry newspaper, Variety (as reported on Trek web) in response to the February 2nd announcement by UPN to cancel Enterprise.

"... each time we started something else, we were competing against the previous shows so as the number started to accumulate, we started to see franchise fatigue."

Berman used the term again in comments to Sci Fi Wire on April 29th ...

"I think that we found ourselves in competition with ourselves.

Enterprise in many markets was running against repeats ... And I think that after 18 years and 624 hours of Star Trek the audience began to have a little bit of overkill with Star Trek ... So I think it's, again, another example of the franchise getting a little bit tired."

"Franchise Fatigue" has been taken out of context and used as a catch phrase to insinuate that Star Trek as a genre is old and tired - "fatigued" - a spent force, no longer relevant. Our contention is that Mr. Berman is misjudging the strength and loyalty of the Trek fan base if he thinks that we will stay away from a good Trek program in favour of previous series re-runs. The growing body of fan productions is proof that there are people out there who can still see something new and exciting in the Roddenberry dream and, perhaps most importantly of all, that there are people who want to watch it. Fan films are free yet accurate market survey tools that show what Trek fans really want to see - if they are popular doesn't that suggest something?

Hence the new slogan "Franchise Fatigue? Fans worldwide still support Star Trek!" I think that is fair to say, don't you? We might have our preferences (and some pet hates) but in general, Trek fandom is a very supportive fan community. Most importantly of all this campaign is not a negative thing, we are not focussing on what Paramount may or may not have done. Paramount is not the enemy and this campaign

is not meant to vilify them or their employees. We want people to focus on the fan film community and see it for what it is, a positive sign of the health of Star Trek as a genre. I cannot stress it too strongly: this campaign is not ANTI-Paramount it is PRO-Fan Films!

The support of the Trek fan film community has been astonishing. We currently have 15 groups ranging from Las Vegas to Darmstadt, from concept groups that are months old to groups which have episodes on the 'net and have film in the can going through post production. A few groups declined to participate in the postcard campaign because of cautionary legal advice (although Trek United's legal advice has been different). That's not a problem - they have every right to be cautious, we don't think any less of them and we have no hard feelings about it.

I must point out that Trek United have been great in their support of the campaign. We have been assigned a Project Manager who is a member of the executive committee, their top level of management which is headed by Tim Brazeal, so our reports and needs go directly to the top. In addition we have been assigned an International Liaison, an immensely talented and knowledgeable individual who has helped us achieve our goals with his sage advice and friendly networking.

With so many creative talents in one forum it was inevitable that the suggestion would be made that we should accompany the campaign with a FanFilm trailer and as I write this it is now in the latter stages of design. Some groups have jumped straight in and offered their help straight off whilst others we are hoping to pursue over the next week. We are in the process right now of transferring high definition files and mesh data; the script is being refined and will be handed to Trek United lawyers for vetting by the end of the week. We have also made a new approach to the Groups who declined to be part of the Postcard Campaign to see if they

want to participate in the trailer, an entirely different proposition.

So what exactly is the campaign? How is it going to work? Can I do anything to help?

I was hoping you'd ask that! Your support as a Star Trek fan is absolutely imperative to the success of this campaign. This is the current strategy and for the latest details follow the links to the Campaign webpage from the Trek united home page: <http://www.trekunited.com/>

For four consecutive weeks we are going to make available high quality postcards and envelopes featuring at least four Fan Film groups weekly, pre-addressed to Paramount offices around the world. The schedule is ...

WEEK 1; 03/10/05 - 09/10/05; Australia  
WEEK 2; 10/10/05 - 16/10/05; United Kingdom  
WEEK 3; 17/10/05 - 23/10/05; Germany  
WEEK 4; 24/10/05 - 30/10/05; Canada

For the last week, week 5, we will have available all the previous cards addressed to the head office of Paramount in the USA and on the last day of the campaign we will unveil the 2005 Trek United Fan Film Trailer! Featuring a combination of original material, clips from fan film productions and a specially commissioned CGI finale that will blow you away!

As the weeks progress I will be posting details on Starfleet-L and Dave Blaser's Unofficial Lists forum <<http://lists.blaser.tzo.com/modules.php?name=Forums&file=viewforum&f=1>>. We've chosen as our focus Fan Films, but if you don't enjoy them, choose from one of the many other postcards available on the Trek United website that convey your message but make your voice heard! This isn't \*just\* about seeing more "Enterprise". This is about the survival of professionally produced productions of Star Trek in the foreseeable future.

With your help we can show Paramount that there is still a demand for professionally made productions. That there are Star Trek fans all over the world who feel strongly enough about the Roddenberry dream to make and support amateur productions.

Franchise Fatigue? Fans worldwide still support Star Trek!





# FROM THE LATINUM CARPET

## Star Trek: Where It's Been, Where It Is, and Where It May Go RADM David E. Klingman • USS Jaguar, R13

There has been a lot of talk lately about the direction that Star Trek (and science fiction in general) has taken (ultimately, the direction it has taken is "off the television screen" but we won't go there). There has been talk about the potential for a new Star Trek film, the (slim to no) chance for another Star Trek television series, and even a proliferation of paperback novels, so I find myself asking the question, "what would I like to see on screen if Star Trek were to return?"

So, in an informal poll/discussion, I offer for your consideration what would YOU like to see appear on screen (either movie or television series).

### Consider the era.

pre-Enterprise [2063-2150]  
Enterprise including Romulan War/  
foundation of the Federation [2150-  
2161]

post-Enterprise/pre-Kirk [2161-2250s]

Original Series [2160-2300]

Lost Era [2300-2360]

TNG/DS9/Voyager [2360-2380]

Future eras [after 2380]

### Consider the characters.

Established characters (includes those  
in the novels)?

Younger or older versions of  
established characters?

New characters?

Small group, or larger cast?

### Consider the type of story.

Small, intimate, follows a group  
closely?

Epic story that opens the universe?

Multi-story arc (yes, that might mean  
sequels to get the story told)?

Consider anything else you might like  
to see.

My personal preference lately is for  
story arc, particularly the types of  
epic stories we've seen in Star Trek:  
Deep Space Nine, Babylon 5, Stargate  
SG-1/Atlantis and what we're seeing  
now in Battlestar Galactica. I can't  
speak about Farscape or any of the  
Sci-Fi Channel series (or the newer  
Roddenberry fare such as Andromeda

or Earth: Final Conflict) since I've never  
watched more than bits and pieces of  
episodes. But I digress, so let's stay on  
Star Trek (for the time being).

When it comes to the Star Trek universe,  
I enjoy two eras - before Enterprise  
and after TNG/DS9/Voyager.

I like to think about the events that  
occur shortly after Zephram Cochrane's  
warp flight in 2063, particularly  
the difficulties in establishing the  
relationship with the Vulcans, the  
challenges of language and cultural  
barriers, and the personal agendas of  
both the Humans and Vulcans. There's  
something pure about the notion that  
Humans are still untouched by a lot  
of alien influences and trying to work  
through their own shortcomings, and  
all they have to 'go by' is the dynamics  
of their relationship with ONE single  
alien species. I also find the difference  
in the way both Humans and Vulcans  
behave, and how they change their  
behavior, over the 100 year period  
(2060-2160) fascinating. It makes  
sense to me. Consider how differently  
we behave now in 2005 than how we  
as a world culture behaved in 1905 -  
technology has made us more or less  
a single entity (despite the fact that  
we remain divided over economic,  
political, religious, and ideological  
entities). It seems to me that another  
100 years will see significant changes  
to our world dynamic. I extrapolate this  
to what would happen if an 'emotional'  
species like Humans were suddenly  
thrust into the life of a 'logical' species  
like Vulcans, who (based on what  
we've seen on screen) have been used  
to leading the way and not having  
their ideology question (save perhaps  
by their established adversaries, the  
Andorians). This leads me to another  
favorite characteristic that we've seen  
only a little in Star Trek - the aliens'  
perspective. I'll hold that thought for a  
moment and press on with the era...

I also like to think about the era after  
TNG/DS9/Voyager, perhaps because  
that's the era I (we) write about on  
the Jaguar [you can read our stories at  
<http://www.ussjaguar.org/stories.html>].  
The fun is culling all that we know  
about the 300+ year period from  
2060(ish) to 2370(ish), the characters  
we know well, and the history that's  
been established and creating new  
stories based on what we think those  
people might be doing in their later  
lives. It opens a lot of "life after the  
starship" story elements and allows  
us to ask questions independent of  
the established "one starship/station

one crew one mission" profile. Anyone  
who has read our material knows  
that we've explored the lives of many  
characters (our cast list has hundreds  
of characters of all levels of importance  
at this point) and that we've made  
attempts to explore each of these  
individuals, sometimes moment by  
moment, sometimes from within,  
sometimes through their interactions  
with others. The result, of course, has  
been an epic series of story arcs with  
the backdrop being conflict of nearly  
galactic proportions (somewhat of an  
extension of Dominion War storyline,  
to be broadly descriptive). It affords us  
to look at things from the perspective  
of other species, which leads me back  
to the point I was beginning to mention  
before...

### More on Characters

I like examining species other than  
Humans (anyone who's read our fiction  
or my "Xenoarchaeologist" articles  
knows this). I'm particularly fond of the  
Trill (and I've written some stories that  
relate to the early Trill relationship with  
the Vulcans in the 2060s, before Earth  
really comes into the big picture).

I have to say that I've grown tired of  
seeing stories about us (Humans) in  
Star Trek. I find us less exciting, and  
I find that looking at things through or  
own set of eyes is just too familiar to  
me. It seems that the universe created  
has become 'Humanocentric' but the  
fact is (and this has been described on  
screen, for example the TNG episode  
"The Chase") that Humans are just one  
piece of a puzzle that includes many  
humanoid species. So it has become an  
interest of mine to catalog, describe,  
and write about the other humanoid  
species (and there are so many that it  
fuels my writing endlessly).

I do have to say I also take interest in  
how the various alien species represent  
pieces of our own psychology - for  
example, the Ferengi represent our  
greed, the Vulcans our analytical mind,  
the Klingons (to a degree, I think) our  
passion and our aggressiveness as a  
species, and so forth. So I find myself  
exploring those a little.

But what I really like to explore are  
those things that are truly alien to us  
as a species, or those aspects we don't  
want to think about. What comes to  
mind, of course, are species so alien  
that we can't relate (for more on this,  
you need to look into our stories and  
The Xenoarchaeologist for species  
like the Shar'nn, Idjalich, and others)  
or aspects of ourselves that we fear

might change us for the worse (the  
one that comes to mind is the genetic  
engineering of the Jem'Hadar and  
their addiction to ketracel white -  
these are two topics that generate  
continuous debate among us Humans  
and which represent ground on which  
we fear to tread).

Maybe it's also as simple as the  
enjoyment I get out of packaging Star  
Trek into a form that suits me - I've  
spent a considerable amount of time  
on Xenoarchaeology and creating  
somewhat of a taxonomy of all the  
alien species (I've even gone so far as  
to create some new kingdoms in the  
classification system to describe all the  
random clouds, energy creatures, and  
the occasional inorganic forms of life  
like the Excalbians). Keeping it up to  
date, of course, has been a challenge  
(and so I'm glad to a degree that Star  
Trek is off the air, if for no other reason  
that I don't have to update my catalog  
of alien species for a while!)

### More on Stories

As I mentioned before, I love story  
arcs. I love trilogies (Trilogies? Did  
someone say "Lord of the Rings?" Oh,  
sorry, I digress into fantasy). I love  
series. Why? Because I like the time  
provided to tell the whole story. We  
get to see the characters develop; we  
see the world/universe develop. We  
see actual lives instead of snippets  
of time. My major criticism of the  
original Star Trek series and the early  
seasons of The Next Generation (until  
the series started establishing some  
continuity from episode to episode)  
was that the bits and pieces didn't  
seem to add up. I think I came to  
think about this more especially when  
Deep Space Nine appeared on air  
and in the second and third seasons  
established its broad story arc that  
transformed into the Dominion War  
(and I firmly believe that there was  
influence from Babylon 5 happening,  
that's my story and I'm sticking to it).  
When I compare TOS and (early)TNG  
to DS9 and then look at Voyager,  
I come to the conclusion that TOS  
and Voyager would have been better  
series if they could have had the time  
and effort put in to establishing some  
broad story arcs. Needless to say we  
didn't have the hindsight from 1966-  
1968 we have now, and the fact that  
the writing and direction on Voyager  
was as it was has produced the show  
it did (personally, I'm not down at all  
on Voyager, and some of my favorite  
stories and favorite aliens come out  
of that show, despite my significant  
disappointment in the way the Borg  
were mishandled and the way the  
story ended... but that's another  
article waiting to happen). Enterprise,  
I think, showed the best and worst of  
all this - it ranged widely from what  
I see as disjointed episodes (much  
like TOS) to a whole season with the  
Xindi which didn't excite me as much  
as the Dominion War but still made  
for the better 'half' of the show as it



aired. Again, I'm not all that down on Enterprise (though like many 'fleeters our there I get my kicks out of bashing Berman and Braga and their particular brand of storytelling - perhaps it's a right we've earned as die hard fans). Still, I like some of the aliens and some of the characters. I'll come back to aliens and characters in a moment.

I want to mention that I like "day in the life" views of things (again, if you've read our fiction, you'll quickly see that some of our stories are just hours or even moments in time, sometimes just conversations between two characters). These are the stories we've used to flesh out individuals. In particular, conversations are excellent ways (IMO) to establish the characters and their relationships - just a few, or even two, characters talking to each other, or even individuals streaming their thoughts into personal or mission logs.

As far as the established characters and aliens on Star Trek are concerned, I've made up my mind about what I like...

**TOS** - Mister Spock. He just seemed to be the only one who appeared to know where he was going and what he was doing most or all of the time. He had perspective on things (keep this in mind).

**TNG** - Picard. He saw the big picture. He had perspective on things (there it is again...)

**DS9** - Harder to pin down who I liked, since this was such an ensemble. I have to say I liked Dax, or more accurately I liked the Trill (they've since become more or less my favorite species in Star Trek). They have a lot of life experience(s) and a great deal of perspective (there it is again!)

**Voyager** - I've set aside the disjointedness of the stories and decided that I just loved the show for the aliens. There were some terrific villains - the Hirogen, the Vaadwaur ("Dragon's Teeth"), the Voth ("Distant Origin"). The desperation of the Vidians which turns them into villains. The fact that Voyager didn't stay in one place long enough to see the dynamics of these species (save perhaps for the nomadic Hirogen who managed to follow the ship) was what made the show difficult to watch for me. Characters - again, I couldn't pin a specific character. They were none of them 'stand out' for me (Tuvok came close, but he seemed too sullen a version of Spock and in looking back at Enterprise seemed too like his 21st century Vulcan ancestors who may have had too much disdain for Humans and seemed as if he didn't want to be among them).

**Enterprise** - Phlox, all the way. He was so enigmatic, and his behavior was

sometimes so out there that he was a fun character for me to watch, yet as a medical-type person I could relate to what he was doing, and unlike McCoy, who despite his country doctor personality had all those fancy toys, he got his hands dirty and used what he had and what he knew. And who couldn't love a guy with a 12" tongue who had the gall to feed his toenail clippings to his pets?

#### Director(s)/Producer(s):

I have to admit that I've enjoyed what JMS and Ron Moore have been putting out. But then I'm a fan of DS9 and I'm a fan of the current Battlestar Galactica series.

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So that's my commentary and my take on where Star Trek has been and is right now. Where is it headed? I honestly have to say I hope nowhere for a little while. I think a breather is a good thing. Give everyone some time to decide just how much they miss it. Though we don't have to miss it. There are plenty of reruns, there are plenty of novels coming out on a regular basis (my recommendation, especially for the DS9 fans, are all the DS9 'relaunch/season 8' novels), and there are our own imaginations ad what we write. There's power in fan fiction to write what we want (there's also some danger in writing established characters, since we never know what Paramount may do to them or which ones, like Data, will be killed off) but that's part of the fun and challenge of writing and guessing.

Ending on a shameless plug - go read our fiction: <http://www.ussjaguar.org/stories.html>. More commentary to come!

## FELLOWSHIP - FUN - FRIENDSHIP "F" TO THE 3RD POWER

ADM Helen Pawlowski  
USS Troubadour, R12

For some reason the project we proposed has been misunderstood: to make STARFLEET more exciting as well as more attractive to new members. A search of the activities of ships of the 'Fleet is being made every month.

What seems to work to capture the attention of some? Will it do the same for others? Is there a way to spark interest that has worked for one ship? Might it do the same for another?

What works?

By sifting through the activities a rough picture emerges and it is hoped that by asking the entire membership to offer new ideas of Friendship, Fun and Fellowship we may create a set of building blocks we may present to everyone to play with.

Have you a dream project to share?

Would you like to see just one fun thing occur?

Have you done something in the past that you feel is worth doing again?

Have you got a really great idea up your sleeve that needs a little help to pull off?

Tell us!

We will compile a list of fun things to do, of neat ways to create friends in the community, of reasons to keep and expand your membership. If you don't want it put in your MSR send it directly to the addresses below -- everything will be considered.

How's about a contest? Your best idea, either individually or as a ship, the reward being bragging rights for a month, a printed award, pictures and an article in the Communiqué?

Divisions: The cheapest idea, The idea that involves as many people as possible, The idea that satisfies the greatest number of members....

Let's run it up the flagpole and see if it waves?

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## SFI CHARITIES REPORT CAPT Trey Isquith • USS Avalon, R15

Community Service and Charitable Fundraising are at the heart of this organization. So many of you are going above and beyond the call of duty every day, and we want to know about it. More than that, we want everyone to know about it and be inspired by it. The SFI charity network can currently be accessed at the new SFI Charities website: <http://u.s.s.avalon.tripod.com/SFIcharities/index.html>.

This website will promote not only the charity fundraising done by your chapter/region, but also the community service done by your members in the name of your chapter. The charities you care about will get the attention they deserve and others might be inspired to contribute their efforts.

I'm excited to continue our work on determining what charities are

benefiting from Starfleet member participation (and to what extent), up to this point.

What I'm looking for, from each participating chapter/region, is a report of your charitable (and community service) activities of the past 12 months. One annual report, as soon as possible, will be adequate.

This is the information I'm looking for:

Your Chapter:

Your Region:

Your Contact Person's Name & Email:

Detailed charity information (Names of each charity; Location; Description of each charity):

Annual Total Monetary amounts raised/donated by your club:

AND

Annual Total Man-hours spent on community service projects by your club:

(If you do not have this information readily available, please give reasonable estimates.)

At this time it is not necessary to include OCP totals.

Information about the newly revamped STAMPEDE program is available on the SFI Charities website, mentioned above.

I sincerely hope that you will choose to participate in this extremely rewarding project.

We are still working on totals from the IC 2005 Charity endeavors, but the Klingons raised \$1088 at the Alamo Stockade for their Local American Diabetes Chapter.

In Service To The Fleet,  
Trey Isquith :-)  
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# HOUSE CALLS

ADM David Miller, MD • USS A.M. Valsalva, R12

(Important health and medical information gleaned from the ton of medical stuff I receive each week! "Housecalls" is now archived at millera.rchiv.blogspot.com. Permission is given to Trek fan clubs to reprint past articles for chapter newsletters. Please credit "Housecalls" and the above website address when reprinting.)

## Substance Abuse Booklet

The Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration has released a new pamphlet, entitled "What is Substance Abuse Treatment? A Booklet for Families", that answers common questions for those entering treatment. It can be ordered by calling 800-729-6686.

## ADHD Med Use in Adults

A new report from the nation's largest prescription benefit manager ("PBM", better known as mail order pharmacies) notes that, between the years 2000 and 2004, prescription ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) medication use by adults grew at a much faster rate than for children. During this time period, adult use doubled, whereas child use only rose by 56%. (I don't actually find this result surprising as I've seen a greater increase in ADHD prescriptions in adults than children in my own practice. I attribute this to a much greater advertising push by the makers of these meds, and more and more adults of ADHD children are realizing they have similar symptoms and problems also. Of children with ADHD, half of them grow up to be adults with ADHD also.)

## Free Cancer Education CD

Ortho Biotech Products is sponsoring a free cancer education CD and electronic newsletter for patients with cancer and their families, with information on cancer and its treatments. Call 1-888-220-9100 to order.

## Statins and Alzheimer's Disease

A recent study reported in the Archives of Neurology found no protective benefit from statins (new medications for controlling high cholesterol and other lipids) against the risk of developing "Alzheimer's Disease, vascular dementia, or mixed dementia in patients aged 65 years or older". One drawback from the study is that participants had only been taking the statins for an average of only five years. More studies are planned in those taking statins earlier in their adult years. Stay tuned.

## Toupees Not a Covered Benefit!

A German court has ruled that a bald man is not entitled to a "state-funded toupee under the country's state health insurance system." He had argued, unsuccessfully, that he was equally

entitled to a wig similar to ones covered by insurance for women who have lost their hair (lost, I presume, due to medical conditions?).

## Medical Oxygen Containers Okayed for Air Travel

Last month, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began allowing patients with respiratory disease to bring their own portable oxygen containers onboard commercial air flights. While now "allowed" by the FAA, but not "required", make sure to double check with each individual airline to make sure they allow the containers also. (Hmm, I didn't know that they had been banned.)

## Not-So-Child-Proof Medicine Bottles

Don't rely solely on those hard to open medicine bottles to protect children from accidental ingestion of unwanted medicines. A researcher from New York-Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical College in New York found that 48% of children 3-4 years of age were able to open twist-off tops (the "push down and turn" variety), and 24% were able to open the squeeze-off type lids (the "squeeze opposite sides and turn" ones). Only the pop-off types ("align arrows and flip off") met the government standards found in the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1972.

## Laughter and Weight Loss

Yep, you read that correctly. An interesting study out of Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center noted that people laughing for 10-15 minutes a day can burn up to 10-40 calories (depending on body weight). Apparently, laughing raises the body's metabolic rate by 20%, thereby burning more calories. The researchers calculated that laughing for 10-15 minutes a day could result in losing 4.4 pounds a year. (Hey, I may have discovered a remedy for my Doritos habit!)

## Services for Older Adults

The Administration on Aging is offering an eldercare locator to help find assistance agencies and to provide caregivers with training or a break from helping their elders. The locator can be found at [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov), or by calling 800-677-1116.

## Chronic Insomnia Woes

Results from an independent panel of experts from the National Institutes of Health notes that "chronic insomnia has become a major health problem among adults" – with almost one third of adults having trouble sleeping and a good 10% with daytime symptoms of sleeplessness. Another result from the panel is that self-medicating for insomnia (i.e. with alcohol or over-the-counter sedating antihistamines) cause more problems than they solve, often disrupting regular sleep cycles and making insomniacs feel

even worse the next day.

## A Raisin a Day May Keep the Dentist Away

Apparently, according to research at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, raisins contain five types of phytochemicals (an antioxidant found in plants) that help prevent cavities and gum disease – mainly through their ability to fight oral bacteria (specifically slowing their growth or affecting their ability to stick to teeth). So eat and apple AND raisins daily for good health!

## Secondhand Smoke and Children

Lead by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology and the American Academy of Pediatrics, a new website to reduce children's exposure to secondhand smoke is up and running at [www.kidslivesmokefree.org](http://www.kidslivesmokefree.org). The site has info on secondhand smoke, health tips for both patients and parents, and resources for health professionals.

## More Uses for Viagra

We won't go into the primary uses of Viagra, but more and more is being discovered for other uses of this medication. The latest is its beneficiary role in treating children with pulmonary hypertension (basically, increased pressure in the blood vessels of the lungs that leads to severe lung damage). If untreated, children with pulmonary hypertension frequently only live about one year after being diagnosed, but even medications aren't very effective in prolonging their lives as the average lifespan after diagnosis in those who are treated is only about five years. Now comes results from a study published in "Circulation" where the use of Viagra significantly reduced pulmonary artery resistance by 20% (that's huge!) with an equally significant increase in the distance these children could walk in six minutes (508 feet!).

## It Was Arsenic!

For some time, debate has raged across the Atlantic Ocean as to whether or not the "madness" of old King George III (the one we revolted against) was caused by arsenic or other chemical poisonings from medical treatments of his day to even certain paints used for royal homes. As recently reported in the "Lancet", high levels of arsenic have been found in a sample of hair from King George III. The leading cause now is a medication court physicians gave him for his episodes of "prolonged and profound mental derangement" – emetic tartar, containing antimony that may have been contaminated with arsenic.

## Two New Publications in Spanish

Two new Spanish versions of health publications are available. The Alzheimer's Disease Education and

Referral Center's "Alzheimer's Disease: Unraveling the Mystery" is available via [www.alzheimers.org/unraveling\\_espanol/index.html](http://www.alzheimers.org/unraveling_espanol/index.html). And the National Institute on Aging's "Preventing Falls and Fractures" fact sheet is available via [www.niapublications.org/spnagespages/falls-sp.asp](http://www.niapublications.org/spnagespages/falls-sp.asp).

## An Unusual "Shellfish" Allergy

From our "Yuck" department, a family physician working in an urgent care facility in Bloomington, Indiana, encountered a man with a red itchy rash from head to toe. The man's only known allergy was to shellfish. After further questioning, he admitted the itchy rash began after he ate 30 cicadas cooked in butter and garlic as recommended by a recipe he had downloaded from the internet. We can now add "insect exoskeletons" to our list of shellfish allergens. (No word on how tasty the cicadas were, or whether the trick is to not eat their outer exoskeleton ...)

## Teflon and Cancer?

Yep, in what could become quite the boon to the cast-iron skillet market, the EPA has recently revised an earlier draft document concerning the possible cancer-causing properties of a chemical used to make Teflon. EPA now states "that there is suggestive evidence that perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts cause cancer in animal studies" and that it is "likely to cause cancer in humans".

## Not Red, Not Blue, But Obese States

A new report by the organization, Trust for America's Health, ranks US states by percentage of adult obesity. While perhaps a flawed survey (see below), the top ten worst states with their percentages of adults that are obese (with #1 the worst) are: (1) Mississippi with 28.1%; (2) Alabama with 27.7%; (3) West Virginia with 27.6%; (4) Louisiana with 25.8%; (5) Tennessee with 25.6%; (6) a three-way tie with Michigan, Texas, and Kentucky all at 25.3%; (9) Indiana with 25.2%, and (10) South Carolina with 25.1%. Critics of their results note that the survey is based on people self-reporting their height and weight by telephone (typically underestimating weight and overestimating height); and because of different patient survey sizes in each different state, one cannot compare the data between states or develop any valid statistical rankings.

## Girls Exercising Without Boys

Speaking of obesity, there's an interesting study in the current issue of the American Journal of Public Health that notes that high school girls are more likely to exercise vigorously if they are in girls-only gym classes versus co-ed ones with boys. While exercise is important to reduce obesity rates among our kids, it's also very important for health bone growth in girls; and studies show that girls become less physically active during their teen/school age years. Not only did girls do better when not around boys (duh), but they seemed to utilize more non-traditional exercise activities

such as "aerobics, dance, exercise walking, (and) self-defense" than your typical organized sports.

#### Beer Name Recognition by Children

As noted in the Journal of Adolescent Health, in a study of almost 2,000 fourth graders and 1,500 ninth graders in South Dakota who watched a number of beer and soft drink TV commercials, the vast majority easily remembered Budweiser (over all other brands) -- specifically because of the use of the two lizard characters, Louie and Frank. (Hmm, a previous "Housecalls" article noted how the NCAA was eliminating alcohol advertising at college games and events; perhaps we're starting a little too late ...)

#### Motorcycles, Helmets, and Death Rates

Two studies recently released looking at death rates in Florida where mandatory helmet laws for motorcyclists were repealed in 2000, have results similar to those found previously in Kentucky and Louisiana after those states also repealed similar mandatory helmet laws. One study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found a whopping 81% increase in motorcyclist deaths in the three years since Florida's repeal in 2000 versus the three years before the repeal (i.e. 1997-1999); the second study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found a 25% death rate increase for the two years after the repeal versus a two-year period before the repeal. During this same time, hospital costs for caring for motorcycle injuries more than doubled in the 30 months after the repeal (from \$21 million to \$44 million, adjusted for inflation). Wear your helmet!

#### Eat More Fish, Just Not Fried

While health professionals have been constantly touting the benefits of eating more fish in one's diet, a new study presented at a meeting of the American Heart Association suggests you don't fry the fish! A study of persons who ate fried fish regularly found significant evidence of hardened arteries and very little evidence of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. They went on to, again, recommend baked or broiled fish consumption. They went on to speculate that the reduced benefits were from the frying process and that commonly fried fish species are lower in omega-3 fatty acids versus other fish. (Darn, just bought a case of fish sticks from Sam's Club!)

#### Smoking and Lost Productivity

New data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that "smoking cost the US about \$92 billion annually in lost productivity from 1997-2001" due mainly to deaths from smoking. They found an estimated 438,000 premature deaths from smoking EACH year from 1997-2001, from both direct smoking and second-hand smoke exposure. (Giving further evidence that second-hand smoke kills.)

#### Weight Gain "Outweighs" Benefits from Smoking Cessation

Speaking of smoking, here's an interesting study noted in The Lancet recently: apparently weight gain might reduce lung function benefits in those who quit smoking, especially men. They found that weight gain adversely reduced lung function benefit by approx. 38% in men quitting smoking, and by approx. 17% in women. Those who maintained a healthy weight while quitting smoking maintained overall improved lung function. And with weight gain being one of the main side effects of quitting smoking, perhaps smoking is a "game" where the best chances of winning are to not play at all!

#### Soft-drinks and Heartburn

A study recently published in "Chest" finds a link between soft-drink consumption and heartburn. More than 25% of participants in the Sleep Heart Health Study noted they experienced nighttime heartburn or acid reflux (a very large study of over 15,000 patients). They found that the consumption of at least one carbonated soft drink per day increased the risk for experiencing heartburn at bedtime by a whopping 31% (and how many people do you know who drink more than one a day?!).

#### Weight-Loss Surgeries Quadrupled

A recent report in "Health Affairs" by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality notes that weight-loss surgeries (i.e. gastric bypass surgeries, etc.) quadrupled during the five-year period from 1998-2002, despite the very real risks of infection, bleeding, and death from these surgeries. Perhaps just another indication of our obese society. (Personally, I've seen an increase in the number of patients requesting these surgeries in just the last year. As you might imagine, screening for the proper candidates for such surgeries is very important.)

#### Child Passenger Safety Website

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP, Dr. Dave knows an ER physician there) has launched a new website with information for parents on child passenger safety. Check it out for important info from newborns to teen drivers: [www.chop.edu/carseat](http://www.chop.edu/carseat).

#### Acupuncture and Migraines

Interesting study reported recently in JAMA notes that acupuncture appears to reduce the occurrence of migraine headaches and it doesn't matter where you put the acupuncture needles (i.e. needle placement is one of the fundamental principles of acupuncture). Patients receiving "placebo" acupuncture (i.e. needles not placed in designated traditional acupuncture points) had exactly the same reduction in number of migraine headaches weekly as did those that received "properly" placed needles. The researchers speculate that the similar effects were due to "the hands-on, repetitive stimuli of acupuncture or because patients believe acupuncture works -- the placebo effect."

#### Prayer Versus Meds for Pain Relieve

A recent poll by Stanford University Medical Center, ABC news and USA Today found that an almost equal number of respondents chose prescription pain medications and prayer to fight pain. 60% chose prescription meds and 58% chose prayer. While over-the-counter pain relievers and home remedies (i.e. cold packs, hot packs, etc.) were the most common, respondents noted that "prescription medications and prayer were the most effective". (Makes you wonder how much more effective prescription meds AND prayer is?!)

#### Consumer Reports Ranks Diets

The June 2005 issue of Consumer Reports ranks nine popular diets based on pounds lost, nutrition, ease of compliance, and 6 and 12 month drop-out rates. The top three were: Weight Watchers (best), Slim-Fast (next best), and the Zone Diet (third). The nine diets reviewed included these three plus: the Ornish Diet, eDiets, Jenny Craig, the South Beach Diet, the Atkins Diet, and Volumetrics. (Okay, for those that swear by Atkins, it did receive good scores for short-term weight loss but cam in last for retention rates and nutrition.)

#### Contaminated Computer Keyboards

First it was doctor's stethoscopes, then doctor's white coats, then doctor's pens, and even (yuck) doctor's fingernails. Now comes word from Northwestern University of the latest healthcare item to harbor nasty bacteria -- hospital computer keyboards! Yep, apparently they can harbor resistant bacteria for up to 24 hours, spreading to bare and gloved hands. The key? Well, wash your hands! But what about washing the keyboards? You can't autoclave them (expose them to high heat and humidity to sanitize them) or wash them with alcohol or soap and water. Well, a New York based company named Man & Machine makes "water-resistant medical keyboards". What will they think of next?

#### Do Drug Ads on TV Influence Doctor's Prescriptions?

Know the lingo: "DTC" means "direct-to-consumer" advertising. (You know, the Zyrtec ads for "both" indoor and outdoor allergens, the ED commercials throwing footballs through tires, etc.) Does DTC advertising influence what doctors prescribe? Doctors like to think they don't ... but maybe they do. A study reported in JAMA out of the Univ. of California, Davis, found doctors were more likely to prescribe a specific anti-depressant if the patient asked for it by name. The study used "standardized patients" (i.e. actors) who all presented with the same depression symptoms. Those who asked for Paxil by name got it 27% of the time; versus only 3% of the time if they didn't ask for it. A different subset of patients showed similar results: 55% got it if they asked for it by name versus 39% who didn't. (In a limited defense of my fellow physicians, most anti-depressants in the SSRI category, like Paxil, all work pretty much the same and have fairly

comparable safety profiles. In our rush to get through the day and to put out the myriad of fires, sometimes it's easier to give the patient what they request and get them "out the door" faster. That's not much of a defense, I'll admit.)

#### Employed and Uninsured

A recent report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ranked the states on their percent of employed adults without health insurance (based on 2003 data from the CDC). The lowest states were: Minnesota (7%), Hawaii (9%), the District of Columbia (9%), and Delaware (9%). The worse were Texas (27%), New Mexico (23%), and Florida (22%). For the rest, the picture wasn't too rosy. In 8 states, 1 in 5 workers is uninsured; and in 39 other states, at least 1 in 10 has no health insurance.

#### Low Iron = Longevity?

Interesting suggestion from Dr. Thomas Perls MD, director of the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University. He supposes that women live longer than men due to "the loss of iron associated with menstruation inhibits the growth of free radicals, which have been linked to cell aging". To simulate iron loss, Dr. Perls regularly donates blood every 8 weeks. (Food for thought. Would certainly help the Red Cross who is constantly short of blood and blood donors.)

#### Record Childhood Immunization Rate

Good news concerning childhood immunization rates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention -- a record high of 81% of infants and toddlers are getting their proper vaccines and getting them on time (as reported on CNN.com). This rate has been slowly climbing over the last few years and didn't come unexpected: the rate was 79.4% in 2003, and 80.9% in 2004.

#### Shingles Advice for Seniors

Shingles, or Herpes Zoster, is a painful skin condition resulting from a flare of the chickenpox virus. It can be a very painful and debilitating condition in the elderly. Check out the National Institutes of Health new shingles website that includes info on "causes, risk factors, diagnosis, and treatments" at [nihseniorhealth.gov/shingles/toc.html](http://nihseniorhealth.gov/shingles/toc.html).

#### Alcohol and Pregnancy

The effects of alcohol use by pregnant mothers on their unborn child is well known, and even detailed as "fetal alcohol syndrome" with adverse effects to brain development. Now comes interesting info from the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism that alcohol use AFTER pregnancy can also adversely affect the babies of breast feeding moms -- apparently, excess alcohol use reduces breast milk production and ejection.





## FRONT AND CENTER

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Greetings, STARFLEET!

I hope that this CQ finds everyone doing well and gearing up for the approaching holiday season. It's hard to believe that it is fall already here in the USA, and that so much of 2005 has already passed by! Wow!

The past few months have been rather exciting here in the Livingston household. My husband Eric and I found out in August that we're expecting our first child! What a pleasant surprise, eh? We are busy here at home making all sorts plans for the baby's arrival, as well as dealing with semi-regular bout of morning sickness. So, I guess you can say that we've managed to recruit the old-fashioned way! We're expecting the new little one to arrive in early April, so stay tuned!

Otherwise, it's business as usual here at Fleet HQ. Email, email, email all the time. I often wonder if anyone remembers how to send a letter anymore. It's amazing to think of all the changes that have occurred in communication since I joined Fleet in 1990. Back

then, the rule was to send a SASE with any correspondence, and newsletters were produced on a typewriter or one of those new, fancy computers. Now, it seems that just about everything is done via computer, and communication can almost be instantaneous via email and online chat.

For those of you who are online, you've heard the announcement about the International Conference 2007 and its location. For the majority of you who may not participate in the online STARFLEET world, I'm happy to announce that in 2007, the International Conference will be held for the first time in Region 17, specifically Denver, Colorado, from August 10-12, 2007.

IC 2007, whose theme is "Trek 5280" (Denver, after all, is "the Mile High City"), is co-chaired by Bran Stimpson and Dave Foster of the USS Tiburon. Their committee is comprised of members from various Region 17 chapters. The members of this committee have experience with conventions/conferences, and they'll be putting all that to good use over

the course of the next two years. You can visit their website at [www.ic2007.org](http://www.ic2007.org).

IC 2007 will have a special guest in attendance. Tim Russ, Mr. Tuvok of Voyager fame, will be there to help us promote STARFLEET and the IC. He is very excited to get this opportunity, as he was a fan of the Star Trek shows long before he got to put on the uniform and star in Voyager. He and the IC 07 committee are very mindful that the IC weekend is STARFLEET's biggest party, and they intend on making sure that STARFLEET is the center of attention that weekend. Mr. Russ is going to compliment that weekend very well, and I'm sure it will be a fantastic experience for everyone!

Now, I realize that not everyone thinks having a media guest at the IC is a good idea. The IC is about STARFLEET first, foremost, and forever. We've not forgotten that, and we never will. But, I think that we cannot and should not isolate ourselves from Fandom. I believe that when done properly, having a guest at IC is a GOOD thing for STARFLEET. It is a great way to

get newer members involved, and it can turn out to be very good publicity for the organization. I know from my own experience, as well as dozens of others that are now very actively involved in STARFLEET, that attending an IC with a guest was a big incentive to attend. Not only did they get to see one of the Star Trek stars, but they got to find out more about STARFLEET in the process. And, in doing so, they found out that STARFLEET is by far the premier and coolest Star Trek fan organization around. And so, they became more active and increased their participation in their chapter, region, and the fleet as a whole.

Well, I'm sure I'm taking up more space than necessary in this CQ. There are a dozen other things you'd probably like to be reading more than these thoughts from my head. So, I'll try to wrap things up here.

Finally, don't forget that IC 2006 is just 11 months away! We're all looking forward to going to Philadelphia for IC 2006 - and of course, having a cheesesteak or two! Be sure to visit [www.ic2006.org](http://www.ic2006.org) for more information and to register now! This is our next big event, and I hope to see everyone there! I'll be there, and it will probably be Baby Livingston's first official STARFLEET event as well!

See you in sixty!

*Mandi Livingston*



## COMMpletely RELEVANT

COMM Bob Fillmore • SS K'Ehleyr, R4  
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Greetings, and welcome to CQ#131! I hope all is well with everyone, and I am happy to say that the CQ is finally back on track. We have taken many steps to polish this publication and get it into your hands as quickly as possible. As such, you may notice that it is a little smaller than the past couple of issues. That doesn't mean we've gotten less stuff or that we've cut stuff out, it just means that we are no longer going to wait for anything. The deadline is just that: a DEAD line. Anything received by the deadline will be included. If it arrives after that, it

will go in the queue for the next issue. Please consider that when submitting time sensitive articles. Please remember that deadlines are the 25<sup>th</sup> of odd months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov). ;)

Another focus of our efforts has been the International members (meaning any member not in the USA). Our International members have been experiencing phenomenal delays and other problems with timely receipt of the CQ. Our first step to combating these problems has been to change the shipping

method for International members. The delivery time from IMF to our members has been cut in half as a result with only a \$0.47/member increase in cost to STARFLEET. I don't think that we'll need to increase their memberships to compensate for that, but the additional cost to STARFLEET will certainly be worth it to get the members their CQs a week or 2 earlier. ;) We are also investigating other ideas that may improve the International situation further. If anyone has any suggestions, feel free to send them to [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org).

Speaking of problems, please utilize the helpdesk ([helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)) for missing CQs and/or any other STARFLEET related problems that can't be fixed through your normal chain of command. Remember to click on the link in the acknowledgement e-mail you receive back from the helpdesk if you need to update the ticket; otherwise, you're just starting a new ticket, and it's harder to track updates. Remember that grumbling to your fellow members may be cathartic, but it won't solve the problem. Putting in a ticket with the HelpDesk is the first step in getting your issue resolved. :)

See you in the Future!

*Bob Fillmore*



# VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

RADM Sunnie J. Planthold • USS Gasparilla, R2  
Vice Commander, STARFLEET



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Howdy!

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have done a heap of damage on the Gulf Coast and Texas coast in September. My immediate family was affected by the damage but was safe from the rage of the hurricanes. Thanks to the helping agencies, there was water and food available to my family. STARFLEET chapters and individual members arose to help victims in so many ways. This is what Fleet 'family' is about. I am so full of sincere gratitude for this great abundant spirit of the chapters and members who gave of their prayers, time, money and assistance in this time of great need.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of COMM Michelle Muench as the new Fleet Resource Center [FRC] Director! Michelle had served as Deputy Director of the Fleet Division Chiefs program [FDC], a predecessor of today's FRC, giving her a historical perspective possessed by few others. Since then, she had served Region 2 as R2 Quartermaster's web mistress and, for the past 3 years, as R2 Chief of Operations.

For some time the FRC has been in need of a review, a reorganization, and a rededication. Some of the earliest changes to it are reflected in the VCS Staff Contact Directory published elsewhere in this issue. Michelle took office effective 10/1/05 and announced her further plans for the future of the FRC when she had become more familiar with her staff.

My sincere gratitude also goes out to all the well qualified applicants for this position; the SFI Personnel Director, Matt Copple, for imposing some order upon what has in the past been a very unstructured search process and for sharing his insights in the

evaluation process; the SFI web mistress, Lauren Milan, for her timely construction of the SFI Help Wanted webpages used to announce this search; the various list masters for their kind willingness to publicize this search; Dennis Rayburn for "holding down the fort" for two months as Interim FRC Director; and to FCAPT Tom Donohoe for his birthing, care, and feeding of the fledgling FRC as its original Director!

The STARFLEET Recreation Calendar is ready for service! Seth Isquith, FRC Recreation Director, is reporting for duty and ready to go. Now Fleet members and even the general public will have a resource that will list, by Region, upcoming events that they may wish to attend or just keep up with whatever is going on in STARFLEET. The bonus here is that this can be a perk for retention of existing members, as well as for attracting and possibly recruiting new members for FLEET. This is really 'cool beans'!

When I had talked earlier to several RCs about the Recreation Calendar, they expressed their concerns about the confidentiality of MSRs, because we were first thinking of collecting future events directly from MSRs. So SFI Webmaster Lauren Milan presented another creative approach: She found a compatible calendaring software package and developed an input form to use with it. Now each RC and each CO must contact Lauren at [webmaster@sfi.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi.org) to get their [and/or whomever they wish to be responsible for posting their regional/chapter future events on the Recreation Calendar] sfi.org user name and password assigned and authorized as a Calendar Coordinator, in order to post this kind of information.

Lauren wrote the instructions below, so that RCs/COs would know how to use this new service to post/change events on the calendar. Thanks to Lauren and Seth for their hard work! If you have any questions about how to post/change events on the Recreation Calendar, contact Seth Isquith at [sisquith@yahoo.com](mailto:sisquith@yahoo.com). Go forth and enjoy this new service, the STARFLEET Recreation Calendar!

Sunnieside-Up: Eating a small amount of chocolate daily is like a vitamin to your soul's serenity.

## STARFLEET Recreation Calendar Posting/Changing Instructions

1. Go to the SFI home page (<http://sfi.org/portal/>) and login if you have not already done so. (This feature is only available to registered users with Calendar Coordinator status. If you do not have this status yet, please contact the Webmaster at [webmaster@sfi.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi.org) to set this up!)

If you have not yet registered, you may do so by clicking "Register now!" on the portal homepage (top left under "Login") or by going directly to: <http://sfi.org/portal/register.php>.

2. You can also directly access the calendar by clicking on "Recreation Calendar" on the left-hand nav bar, or by going directly to: <http://sfi.org/portal/modules/piCal/index.php>. From here you can see the overview of the current calendar, and use the dropdown menu to choose to view all events, or events by Region.

3. To add an event, use the left and right arrow buttons on top of the displayed monthly

calendar to navigate to the month of your event. At the top right corner of each date, there is a small pencil icon. Click this icon on the starting date of your event to begin adding your event information

4. You will be taken to the Editing View window; there you can enter the name, date(s), contact information and description of your event. PLEASE NOTE: If you are not comfortable with publishing personal information, such as home addresses or telephone numbers, you should give only a web or email address for the interested viewer to contact someone directly for more information.

5. Next to "Class", choose whether you wish to make this event "Public" or "Private". You may choose to make it private to registered users only, or make it public to all users to view.

6. When you are finished, click "Add your event!" Your calendar event will now be in "Awaiting Approval" status. When the RDC-Recreation, or your RC, or the FRC Recreation Director approves your event, it will appear on the Recreation Calendar.

7. If you want to edit or delete an event which you had previously input, you can return anytime to the Recreation Calendar, click on the event title, and make your edits to the event or even choose to delete the event. If you make changes to an event, it will then go through the same approval process as described above.





# THE TOWAWAY ZONE

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

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Apparently, just after IC is the quiet season here in the Merry Ol' Land of Ops.

One of the issues Ops have been dealing with since January seems to be coming close to a close. There have been a number of chapters who have either not been reporting for an extended period of time or been under the required 10 member minimum.

Slowly, over the past few months Chapter Care has been stepping up to the plate and contacting the non-reporting chapters and either contacting them again and getting things in order, or chapters have been decommissioned. Since April Operations has decommissioned 11 chapters. I really hate decommissioning chapters for whatever reason, but we have to live by the rules set forth in the Starfleet Handbook. On the upside there are a number of these non-reporting chapters who are well on the track to being returned to deployed status. I applaud Steve Bowers and his staff for their work on this. I also want to thank all of the affected Regional Coordinators. They have all been cooperative, supportive and helpful in our efforts.

At the International Conference in July a committee was formed to look into

the question of the so-called "under strength chapters". Most members of the Admiralty Board and Executive Committee agreed that some latitude had to be given to those chapters who, while very active, still had problems keeping at the 10 member level and that this "latitude" had to be incorporated into our regulations.

Serving on this ECAB Committee were Mike Smith, Steve Bowers, Paul Reid, Mike Urvand and I. For two months we debated the issue and twisted and tweaked the wording. Actually, we all seemed to pretty much be on the same page and were all working towards the same goal. We acknowledged that sometimes it is hard for a chapter to keep members. We felt that a hard-working chapter deserved every chance possible to keep its head above water. At the same time, we all agreed that there has to be a point where you have to realize that no matter how hard you try; even the best intentions can get you nowhere.

We have come up with what we feel is a very generous schedule for under strength chapters to follow. As of the writing of this column this is going to a vote of the Admiralty Board and should not change all that much. The new/changed portions are bolded.

**Section 04.04 - CHAPTER STATUS**  
**STAND-BY** - Should a chapter have a Commanding Officer or Executive Officer who does not have OTS and/or OCC, or has failed to follow proper reporting procedures or fall below required crew strengths for a period of 3 consecutive months (90 days), the Chief of Operations shall place them on Stand-BY. Chapters in Stand-By status shall have sixty days (2 months) to correct the problem or they shall be moved to Dry-Docked status. **ANY CHAPTER PLACED IN STAND-BY STATUS DUE TO CREW STRENGTH SHALL REMAIN IN STAND-BY FOR 180 DAYS (6 months), PROVIDED THE CHAPTER SHOWS A CONTINUED AND DOCUMENTABLE EFFORT TO RECRUIT MEMBERS WITH A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS EVERY SIXTY DAYS.**

**DRY-DOCKED** - A Dry-Docked chapter is one that has been on Stand-By status for more than sixty days without correcting the problems that placed it there. A Dry-Docked chapter has sixty additional days to correct these problems or they shall be decommissioned. **IF A CHAPTER IS IN DRY-DOCK STATUS DUE TO BEING BELOW REQUIRED CREW STRENGTH, THE CHAPTER SHALL REMAIN IN DRY-DOCK STATUS FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS, PROVIDED THE**

CHAPTER SHOWS A CONTINUED AND DOCUMENTABLE EFFORT TO RECRUIT MEMBERS. THIS STATUS SHALL BE RENEWABLE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD WITH A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS EVERY SIXTY DAYS.

IF, AT THE END OF THAT YEAR THE CHAPTER IS STILL BELOW REQUIRED CREW STRENGTH IT SHALL BE DECOMMISSIONED, IF, AT ANY TIME, A CHAPTER CORRECTS THEIR CHAPTER STATUS PROBLEMS THAT CHAPTER WILL BE RETURNED TO DEPLOYED STATUS.

I want to thank each member of the committee and my Vice Laura Dugas for their help and cooperation in this. It was my first time chairing such an ECAB Committee and each of them made it such an easy job for me. They each should be commended for their service. If you have any questions on this please feel free to contact myself or any member of the committee.

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 [chapterin@sf.org](mailto:chapterin@sf.org) or to [ops@sf.org](mailto:ops@sf.org), or download the document 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.

I am looking forward to reading reports on both the Chicago Non-Conference and Watkins Glen Weekend. I want to thank Mark Anbinder for keeping the faith at WGW by wearing his new Elvis shades...he almost looks as good in them as I do! I will be there next year!

*Jack Eaton*





## COMPOPS

VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, R15  
Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



[Sal here: Last issue, I introduced Chrissy Killian as the new Computer Operations Vice-Chief of Membership Processing. This issue, I've asked Chrissy to say a few words to let you know what's happening with her group. ]

Greetings STARFLEET!! My name is Chrissy Killian. I am currently serving as the Vice Chief of Membership Processing. Many of you may remember me as the Vice Chief of Operations under Joost Ueffing during Mike Malotte's tenure as Commander, STARFLEET. I want to thank Sal Lizard for giving me the opportunity to help make STARFLEET and great place.

In real life, I have worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 19 years -- the last 10 years as a Customer Service Representative answering the phone and assisting the public. Customer service is very much a part of who I am and it is very important to me. I hope I bring that to my job as Membership Processing Coordinator. I know that Membership Processing is very important to you, the member. You want

to know that your checks have been deposited, that your credit cards were processed correctly and when you will receive your membership package. I want to make sure that this all happens quickly and correctly.

Let me tell everyone a little bit about how the job has changed and what we are looking forward to in the next several years. Currently, the membership team is spread out across the United States. Mailed forms go to Lisa Pruitt in Lubbock, Texas. The bulk of our printed supplies (MHB, VR, etc) are done at Office Max stores that are local to the different teams to save time and costs. The stuffing of the membership packages is performed in 2 separate locations right now. Matt Ingles and his team are in Bangor, Maine, and I have a team here in Kingsburg, California. Once a membership application has been entered into the process, either by Lisa or online, we verify everything is correct and then release the membership information to Matt or my

team. We print the certificates and stuff the envelopes and to the Post Office they go. We have reduced membership processing from 6 - 8 weeks to under 4 weeks and most often less than 2. I even had one member tell me that he did his application online on a Sunday morning and had his membership package by the following Wednesday. Now we aren't always that fast, but we are trying.

I can't say enough about the team referred to as R15MP. Matt Ingles leads that team. He and his team are awesome! Matt has done a great deal to help streamline this process. I honestly can say without a doubt, that Matt is one of the reasons that membership processing moves as quickly as it does. Matt has designed templates and such that allow the speedy processing of membership certificates and other items that are printed individually. So Matt, in case I don't say it enough, "Thanks!!" I think that you and your team are a great asset to STARFLEET!!!!!!

There are some exciting things planned for the future with regards to membership processing. We are looking at different options that can be included with your membership package. The one thing I want to assure all members is that no matter what changes or options happen in the future, the basic membership packet that you receive now will always be available.

In closing, I just want to let everyone know that if they have any questions or problems with membership processing to please contact me and let me know what is wrong and I will work to make it right. And I want to thank Sal for giving me the opportunity to once again to serve STARFLEET.

Chrissy Killian

[Chrissy is very sincere in her desire to help you understand the membership process and to fix any membership processing problems you may have. Emails sent to membership@sfi.org will reach me, Chrissy and the MP team leaders. Or you can email Chrissy at compopsmp@sfi.org to comment to her only. ]

## 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

Craig Cheairs  
Don Shanks  
David Foster

### Fleet Captain / Brigadier

John Hoppa, Jr.    Thomas B. Heffner  
Norma Langlois    Barbara Lariscy  
David Reustle    Adam Bernay  
Mike Dethlefs    William B. Schnitger

### Rear Admiral/ Major General

Greg Franklin  
Richard Heim

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

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

### Promotion                      Nomination Submission Tips:

Submit    promotion    nominations  
early.

The SFI Promotions Department receives many nominations for promotions. Please try to plan ahead when nominating someone for a promotion to be awarded at events. You need to allow enough time for processing, and EC deliberation (plus 1 week for mailing) in order to receive a promotion certificate in time for an event. Submit promotion nominations as early as possible to ensure the certificate is received in time. If you submit your nomination 5 weeks (or earlier) prior to the event, you will have a better chance of receiving an answer to

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

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

--Filling out the Nominee Qualification section:

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

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

into the "Nominee Qualifications" area on the online form if you wish.

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

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

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

Brigadier Deborah A. Malotte  
STARFLEET Director of Promotions



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

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – JULY/AUGUST 2005

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)				OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)			SCHOOL OF ACCESSABILITY		
Brian Hager (D)	Sian Jackson (D)	James Jackson (D)	Dave Slaughter (D)	European Campus			Marie Wilson (D)	Monika Reinholz (D)	
Scott M. Curtis (H)	Jeffrey Victor (D)	Vanessa Winfield (D)	Andrew Tatlock (D)				INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC)		
Cora McClenahan (D)	Amy Fisher (H)	Mark A. Young (D)	Jeannie Hicks (D)	David Cross	John D. Peedle (D)	Nora Van Hoek			
Andrew Tatlock (D)	Steven Worth (D)	Alexis Warden (H)	Ashley Crowe (H)	OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)					
Charles L. Shananaquet II (H)	Celeste Miller (D)	Michael Anderson(D)	Michael Anderson(D)	Grady Glover (H)	Danielle Mitchell	Walter Sherwood(D)	Abe Smith (D)	Matias Alvarez (H)	Craig Wood III (D)
Dave Foster (D)	Karen Foster (D)	Ellen Winford Frei (H)	Steven Phillip Keller (D)				Wayne Augustson (D)	Mike Dethlefs (D)	Timothy Denny (D)
Brian Alexander	Joshua Grant (D)	Jenieve Grimes	Ronald J. Ryder (D)	Michael Anderson (D)	Nikki Green (H)		Monika Reinholz (D)	Leto Van Westen (D)	
Shane Russell (H)	Christopher Davidson (H)								
SCHOOL OF RECRUITING				FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL (FOS)			OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)		
Leto Van Westen	Wayne Augustson (H)	Charles Parks (D)		Samuel Cummings	Richard Jolitz (D)		European Campus		
Monika Reinholz (D)	Timothy Waldrop (D)						Leto Van Westen		

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE (CAHC)			COLLEGE OF HISTORY (COH)			SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA		
Tony Fleming (D)	Eric Johannson (D)	Martin Lessem (H)	Max Shoenfeld	Tracy Lilly	Cordian Miller	Jan Sleigh(D)*(2)	Becky Slater (H)	Paul Williams (D)
Susan Mahaffey (H)	Chanda Norman	Charles Thomas Parks (D)*(2)	Chrissy Killian	Stefan Laser	Michael Anderson (2)	Nikki Green (H)	Michael Anderson (D)*(2)	Samuel Cummings (D)
Jeremy Skelton (7)	Robert Suttles (D)*(2)	Michael Anderson (D)*(10)	Timothy Denny	COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES (COMS)			Daniel Dreesbach	
Guy Blandford	Samuel Cummings (D)*(5)	Scott Curtis (D)*(5)				SCHOOL OF LAW (LAW)		
Timothy Denny (D)*(2)	Julio Hayes (4)	Sian Jackson (D)*(12)	Heather Ford (H)*(2)	Eric Johannson (D)*(8)	Robert Suttles(2)	Reed Bates	Arron Ehly	Wayne L. Killough,Jr (D)*(3)
Tracy Lilly (D)*(3)	Monika Reinholz	Kaith Rush (H)	Karen Watson (D)*(3)	Chanda Norman (D)	Christopher Davidson	Monika Reinholz (D)*(2)	Charles Parks	
Brigitte Sader (D)*(5)	Jeremy Skelton	Dave Slaughter (D)*(12)	Samuel Cummings	Timothy Denny	Michael Anderson (9)	SCHOOL OF LITERATURE (SOL)		
Carolyn Zimdahl (D)*(4)			Sean Niemeyer	Jeremy Skelton	Donna Dimatteo			
COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)			Dean Eberly	Martin Lessem (D)	Dave Slaughter (D)*(3)			
			COLLEGE OF STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY			Michael Anderson		
Jan Sleigh (D) *(6)	Charles Thomas Parks (D)*(13)	Shane Russell (D)	Jan Sleigh (D)	Tracy Lilly (D)	John Schulte (D)	SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY (SOXA)		
Kyle Stewart (D)*(7)	Leto Van Westin (D)(8)	Scott Akers (D)*(2)	Aaron Clark (D)	Larry Neigut (D)	Anne Miller (D)			
Karen Watson (D)*(5)	Paul M. Reid	Clifford Olson (D)*(6)						
			DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)			Michael Anderson (19)	Judy Waidlich *(5)	Marie Wilson (4)
			Samuel Cummings (D)	Michael Anderson (D) *(7)	Jeremy Skelton (D)*(3)	COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION (COC)		
			Scott Akers	Antonio Lopes III (D)	Truman Temple (D)	Ros Haywood	Monika Reinholz	

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION

COLLEGE of the FANTASY REALM (COFTR)		COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION CINEMA (COSFC)			COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION TELEVISION (COSFT)	
COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY (COT)		Scott Akers (D)*(6)	Tom Pawelczak (D)*(4)	Judy Waidlich (D)*(7)	COLLEGE OF PHYSIOLOGY, HISTORY AND CULTURE	
		Monika Reinholz (H)*(3)	Victor Swindell (H)*(3)	Arron Ehly(D)*(3)		
		Glen Diebold (H)*(3)	Adrian Jones (H)*(6)	Clifford Olson (H)		
		Paul Reid (D)*(3)	Angel Avery (D)			

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY (SOBT)			COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (SACOM)			COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS (COTP)		
Michael Anderson	Caroline Pajany	Leto Van Westen	Michael Anderson (D)*(7)	Truman Temple (D)*(11)	Peggy Truchon (H)*(2)	VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)		
Carolyn Zimdahl	Raven Avery(Cadet)	Mike Dethlefs	Samuel Cummings(H)*(2)	Kristin Keller-Williams(D)*(9)	Amy L'Abbe (D)			
Michael Vermoesen		Brigitte Sader	Darlene Topp (D)	Bridgitte Sader (D)*(45)	Daniel Dreesbach (H)			
STARFLEET IN CYBERSPACE			Timothy Barrington (D)	Danielle Mitchell (H)	Clifford Olson			
Michael Anderson			Danielle Lilly (H)	Matias Alvarez (H)	Sally Andrews	Michael Anderson (H)*(5)	Jane Laswell (2)	Rachael Carlson (D)
			Cathey Osborne (H)			Anne Miller (D)*(4)	Darlene Topp	Antonio Lopes III (H)*(3)
						Chanda Norman	Joseph Dorfner	Monika Reinholz (H)
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (SOE)			STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL					
			Michael Anderson (D)*(2)					

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

GORN ACADEMY			KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)			SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY		
David Susman (4)	Michael Anderson (3)	Adrian Jones (3)	COLLEGE OF SURVIVAL STUDIES			Sean Niemeyer (D)*(4)	Michael Anderson (H)	Nancy Hall (H)
	Marie Wilson (2)	Anne Miller				Cathey Osborne	David Susman	
SECURITY SCHOOL			SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS (SOST)					
Shane Russell (D)	David Cross (D)*(2)	Lee Williamson (D)	MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM (MURP)					
Charles Parks (D)	Christopher Short (H)*(2)	Larry Neigut (D)*(2)	VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (VRCP)					
Nikki Green (D)*(3)	Michael Anderson (D)*(4)	Timothy Denny (D)						
Kaith Rush (D)	Leto Van Westen (D)	Dave Slaughter (D)*(3)						
Paul Williams (D)	Dean Eberly (D)	Arron Ehly (D)*(2)						
Jerimiah Eads (H)	Romell Bacon	Guy Blandford						

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



Since last update we've seen quite a bit happen, both within STARFLEET and with the so-called 'real world'. Mother Nature has seen fit to remind us all that she is not to be taken lightly, and my positive energies, well wishes, and prayers go out to those families whose lives have been changed forever by the pair of storms which have struck the American Gulf Coast.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, STARFLEET Academy's staff is continuing to work hard to better our 'customer service' to you the membership. The Academy's website has been moved to a more stable hosting environment than it had had prior, and updates are being made to our existing content.

Among them, I'm coordinating with the directors to establish better course descriptions for what we offer. A "level of difficulty" scale has been proposed, to help prospective students determine what coursework may require more time and/or effort for completion.

Those interested in building new subject matter for the Academy will

soon have available for download a set of guidelines for course development. A copy of these guidelines is currently available, just ask our Course Development Director, Darlene Topp for a copy. As mentioned in the last CQ, we're working on the development of a 'Teaser' series of courses. The half-dozen courses to be introduced this November will try to represent a variety of subjects offered through STARFLEET Academy, and will serve as a recruitment tool. The courses will be self-contained, with student materials, the test, and a graduation certificate, all of which can be downloaded and made available to people outside of STARFLEET who are curious about what one gets as part of their annual membership.

The Academy will have a director specifically assigned to this program, who will oversee distribution of the materials, and recording of the 'students' who complete these courses. If a student winds up signing up with STARFLEET as an active member, credit will be assigned to this new member for their having completed an Academy course, and listed in the Database as appropriate.

I'll have more details on this program, and the person who'll be overseeing it with the next issue of the CQ.

I wish to extend a welcome to Carol Thompson, who has been appointed as Dean for the Institute of Military Studies. Carol has been overseeing our voucher code program, and the MURP/VRCP programs for the Academy. She served as Vice-Commandant for the Academy in the prior administration, and I welcome the wealth of experience she brings to this position.

I would also like to welcome to the Academy staff Jeff Victor, who will be serving as our new Scholarship Fund Director. Jeff, a member of U.S.S. Challenger's crew in Region 7 recently coordinated a successful regional conference, and has a wealth of organizational skill to bring to this position. Mr. Victor and I will be coordinating efforts over the next few months to promote the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund, which is exclusively dependent upon donations from the membership. Updated contact information and details about how to apply for consideration in the scholarships awarded annually are being added to the Academy's

website. The Academy is set up with a PayPal account for online transfer of funds for those wishing to make donations toward the Scholarship program. Additional details will follow via email communication routes, as well as the next issue of the CQ.

#### BOOTHBY AWARDS

The Boothby Awards are designed to recognize students who continue to excel in the vast numbers of courses they take through the Academy. This awards program recognizes students who've successfully completed no less than 50 courses from STARFLEET Academy and the STARFLEET Marines Academy. The recipients for this period are posted here, the numbers of completed courses reflect the Database standings as of deadline for this issue of the CQ.:

**Bronze Boothby (50-99)**  
**Jan Sleight**

**Silver Boothby (100-149)**  
**Michael D. Anderson**

## REGION 4 NEWSLETTER HAS NEW EDITOR!

FCAPT J. Unicorn Escobedo • USS Augusta Ada, R4

Greetings,

First let me say THANK-YOU to Ed for entrusting me with my new position as Editor of the R4-Subspace Communicator. As I told Ed, I will be on a learning curve for awhile, as I really know nothing about MS Publisher. However I've bought the latest version, upgrade my version and have begun. I'm even looking into purchasing my first laptop/notebook (Dillio can we talk?). My first couple of issues may not have all the razzle/dazzle past issues have had, but I'm sure if you bare with me, that will change in time.

A couple of things I have talked to Ed about and wanted to change should I take the position were/are :

1) I plan to go to a bi-monthly issues. I believe that with so many already having to do monthly reports this will take a little pressure off them and allow them more time to write their columns/reports. My goal is to drop the SC in between CQ's.

2) This is the 'Members of Region 4 Newsletter'. In other words, no submissions, then we are going to have a very slim issue. The more submissions I have the bigger the issue will be. I can not promise to print everything I get, as sometimes I might wish to hold something for a future issue. However I will try to include as much as I can in a timely manner so things will not seem to dated. I'm looking to add specific columns and will be contacting folks in the near future to see if they are interested in being a part of this.

3) Currently I'm working with a deadline for this issue of Oct 20th. This means I want to have everything to me so that I can then get the issue to Ed for approval, with a publication around the first of November. However I've already ran into a problem at the start gate.

Currently I can ONLY access my various mail accounts via the Web. Comcast in their great wisdom the other day, pulled

all my connections (cable/internet high speed) thinking once again I had an illegal connection. This is a on going problem I've had with them for the past 12 yrs. They mark my line as real, but someone then takes my tag to place on their illegal connection and whoops I'm without service. I was supposed to have had it fixed that day, but it now looks like it might not be till next week before they can come back to fix what they started. In other words I may be going back to Earthlink. I will keep everyone posted. In the meantime, to send mail I have to access my address book on my PC, write down an address, then bring up my web mail, then type in the address, hoping I make no typing mistakes and try to send. Lots of work for a short note. Outlook is so much simpler when I have a direct connection.

As soon as I'm back up to speed I will be seeking submissions and telling more of my future plans for making this newsletter happen.

Finally on a personal note I would like to say that I have every CONFIDENT that I will not 'live to regret' my acceptance of this new position. I actively sought it and feel very honored to have been chosen, no matter what the process. I believe with my past experience of 6.5 yrs of Editor of the formal USS Atreides newsletter, that with a little time I will once again be able to publish something worthy of membership and possibly future awards for our region.

Thanks for all the well wishes and support. Sorry about all the spelling mistakes. I will be looking for a second pair of eyes to help with that too (hint, hint).

See you all in the funny pages. . . soon!!!

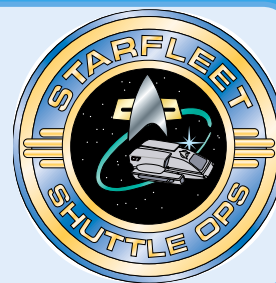
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# The SHUTTLEBAY

RADM Jerry Tien • USS Eagle, R4  
Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET



Many of you will recall from last issue that we launched quite a few shuttles recently. On one hand, most of these shuttles are doing great. On the other hand, life does create major challenges for some of them.

As Trek fans, we are used to seeing the ships & shuttles getting in and out of danger on TV. But we are not always prepared for real life disasters. Sadly, a disaster struck one of the new shuttles - Rahxephon, a Region 3 chapter based in Arabi, LA. Members of this chapter suffered serious losses after Hurricane Katrina. If you can spare anything, I'd urge everyone to donate to your favorite charities involved in hurricane relief effort.

On a happier note, we launched some new shuttles in August:

Shuttle Anubis (R15)  
Shuttle Ultimatum (R12)

Shuttle Anubis is currently based in Swampscott, MA. For information on joining this correspondence shuttle, please contact COMM Peter Lutz at [peterlutz@verizon.net](mailto:peterlutz@verizon.net). Shuttle Ultimatum is based in Springfield, MO. For information on that shuttle,

please contact CAPT John Watson at [john\\_r\\_watson32@yahoo.com](mailto:john_r_watson32@yahoo.com).

In addition to the basic shuttle updates, Shuttle Operations Command staff is working hard to bring you new materials for shuttle development. Look for new files available from the Department of Technical Services Resources page, plus the "So You Want to Design a Starship...?" guide from the Advanced Starship Design Bureau page. These will be followed by the Starship Data Archive and the Science/Technical Library. Take a look at <http://shoc.sfi.org> and let us know if you have any suggestions for additional materials.

Next, I would like to take a moment to go over some aspects about daily shuttle operations. Let me start with the Monthly Status Report. I received several inquiries about what to do when one encounters database problems. From time to time, like most web sites, the STARFLEET online database may encounter some difficulties. In those instances, it's more important to file the report than filing through the online database. Just think of it this way: reporting is required, reporting through the database is not. Please

utilize any means you have at your disposal to mail in your MSR's.

Continuing on the thread about chapter operations, some folks have found the task of shuttling a bit more challenging than they first expected. I like to compare the process of shuttling to opening a new franchise store. You are essentially starting a new business. As such, it would be helpful to acquire some basic business skills. After all, some of the common ideas that pop up in fleet discussions such as recruiting & retention are very fundamental business issues. Other common sense business practices also lend themselves to running a chapter.

Of course, this is not to say you must do everything on your own. I suggest all current and potential shuttle CO's utilize resources both inside and outside fleet. I want to encourage all shuttles to contact their motherships and the "home office" should they require any assistance. For example, I know the STARFLEET Recruiting and Retention Office are working on a new version of the SRAR manual. Be sure to take a look when it becomes available later this year. The key thing to remember is not to struggle on

your own. Utilize the vast arrays of resources fleet has to offer.

Finally, something that will hopefully improve your shuttle crew morale (actually it applies to the ships too) - the new STARFLEET International Individual Awards. If your crew worked hard to make the chapter successful, nominate them for these awards. Everyone wants to be appreciated. Please contact the Awards Director at [awards@sfi.org](mailto:awards@sfi.org) if you have any questions.

*Jerry Tien*



RAdm. Jerry Tien congratulates some winners at IC 2005 Casino Night

photo by R3 member



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# WHY SCIENCE?

## COMM Richard Heim • USS Alaric, R1

Why is science education so important? Besides the sheer enjoyment I get personally from studying science, why do I spend the time sharing science with other people as FRC Sciences Director and Region One Sciences RDC? For the answer, I'd like to share a couple quotes with you:

"If you're the technological leaders, then you're going to be the economic leaders. This nation (the United States) turns out about 60,000 engineers a year. China and Japan turn out about half a million."

"The principle reason I believe we must continue to be explorers is so we can inspire the young people of our nation to study engineering, math, and science, because without engineers, mathematicians, and scientists we will be incapable of providing the technologies we need to keep the economic engine of our country working."

The first quote came from a NASA Mission Control specialist, and the second from Gene Kranz, who we all will remember as the man in charge of Mission Control during the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission (and for many years after). I heard those quotes on a recent broadcast of BEYOND THE MOON: FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION 2, a TV special that dealt with the Space Shuttle program.

You may think, "So What? These are NASA people talking about the importance of science to their agency."

Well, think again. Here's another quote:

"Over a quarter-million math and science teachers are needed, and it's hard to tell where the pipeline is. That is like a ticking time bomb not just for technology companies, but for business and the U.S. economy."

Those words were said by Stanley Litow, head of the IBM Foundation, in a September 16 CNN online report. IBM is so worried the United States is losing its competitive edge, that the company will financially back employees who want to leave IBM to become math and science teachers. And it's not just one company. IBM's decision reflects tech industry fears that U.S. students are falling behind peers from Bangalore to Beijing in the sciences. Math and science are of particular concern to companies in many U.S. industries that expect to need technical workers but see low test scores in those subjects and waning interest in science careers.

Okay, so we need to be proficient in math and science in order to maintain the standard of living in this country, to keep our economy going, to support the infrastructure of modern civilization.

Is that all? Well, no. Here's another quote.

"While scientific literacy has doubled over the past two decades, only 20 to 25 percent of Americans are scientifically savvy and alert. Most of the rest don't have a clue. At a time when science permeates debates on everything from global warming to stem cell research, people's inability to understand basic scientific concepts undermines their ability to take part in the democratic process."

Wow. That's pretty heavy. Those words come from Dr. Jon D. Miller of Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, courtesy of an August 30 article in The New York Times. Dr. Miller, a political scientist who directs the Center for Biomedical Communications at the medical school, studies how much Americans know about science and what they think about it, for clients as diverse as the National Science Foundation, European government agencies and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. His findings are not encouraging.

Dr. Miller's data reveal some yawning gaps in basic knowledge. For example, "American adults in general do not understand what molecules are (other than that they are really small). Fewer than a third can identify DNA as a key to heredity. Only about 10 percent know what radiation is. One adult American in five thinks the Sun revolves around the Earth, an idea science had abandoned by the 17th century."

He noted that, at one time, this kind of ignorance may not have meant much for the nation's public life. Back then, it was enough "if you knew where the bridge should be built, if you knew where the fence should be built. Even if you could not read and write, and most New England residents could not read or write," he went on, "you could still be a pretty effective citizen." No more. "Acid rain, nuclear power, infectious diseases -- the world is a little different."

So, knowledge of science is crucial but Americans' understanding of scientific facts is mighty fuzzy. But even more disturbing is the fact that many people don't even know what science basically is. They have a vague idea that science deals with facts and math and theories and experiments, but they don't know how it really works.

More than 2000 years ago, the ancient Greeks were the first to introduce a scientific method, although it was based on reasoning and observation, not the systematic experimentation that forms the foundation of modern science. The Greeks reasoned using formal logic (called ratiocination) to go from their observations to make general conclusions (this process is called induction). This inductive process resulted in a number of theories and

conclusions that turned out to be wrong, such as the theory that the Sun revolved around the Earth. Modern science, developed about 400 years ago, is based on a different process called deduction.

Rep. Rush Holt, who is a physicist as well as a Congressman, gave a good definition of science recently (September 8 "Talking Points Memo" Internet blog): "Science, by definition, is a method of learning about the physical universe by asking questions in a way that they can be answered empirically and verifiably. If a question cannot be framed so that the answer is testable by looking at physical evidence and by allowing other people to repeat and replicate one's test, then it is not science. The term science also refers to the organized body of knowledge that results from scientific study."

What's that word, empirically, mean? Empirical means that you rely solely on experiment and observation rather than theory. Modern science involves conducting empirical studies to gather demonstrative measurable (quantifiable) evidence that will support or refute a hypothesis.

Carl Sagan, the well-known planetary scientist, noted that the reliance on carefully designed and controlled experiments is key. In his 1996 book, The Demon-Haunted World: Science As A Candle In The Dark, Dr. Sagan said the scientist starts with experimental results, data, measurements, facts. He or she proposes several possible explanations (hypotheses) and systematically confronts each explanation with the facts. Those hypotheses that survive this process are tentatively accepted. For this reason, a hypothesis must be falsifiable, i.e., constructed in such a way that the facts could prove it wrong. A hypothesis can never be proven right, it can only survive the test (and be accepted) or fail the test (be proven wrong, and rejected). Propositions that are untestable, unfalsifiable, are not hypotheses, they are not science.

Which brings me to a subject that has created quite a stir in recent weeks. This summer President Bush said that intelligent design should be taught in our schools alongside evolution in our science classrooms. This would be a terrible mistake. As Dr. Fred Spilhaus, Executive Director of the American Geophysical Union, said, "Intelligent design' is not a scientific theory. Advocates of intelligent design believe that life on Earth is too complex to have evolved on its own and must therefore be the work of a designer. That is an untestable belief and, therefore, cannot qualify as a scientific theory. Scientific theories, like evolution, relativity and plate tectonics, are based on hypotheses that have survived extensive testing and repeated verification. The President has unfortunately confused the difference between science and belief. It is essential that students understand that a scientific theory is not a belief, hunch, or untested hypothesis."

Dr. Holt asks, "So who cares? What difference does it make if schools spend time on unscientific ideas? This raises the role of science education in the United States. A scientifically literate nation would not permit intelligent design to be presented and treated as a scientific theory. Science education is necessary for all students, especially for those who are not going to become professional scientists. We must not lose the important American characteristic -- hard, practical thinking."

He continues: "Traditionally, Americans are a faithful people. Most say they are guided by their faith in their God. Also, Americans are an intellectually lively people. Our forbearers did not lapse into lazy thinking. Sometimes it has been called Yankee ingenuity or good old American know-how. Whatever you call it, it has been a source of our prosperity and quality of life. Throughout our history, every farmer, every business owner, every manufacturer, continuously has been thinking how things work and how to make them better. Americans have thought like scientists. Not just those in lab coats, but many Americans, even most Americans. We must not allow this American intellectual habit to be replaced with wishful thinking or lazy thinking. Intelligent design is lazy thinking."

Rep. Holt concluded by saying, "Our weakened state of science and mathematics education reverberates throughout national and even global issues, and this should be the focus of our school systems rather than a 'debate' that only diverts attention away from the challenges at hand. The United States must prepare for the changing global economy through fundamental scientific research fueling technological innovation. When the tenets of critical thinking and scientific investigation are weakened in our classrooms, we are weakening our nation. That is why I think the President's off-hand comment about intelligent design as the other side of the debate over evolution is such a great disservice to Americans."

I need to add a few words about science and God in this discussion. There are many scientists who believe strongly in science but who also believe strongly in God, that science and God are not mutually exclusive. This is possible because, as noted by Cornelia Dean in an August 23 New York Times article, science and religion are two separate realms, "nonoverlapping magisteria," as the late evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould put it in his 1999 book Rocks of Ages. In Dr. Gould's view, science speaks with authority in the realm of "what the universe is

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# J P AEROSPACE AND PONGSAT NEED YOU!

ENS Celeste Miller • USS Northern Lights, R4

September 17, Stardate 59178.6 -- While serving as the ship Helm officer was certainly a critical role that was essential in the efficient operation of the ship, it was rarely exciting. Verify course and speed, run diagnostics on the sensor array and attitude thrusters, scan for spatial anomalies; lather, rinse, repeat. The only time being a helm officer wasn't utterly routine was when the ship was in mortal danger. Certainly there were times when I felt that I could sleepwalk through my duty shift. Today would not be one of those days.

Commander Glenn Martin passed me a PADD with a data packet preloaded on the display. "JP Aerospace?" I asked. The commander nodded once with a wry smile and turned his attention elsewhere on the bridge. I skimmed the information for a surface delegation to contact and assess this mission-driven company that is trying to redefine space technology of the 21st century. Sure. Who am I to argue?

Within two hours I arrived with Security Ensign Peterson at JP Aerospace in Rancho Cordova, CA for a "journalism interview." I was put at ease by the warm welcome I received from President John Powell, Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Boortz, and Volunteer Paul Turner. These gentlemen were not only courteous, but as entertaining as they were knowledgeable. In their main office they proudly displayed a painting by Dave Archer, known for his artwork used in the Star Trek and The Next Generation television shows (and many, many others). But this only scratched the surface.



The largest Ascender Prototype build so far -- 175 feet long!

Here in the 21st century, the only approach to orbit is a ballistic launch that lasts approximately 4 minutes and requires a very big, dangerous rocket for acceleration. Each time this launch is completed the controllers cheer. John Powell said, "If every time a 747 took off and all the passengers jumped up and cheered, 'Oh yay, we didn't die!', is that really how you would want to do this on a regular basis?" This is why JP Aerospace developed a configuration with a three-part architecture platform for using lighter-than-air vehicles to reach space. The most notable example of this configuration is the vehicle they call the Ascender. It is an airship/dynamic vehicle that flies directly to orbit, using buoyancy to climb to 200,000 feet, and then it uses electric propulsion to slowly accelerate from there. Instead of a 4 minute ballistic flight, the Ascender takes several days to reach orbital velocity. Passengers aboard would enjoy a very luxurious trip up and back with spectacular views of Earth!

The amazing part about their lighter-than-air vehicle is how accessible it makes space travel. There is rigorous physical and mental training required of the 21st century astronaut. "Unfortunately, most people do not match the 'perfect physical specimen,'" said Boortz, "making it impossible for them to go to space." Since the Ascender uses a gradual non-ballistic trajectory, it makes space travel available to virtually anyone. It specifically makes it available to those who have always dreamed of going to outer space, and throughout the years have been continually inspired by that dream.

"The most important thing we do is not the air ships," said Powell. "We fly ping pong balls into space!" A PongSat is a student experiment that fits inside of a ping pong ball, which can then be flown to the edge of space by balloons or launched in sounding rockets. The PongSats are then returned to the students so they can check their experiments after the contents have been exposed to vacuum and cosmic rays. PongSats are flown at no cost to the student or school, so it is an easy and inexpensive way to get students excited about science and engineering.

"We thought that space was going to get more and more accessible but what happened was NASA institutionalized the whole idea of getting to space," said Boortz. "They've beaten it into the heads of a couple of generations of people that space is inaccessible. What we're doing with PongSats is completely getting around that and getting [to kids] before they've been



President John Powell, and Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Boortz with PongSats poster.

programmed to think that space is a place only the elite can go to."

Many popular experiments include sending film, bean seeds, and mini-marshmallows. One elementary school student sent a small computer in his experiment that transmitted telemetry data to his class in Modesto, CA. NASA also launches PongSat experiments into space, but researchers on their waiting lists have been known to wait up to two years. Boortz stated, "We have kids that have had more time with their experiments at altitude, at the edge of space, than a lot of these researchers." He also emphasized that, "We want these kids to know that we can build a spaceship and go to space, right out of the starting block." As of now, over 8000 children have been through the PongSat program. Congratulations, JP Aerospace, I think you've done just that.



The night watchman at JP Aerospace.

Before I departed from my gracious hosts they wanted to state a clear message. "Stop dreaming and watching TV about what we could do in the future and let's actually **do it**." An open invitation has been extended to all readers of this report to come and participate with JP Aerospace and their program. Volunteers are always needed to help with the construction, launch, and recovery of their test vehicles. They have also invited the crews of STARFLEET International to create PongSat packages for the next launch -- they will send your mini-Enterprise into space, the final frontier!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to JP AEROSPACE for sharing their vision with me. Your hospitality was beyond reproach. Thank you!

Until the next dispatch, you'll find me in the breach.

For more information:

JP AEROSPACE: JP Aerospace is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to achieving cheap access to space by building and flying VERY low cost, innovative systems. <http://www.jpaaerospace.com/>

DAVE ARCHER, ARTIST: Known as "reverse glass," or "verso" painting, his works are partially accomplished using millions of volts of electricity as a "paint brush" on glass. <http://www.davearcher.com>

PONGSAT USER'S GUIDE: Think big by thinking small. The PongSat program is designed to get students, researchers, engineers and people everywhere to be directly involved in space. <http://www.jpaaerospace.com/pongsat/PongSGuide-n.pdf>





Left to Right - President John Powell, Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Boortz, and Volunteer Paul Turner.



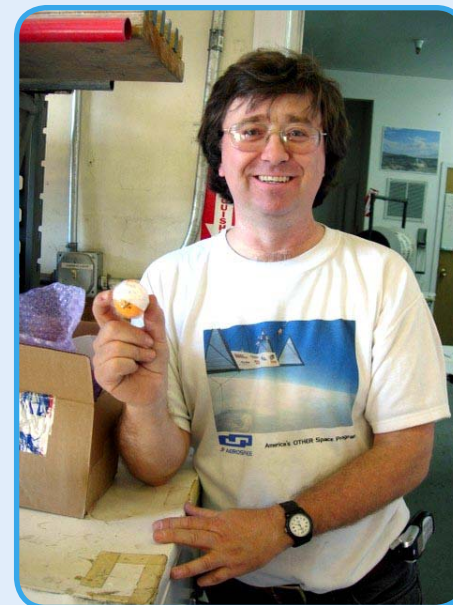
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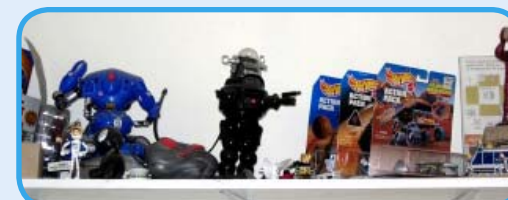
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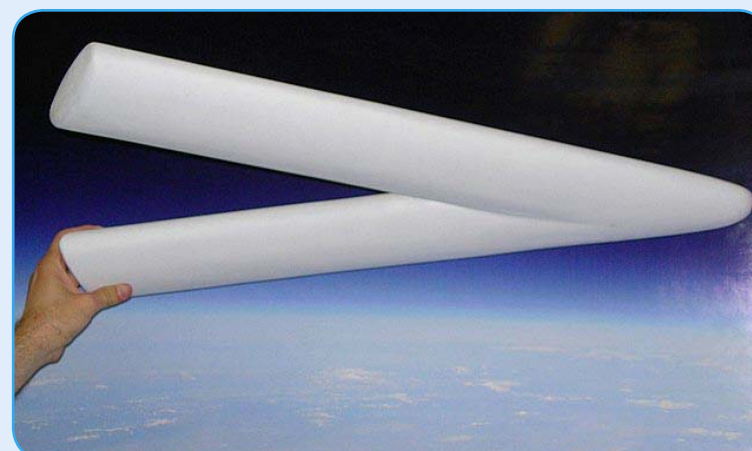
Ping pong ball experiment



Toys are the inspiration for great things!



Dave Archer's painting "JP Aerospace Rising"



The Ascender in space (soon!)



CFO BANK REPORTS

ADM Pat Spillers • USS Victory, R3

Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET

SFI Income Statement		Prepared by	August
		Pat Spillers	2005
Beginning Balance			
Bank of America balance			\$47,387.03
Transfer from previous bank			\$0.00
Other			
Bank balance			\$47,387.03
Income			
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	Checks and money orders	\$308.00	
	Credit cards	\$1,355.00	
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Interest on Savings			\$25.56
Total Income			\$5,495.06
Expense			
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Skipjack and Paynet Fees			\$199.00
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	Checks and cash		\$0.00
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Total Income			\$0.00
Grand Total			\$1,302.59
Expense			
Other			
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made of (fact) and why does it work this way (theory)” and religion holds sway over “questions of ultimate meaning and moral value.”

Science deals with the physical world, matters of God dwell in the spiritual world. Science can never be used to examine spiritual subjects. Likewise, faith is an inappropriate way to understand the physical world. God is a matter of faith and belief. Science doesn’t deal with faith.

As Kenneth R. Miller, a biology professor at Brown, says, “belief is never an issue in science.” For Dr. Miller and other scientists, research is not about belief. “Faith is one thing, what you believe from the heart,” said Joseph E. Murray, who won the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1990 for his work in organ transplantation. But in scientific research, he said, “it’s the results that count.” Although they embrace religious faith, believing scientists also embrace science as it has been defined for centuries. This bears repeating: scientists look to the natural world for explanations of what happens in the natural world and they recognize that scientific ideas must be provisional -- capable of being overturned by evidence from experimentation and observation.

As Dr. Spilhaus said, “Ideas that are based on faith, including ‘intelligent design,’ operate in a different sphere and should not be confused with science.”

I agree with Marvin Cohen, president of the American Physical Society (APS), when he says, “If such things are to be taught in the public schools, they belong in a course on comparative religion, which is a particularly appropriate subject for our children given the present state of the world.”

I personally like the idea of intelligent design. It is an appealing idea for my faith in God. But it isn’t science and shouldn’t be taught as science.

I’ll conclude this article with a quote from Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education: “We ignore public understanding of science at our peril.”

More information on this subject can be found online at:  
<http://alaric3rh.home.sprynet.com/science/sci-attack-a.html#scied050830>  
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Membership Processing			\$106.15
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	Paypal		\$0.00
	Checks and cash		\$10.65
Interest on Savings			\$0.00
Total Income			\$10.65
Grand Total			\$1,313.24
Expense			
Other			
Total Expenses			\$0.00
Ending Balance			\$1,313.24





# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FLEET HISTORIAN

## GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R13

Greetings Historical Pilgrims and fellow Raiders of the Lost Warpcore. This issue (and for the next two issues afterwards) the Office of Fleet Historian is going to take a different tact in our articles, and instead of writing about STARFLEET history, is going to concentrate on Star Trek history and specifically the history of the Constitution Class of Heavy Cruisers. Those first 14 ships of which the USS Enterprise NCC-1701 was just one that forged ahead around the first Centennial of the Federation's founding. What we will look at is the history of the names of each of those ships: Republic, Constellation, Constitution, Enterprise, Farragut, Lexington, Yorktown, Excalibur, Exeter, Hood, Intrepid, Valiant, Kongo, Potemkin, as well as the NCC-1746 Defiant. Over the next three articles we will discuss five ships each, the History of the Name, some pictures of previous ships with those uniquely Terran names, and some highlights of those CH's (with the exception of the Enterprise since it would take many many thousands of pages to cover all of her exploits).

In this issue we will discuss and look at the first five of the above list, specifically the USS Republic NCC-1371, USS Constellation NCC-1071, USS Constitution NCC-1700, USS Enterprise NCC-1701, and the USS Farragut NCC-1702.

First up then is the USS Republic, NCC-1371, whose number indicates that it came well before the class-ship, the Constitution. What we do know about her, is that our favorite TOS era captain, James T. Kirk, served on the Republic, as his rank at the time was Ensign ("Court Martial"), and we know that he had served as an instructor at the Academy at one time ("Where No Man Has Gone Before"), and that his FIRST fleet assignment was as a Lieutenant aboard the USS Farragut "Obsession", we can logically surmise that the Republic was a training vessel assigned to the Academy. Further inquiring to STARFLEET's resident technical guru, Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, about the numbering issue of the Republic and the Constellation, we get the following answer; "The general feeling seems to be that those two ships were refit into the Constitution configuration from earlier designs, to wit, the Horizon-class Constellation and the Archon-class Republic. (Both those designs were close to identical, and while the

upgrade would be pretty major, it's not impossible.)" (1) Thus it is my contention that the Republic was an earlier vessel, drastically upgraded, at least in flight characteristics to that of the Constitution class, and probably after the whole class had been built, for the express purpose of hands-on training Academy Cadets, much like we saw the Enterprise later assigned during "The Wrath of Khan".

The name 'Republic' meaning "A political entity governed by representatives directly elected by the populace, to rule and govern in their name", has had several Earth predecessors.

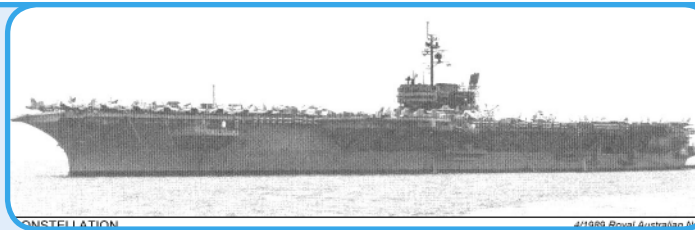
There was an SS Republic, an American Steamship that sank in 1865 carrying what is believed to have been a fortune in gold Union coinage on its way to New Orleans at the end of the American Civil War.

Another Republic, the RMS Republic (older White Star Line sister of the RMS Titanic), also sank, fifty miles off the coast of Nantucket on January 24<sup>th</sup> 1909, a little over five years after she was first launched in October, 1903. (2) Unlike Titanic, all but three members of her 1600 passengers and crew were rescued.

The USAT Republic, AP-33, built in 1907 as President Grant, ownership was taken by the US Government in 1917 where she turned over to the Navy originally Commissioned USS President Grant. She was later transferred to the Army Transportation Service (ATS) as the USAT Republic in 1920. Returned to the Navy in 1941, and recommissioned USS Republic (AP-33) and served as a troop ship until the end of World War II.

France built two ships of the Le Republique Class (Le Republique and Le Patrie) in 1902/03. At 439 feet long and displacing 14,865 tons and having a crew of 793 men, they were the largest ships built by France up to that time. They were armored with 12 inches of steel, and armed with two turrets of two 12 inch guns each, 6 turrets of two 6.8 inch guns, and 6 individual casemate guns of 6.8 inches.

Our next ship is the USS Constellation, NCC-1017. As stated above by Adm. Rosenzweig, the Constellation was most likely a Horizon Class Cruiser, upgraded to Constitution specifications.



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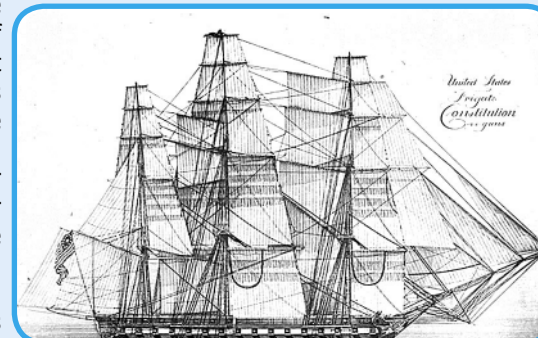
One apparent explanation is that the Constellation was the frame used to build the Constitution prototype for warp-trials and experiments before actually building the new class of ships. What we know of that Constellation though is that it was last commanded by Commodore Matt Decker, and was lost with all hands defeating the Planet Killer device in 2267 somewhere near the L-370 and L-374 systems, "The Doomsday Machine".

Four ships of the United States Navy held the name Constellation. The first 38 gun frigate built in Gosport (Norfolk) Virginia, was ordered named by the fledgling US Congress to represent the new constellation of stars on the flag of the young country. She was the first homegrown purpose built warship of the United States Navy, and thus the first to engage, defeat and capture an enemy vessel.

The second Constellation was a sloop-of-war built in 1855, and served on active duty in various capacities until 1933. She is now a National Historic Landmark in the Harbor of Baltimore, Maryland. There is much controversy over whether this ship is actually the first Constellation, rebuilt and reconstructed. The proponents of this theory say that large quantities of the original ship were used in the construction of the second, while opponents contend that this was a common practice, and that the second ship is of different dimensions, shape, and that the majority of her structure and fittings including her keel are of all new materials and is thus a new ship. The debate continues as late as spring 2005.

The third Constellation was a Battlecruiser (CC-2) laid down in 1920, but as a result of the Washington Naval Disarmament Treaty, was cancelled in 1923. Interesting note, her two sister ships, the USS Lexington (CC-1) and the USS Saratoga (CC-3) were rebuilt and became the second and third Aircraft Carriers of the United States Navy. More on the Lexington in the next issue of this series of articles. The fourth Constellation was Kitty Hawk class Aircraft Carrier, powered by Steam Powered Turbines and fueled with conventional Marine Diesel, she served from 1961 to 2003, when she was finally retired. Built at the New York Naval Shipyard, she displaced 81,733 tons when fully loaded, and had a crew of 2775 enlisted and 155 officers, and an aircrew of 2160 enlisted and 320 officers when fully deployed.

Her Air Group would carry up to 20 F-14 Tomcats (Fighters), 20-FA-18 Hornets (Fighter/Attack), 4 EA-6 Prowlers (Electronics), 12 A-6 Intruders (Attack), 4 E-2 Hawkeyes (Early Warning), 10 S-3 Vikings (Anti-Submarine Warfare), and 6 Rescue Helicopters.



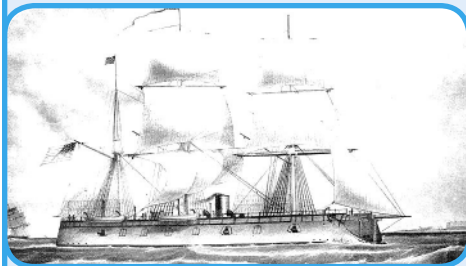
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Following TOS, we learn of a new class of ships, in the years before The Next Generation era, called the "Constellation" class. A deep-space exploration and defensive patrol and cruiser with four nacelles, Captain Picard's first command was the USS Stargazer, a ship of the Constellation class ("The Battle"). Other known ships of that class were the Victory and Hathaway. A ship named the Constellation transported the abandoned Jem'Hadar from Deep Space 9 to Starbase 2001 in 2371 ("The Abandoned").

Our next ship is the class ship, and probably the most famous Ship Class of Star Trek. The Constitution, named after the first full ship of that Class, the USS Constitution, NCC-1700. The only on screen reference to the ship was of the technical schematics seen in the episode "Space Seed", however it is widely accepted that it was the first ship of the class, and both Fandom and production crews have gone forward on that premise since. The class is a Heavy Cruiser with Twin Nacelles, a primary hull, and a secondary or engineering hull. Carrying on the general lines of human designed warp ships from Cochrane's "Phoenix" to the "Galaxy" and later classes, the basic lines of the Constitution class are both elegant and utilitarian.

The first USS Constitution was a wooden hulled, three-masted frigate with 44 guns. She was nicknamed "Old Ironsides" after a battle during the War of 1812, when British cannonballs simply bounced off her oaken hull. She was built before that war to deal with the pirates of the Barbary Coast, but served her country well in the aforementioned War of 1812. She was part of a six-ship class designed by Joshua Humphreys authorized in 1794, and

named after the Constitution of the United States. She was classified IX-21 for a time, but since 1975 she has had no classification. Currently she is afloat in Boston Harbor, and holds the contested honor of the oldest warship afloat.



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A second USS Constitution CC-5 was begun; however, as a result of the aforementioned Washington Naval Treaty, she was scrapped in 1923. Like the Constellations, she was to be a 43,500-ton Lexington class battle cruiser.

While no other US Navy ship has carried the name "Constitution", an iron clad warship during the American Civil War did carry the name "New Ironsides" in tribute to the famous Frigate. Serving as a blockade ship, she effectively neutralized the power of the Merrimac type iron clad ram ships of the Confederacy. (6)

Other Terran ships named Constitution have included the Brazilian Frigate "Constituição" F-42 (General Purpose), part of the Niteroi Class built by Vosper Thornycraft of England for the Brazilian government in 1972. (7) Also, the Venezuelan 121 ft. Fast Attack Craft the "Constitución" P-11, again built by Vosper Thornycraft in 1973, the first of a six-ship class. (8)

I won't go into much detail about the Starfleet ships named Enterprise, it's been done, and it is much more detail than this article can cover. However, I will briefly state the histories of the eight ships of the United States Navy named Enterprise. According to the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, Enterprise means "Boldness, energy, and invention in practical affairs." In effect that name has been, is, and will be the byword of Naval Boldness.

The first ship was originally a British Sloop for carrying mail named "George." Renamed Enterprise, she served as a sloop-of-war for a short period of time at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

The second ship was a schooner that was purchased for the Continental Navy and commanded by Captain Joseph Campbell. Operating in the Chesapeake Bay, she acted as a convoy guard ship, performed reconnaissance, and protected the

coast from British raiding parties. By 1777 she was transferred to the Maryland Council of Safety.

The third was a schooner built for the young US Navy in 1799 by Henry Spencer.

The fourth was also a schooner and began active duty in 1831. This era was one of general prosperity for the country and relative decline for the Navy. While many European nations and even South American nations were building up their naval forces, the young United States looked westward across the great continent, and let their fleet from the War of 1812 decline. This was to be a pattern repeated after the civil war, and again after the First World War.

The fifth was a steam powered screw driven sloop put into active service in 1877.

The sixth was a non-commissioned motorlaunch serving during World War I, as a transport in the Second Naval District (Newport, Rhode Island). (9)

The seventh USS Enterprise CV-6, or the "Big E", was the most-decorated US Ship of World War II and served in virtually every major campaign in the Pacific Theater of Operations. The third purpose built Carrier of the US Navy, she was the sister ship of the USS Yorktown, CV-5, another name we will hear more of in the next issue. Eventually retired in 1946 (10), she was replaced by the current US Ship of that name.

The eighth USS Enterprise, CVN-65, was the world's first nuclear powered nuclear aircraft carrier. Her eight Westinghouse pressurized water-cooled A2W nuclear reactors generate enough steam to power four shafts in driving the 93,970 fully loaded vessel in speeds of excess of 33 knots. With basically the same crew and Airwing as the Constellation above, she is still serving on active duty today, and has seen service in every major operation conducted by the US Navy since her launch in 1960 and commissioning on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1961. (11)

The British have had ten ships named Enterprise, from the first captured French vessel "L'Enterprise" put into service in 1707, to the current HMS Enterprise H-88, a modern and high tech multi-role SVHO (Survey Vessel (Hydrographic/Oceanographic)), along with her sister ship Echo. With a standard crew of 72, she displaces, 3470 tons, and has a length of 90 meters. In between were several sloops of war, a mail ship, three ship of the line, a modern destroyer, and a Emerald Class light cruiser that was built for World War I, but ended up serving in World War II.

The first Space Shuttle Orbiter OV-101 Enterprise was originally going to be named the shuttle Consitution but due to a large write-in campaign, led by former STARFLEET member Bjo Trimble and others, the Ford White House was convinced to select the name Enterprise. Used as a test vehicle, she made eight captive test flights (married to a specially equipped Boeing 747), and five free flights with two separate crews.

Lastly, there is the VSS Enterprise, the proposed first vessel to be built by Richard Branson for his Virgin Galactic tourism fleet.

The final ship we will discuss this month is the USS Farragut, NCC-1702. The unlucky ship was the vessel that encountered the Dikronium Cloud Creature in the episode "Obsession" under the command of Captain Garrovick, while a young Lt. Kirk served onboard.

Another USS Farragut, a Nebula class Light Cruiser, was seen rescuing the crew of the Galaxy class Enterprise after it crashed on Veridan III ("Star Trek: Generations") and was later reported destroyed while trying to evacuate Federation Colonists during the brief Klingon offensive in 2373 ("Nor the Battle to the Strong").

The original US Navy ships, all Destroyers, were named after Admiral David Farragut, Admiral of the United States Navy during the Civil War, and commander of the successful operation that took New Orleans and opened the Mississippi to the Union Forces. It has been said that it was this campaign which split the Confederacy from its western supply base and is what spelled the end of the Confederacy.

The first Farragut, TB-11, was a Torpedo Boat Destroyer during World War I and patrolled the Panama Canal's eastern entrance during that conflict. She was the third of the Dahlgren class, and one of only 35 US Navy TBs ever built.

The second was a Clemson Class Destroyer DD-300 commissioned on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1920, and just missed service in World War I, decommissioned in 1930.

The third Farragut DD-348 was the class ship for a set of eight single-stack destroyers that served before and during World War II in both theatres of operations. (12)

The fourth Farragut began as a DL-6 the class ship (Destroyer Leader) in 1960, but these ships later became the Coontz Class DDG (Guided Missile Destroyers), with a crew of 377 enlisted and 25 officers, and the ability to carry a 19 man flag officer

contingent as well. Farragut served primarily in the Atlantic Theatre until the late 1980's when she and her sisters began to be replaced with the Kidd Class and Spruance Class destroyers. (13)

The fifth USS Farragut is under construction, and will be numbered DDG-99. A second generation Arleigh Burke class Guided Missile Destroyer, the Farragut will be a state of the art, multi-purpose vessel capable of long-range and sustained cruising, with an efficient gas-turbine engine system, 80 missile launchers with multiple reloads, a five inch (127 cm) gun capable of firing 20 rounds per minute to a range of 12.6 nautical miles, six torpedo launchers, and a platform to land, fuel and rearm up to two helicopters at a time. This class except for its funnels is built entirely of steel, with an additional seventy tons of Kevlar armor protecting vital spaces. Constuction on the Farragut has been completed and she is slated to be commissioned next year. (14)

## Conclusion

Well that's all for now folks, I hope you enjoyed the history lesson. Next issue we will cover the next five ships, specifically the Lexington, Yorktown, Excalibur, Exeter, and Hood. The first two are historically US Navy names, and the latter three historically British Navy names.

Until next time, I remain historically yours;

GEN Scott A. Akers, Director  
STARFLEET Office of Fleet Historian

## Footnotes

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# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT!

ADM Marlene J. Miller, Director • USS Renegade, R1  
ADM Sherry Anne Newell • USS Morning Star, R12  
ADM Helen M. Pawlowski • USS Troubador, R12

Welcome to the latest edition of the Annual Campaign Report. It's hard to believe but we're nearing the end of "The Year of Fellowship, Fun and Friendship" (shortened to "F3"). We've gleaned activity information for this report, from your chapter's July and August 2005, Monthly Status Reports (MSRs). In reading the MSRs we notice that some ships have engaged in activities that, while they cost nothing but time, have given their members recognition in the community as well as personal satisfaction.

Donating books to nursing homes which have no library is an excellent ship-wide project. Everybody has at least ONE paperback or hardback book they're willing to part with -- to surrender to a good cause -- don't you??

At the Conference, eight chapters were recognized for their involvement in their community: USS KITTY HAWK, USS BEXAR, USS SAINT GEORGE, USS RICHTHOFEN, USS WILLIAM WALLACE, USS AVALON, USS KASIMAR, and USS WIND SPIRIT. Recognizing the Cream of the Cream at ICs is an ongoing project and will continue in the future, but we need your help.

We'd like to conduct a MONTHLY CONTEST that would judge submissions from ships or individuals showing a way the ship could cheaply yet successfully benefit some portion of the community. The winning suggestions would be recognized with a certificate of award, photos, an explanation in the Communiqué as well as bragging rights for the month.

In order to coordinate this effort, a position of "Public Relations Officer" or "Annual Campaign Liaison" could be created on each ship; this officer would be responsible for the publicity generated in the local free advertising journals (you know, the ones they throw on your lawn every week).

The PR person could then collect the proposed (or already accomplished) tasks and forward them to us for consideration. The winning ideas would then be sent back to you to share with the Commanding Officers in your region.

Since this is a new concept, we welcome your input and are grateful for any advice on the subject.

Please send suggestions and comments to:

Helen Pawlowski  
4837 Germania Street  
St. Louis, MO 63116.

Moving right along.... here are the top choices for "GOOOOOD STUFF" 'Fleeters have been working on since our previous CQ report.

Region 1:  
SHUTTLE EXCALIBUR donated Crayola crayons for Canton, Ohio school groups. USS ALARIC voted to become the sister ship to the USS EUROPE. USS APPOMATTOX had a fund-raising bake sale. USS ATHENA is having a back-to-school drive for foster children. The drive has yielded back packs and school supplies. USS CHARLESTON has a fund-raising beading project for flea market sales. USS GALLIFREY - an away mission to the Huntingdon Caverns enabled them to pan for fossils, gems and gold. The ship also hosted a Community Block Party benefiting 100 children of underprivileged families with donations of well over \$5,000.00. USS HEIMDAHL won the \$500.00 charitable organization grant given by Wal-Mart for the second year in a row. The money will help sponsor the HEIMDAHL's Christmas charities. A \$70 gift certificate for the purchase of pet food was given to "Animeals", a program to help feed pets of Meals on Wheels recipients. They also held an auction of over 130 items donated by crew members and local merchants, to raise money for their Christmas charities. The auction raised \$337.00. USS JURASSIC's CO was interviewed by phone by BBC News 24 about the death of James Doohan to get the reaction of a Star Trek fan. The KITTY HAWK donated books to a nursing home. They also had an away mission to World Con in Scotland! The USS OHIO assisted the USS GALLIFREY with their block party. USS PRIDE OF SCOTLAND donated magazines to Baptist Hospital East. They also donated \$100.00 worth of toiletries, personal items and gently-used clothes. The crew sent "Operation Teddy Bear" stuffed animals and toys for Iraqi children, donated video tapes and books to a local library and gave 24 stories on tape to a visually impaired person. Two members are actively involved with Hurricane Katrina assistance.

USS RENEGADE sends "care" packages to military in Iraq. Some items in the packages were donated by the USS OHIO. They also give books to the Friends of the Library and the Central Park Retirement Home, as well as food and pet food. USS REPRISAL launched the SHUTTLE INDEPENDENCE. USS STAR RUNNER sends monthly "care" package to the troops.

Region 2:  
SHUTTLE ANDROMEDA went to see NASA's shuttle COLUMBIA launch at Kennedy Space Center. USS BLACKSTAR donated to the James Doohan scholarship fund in the name of their deceased Chief Engineer. USS DAUNTLESS postponed next year's trip to Dragon Con, donating the money instead to Hurricane Katrina relief. USS GASPARILLA volunteered at the pledge center to raise money in the Humane Society of Tampa Bay's 2005 PETelethon. USS HAISE welcomed two new recruits. USS SPIRITWALKER turned 7! Happy Birthday! USS PAEGAN is going to do a haunted house as a local library fundraiser.

Region 3:  
SHUTTLE RAHXEPHON is having a pop top drive to benefit a local three-year-old who is undergoing tumor treatments. USS AURORA VULCANUS is helping SHUTTLE RAHXEPHON which had members hit by Hurricane Katrina. USS BEXAR was largely responsible for the '05 I.C. USS FIREBIRD compiled four "care" packages for soldiers in Iraq. They successfully completed five kitten rescues. USS TEJAS is still collecting for the "Miles of Pennies." USS LONE STAR assisted in a local model airplane group with an event and received \$100.00 for their treasury as a "thank you". They also prepared and served dinner at the local Ronald McDonald House.

Region 4:  
SHUTTLE BATTLE BORN manned phones for MD Telethon during Labor Day weekend. USS ANGELES placed flowers and candles on Jimmy Doohan's star on the "Walk of Fame" in Hollywood, California. USS PEACE KEEPER assembled 300 membership packets.

Region 5:  
USS DESTINY will be conducting their annual beach clean-up.

Region 6:  
USS THUNDERCHILD sewed tribbles for the Children's Miracle Network.

Region 7:  
USS ALBANY held a yard sale raising \$525.00 for the Ronald McDonald House. USS ASCENSION hosted a regional picnic which was attended by 5 chapters: ADAMANT, ARCHER, AVENGER, CHALLENGER and SOVEREIGN. USS NIAGRA sent an away team to Alaska to participate with Director Carol Thompson of the Starfleet Academy Survival Studies School in a training course. They also set up a program on eBay to sell items for Hurricane relief. A new member was added to their roster. USS RICHTHOFEN reports "Cauldron Con" was a great success.

Region 12:  
SHUTTLE ROSEN assisted a family with food, gas and electricity. USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA is participating in a school supply program for Iraqi children. USS CLAYMORE started a puppet theater for their local library. They also gathered 30 boxes of school supplies for Iraqi children. USS DRAGONSTRIKE welcomed two new members. USS HEXUM participated in the St. Louis Humane Society Summer Rescue Campaign. USS MORNING STAR attended a pizza party with two of its former shuttles, and one "grandchild".

Region 13:  
USS MAQUIS welcomed a new member.

Region 15:  
SHUTTLE MENAHGA donated collectible statuary to a local ambulance company for a benefit for an EMT who was diagnosed with cancer. An away team visited the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". USS ARES also visited "Old Ironsides". USS AVALON continues its food bank. USS GALAXY revealed two of their members are getting married! USS KASIMAR participated in a 4th of July parade in uniform and made a float with the club's 4-foot "Enterprise" model. USS TIBURON supports Fellowship by attending Star Trek Meet-Up dinners and Friendship in the community with bus stop adoption.

Region 17:  
USS MOONTYPE at the Star Trek Experience in Las Vegas passed out membership applications in Braille and large print in recruitment efforts to attract the visually impaired. USS PIONEER has set a goal of \$50,000.00 in Overseas Coupon Project (OCP) for 2005. USS TIBURON commissioned at IC '05 in San Antonio.

Region 20:  
USS BRITTANIA collected mobile phones and printer cartridges which were donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Thirteen ships mentioned involvement with Hurricane Katrina relief or assistance.

Charities benefiting and summarized in this installment include:

Eliada Children's Home, Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, Center for Women and Families, Angels for Animals, Animal Charity League, United States Humane Society, Decatur Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Tampa Bay, Wilbarger and Wichita County Humane Society, Wichita County Humane Society, St. Louis Humane Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hill County Ministries, Round Rock Food Pantries, Youngstown Food Pantry and U.S. Marines Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, First

Step, American Diabetes Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Food for the Poor, Caring Unlimited, United Way, and Deseret Industries.

Members are busy collecting cancelled stamps, coupons for the OCP, Campbell's soup labels, Box Tops for Education, and pop tops. We're also recycling cans, plastics, and glass. Quite a few 'Fleeters are participating in walks, hikes, bike rides, blood drives, and runs for various causes.

Yes, we're a concerned, compassionate and busy group!

In Fellowship and Service to the 'Fleet:

Sherry, Helen, & Marlene



USS New Hope CO, CAPT Nancy O'Shields and XO, CMDR Jan Sleight with Douglas H. Arthurs (Heru'ur on Stargate SG-1).  
Picture taken at DragonCon 2005



USS BEXAR crew with Vaughn Armstrong  
Crew Members from left to right. First row (kneeling)  
Henry Gutierrez, Cindy Valdez, Nicolas Stewart  
Standing - Robert Embrey, Izzy Valdez, Terrie Thomas, Alice  
Champion, Robert Ybarra, and Amy Esqueda.  
Not pictured. Lisa Gutierrez, Ruth Ann Aguero, Diana Martinez,  
Kevin Arnold, Alex Trevino, and Edward Thomas.  
Submitted by Terrie Thomas and Robert Ybarra



Members of the USS Bexar in a group picture with other volunteers from Nestle Waters(Ozarka), ClearChannel Communications, Beta Lambda Upsilon, and Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in front of one of the nearly filled trucks.



ENS JoAnna Wahlund and Baby Elly of the  
USS St. George.



Classic Trek Geek  
CAPT Jess Lindenfelser  
of the USS St. George



BDR Tom Webster, CO of the USS Saint  
George, participates in the Polar Bear  
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## FROM THE 'DANT BDR John Roberts Commandant, SFMC

State of the SFMC  
September 2005

Greetings Marines! Please forgive the length; there is a lot of information to apprise you of this month:

### HURRICANE KATRINA

I would like to take this time to express my sincere condolences and sympathies to anyone who has lost friends and loved ones or been affected directly by the tragedy in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In an effort to help relieve some of the suffering, and to reward those of you who spend your valuable time and efforts to try and aid those affected, I am pleased to announce an addition to the list of programs that will qualify you for the Commandant's Campaign Award for this year:

Any Marine (or group of Marines) who organize and participate in drives to raise funds, food, or other supplies or to take care of those affected by this disaster, will qualify for the award. You must participate and give of your time and effort, simply giving money or supplies will not qualify you for this award. If you are working to alleviate the suffering, please make sure it is reported by your unit OIC in the next unit report (Due October 1) and we will make sure the names of those helping gets added to the list to be awarded at the end of the year.

You should also remember that your actions MAY qualify you for the SFMC Disaster Relief award if they are made in direct aid to those affected by the tragedy in the Gulf area. It is my privilege to recognize two Marines who have been rendering aid to those who were displaced by the hurricane:

T'Anna Harrington  
([t\\_anna\\_kirk@yahoo.com](mailto:t_anna_kirk@yahoo.com))

Jeannie Hicks  
([jlyandsodoi@yahoo.com](mailto:jlyandsodoi@yahoo.com))

of the 12BDE are hereby award the Disaster Relief Award for their efforts to alleviate the suffering and stress of those affected by Hurricane Katrina by

volunteering her time and efforts to help at a Red Cross Disaster Shelter in her home town.

Thank you for your efforts to help others, it is greatly appreciated.

### OIC Residency Requirement

After careful consideration of the question (as presented by another Marine), the GS has decided that:

Effective immediately all Officers in Charge (BN/BDE) must be residents of the BN or BDE they represent. This rule also applies to their DOICs. This requirement is intended to make sure that the leaders and deputies for each level are available to attend events and will understand the area they are supposed to be leading. This requirement does NOT affect those who already hold these posts and who may not be residents of the area they lead or serve as DOIC for, it only affects those appointed to their positions from this date forward.

### COMMANDANT'S ADVISORY GROUP

This group will be made up of the following people:

Members of the General Staff (in order to make sure the advisory group has all of the relevant information when discussing issues or potential ideas for the SFMC; Any and all past Commandants of the SFMC who are still serving (in order to provide insight and information on how things have been done or considered in the past); and, one marine from each of the Brigades of the SFMC with active MSG's. These marines should not be members of the BDE Staff and preferably not members of the BN Staffs within the BDE, I would like them to be the everyday marines who we are all (from BN Staff up) trying to serve and help make the most of their SFMC experience.

I am still looking for people from all BDEs except 1, 15 and 17; if you are interested in being part of the advisory group, please email me at [dant@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:dant@sfi-sfmc.org) and tell me the BDE you are part of and why you would like

to be a member of the group. I will announce the members of the advisory group as each is named and added to the mailing list so that everyone will know who is serving and how to contact them.

### Bank Account Information

We started the month of August with a balance of \$1,302.59. There was no activity in the account for the month so the ending balance remained \$1,302.59.

### SFMC Awards Director

**Purpose:** To assist in maintaining an accurate record of all awards issued to Marines from all levels of award authority. These records shall be kept in the SFI Database in the manner deemed best by the SFMC GS and the SFI Database team.

**Supervisory Authority:** The SFMC Awards Director shall report directly to the Commanding Officer, Forces Command.

**Job Description:** The SFMC Awards Director shall utilize the database maintained by former Commandant Wade Olson (current up until May 2000) to create the initial entries in the database. When the Director is ready to move forward with the next phase, they will post to the SFMC membership the manner and format that they desire any awards issued after May 2000 to be submitted to them. The Director will then review all bi-monthly reports received by COFORCECOM to add newly issued awards into the database to keep it as current as possible. Further procedures for the office may be created as needs dictate.

### Requirements:

Member in good standing of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.; 18 years of age or older; Completion of OTS (need not be an officer) and PD-10; At least a basic understanding of the SFI Database and how it can be used; and, A letter

of intent to apply (along with Fleet/SFMC/real life resumes) and a brief statement as to how they think the database may be used to track the SFMC awards.

If you are interested in applying for this post, please send your resume and other required information to myself ([dant@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:dant@sfi-sfmc.org)) and Linda Olson ([forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org)) for consideration. We will be accepting applications until October 15, 2005.

### New Manuals

We have completed one new manual in the last month, which is being set in the proper template and made ready for publishing to the web. The SFMC Arms and Equipment Guide lists all of the major pieces of equipment in the SFMC inventory (as indicated in the various branch manuals) in one handy place and reorganized by equipment type.

Additionally, the revised NCO Manual is almost ready and should be made available by the end of the month as the SFMC Enlisted/NCO Manual. This manual includes the newly introduced Warrant Officer Program, the newly created Master Sergeant and master Gunnery Sergeant (see below) as well as a sample Enlisted career to enhance the understanding of the ordinary marine about the enlisted program and what it is meant to do within the overall structure of the SFMC.

### New NCO Titles

The following rank titles have been added, by the General Staff, to the E-8 and E-9 grades to reflect the choice that some Marines may choose to take and administrative track to their careers while others choose to stay in the field and work with their marines in a technical capacity. They are as follows:

E-8: First Sergeant (Admin track)/Master Sergeant (Field/Technical track)

E-9: Sergeant Major (admin track)/Master Gunnery Sergeant (Field/Technical track)

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The descriptions for the two new rank titles (as found in the revised Enlisted/NCO Manual are:

Master Sergeant (MSGT) (E-8): As used in the SFMC, Master Sergeant is one level below Sergeant Major and Master Gunnery Sergeant and the next rank above Gunnery Sergeant. It is equal in grade to First Sergeant, although the two ranks have different responsibilities. No lateral movement is possible between the two ranks in the Marine Corps. In their annual performance evaluations, called "proficiency reports," eligible Gunnery Sergeants indicate whether they wish to be considered for promotion to Master Sergeant or First Sergeant, and thus whether they enter the promotional track for Master Gunnery Sergeant or Sergeant Major. Advancement to Master Sergeant is not automatic. Gunnery Sergeants must meet a series of criteria, including requirements of time in service (usually a minimum of 192 months as a Marine), superior evaluation scores, and specialty examinations, but also carries an added requirement of peer review. Gunnery Sergeants must be reviewed and evaluated by a promotions board before being promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant, assuming a billet would be open in the SFMC.

Master Sergeants in the SFMC would provide technical leadership as occupational specialists at the E-8 level. These are the Marines who know just about all there is to know in their chosen MOS and can teach others as needed. Master Sergeants act as technical leaders and serve as occupational specialists alongside Warrant Officers. General command leadership at this pay grade is provided by the separate rank of First Sergeant. A Master Sergeant is equivalent in rank to a STARFLEET Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGSgt) (E-9): As used in the SFMC, Master Gunnery Sergeant is the ninth and highest enlisted rank (along with the grade-equivalent ranks of Sergeant Major and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps) in the STARFLEET Marine Corps. No lateral movement is possible between the two ranks in the Marine Corps. Advancement to Master Gunnery Sergeant is not automatic. Master Sergeants must meet a series of criteria, including requirements of time in service (usually a minimum of 240 months as a Marine), superior evaluation scores, and specialty examinations, but also carries an added requirement of

peer review. Master Sergeants must be reviewed and evaluated by a promotions board before being promoted to the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant, assuming a billet would be open in the SFMC.

Master Gunnery Sergeants are sometimes referred to by the nickname "Master Guns" or "Master Gunny." These nicknames are unacceptable in formal or ceremonial situations, and, at the rank holder's discretion, may also be unacceptable for use by lower-ranking Marines.

The rank was derived from another rank unique to the STARFLEET Marine Corps, the gunnery sergeant, and has been in use (though not continuously) since the time of the Spanish-American War (in the United States Marine Corps. The rank was included (in the old USMC), along with the rank of master sergeant, in a new program for the pay grades of E-8 and E-9 which allowed senior NCO billets to now be filled by occupational specialists. This move was designed to officially acknowledge the ever-increasing complexity of modern warfare, while still maintaining the first sergeant and sergeant major programs, with their historic command prestige.

One of the major differences between the two E-9 ranks is that master gunnery sergeants retain their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), while sergeants major are given a new MOS to reflect their general command focus. This reinforces the master gunnery sergeant's role as a provider of technical military leadership.

Please remember, we cannot help you enjoy your membership in the SFMC if you do not tell us what you want us to do to help that happen. The General Staff is here to serve you, but we cannot do that with your CONSTRUCTIVE input as to what you would like to see. Our next project is to develop a young marines program to enhance the SFMC experience for the younger members of the SFMC and to encourage family participation in SFMC activities. If you have ideas you would like us to consider as we work to develop this program, please let us know. We will also be sending out more information on this as we work towards completion of the project and its ultimate release.

Until my next report,  
In Service to the Corps,  
BGN John Roberts

# FORCES

## COMMAND

### Report of April 05

#### BGN Linda Olson, COFORCESCOM

Brigades Reporting	Active	Reserve	Total Strength
1st BDE	numbers	not included	
2nd BDE	57	26	83
3rd BDE	45	25	70
4th BDE	57	8	65
5th BDE	11	16	27
6th BDE	3	9	12
7th BDE	35	62	97
8th BDE	Not Active	at this time	
9th BDE	11	5	16
10th BDE	Report	Late	
11th BDE	Not Active	at this time	
12th BDE	35	54	89
13th BDE	5	4	9
14th BDE	1		1
15th BDE	21	12	33
16th BDE	Not Active	at this time	
17th BDE	21	46	67
18th BDE	Not Active	at this time	
19th BDE	Not Active	at this time	
20th BDE	9	2	11

Units Not Reporting - 7th, 21st, 111th, 139th, 218th, 223rd, 241st, 252nd, 263rd, 269th, 276th, 321st, 351st, 832nd others were not listed in the Brigade reports as not reporting.

Units Activated - 182nd, 216th, 241st, 369th, 455th  
Units Deactivated - 300th

Recruits  
1st BDE 182nd Glenna Juilfs, Howard Knapp, Robert Torres, 181st Christina Doane, 180th Danielle Lilly 2nd BDE 674th Wayne Wright, 609th Laura Scott, Jan Sleight, Daniel Sleight, 669th Steven McMillon, Ben Fisk, Terry Callahan, Jessica Love, Travis Jones, 3rd BDE 231st Chanda Norman, 345th Amanda Murphy, Timothy Denny, 347th Angelita DeLuna, Annette Dominguez, Michael Dominguez, Isaiah Schnoor, Marissa Schnoor, Gabrielle Schnoor, La Galvez

Discharges  
1st BDE 181st Michael Timko Jr, Kevin D. Lawhorn, Gary Holifield Jr. 3rd BDE 303rd Dorothy Carter, Crystal Schneider, Russell Schneider, 318th Evan Darnell, John Adams, 333rd Daniel Evans, 342nd Christopher Houser, George Parker, John Paul Polcyn 17th BDE 875th Sharon Bloom, 850th Chris Chontos, Mark Darbe

Promotions  
2nd BDE Travis Jones to 2nd Lt.  
7th BDE Mark Hanford to Lt.  
General, Larry Neigut to Major  
General 15th BDE Mark Libby to Brigadier, Seth Isquith to Brigadier 17th BDE Deb Kern to Brigadier General

Awards  
Meritorious Unit Citation  
1st Jill Rayburn, 2nd Raye Crews, 4th Truman Temple, 7th Larry Neigut

Brigade Service Commendation  
3rd BDE Christopher O'Banion 314th, Jeff Schnoor 347th

Joint Service  
12th Mark Webb  
5th Steve Idell, Norman DeRoux, Craig Martin, Michael Martin

Professional Development  
Thomas C. Guertin

Bronze Boothby Award  
2nd BDE Raye Crews

Good Conduct  
1st BDE Robert Torres  
4th BDE Glen Diebold, Tom Pawelczak, Monika Reinholz 1st Carolyn Zimdahle 225th 7th BDE Michael Stein 86th

STARFLEET Cross  
1st BDE Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn, Mike Malotte,  
2nd BDE Linda Olson, Wade Olson,  
3rd BDE Aaron Murphy  
4th BDE Truman Temple  
5th BDE Patrick McAndrew, Russell Garrison, Arlene Garrison  
7th BDE Lauren Milan

International Service  
1st BDE Jill & Dennis Rayburn  
2nd BDE 674th Wade Olson, Linda Olson, DJ Allen, Jennifer Rosbury, Sunny Planthold 3rd BDE 314th Christopher O'Banion, James Vance, 325th Chanda Corman, 342nd Jeffery Webb, Cameron Houser, Randi Spears, Tony Walker, 345th Aaron Murphy, Kris Murphy, Barbara Baker, 347th Annette Dominguez, Jeff Schnoor, Angelita DeLuna, John Johnston, Steven Kell, Harvey Mattern, 318th White, Daniel Long, Kristi Long, Kristie Halford, Carmen Williams, 4th BDE 14th John Nelson, Peggy Salyer, Arron Ehly, Danielle Mitchell, Rachel Butts, Joe Butts Jr. 1st Keith Manley, 15th BDE Thomas Guertin, Robert Chin 17th BDE John Roberts

Embassy Duty  
2nd BDE Wade Olson, Linda

Olson, DJ Allen, Sunnie Planthold  
3rd BDE Erik Cowand, Robert Houser  
Jr., Randi Spears, Tony Walker, Matt  
Hill, Quinn Bratteng, Cody Wyatt  
17th BDE John Roberts, Mike  
Dethlefs

Marine Honor Guard  
3rd BDE 308th John Johnston,  
Steven Kell, Harvey Mattern, 318th  
White, Dan Long, Kristi Long,  
Carmen Williams, 342nd, Tony  
Walker,

Legion of Arms  
4th BDE 1st Tom Pawelozak, Glen  
Diebold, 225th Carolyn Zimdahl  
Great Barrier Expedition  
1st BDE Keith Manley  
2nd BDE Linda Olson, Wade Olson,  
DJ Allen, Sunny Planthold  
3rd BDE White, Dan Long, Kristi  
Long, Carmen Williams, Kristie  
Halford, Eric Cowand 4th BDE John  
Nelson, Peggy Salyer, Arron Ehly,  
Danielle Mitchell, Rachel Butts, Joe  
Butts Jr. 12th BDE Thomas Guertin,  
Robert Chin 17th BDE John Roberts,  
Mike Dethlefs, Christina Sievers,  
Bran Stimpson  
Naval Unit Citation - USS Kasimar

Leaders Commendation -  
Sherry Jolitz

Community Service Award  
3rd BDE Robert Houser Jr, Matt Hill

Announcements  
I am accepting applications for the  
OIC position for the 17th Brigade. If  
interested please send a STARFLEET  
and real life resume to me at ST\_  
Dragonlady@msn.com.

Other persons interested in being  
considered for OIC positions that  
MIGHT come open in the future  
can also submit resumes for my  
files. This will cut down on the time  
frame to fill positions in the future.  
Please state which Brigade that you  
belong to so that I can keep track  
and share with the Brigade OICs for  
consideration in Battalion positions  
in the future also.

## INFOCOM LGN Wade Hoover COINFOCOM

It's that time again, already? Didn't  
we just send in the last submission?  
Guess time has really flown for the  
last 2 months.

Well, so what do I have to report  
this issue? No major changes to  
the SFMC site, although the MFM  
on the website is now revision 4.  
Sean keeps finding things that need

## STATE OF TRACOM

### LGN Jill J. Rayburn, COTRACOM

Fall is here, and for many of us that  
means back to school. Be it K-12,  
college or technical school, or any  
learning experience, I encourage  
everyone to take each opportunity to  
As I write this, our NCO manual is  
in the final stages and should be  
released by the time this is published.  
Work is almost finished on the revised  
Xeno-studies Romulan manual,  
and the other manual revisions are  
going strong. Along with that, we  
have several courses that are being  
reviewed for inclusion in the Armor  
branch, and other courses are being  
revised to conform to changes that  
are being made in branch manuals and  
other documents.

I do want to talk a bit about one new  
offering, Marine Officers Basic School  
(MOBS). This project has been over a  
year in the making, and we are very  
proud of it. It combines elements of  
PD-10, IN-10, NCO-10, and OTS. Full  
details about the course and how it  
fits into the SFMCA curriculum are  
available at [www.sfmc-sfi.org](http://www.sfmc-sfi.org) on the  
TRACOM pages. I want to thank John  
Roberts, Scott Grant, Clayton Hobbs,  
Chris Esquibel, and Greg Franklin for  
their work on this project. Our desire  
is that we have combined the essential  
elements of these important courses  
into one course that can be taken by  
anyone who wants to learn the basics  
about the SFMC and STARFLEET. This  
course will be useful for new recruits,  
and hopefully seasoned veterans of  
our organization will find it useful as a  
way to brush up on previously learned  
material. Our next project along these  
lines will be Marine Officers Advanced  
School (MOAS), which is already in the  
works.

to be changed, and keeps revision  
the MFM. However, I think the  
document is now stable. The last  
change was to add the Creative  
Common's licensing that should  
allow everyone to go to any copy  
chop and get it printed. There are  
also a couple of new documents  
on the site as well, and a new field  
manual.

Hopefully, we are getting the  
problems solved with the forms. If  
you have received an error message  
from a form, please cut and

Now for the section where I get to  
brag on the students. In August, we  
had four students to complete four  
courses each, the high course mark  
for the month. I do like recognizing  
students, so we'll have four Students of  
the Month this time.

Lars Hansen-1 honors, 3 distinction

Tony Lopes-1 honors, 3 distinction

Timothy Denny-2 honors, 2 distinction

Joshua Grant-2 honors, 2 pass

A special note about Joshua - he is a  
cadet who has just started his endeavors  
at the SFMCA. A few months ago he  
took and passed PD-7, our course for  
cadets to learn about the Corps, and  
he then decided to take more courses.  
Please, if you know of cadets who  
would like to participate, encourage  
them! One of our projects planned for  
after the manual revisions are complete  
is to expand our cadet course offerings  
to include other subjects, including  
occupational branches and xeno-  
studies. Also, please remember that  
PD-7 can be made available to adult  
members who have a special need.  
If you have a unit member for whom  
that course would be appropriate, you  
may contact PD director Wade Olson  
regarding arrangements.

I'll wrap this one up, and get back  
to manual revision work. I do have a  
challenge to issue though - in August,  
37 students took 64 courses, and  
while I have not calculated thus far for  
September, I know we'll beat that. I'd  
love to see us have 100 courses for all  
the remaining months in 2005, so let's  
get to work!



paste the output into an E-mail to  
[webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org). Without  
the full output, there's no way that  
we can solve the problem.

I'm still seeking application for  
Deputy Commanding Officer. Please  
contact me at [infocom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:infocom@sfi-sfmc.org)  
if you're interested.

Well, I think that's all for now. I  
know, short article this month. Hope  
I didn't bore anyone too badly.

See ya' in 60.

## 2004 STREAMER AWARDS

### BGN Linda Olson, COFORCESCOM

Ladies and Gentlemen

I realize that this announcement  
is somewhat late and for that  
I apologize. However, it is my  
great honor to award the following  
Brigades the SFMC Streamer for  
Reporting for the calendar year  
2004. To earn this streamer the  
Brigade reports must arrive at the  
proper destination on time for each  
of the six reporting periods for the  
calendar year.

Congratulations to the following  
Brigades:

1st Brigade Fightin' First  
Commanded by Jason Scjrecl

2nd Brigade Wild Deuces  
Commanded by Rebecca Louise  
Self

4th Brigade Raider Brigade  
Commanded by Cyndi Temple

5th Brigade Birds of Prey  
Commanded by Norman E. DeRoux

6th Brigade Ice Warriors  
Commanded by Tom Webster

7th Brigade Lucky Sevens  
Commanded by Larry S. Neigut

12th Brigade Dirty Dozen  
Commanded by Travis J. Littou

Given this day September  
11, 2005 by my hand as CO Forces  
Command

Linda Olson

This streamer may also be awarded  
to Battalions and MSG/MEU's who  
have reported on time every time  
for the calendar year. The award is  
given by the Brigade OIC. This is  
just an added incentive to get your  
reports in on time.

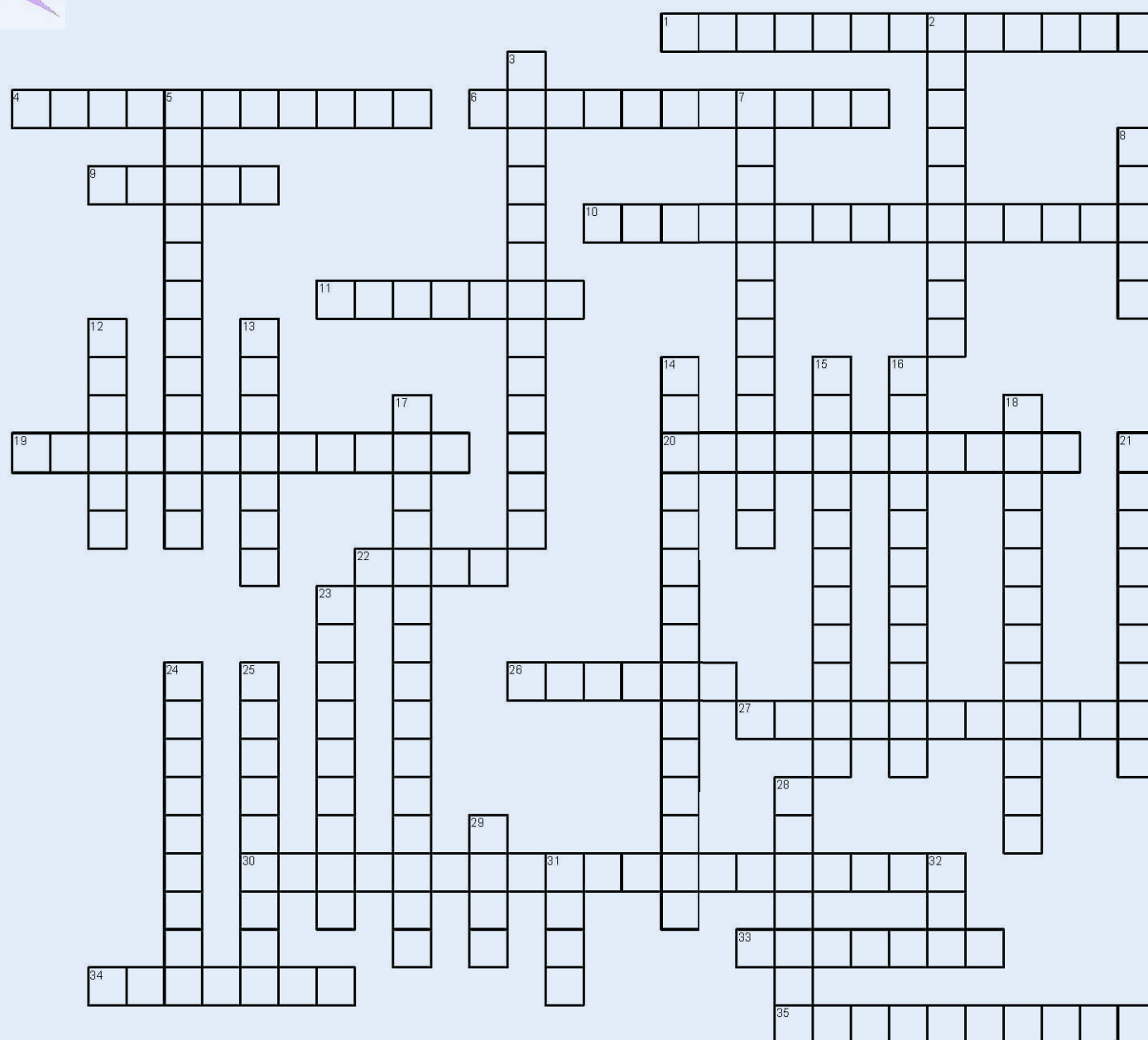
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STwatchers/>  
or email me at: [chibiflor@gmail.com](mailto:chibiflor@gmail.com)  
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with others like yourself. Contact Dave Lowe at [co@ussmacarthur.com](mailto:co@ussmacarthur.com) for more information.

Shuttle Dark Star in Region 1 would like to take this moment to mention that we are now available as a Correy chapter for anyone wishing to join. Dark Star is mainly an online chapter, which is great for those who have little time to attend meetings, etc. due to kids, work, or in general. We have no meetings, however we do chat on lists, and IRC. The list is not required to join but recommended. We work on academy courses as well as conduct a few. On occasion we'll pitch in to help others in other chapters when needed. Every once in a while we'll attend IC's and Cons. If you're interested please feel free to contact me privately at [bhallman@sc.rr.com](mailto:bhallman@sc.rr.com). Thank you.  
Sincerely, Brandy Hallman-CO.

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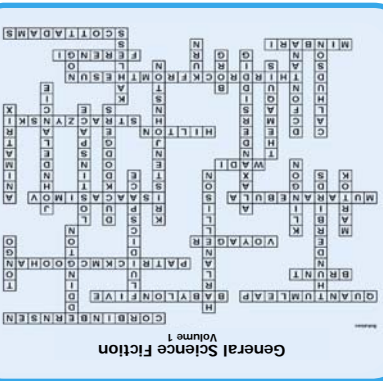
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## Alabama

Mar 3-5 **STARFLEET Region 2 Summit**, Birmingham, Alabama; Info: 6468 Walnut Street, Milton, FL 32570 <http://summit.region2.org> [TrekNoid@aol.com](mailto:TrekNoid@aol.com)

## Arizona

Mar 17-19 **ICE Escape**, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 8829, Scottsdale, Arizona 85252 Ph: 480-835-9102 <http://www.iceescape.com/help@iceescape.com> Guests: Rick Frishman, Laura Holka, Ron Pramschuffer, Eric Kampmann, Jerry Jenkins, Jeffrey Bowen, Mary K. Dougherty, Vijaya Schartz, Marilyn Janson

Apr 14-16 **AniZona 2**, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 67641, Phoenix, AZ 85082 <http://www.anizona.org/registration@anizona.org>

## California

Dec 3 **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](mailto:ttunnel@concentric.net)

Dec 9-11 **Booster Events**, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 742, Ashland, OR 97520 Ph: 724-456-2407 <http://www.boosterevents.com/info@boosterevents.com> Guests: Nathan Fillion, Adam Baldwin, Jewel Staite, Ron Glass, Summer Glau, Morena Baccarin, Sean Maher, Alan Tudyk

Jan 13-17 **ConQuest LA**, Los Angeles, California; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-389-3433 <http://www.avalongamecon.com/cqindex.html>

Jan 13-15 **Creation**, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Jan 19-23 **Further Confusion**, San Jose, California; Info: 105 Serra Way PMB #236, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/info@furtherconfusion.org>

Jan 20-22 **Creation**, Pasadena, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Jan 27-28 **Hollywood Collectors Show**, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Feb 10-12 **WonderCon**, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comic-con.org/ci-info@comic-con.org>

Feb 17-19 **Gallifrey One**, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/info@gallifreyone.com>

Feb 17-20 **Strategicon**, Los Angeles, California; Info: 820 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505 Ph: 818-848-4760 <http://www.strategicon.net/strategicon@strategicon.net>

Mar 3-5 **ConDor XIII**, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://www.condorcon.org/registration@CondorCon.org> Guests: Theresa Mather, Barry Gold

Mar 3-5 **Consonance**, Milpitas, California; Info: 6167 Jarvis Ave #174, Newark CA 94560-1210 <http://www.consonance.org/rhiannon@arilinn.com> Guests: Bill Roper, Gretchen Roper, Marty Coady Fabish, Paul Kwinn, Taunya Gren, Alisa Garcia, Luis Garcia, Chris Conway

Mar 10-12 **Creation**, Pasadena, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Mar 17-19 **Wizard World Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 Ph: 954-565-6588 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/la.cfm> [conventions@wizarduniverse.com](mailto:conventions@wizarduniverse.com)

Apr 8-9 **Alternative Press Expo**, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comic-con.org/ape/ccweb@nucgen.com> Guests: Seth, James Sturm, Jhonen Vasquez, Lauren Weinstein

Apr 22-23 **Hollywood Collectors Show**, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

## Colorado

Jan 20-22 **COSine**, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: PO Box 50618, Colorado Springs CO 80949-0618 <http://www.stardel.com/cosine/mem@rialot.com> Guests: Sharon Lee, Steve Miller

## Connecticut

Dec 2-4 **AnonyCon**, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: 75 Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06511 <http://www.anonycon.com/prereg@anonycon.com>

Mar 17-19 **ConnCon**, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: 350 Rt 39 N, New Fairfield, CT 06812-2306 <http://www.conncon.com/Willi@ConnCon.com>

## Florida

Dec 4-11 **Cruise Events**, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/Susan@CruiseEvents.net> Guests: Lou Ferrigno, Greg Evigan

Dec 4-11 **Sci-Fi Seas Cruise**, Miami, Florida; Info: 1217 S. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach, FL 33069 Ph: 954-974-6040 <http://www.scificruise.com/WhoCruiser@aol.com> Guests: Nicola Bryant

Jan 27-29 **Florida Extravaganza**, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 300546, Fern Park, FL 32730-0546 Ph: 407-788-7469 <http://www.fxshow.com/tickets@fxshow.com>

Feb 24-26 **MegaCon**, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 1097, Safety Harbor, FL 34695 Ph: 727-796-5725 <http://www.megaconvention.com/info@megaconvention.com>

Mar 2-5 **Sleuthfest**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 22475, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335 Ph: 954-581-8912 <http://www.mwa-florida.org/sleuthfest.htm> [Sharonpotts@aol.com](mailto:Sharonpotts@aol.com) Guests: Robert Crais, Katherine Ramsland

Mar 15-19 **IAFA-27**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: ICFA Registrar, PO Box 4249, Salem, OR 97302-8249 <http://www.iafa.org/> Guests: Charles Vess, M. Thomas Inge, Kathleen Ann Goonan, Brian Aldiss

Apr 28-30 **Jacon**, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 780555, Orlando, FL 32878-0555 <http://www.jacon.org/registration@jacon.org> Guests: George Lowe, Brett Weaver

## Georgia

Dec 3 **Games Day Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 3577-A Chamblee-Tucker Road #215, Atlanta, GA 30341 <http://www.atlantagamefest.com/info@atlantagamefest.com>

Jan 6-8 **GAFilk**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 702, Alpharetta, GA 30009-0702 <http://www.gafilk.org/registration@gafilk.org> Guests: Dandelion Wine, Dave Rood, Carolyn Brown, Tanya Huff

Jan 27-29 **Atlanta Game Fest 7**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 3577-A Chamblee-Tucker Road #215, Atlanta, GA 30341 <http://www.atlantagamefest.com/info@atlantagamefest.com>

Feb 17-19 **Furry Weekend Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 1361 Fairbanks St., Atlanta, GA 30310 <http://www.furryweekend.com/furryweekend@furryweekend.com> Guests: Bill Holbrook Benefits: Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary

Mar 18-19 **MomoCon**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 556 Lovejoy St., Atlanta, GA 30313 Ph: 912-441-5001 <http://www.momocon.com> Guests: Jennie Breeden, UpDown Studios, CounterCulture, Soul Air

Apr 13-16 **Frolicon**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 1011 Kinsey Drive, Huntsville, AL 35803 <http://www.frolicon.org/deb@frolicon.org>

## Idaho

Mar 17-19 **Anime Oasis V**, Boise, Idaho; Info: 420 9th Ave North, Nampa, ID 83687 <http://www.animeoasis.org/creamyjeremy@animeoasis.org>

## Illinois

Dec 11 **Toy Con**, Bridgeview, Illinois; Info: 14437 South Campbell Ave., Posen IL 60469 <http://toycontoyshow.homestead.com/>

Feb 3-5 **Winter War 33**, Champaign, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873 Ph: 217-469-9917 <http://winterwar.prairienet.org/winterwar@prairienet.org>

Feb 9-12 **Capricon 26**, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/info@capricon.org> Guests: Peter Beagle, Bryan Palaszewski, Kat Eggleston, Michael Longcor, Mary Crowell

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Apr 20-23 **Concentric**, Crystal Lake, Illinois; Info: 2112 W. Galena Blvd., Suite 8-199, Aurora, IL 60506-3255 <http://www.concentricconventioncompany.com/ConcentricCon.html>

Apr 21-23 **Egyptian Campaign**, Carbondale, Illinois; Info: c/o SIUC Strategic Games Society, Office of Student Development, 3rd Floor Student Center, Carbondale, IL 62901-4425 <http://members.tripod.com/ecgamecon/egyptiancampaign@mail.com>

### Louisiana

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

### Maryland

Dec 3 **ModelFest**, College Park, Maryland; Info: 2406 Fortson Street, Gulfport, MS 39503 Ph: 228-832-5208 <http://www.modelfest.info/malamutant@cablone.net>

Dec 17 **Johnson Promotions**, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Info: PO Box 2026, Gaithersburg, MD 20886 Ph: 301-216-0876 <http://www.johnsonshows.com/> Guests: Chris Rankin

Feb 17-19 **Farpoint**, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 11708 Troy Court, Waldorf, MD 20601 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.farpointcon.com/trekcontact@comcast.net> Guests: Penny Johnson Jerald, Robert Asprin, Jody Lynn Nye, Jack Stauffer, Harve Bennett, The Great Luke Ski, The Boogie Knights, Marc Okrand, Prometheus Radio Theatre, Terry Rioux

Mar 17-19 **Enlightenment IX**, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 1541 Redfield Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015 <http://www.boardgamers.org/specific/aor06ann.htm>

### Massachusetts

Jan 13-15 **Arisia 06**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Building 600, PMB 322, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/info@arisia.org> Guests: Allen Steele, John Howe, Barb Schofield

Feb 17-19 **Boskone 43**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/b43info@boskone.org> Guests: Ken MacLeod, Donato Giancola, Cory Doctorow, Steve Macdonald

Mar 3-5 **Intercon F**, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: c/o Chad Bergeron,

10 B Winthrop Street, Waltham, MA 02453 <http://intercon-f.org/con-chair-f@interactiveliterature.org>

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Conbust**, Northampton, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 6602, 1 Chapin Way, Northampton, MA 01063 <http://sophia.smith.edu/ssffs/conbust/lrizzo@smith.edu>

### Michigan

Jan 20-22 **ConFusion**, Troy, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/2006/confusion@stilyagi.org> Guests: Vernor Vinge, Steve Stiles, Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Chuck Firment, Heather Alexander

Mar 24-26 **Marmalade Dog 11**, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Info: PO Box 19284, Kalamazoo, MI 49019 Ph: 269-387-2292 <http://www.marmaladedog.org/eboard@wmgg.org>

Mar 25-26 **Hollywood Stars For Charity**, Birch Run, Michigan; Info: PO Box 112 | Caro, MI 48723 <http://www.starsforcharityexpo.com/> Guests: Dirk Benedict, Dan Severn, Virginia Hey, Larry Thomas, Alana Curry, Robert Rasner, Judson Scott, TJ Storm, Antonio Fargas, Matthias Hues, Paul Ganus, Don Pedro Colley, Scott Schwartz, Vera VanGuard, Eric Betts, Grandmaster Sang Sup Kil, Master Yong Sup Kil, Benjamin Kil, David Lavara, Matthew Mullins

Mar 30-Apr 2 **AmberCon**, Detroit, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4062, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4062 <http://www.ambercon.com/conchair@ambercon.com>

Apr 21-23 **Penguicon 4.0**, Novi, Michigan; Info: PO Box 401302, Redford, MI 48240-9302 <http://www.penguicon.org/info@penguicon.org>

### Minnesota

Feb 3-5 **Supercon 13**, Austin, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 6123, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://www.supercon.info/registration@supercon.info>

Feb 17-19 **Con of the North**, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 18096, Minneapolis, MN 55418 Ph: 651-698-8565 <http://www.conofthenorth.com/info@conofthenorth.org>

Mar 3-5 **Marscon**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 651-339-0397 <http://marscon.org/info05h@marscon.org> Guests: Dean Haglund, Holly Lisle, Paul Lawrence

Mar 24-26 **Anime Detour**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: c/o Anime Twin Cities, Inc., Loop Station Box 2515, Minneapolis, MN 55402 <http://www.animatedetour.com/> Guests: Greg Ayres, Jonathan Klein, Travis

Willingham, Dr. Marc Hairston, Kyle Hebert, Kristofer McCormic, Monica Rial, Carrie Savage

Apr 14-16 **Minicon 41**, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnsthf.org/minicon/request@minicon.mnsthf.org>

### Mississippi

Mar 24-26 **CoastCon 29**, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: PO Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 [http://www.coastcon.org/coastcon\\_inc@yahoo.com](http://www.coastcon.org/coastcon_inc@yahoo.com) Guests: Dave Perry, Vicki Perry, Noel Neill, Ben Dunn, Bill Saloka, Glenda Finkelstein, Deborah LeBlanc, Dave Arneson, Dustin Clingman, Dr. James Kakalios, Jeff Breslauer, John Halverson

### Missouri

Feb 3-5 **Winter-Vention**, Potosi, Missouri; Info: PO Box 39384, St. Louis, MO 63139-8384 <http://www.winter-vention.com/>

Feb 17-19 **Visioncon**, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/junior@visioncon.net> Guests: Gary Bedell, Mitchell Davidson Bentley, Diana Botsford, Mary Capps, Fred Gorham, Mike Strain, Al Turner

Apr 21-23 **ShowMeCon**, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 410115, Creve Coeur, MO 63141-9998 Ph: 314-323-9381 <http://www.showmecon.com/info@showmecon.com> Guests: Peter David, John Kaufmann, Noel Neill, Phil Senturia, Tom Meserole

### Nebraska

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Willycon VIII**, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: WillyCon Registration, Student Center, Rm. 103, Attn: Ron Vick, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, ND 68787 [http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/sfclub/text\\_site/willycon/scifict@wsc.edu](http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/sfclub/text_site/willycon/scifict@wsc.edu)

### Nevada

Dec 1-4 **Klingon Feast**, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 165 Horizon View Dr., Henderson, NV 89015 <http://www.klingonfeast.org/Kanuchi@aol.com>

### New Jersey

Dec 4 **ModelFest**, Runnemede, New Jersey; Info: 2406 Fortson Street, Gulfport, MS 39503 Ph: 228-832-5208 <http://www.modelfest.info/malamutant@cablone.net>

Jan 19-22 **Dreamation**, East Brunswick, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 3594, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 Ph: 914-328-3740 <http://www.dexposure.com/dreamation@dexposure.com>

Mar 17-19 **Lunacon**, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: PMB 234, 847A Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017-2945 <http://www.lunacon.org/info@lunacon.org> Guests: Jim Butcher, David B. Mattingly, Byron Connell, Lisa Ashton

Mar 31-Apr 1 **Philly Non-Sport Card Show**, Mount Laurel, New Jersey; Info: 10220 Calera Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 Ph: 215-637-5744 <http://www.reightersshows.com/frank@reightersshows.com>

### New York

Jan 7-8 **Big Apple Comic Convention**, New York, New York; Info: 75-34 Metropolitan Ave, Middle Village, N.Y. 11379 Ph: 201-865-3288 <http://www.bigapplecon.com/bigapplecon@earthlink.net>

Mar 24-26 **I-Con 25**, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/info@iconsf.org> Guests: Terry Brooks, Carol Emshwiller, Eric Flint, John Varley

Mar 30-Apr 2 **SIMCON XXVIII**, Rochester, New York; Info: CPU Box 277146, Rochester, NY 14627-7146 <http://www.simcon.org/chair@simcon.org>

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Big Apple Comic Convention**, New York, New York; Info: 75-34 Metropolitan Ave, Middle Village, N.Y. 11379 Ph: 201-865-3288 <http://www.bigapplecon.com/bigapplecon@earthlink.net>

Apr 7-9 **UBCon**, Buffalo, New York; Info: 308 Student Union, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260 <http://www.ubsarpa.com/ubsarpa@gmail.com>

### North Carolina

Feb 17-19 **Stellarcon 30**, High Point, North Carolina; Info: Box I-1, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.stellarcon.org/stellarcon@yahoo.com> Guests: Lynn Abbey, Aaron Allston, Elaine Cunningham, Sean K. Reynolds, Michael Stackpole, Timothy Zahn

### Ohio

Mar 17-19 **Millennicon**, Blue Ash, Ohio; Info: PMB-122, 5818 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio 45459 Ph: 513-659-2258 <http://www.millennicon.org/millennicon@mvfl.org>

### Oregon

Dec 2-4 **SMOFcon 23**, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228-5703 <http://www.osfci.org/smocon/d.schaber@comcast.net>



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### Pennsylvania

Dec 3-4 **Pittsburgh Toyshow**, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 456 Old Farm Lane, Johnstown PA 15904 Ph: 814-467-1500 <http://www.pittsburghtoyshow.com/>

Dec 9-11 **PhilCon**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3, Orelan, PA 19075 <http://www.philcon.org/info@philcon.org>

Apr 21-23 **Pittsburgh Comicon**, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/> pcomicon@nb.net Benefits: Make A Wish

### Tennessee

Jan 20-22 **Chattacon XXXI**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 <http://www.chattacon.org/info@chattacon.org> Guests: L. E. Modesitt, Michael Gear, Theresa Mather, Bruce Bethke, Wendy Webb

Mar 17-19 **FantaSciCon**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 395 Stancil Rd., Rossville, GA 30741 <http://fantascicon.com/> fantascicon@vei.net Guests: P.M. Griffin, Julia Morgan Scott

Mar 24-26 **MidSouthCon 24**, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/info@midsouthcon.org> Guests: Glen Cook, David Weber, Lubov, Tom Smith

Apr 21-23 **Middle Tennessee Anime Convention**, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 290423, Nashville, TN 37229-0423 <http://mtac.animenashville.org/>

### Texas

Dec 17 **JMV Entertainment**, Irving, Texas; Info: PO Box 151, Temple, Texas 76503 Ph: 254-773-4757 <http://www.jmventertainment.com/comicbooks.html> info@jmventertainment.com

Feb 4-5 **Texas Frightmare Weekend**, Grapevine, Texas; Info: PO Box 384, Grapevine, TX 76099 <http://www.texasfrightmareweekend.com/> loyd@texasfrightmareweekend.com Guests: Joe Bob Briggs, HG Lewis, Sid Haig, Bill Moseley, Bill Johnson, Joe Knetter, Brinke Stevens, Ashlie Rhey, Jon Keeyes, Linnea Quigley, Lou Perryman, Irwin Keeyes, Freak13, Ses Carny, Betsy Palmer, Terry Lofton, Prof. Griffin, Jami Deadly, Bill Hinzman

Feb 10-12 **OwlCon XXV**, Houston, Texas; Info: c/o Rice University, Fast

Warp MS 526, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892 <http://www.owlcon.com/registration@owlcon.com>

Feb 24-26 **ConDFW V**, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2117 Tulane Drive, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/info@condfw.org> Guests: Don Maitz, Janny Wurtz

Mar 17-19 **All-Con**, Dallas, Texas; Info: 3701 W. Northwest Hwy., Suite 125, Dallas, TX 75220 Ph: 214-350-4420 <http://www.all-con.org/> <http://www.all-con.org/eml.html>

Mar 23-26 **AggieCon 37**, College Station, Texas; Info: c/o Cepheid Variable (958460), PO Box 5688, College Station TX 77844 Ph: 979-268-3068 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/lurkz@shadowswolf.com>

Mar 24-26 **Chimaeracon**, San Antonio, Texas; Info: 138 Ave Del Rey #G, San Antonio, Texas 78216 <http://chimaeracon.com/chimaeragaming@aol.com>

Apr 28-30 **KamiKazeCon**, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 75101, Houston, TX 77234 <http://www.kamikazecon.com/>

### Utah

Feb 16-18 **Life, the Universe and Everything**, Provo, Utah; Info: LTUE, 3146 JKHB (English Department), Provo, UT 84602 <http://ltue.byu.edu/> ltue@byu.edu Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta, Michael R. Collings, Stephanie Pui-Mun Law, Mike Allred, Howard Tayler, Robert J Defendi, James Dashner, Dan Willis, K. L. Morgan, Eric Swedin, Ron Hammond, Brook West, Julia West, Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury, Paul N. Hyde, Susan Kroupa, Brandon Sanderson, Jake Black, Lee Allred, David-Glenn Anderson, Pat Castelli, Aleta Clegg, Charlene C. Harmon, Ruth Hanson, Helge Moulding

### Virginia

Jan 20-22 **Marscon 16**, Williamsburg, Virginia; Info: 117 Wichita Lane, Williamsburg VA 23188 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net> Guests: Rich Burlew

Feb 17-19 **Katsucon 12**, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 7064, Silver Spring, MD 20907 <http://www.katsucon.com/prereg@katsucon.com> Guests: Greg Ayres, mc chris

Feb 22-26 **PrezCon**, Charlottesville, Virginia; Info: PO Box 4661, Charlottesville, VA 22905 Ph: 434-961-6953 <http://www.prezcon.com/>

Feb 24-26 **SheVaCon 14**, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 <http://shevacon.org/> Registration@shevacon.org Guests: Joe Devito, Catherine Asaro

Mar 10-12 **Madicon 15**, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Info: PMB # 340, 1866c East Market St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801 <http://www.madicon.org/> contact.madicon@gmail.com

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Technicon 23**, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 <http://www.technicon.org/info@technicon.org> Guests: Holly Lisle, Diana Harlan Stein

Apr 21-23 **Malice Domestic**, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 31137, Bethesda, MD 20824-1137 <http://www.malicedomestic.org/Chair@malicedomestic.org>

Apr 21-23 **Ravencon**, Richmond, Virginia; Info: 8600 Queensmere Place, #2, Richmond, VA 23294 <http://ravencon.com/> Guests: Terry Brooks, Tom Kidd, Lee Gilliland, Alexis Gilliland

### Washington

Jan 13-15 **Rustycon 23**, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 27075, Seattle, WA 98165 <http://www.rustycon.com/rustycon@rustycon.org>

Feb 17-20 **ConQuest NW**, Seattle, Washington; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-389-3433 <http://www.avalongamecon.com/nwindex.html>

Feb 17-19 **Radcon 4b**, Pasco, Washington; Info: PMB# 162, 2527 West Kennewick Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336-3126 <http://www.radcon.org/> chair@radcon.org Guests: Franik Wu

Feb 24-26 **Potlatch 15**, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 25075, Seattle, WA 98165 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/info@potlatch-sf.org>

Mar 24-26 **Gamestorm**, Vancouver, Washington; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/chair@pdxgames.com>

Mar 24-26 **Sakura Con**, Seattle, Washington; Info: 3702 South Fife St, Suite K-2, PMB 78, Tacoma, WA 98409 <http://sakuracon.org/>

Apr 13-15 **Norewescon 29**, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle, WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Donato Giancola, Robert J. Sawyer, DAW Books

### Wisconsin

Apr 1-2 **Concinnity**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Info: c/o MAGE, Student Life, 1025 N Broadway St, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3109 Ph: 414-277-6943 <http://concinnity.magegaming.org/> concinnity@magegaming.org

Apr 7-9 **Odyssey Con VI**, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 Ph: 608-260-9924 <http://www.oddcon.org/> oddcon@oddcon.org

Apr 21-23 **NoBrandCon 5**, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Info: c/o The Anime Appreciation Society, Student Organizations Complex – UWEC, 132 Davies Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701 <http://www.nobrandcon.com/questions@nobrandcon.com> Guests: Joe Grisaffi, Tiffany Grant

### Australia

#### New South Wales

Dec 9-11 **Macquariecon XX**, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: c/o SAM Locked Bag 3500, North Ryde 1670, NSW Australia, 2113 <http://maccon.cjb.net/drbyrne@daedalist.com>

#### Queensland

Apr 14-17 **Conjure**, Brisbane, Queensland; Info: PO Box 1394, Toowong, QLD 4066 <http://www.conjure.org.au/>

#### Victoria

Jan 26-29 **Arcanacon XXIV**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 181, Ashburton 3147 <http://arcanacon.org/orgs@arcanacon.org>

Apr 14-17 **Conquest**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: Suite 42, 85 Grattan St, Carlton, Victoria, 3053 <http://www.conquest.asn.au/enquiries@conquest.asn.au>

#### Western Australia

Mar 3-6 **SwanCon**, Perth, Western Australia; Info: PO Box 4, Kelmscott 6911, Australia <http://www.swancon.com/swancon2006@gmail.com> Guests: Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Ippongi Bang, Danny Oz

### Canada

#### British Columbia

Mar 24-26 **Creation**, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

#### New Brunswick

Feb 24-26 **Animaritime**, Sackville, New Brunswick; Info: 152 Main Street, Box # 1234, Sackville, NB E4L 1B3 <http://animaritime.mtaanime.org/> info@animaritime.mtaanime.org

#### Ontario

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Filk Ontario 16**, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: 98-145 Rice Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.filkontario.ca/> info@filkontario.ca

# CONVENTION LISTINGS

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Guests: Chris Conway, Tanya Huff, Judi Miller

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Ad Astra**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 Ph: 866-563-5426 <http://www.ad-astra.org/info@ad-astra.org> Guests: Terry Brooks, Peter David, Betsy Mitchell

Apr 29 **TransformersCon**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 87 Hadeland Avenue Hamilton ON L9C 6X8 <http://www.transformerscon.com/tfcon@mountaincable.net> Guests: Joe Ng, Alex Milne

Germany

Dec 2-4 **German City Con**, Nürnberg, ; Info: Ute Schuh & Ulrike Hartmann, Albrecht-Duerer-Strasse 58, 90513 Zirndorf, Germany Ph: +49 911 96587058 <http://www.germancitycon.de> info@germancitycon.de

Ireland

Mar 11-12 **Phoenix Convention**, Dublin, ; Info: c/o Yellow Brick Road, 8 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, Ireland <http://www.slovobooks.com/phoenix/phoenixconvention@yahoo.co.uk> Guests: Susanna Clarke, Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Ariel, Eugene Byrne, Paul Cornell, Diane Duane, Maggie Furey, George Green, Colin Greenland, Ian McDonald, Juliet E McKenna, Peter Morwood, Leah Moore, John Reppion, M J Simpson, Steve Westcott

Italy

Mar 23-26 **DeepCon/Italcon**, Fiuggi Terme, ; Info: Filippo Meda 159 - 00157 Roma <http://www.deepcon.it/> Guests: Alexis Cruz, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Valerio Evangelisti

United Kingdom

England

Feb 4-6 **1812 Tone**, Lincolnshire, England; Info: 34 Star Road, Isleworth, Middlesex

TW7 4HB <http://www.contabile.org.uk/publicity@contabile.org.uk> Guests: Sam Baardman, Mich Sampson

Feb 10-12 **SFBall**, Bournemouth, England; Info: Flat 3, "Blighwood", 57 Surrey Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 1HF Ph: +44(0)70 9281 2101 <http://www.sfball.com/> Guests: Michael Sheard, Richard Arnold Benefits: Macmillan Cancer unit in Christchurch hospital

Mar 10-12 **Highlander World Wide 7**, Leeds, England; Info: c/o Karen Scott, 2 Zara Crt, Frankston, Victoria 3199, Australia <http://www.hldu.org/nancye@hlww.org>

Mar 16-19 **Left Coast Crime 16**, Bristol, England; Info: LCC2006, Flat 3, 17 Ferndale, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3RU, United Kingdom <http://www.leftcoastcrime2006.com/lcc2006@leftcoastcrime2006.com> Guests: Anne Perry, Lee Child, Toby Gottfried, Bill Gottfried, Donna Moore

Apr 21-23 **Creation**, London, England; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

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Apr 28-30 **OLNFC 3**, Warwickshire, England; Info: 22 Purefoy Rd, Coventry, West Midlands, England, CV3 5GL Ph: +44 02476 503113 <http://www.theofficialleonardnimo-fanclub.com/conventionpage.html> maggyolnfc@yahoo.com

Scotland

Apr 14-17 **Concussion**, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: 103 Rustat Road, Cambridge CB1 3QG, UK Ph: +44 07799 771309 <http://www.eastercon2006.org/> Guests: M. John Harrison, Brian Froud, Elizabeth Hand, Justina Robson, Ian Sorensen, Dan Abnett, Marc Gascoigne, Mat Irvine, Johanna Sinisalo

Wales

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Portmeiricon**, Portmeirion, Wales; Info: BOX 66, Ipswich, IP2 9TZ, UK <http://www.portmeiricon.com/>

## MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By COL Adam J. "Maccabee" Bernay - "The MSR-Rabbi" • USS Gallant, R4  
Special Assistance from CAPT Jolynn Brown & VADM Greg Trotter

Because of time pressure issues in getting this out the door (the resignation of my two old assistants and the changeover to the new assistants' database access did not occur in time to do this per program), there are no "Notes from the MSR-Rabbi" in this edition, but they will return next issue! However, I want to send out blessings to all members effected by the two recent hurricanes and to the multitude of FLEET members and chapters whose reports you see below that helped their neighbors in need... in accordance with that famous statement:

"Let me help.' A hundred years or so from now, I believe, a famous novelist will write a classic using that theme. He'll recommend those three words even over 'I love you.'" -- Kirk, "The City on the Edge of Forever"

### Region 1

Shuttle Armageddon NCC-S8812/01 Lafayette, Tennessee  
The Shuttle Armageddon crew participated in gaming and a cook-out at our monthly meeting.

Shuttle Dark Star NCC-63545 Summerville, South Carolina  
Website created, working on transferring files. Many thanks to Victor Swindell for very cool graphics!

Shuttle Excalibur NCC-1721/06 Magnolia, Ohio  
Participated with USS Ohio at a PBS 45/49

phone pledge-a-thon at Kent State University. Uriah Heise and his family are on their way back to Ohio from San Diego after finishing 9 years in the United States Navy. Our congratulations to Uriah!! Discussing plans for MidOhioCon in Columbus OH in November.

Shuttle Independence NCC-75006 Fall Branch, Tennessee  
Greg and Julie Franklin provided help to Hurricane Katrina Evacuees. Members viewed the movie "Into the Blue". Greg Franklin helped to complete the Romulan Manual for TRACOM in the SFMCA. Crewmembers on an away mission to Pigeon Forge TN for a Rescue Conference.

Shuttle Odin's Fury NCC-52131 Simpsonville, South Carolina  
The XO flew up to Hampton, Virginia to participate in the U.S.S. Maat/ U.S.S. Jamestown/ IKV Bat'Leth's Quarks Casino Royale. We raised about \$330 plus numerous canned goods, toiletry items, stamps, and coupons.

Shuttle Schweitzer NCC-51896/01 Westminster, Maryland  
Welcome to new crew member Amy Labbe, and congratulations on her College of Medicine, Surgery Specialty (w/ Distinction) degree). Shuttle XO, Blair Learn, continues to do a fine job compiling the convention lists for Starfleet's Communique.

SS Bennu SFR-119 Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
Participated in Sec Rep outing to Smokies Baseball Game on the 2nd. Outing to Montley Crew concert on the 11th.

USS Aeon NCC-75022 Memphis, Tennessee  
Crew celebrated the ship's 7th anniversary on 8/13/05 with a potluck supper. Everyone had lots of good fun and a great time.

USS Alaric NCC-503 Asheville, North Carolina  
Gaming at monthly meetings. The club voted to donate \$50 to the American Red Cross for Katrina disaster relief. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home.

USS Appomattox NCC-75001 Appomattox, Virginia  
We celebrated our 4th Anniversary on the 10th with 2 guests from the USS Jamestown, on the 17th attended the USS Jamestown & USS Maat's Casino Night, and stayed for the Jamestown's meeting on the 18th. We attended Rising Star 14.

USS Arizona NCC-71839 Alliance, Ohio  
The crew attended Car Shows and donated money to HSUS, which helps animals lost in Hurricane Katrina find their lost "people."

USS Asgard NCC-724028 Lancaster, Ohio  
Crewmembers attended gaming conventions in Springfield and Columbus. After-meeting activity in September was SG-1 role playing game.

USS Athena NCC-51896 Oak Hill, Virginia  
Crafting day yielded many more bookmarks and other items for upcoming craft shows and conventions. We provided several bags of

school supplies and backpacks to Children Services for foster kids. Items received after the deadline were offered to organizations supporting Katrina/Rita relief.

USS Banshee NCC-74916 Maryville, Tennessee  
Our monthly gaming night featured "Magic the Gathering"; members are also playing an online game called "Guild Wars" and have created a guild called "Knights of Lestat".

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A Thomasville, North Carolina  
Held meeting at Ham's in High Point. Attended DragonCon in Atlanta.

USS Charleston NCC-71813 Charleston, South Carolina  
We are primarily working on Ship's Records management, overhauling the website, and rebuilding our communications array. Our Library is being updated and documented. Our Captain is still in Sickbay, but she's still running the ship!

USS Columbia NCC-75017 Shelby, Ohio  
Crew reviewed current chapter schedule of events and discussed future proposals. Latest sci-fi news updated by Todd Hartman.

USS Columbus NCC-74670 Columbus, Ohio  
The crew held candlelight ceremony in library parking lot to remember hurricane Katrina victims, set dates for mystery and Halloween parties, went to dinner, and made plans for U.N. festival.



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USS Commonwealth NCC-72401  
Richmond, Kentucky  
Second Officer James Cecil participated in the Battle of Richmond Civil War reenactment and is setting up a fund drive for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

USS Dark Wolf NCC-75002  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
Everything has been put on hold because of the sickness and loss of one very active member on this chapter.

USS Dominator NCC-18076  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Collected coupons for OCP and stamps for Stampede. Plans are being made to attend the R1 Summit and IC next year.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631  
Elryia, Ohio  
The ship held SCI FI Nights on Fridays and RPG on Saturdays and Sundays. Members celebrated the birthday of several members by holding a party and Live Action Chase Game; attend a USS OHIO promotional event, cookout, and horror film viewing; and began preparing for the upcoming Halloween season, with intensions of working with The Haunted Forest of Carousel for the fourth year in a row.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793  
Madison Heights, Virginia  
The meeting theme was "Mexi-Trek." Everyone wore one Mexican item & instead of refreshments, we had Taco Night. Chapter donated \$200 to the Salvation Army for hurricane Katrina relief and ran a challenge through local media to area clubs to match chapter's donation. Chapter cookbook, Taste Trek, is finally in print.

USS Hells Fury NCC-74304  
Fairmont, West Virginia  
Crew welcomed two new members onto the ship. Recruiting efforts continue. CO & XO completed work on a webpage for R1 RDC-Ops.

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D  
Charlotte, North Carlina  
We discussed who had done what for Katrina relief, as well as setting our Hornet Night Out dates and places, and our Nearly New Year's Party. Afterwards, we went to the Greek Festival and had lunch. Hornet Night Out was 9/19 at the Charlotte Café, a new place for us. It was nice but crowded!

USS Indiana NCC-79158  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Plans are to attend the Louisville Zoo "World's Largest Halloween Party" on October 8th, and to volunteer at the Memphis Zoo during the last two weekends of the month.

USS Intrepid NCC-74655  
Mansfield, Ohio  
Next month, we will meet at a restaurant to celebrate Gene Rodenberry and Star Trek.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D  
Newport News, Virginia  
The 4th Annual Quarks Casino Royale Charity Event was held at the American Legion Hall, co-sponsored with USS Maat and IKV Bat'Leth, supported the Norfolk SPCA, Senior Services of Southeast Virginia, Our Troops in the Mosul Iraq Hospital and The Martina Danielle Natoli Lung Transplant Fund. Collected \$330 for the The Martina Danielle Natoli Lung Transplant Fund, Over \$20,000 of Coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project.

USS Jurassic NCC-3500  
Hammersville, Ohio  
The Afghan Project is going well. We donated 3 Baby Blankets, 7 Beanie, Bootie sets and 2 Beanies to the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Many, but not all, of our friends in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region have been located; some with little or no damage, others lost everything. We donated \$1000 to the Salvation Army for their hurricane relief fund.

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
Another trophy won at the Barberton Labor Day Parade. Work continues on our Christmas contribution to the Hospital Festival of Trees and for the Anniversary Party in October.

USS Liberator NCC-75008  
Akron, Ohio  
Monthly meeting, working on web site and newsletter, working on regional summit for 2006, role-playing online.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A  
Norfolk, Virginia  
The crew held monthly meetings in August and September and a social night in September. Also, we co-sponsored the 4th Annual Quark's Casino Royale in Hampton, VA for several worthy charities.

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218  
Tyner, North Carolina  
The members held a meeting at a local Comic/RPG shop. Our meetings will resume next month at the normal location.

USS Normandy NCC-36000  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Crew kept busy with activities as the summer wound down.

USS Ohio NCC-75007  
Barberton, Ohio  
We held a "Superhero-thon" in celebration of two members' anniversary and their son's birthday. We had a "hero" sandwich from Subway and watched superhero movies like "Batman and Robin" (the original), "Daredevil," etc. We also sent a box of items for the troops.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
Members attended anniversary dinners for the Jamestown and the MAAT, and the Virginia Air and Space Center's Halloween Haunted Bash.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Made Hurricane Katrina/Rita donations. CO & XO preparing for wedding. Forming new shuttle.

USS Providence NCC-71796  
Cedar Grove, Tennessee  
Had normal monthly meeting.

USS Renegade NCC-2547  
Youngstown, Ohio  
Still working on plans for the Region 1 Summit 2006. On-going Programs: sending coupons to our base in Germany; taking part in Relay for Life walks; assisting local VFWs putting flags on Veteran's graves; sending cancelled postage stamps to the Veteran's hospital contact in Arizona.; sending 'care packages' to our military personnel in Iraq and to sailors on the Carl Vinson; and many more.

USS Reprisal NCC-1896  
Church Hill, Tennessee  
Held meeting at local nature preserve and took

in solar viewing. Planning a star watch with member's telescopes. Away team planning a trip to a local civil war-themed corn maze. Preparing a special Halloween themed issue of our newsletter with local ghost stories.

USS Richmond NCC-2003  
Covington, Kentucky  
Watched ST Insurrection.

USS Ronald E. McNair NCC-61809  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Our newsletter is up and running again. McNair members went on an "away mission" Labor Day weekend, camping at Myrtle Beach, SC.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215  
Ladson, South Carolina  
Donated Teddy Bears for US Troops in Iraq to pass our Iraqi Children as part of the " US Army Teddy Troopers/ ParaBear Project." Participated in both Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief Efforts & Endeavors.

USS Star League NCC-2101  
Waynesboro, South Carolina  
Members went to DragonCon in Atlanta, but CO Barbara Lariscy was unable to attend due to her Hurricane Katrina relief work. Seven members walked in JDRF walkathon, raising over \$400.

USS Star Runner NCC-74222  
Taylors, South Carolina  
At DragonCon, XO Capt Susan Mahaffey assisted in raising \$207 that went to American Red Cross to be used in assisting Hurricane Katrina victims. The crew also sent a care package to troops and held a game night.

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122  
Spring Lake, North Carolina  
Chapter held business meeting at Cliffdale Library and attended Fayetteville International Fair.

USS Tycho NCC-59325  
Martin, Ohio  
Plans are still in the works for a day trip to the R/1 Summit in May. Our next general crew meeting will be held at the University of Toledo's Ritter Planetarium. A look through the university's telescope will follow -- if we have a clear night. We also talked about all the latest Sci Fi movies. The meeting concluded with a trip to a local eatery.

USS Wasp NCC-1721  
Shelbyville, Kentucky  
CO just got settled after a move. Saw Serenity, nothing else to report.

USS Yaeger NCC-61893  
Bluefield, West Virginia  
Starfleet room at Rising Star went quite well with attendees from Jamestown, Heimdal, Yeager, Appomattox and MAAT in attendance. We'd love to expand that next year.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A  
Catawba, South Carolina  
Movie outings included "War of the Worlds" and "Dukes of Hazzard."

**Region 2**  
Shuttle Andromeda NCC-74692/02  
Tampa, Florida  
Commander Alvin Dozier did a wheel-a-thon to raise money for a new playground for wheelchair-bound kids.

Shuttle MacArthur NCC-71708  
Tampa, Florida  
Members attended a Birthday Party for the

Fleet Admiral of another group of slubs based in Tampa. CMO Commadore Leslie Ryan ran the Suncoast race for the cure.

SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007  
Florence, Alabama  
Planning for Renn Feast Faire and annual fund raiser.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003  
Miami, Florida  
This month's club meeting was held at OUTLAND STATION Comics and Collectible Store. Members participated in the local MDA Labor Day Telethon by taking phone pledges and sorting mail. One of our members Reynaldo Ramirez was asked to stay longer to help out with calls from Spanish-speaking contributors. On September 11, members attended the headstone unveiling and dedication ceremony for late Blackstar Crewmember Lt. Benjamin Feld, joined Starfleet's R2 Coordinator Radm Jennifer Rosbury and the USS Relentless' XO Cmdr Kirylyn Dreamer.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920  
Leaksville, Mississippi  
Hurricane Katrina was survived. We are working on recovery efforts for neighbors. Talks are underway to adopt a law enforcement group to show appreciation for the hard work during the storm. No injuries from this ship.

USS Dauntless NCC-74214  
Orange Park, Florida  
Working on Dauntless RPG. South African members hold monthly socials for fellowship and recruitment.

USS DaVinci NCC-74671  
Columbus, Georgia  
We celebrate the passing of summer with our annual "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall" cookout. One of our member's daughter in-law owns a bakery and she made a huge chocolate cake for the occasion! We are getting ready for our annual participation in the Help-the-Hooch River clean up. This will be our 9th year of participation in this worth-while event.

USS Draco NCC-78501  
Cullman, Alabama  
Members of the Draco and Spiritwalker did their annual duty at channel 19 in Huntsville for the MDA Telethon.

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822  
Odenville, Alabama  
On the Odenville end, a group of us went on our usual weekly shopping trips. We also went to the Greek festival in Birmingham, the Powwow at Desoto Caverns, and to some yard sales this month. On the Decatur End, they have been doing some reading, going to various events in their area, and having fun cooking. On the Georgia end, the folks there donated to Katrina victims and gave blood.

USS Gasparilla NCC-74400  
Brandon, Florida  
Mailed over \$100,000 of coupons to overseas military base. Attended DragonCon and held Krewe Dine Out at Chili's.

USS Guardian NCC-26244  
Cocoa, Florida  
Meeting dealt with planning our chapter's fan film project and planning a trip to Las Vegas and the Star Trek Experience.

USS Haise NCC-74664  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Finalized plans for Community Stewpot Children's Services After-school Book Club "Space...the final frontier" book party for fourth graders we are sponsoring on Spet. 29. Added events to Oct. and Nov. calendars. We will have a team participate in the MS Walk for Diabetes on Oct. 23. We will sponsor the dog-watering stations again as well as have a team of walkers and other volunteers that day. Distributed info on R2 Summit in March 06. Next meeting set for Sept. 26 at 6:30 at McAllister's Deli on I-55 North

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004  
Graysville, Alabama  
Yard sale to raise ship's funds. T-shirt ordering processing. Getting ready and helping planning of the 2006 R2 summit.

USS Khai Tam NCC-81000  
Tallahassee, Florida  
We held a chapter Business Meeting and host the Captains' Poker Night.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172  
Dunedin, Florida  
DragonCon 2005, Monthly Meeting, Serenity Premier.

USS New Hope NCC-50335  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Four members of the Command Crew went to Dragon Con 2005. Newsletter was delayed to show pictures of Dragon Con, as well as Jan Sleigh updating the website. Crew members went out to eat and discuss business as the meeting.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695  
Collins, Mississippi  
Survived Hurricane Katrina; Larry Morris and I were both in the eye of the storm at the same time. The first cat 3 inland storm winds of 135 mph had pine trees snapping like popcorn in a microwave oven. After the storm looting broke out.

USS Paegan NCC-1755  
Lake Mary, Florida  
A regular meeting was held earlier in the month in preparation for an upcoming gaming session. At a special meeting held on the 22nd, Ray Burkhart was offered and accepted the Captaincy of the oldest ship in Region 2. Norm Ennis became the XO and the change was processed thru SFI.org. Successfully, we think. :-)

USS Relentless NCC-81001  
Palm Bay, Florida  
We confirmed recruitment at Library Harvest Fest using 2 tables. We are allowed to insert our flyer into the 300 goodybags given out to attendees. We also traveled to Panama City for Holodeck Pirate Acting at the St. Andrews Seafood and Pirate Festival.

USS Republic NCC-1371  
Dunwoody, Florida  
Held meeting at Dragons Horde and again at Dragon Con where we met with other groups and held a panel for Starfleet Kitchen.

USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005  
Savannah, Georgia  
Members attended DragonCon and hosted a table at Trek Trak's 10 Forward, had Meetings at Joe Muggs in Books-A-Million and Chen Restaurant, played RPG Garu, held Capn's Table at Pizza Inn, attended our monthly movie night seeing "Brothers Grimm," and held Club Bowling Night at Victory Lanes.

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097  
Decatur, Georgia  
We donated to the Decatur Animal Shelter t three bags of food and some treats for the animals. There were several departmental meetings on the ship this month, mainly the Engineering, Science, and Marine Corps.

USS Trident NCC-74692  
Jensen Beach, Florida  
Members enjoyed Crew Night Out to see St Lucie Mets Baseball and two Movie Away Teams to see "Corpse Bride" and "Serenity."

USS Wernher von Braun NCC-72069  
Madison, Alabama  
Our chapter overwhelming voted to raise funds support Ronald McDonald House at the next Summit. We have a chance to have a recruiting table at one of the largest conventions in out area since Star Trek 30: NovaCon, November 11-13. Confirmed guests include Chase Masterson (Leeta from Star Trek: Deep Space 9), Virginia Hey (Zhaan from Farscape), and Richard Hatch (Apollo from the original Battlestar Galactica).

**Region 3**  
SS Freedom III SS-001  
Eules, Texas  
Report Filed.

SS Maverick SFR-301  
Lubbock, Texas  
Members got together for a movie night at the XO's house. Recruitment efforts are continuing and plans are being made for an away team mission to the upcoming Regional Game Day. One of our members left for the Middle East with his detachment of SeaBees.

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889  
Georgetown, Texas  
Crew attended a fund-raising dinner for the Red Cross at the Texas Land and Cattle Company and went to the opening night of the movie Serenity.

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888  
Houston, Texas  
Chapter is trying to recover after Rita evacuation, or what became the "Stranded in Huntsville" tour. The folks were great and we hope to revisit under better conditions. Thanks to the Panther City's Mark Vinson who put up the part of the Fanelli Family. On a happy note, Region Three's Space Center Houston was a success, raising funds for Katrina relief.

USS Bexar NCC-71718  
San Antonio, Texas  
We would like to make sure everyone knows to visit our new improved website at www.ussbexar.net... same web address but with a whole new look! Our medical department is still collecting stuffed animals for the EMS Trauma Buddy program.

USS Firebird NCC-74919  
Houston, Texas  
A group from the chapter attended the Region 3 Space Center Houston Event. Assistance was also given to those affected by the storms.

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019  
El Paso, Texas  
We held a meeting, recruitment event, and party. COL Olivares and LT Kell donated food items to Katrina relief.

USS Intangible NCC-65421  
Bryan, Texas  
Report filed.

USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Two ships meetings held. XO birthday celebrated at 2nd meeting. Crew also made donations to Katrina victims: clothes, water bottles, and cash donation.

USS Laredo NCC-03  
Laredo, Texas  
We held crew meetings in August and September.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628  
Lubbock, Texas  
Several crew members worked in Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuation centers. We had a movie night at Joe White's home in Plainview. We also helped the local radio controlled airplane group with a food drive for the South Plains Food Bank, collecting about 130 pounds of food and just under \$130 in cash donations.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914  
Amarillo, Texas  
We watched a DVD of three Stargate: SG1 episodes. We also discussed purchase of the ST:Enterprise DVD set, and the fact that the Season 8 DVD set of SG1 will be released Oct. 4th. Finally, we discussed our annual Halloween Costume Party.

USS Panther City NCC-74917  
Benbrook, Texas  
Report filed. All is well aboard.

USS Regulator NCC-73337  
Weatherford, Texas  
Gathered donations for Quark's and sent invites to Sector 1 and Dallas/Ft Worth are Sci-Fi Clubs to attend the event. Sent invites to Dallas/Fort Worth area SciFi Clubs to attend Quark's. Held Quark's 10/1/05, charity was Tarrant County Woman's Haven, a local Women's Shelter. We raised \$400 and gathered a lot of material the shelter needs.

USS Rhyanna NCC-1892  
Marble Falls, Texas  
Collected tomato products for Hill Country Ministries Food Pantry and several members volunteered at the Round Rock Food Pantry. Rhyanna and Arc Angel met for dinner. Several Rhyanna members attended the Region 3 NASA trip.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300  
Houston, Texas  
The entire crew of the USS SpiritWolf needs to be commended for their efforts in helping the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina. Our general crew meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Rita. Plans for the ship's 7th anniversary celebration are underway.

USS Tau'ri NCC-51007  
Justin, Texas  
Members of the Tau'ri went to see Stealth for movie night.

USS Tejas NCC-9756  
Vernon, Texas  
Still collecting pennies for our "Mile of Pennies"; coupons for OCP, Humane Society, and First Step; and newspapers and aluminum cans for the Wilbarger and Wichita Counties Humane Societies.

USS Thunderwolf NCC-63542  
San Antonio, Texas  
Ship has been heavily involved in Disaster Relief efforts. The crew volunteered for relief effort initially in Louisiana and were assigned to Baton Rouge, La. They worked in the Largest Shelter in the State. Several Crew members remained

in San Antonio Assisting in local relief efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425  
Dallas, Texas  
Members attended and worked at Dragoncon and Fencon, and attended a prescreening of SERENITY on September 27.

USS Victory NCC-74208  
San Antonio, Texas  
Members participated in the 25TH Annual Lakehills Cajun Festival, an annual celebration of everything Cajun, including food, music and fun!

**Region 4**  
ISS Pegasus NCC-9755  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Crew is working on the donation of a car to Big Brothers & Big Sisters, and is launching a shuttle named Silver Moon.

Shuttle Albion NCC-74213/3  
London, United Kingdom  
We had an MSN meeting on Saturday 01/10/2005. and decided that we want a sovereign class ship when we commission. We also talked about recruitment, amongst other things.

Shuttle Battle Born NCC-23104/1  
Carson City, Nevada  
Role-playing event is scheduled for October 2nd. Members are encouraged to begin collecting Toys for the SFMC/USMC Toys for Tots program.

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003  
Redding, California  
Chapter held Annual End-Of-Summer BBQ, was enjoyed by all that attended. 3-4 Chapter members attended Region 4 Conference.

SS K Ehleyr NCC-009  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Couple of movie nights, Command Staff & Crew meetings.

USS Angeles NCC-71840  
Los Angeles, California  
Volunteered at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum's Star Trek exhibit, sneak preview screening of the "Threshold" pilot, general meeting and birthday party for our CO, final planning meeting for the R4 Conference, attended a private party at Six Flags Magic Mountain.

USS Angelfire NCC-75025  
Glendale, California  
USS Angelfire met to discuss the upcoming Halloween and Holiday parties. Also the crew will be pursuing SFI polo shirts for the upcoming year, with Pat Spillers. Next meeting will be on the 29th at our Halloween party.

USS Augusta Ada NCC-55011  
Campbell, California  
Crew held water wars and a meeting.

USS Centurion NCC-74801  
San Bernardino, California  
Getting back into the swing of things. Summer over, time to get active again.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003  
Bakersfield, California  
Crew work on charity activities.

USS Eagle NCC-1719  
Fremont, California  
Camping trip at Lake Tahoe over Labor Day weekend. Some crew members planned to



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attend SiliCon 2005, while others may attend the Region 4 Conference.

USS Gallant NCC-4890  
Fresno, California  
The crew held a general meeting followed by housewarming party at the CO's new residence.

USS Northern Lights NCC-27001  
San Jose, California  
Several crewmembers took part in a midnight premiere of "Serenity" at the Metreon in San Francisco. Operations Specialist Mike Miyake made the arrangements, and although he did not come dressed as Adlai Niska as he had SAID he would (tsk, tsk), several other members DID come in costume: XO Glenn "Jayne Cobb" Martin, Ops Officer Johny "Wash" Buckhanan, Intel Officer T'Any "Kaylee" Morris, Intel Analyst Becca "River" Flores, and Helm Officer Celeste "Registered Companion" Miller.

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200  
Visalia, California  
Our monthly meeting was held at Lemon Cove at a members home near Lake Kaweah. We put together 300 membership packages and games were played after a great BBQ dinner.

USS Stormbringer NCC-74213  
Riverside, California  
The CO went to the Las Vegas Creation Con Aug 11-14. Paid attendance was over 12,000. I enjoyed roaming around Quark's, the Experience, and even caught up with an acquaintance from L.A. named Jim Van Over. He did all of the graphics on the bridge of the recently cancelled "Enterprise".

USS William O Darby NCC-12474  
Grand Terrace, California  
The crew worked with other local ST clubs, prepared for the Region 4 Conference, and worked on the cadet program.

**Region 5**  
USS Crusader NCC-74711  
Otis Orchard, Washington  
For our activity this month, we went to the Manito Park gardens to see the hundreds of beautiful flowers in bloom at the rose garden, the Japanese gardens, and the formal Duncan Gardens. A beautiful day.

USS Destiny NCC-97301  
Salem, Oregon  
The Crew held the September meeting after cleaning the beach. The crew also participated in the ADA Walk-a-Thon.

USS Rubicon NCC-71816  
Richland, Washington  
Preparations for the upcoming anniversary party were finalized. Much work has been done by the planning committee and a wonderful time is expected. Approximately 25 people have confirmed their attendance.

**Region 6**  
USS Czar'ak NCC-1798-A  
Richfield, Minnesota  
We held our monthly meeting, are trying to reschedule our Put-put challenge, and we have Valleycon coming up.

USS Fox River NCC-81002  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
Crew preparing for "A Good Day to Dine!" and collecting supplies for local animal shelters.

USS Imperium NCC-2125  
 Fargo, North Dakota  
Most of the crew helped out with the local Public TV pledge drive. Many movie premieres have been attended with area Science Fiction clubs. Plans for upcoming Region Six Conference have been finalized and the Imperium is set to host the conference again at Valleycon 31.

USS Saint George NCC-63541  
Slater, Minnesota  
Members are taking academy classes and collecting coupons for OCP. The XO is working with a local Riverside Iowa paper promoting SFI.

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota  
Last Highway pick up of the year was held followed by a potluck that was great fun for all those attending including the sleep deprived Captain.

**Region 7**  
ISS Kerberos NCC-74929  
Newark, New Jersey  
A quiet couple of months with real life taking the front seat.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C  
West New York, New Jersey  
Most of the Lex Crew attended the 2005 R7 Conference. A good time was had by all.

USS Accord NCC-1842  
Ithaca, New York  
The crew did the final planning for this year's Watkins Glen Weekend and enjoyed a Firefly Marathon.

USS Adamant NCC-3029  
Hatfield, Pennsylvania  
The chapter's 9th Anniversary Dinner was held at Houlihan's Restaurant in Plymouth. Members were joined by the COs of the Ascension, DeBraak, and the Malverne. Members also attended the Region 7 Conference.

USS Albany NCC-587  
Scotia, New York  
Members attended the Scottish Games, volunteered at the MDA Telethon, played miniature golf, and went to the Rhinebeck Museum and the Stamp Expo.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812  
Camp Springs, Maryland  
Many members attended Shoreleave.

USS Archer NCC-1069  
Mantua, New Jersey  
Members attended the Region 7 Conference. Our chapter also received a regional award for 100% reporting.

USS Ari NCC-1723  
Buffalo, New York  
We held our monthly meeting in Captain Biber's nursing home room. Topics included: Hurrican Katrina, the latest Harry Potter book and the latest Star Wars movie.

USS Ascension NCC-2520  
Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Members held the Ascension Night at the Carmike, where we watched the movie "The Brothers Grimm". CO attended the Adamant's 9th Anniversary Dinner in Plymouth.

USS Asimov NCC-1647  
Paoli, Pennsylvania  
September, our CO showed up at the R7 Conference. Aside from that it was a slow month for us. October promises to be lively.

USS Avenger NCC-1860  
Linden, New Jersey  
Events included September shipwide movie night: "Serenity" at Loews, attending the Region 7 Conference, and celebrating the third anniversary of the ship's Marine unit.

USS Challenger NCC-1676-D  
Toms River, New Jersey  
Our big activity of the month was hosting the 2005 R7 Conference which we were very pleased to do and which received an attendance of 60 or more registered attendees.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543  
Dover, Delaware  
DeBRAAK attends the Region 7 Conference.

USS Dragon Star NCC-52135  
Walden, New York  
Working on the new membership packets, web site, and charity work.

USS Edinburgh NCC-77930  
Glen Burnie, Maryland  
The chapter CO and his wife celebrated their 10th wedding anniverary on the 23rd of September.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
We went to the Irish Festival, the Region 7 Conference and Watkins Glen weekend in Ithaca.

USS Highlander NCC-10530  
Randallstown, Maryland  
Crew attended ship meeting on 8-18. Batman, Robyn and Angel are working at the Renaissance Fair again this year.

USS Inferno NCC-15202  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Members attended Maquis Gras in Valparaiso, IN.

USS Justice NCC-556  
Florham Park, New Jersey  
Have started filming of our third episode and begun dicussions with other groups about doing "other stories" for Tales of the Seventh Fleet.

USS Malverne NCC-2205  
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania  
Dinner meetings continue.

USS Niagara NCC-75634  
Cheektowaga, New York  
Ship began an Ebay sale project to support donations to Hurricans relief as well as welcoming 2 new members, made modifications to the bylaws and made donations to the SPCA and Katrina relief

USS Osiris NCC-3092  
Bronx, New York  
Members attended the Region 7 Conference. Of course they tore up the dance floor at the dance after the awards/banquet (see the links to the photos on our web page) and as echausted as we were we limped back home on the 25th.

USS Richthofen NCC-73286  
Mount Olive Township, New Jersey  
CauldronCon was a great success!

USS Sovereign NCC-75000  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
We held our monthly meeting. Crew went to Jurassic Park, and then visited the USS Osiris. We also attended the Region 7 Conference.

USS Starlord NCC-74225  
Aberdeen, New Jersey  
Crew enjoyed a gaming night and members attended the Region 7 Conference.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Planning a reunion gathering for all of the past and current members of the THOR. 18 years of patrolling.. Cool huh... Crew still very active in Relay for life and working as senior staff at Katsucon and Anime Mid Atlantic.

USS Top Gun NCC-75029  
Oxon Hill, Maryland  
We attend the Maryland Renaissance Faire to pay homage to our very first event as a pre-shuttle. The following weekend the second away team attended the event in which the TG was launched the Regional Conference.

**Region 9**  
Shuttle Star Saber NCC-74212  
APO, Ehningen, Germany  
We meet new friends on a Trekdinner. The crew enjoyed online Gaming.

USS Europe NCC-74668  
Lisbon, Spain  
USS Europe now runs a daily trivia tournament. We also finished the NR 21 newsletter and played our first battle simulation (RPG).

USS Vanguard NCC-75026  
Laakdal, Belgium  
On Line Gaming continues and a Monthly Trivia Quiz has been set up. Members participated in two Star Trek 2E Constructed CCG Tournaments, placing 5th & 7th and 4th & 6th, respectively.

**Region 10**  
USS Crystal Star NCC-1160  
Eagle River, Alaska  
Members are preparing for Holloween.

USS Majestic NCC-78601  
Victoria, British Columbia  
Crew enjoyed a video night.

USS Sol NCC-1733  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Watched Deep Space Nine Episodes and played Jedi Life.

**Region 12**  
Shuttle Foe Hammer NCC-72292/1  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
9-8 through 9-11 we were at Steel Con. On the 30th we had our premier party for the release of SERENITY.

Shuttle Rosen NCC-3143/1  
Royal, Kansas  
The Shuttle Rosen held its monthly meeting with the USS Montgomery Scott. We are currently continuing to work with the American Red Cross to aid Katrina evacuees, although the need has slowed down.

Shuttle Ultimatum NCC-10534  
Springfield, Missouri  
The CO/XO meeting scheduled for 9/17 was canceled, however it was decided to keep this months meeting on the 24th. Set to go to Serenity movie on 9/30 after 9pm.

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva NCC-4101  
Wildwood, Missouri  
Activities included: Dinner and movie program with members seeing Valiant, The 40 Year Old Virgin and Sky High. Members with Children enjoyed the Bug Day open house at Babler State Park on Aug 13. Several members took in the last of several summer concerts at local parks, including Blue Bird Park and Faust Park.

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USS Bortas NCC-74211  
Urbana, Illinois  
The ship held a monthly meeting and cookout at a beautiful lake.

USS Celt NCC-75018  
Elkins, Arkansas  
Crew took August/September off from business meetings; various members continued to work on R12 Summit '06 hosting plans.

USS Claymore NCC-72292  
Midwest City, Oklahoma  
Activities included a Gaming night, cook out, finishing up Iraqi Children School Supplies project, and Preparing for Halloween party (bad B-flick night). Youth raised over \$300 for local humane society.

USS Discovery NCC-1308  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
September activities included a movie night, trivia night, gaming and attending Archon 29.

USS Dragonstrike NCC-74305  
Oswego, Kansas  
Crew donated funds and books to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Annual Christmas toys for the children of the homeless underway.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone NCC-3143  
Topeka, Kansas  
Planning a trip to the KC Ren Fair. CO and SGM of the MSG assigned to the chapter still looking for a new house. Anyone want to buy a house in Emporia, KS?

USS Hexum NCC-2199  
Belleville, Illinois  
A great away team mission went to the Butterfly House in Faust Park. We also took a couple of rides on the park carousel. Our picnic, in jeopardy due to inclement weather, was moved to Eric and Elaine Sandbers' new home. We had a great time and played Uno.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514  
Wichita, Kansas  
Crew helped Salvation Army box and prepare goods for shipping to Katrina Survivors, held ship Anniversary Party on Sept 24th, and started a campaign to collect stuffed animals for Ronald McDonald House.

USS Marko Ramius NCC-23103  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Regular meeting and our monthly dinner get together.

USS Morning Star NCC-4126  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
Served 120 at Street Feeding (full meal including salad and dessert). Collected usual Stampede stamps, BC UPC's, RMHC tabs, Campbell's labels, OCP coupons. Attended local International Festival in uniform; volunteered to work at local Humane Society booth (MANY visitors!)

USS Nomad NCC-78500  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
CO and XO absconded to Chicago for a weekend.

USS Phoenix NCC-2155  
Columbia, Missouri  
Had going away party for LtCmndr C. Davidson, who is moving to Independence, MO.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679  
Augusta, Kansas  
Collecting and clipping coupons as always, our main project. Also the crew of the USS Sunflower attended the Anniversary of the USS Jeannette Maddox.

USS Thunderbird NCC-71845  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Attended the wedding of Louis Price and Kay Bohlen.

USS Umiak NCC-3142  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Crew attended "Archon 29" in Collinsville, IL.

USS William Wallace NCC-2555  
Joplin, Missouri  
CO's family went to Tulsa to attend the Oklahoma Scottish Games (and met up with the Grahams).

Region 13  
USS Banting NCC-17220  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada  
Events included a meeting, BBQ, and mini-golf tournament.

USS Empress NCC-15025-A  
Sterling Heights, Michigan  
Group had a small get together for Labor day. Collected donations for the Red Cross. Planning an event with the Detroit Science Center.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020  
Georgetown, Ontario, Canada  
The Chapter Anniversary Party was held at a local park.

USS Jaguar NCC-74750  
Pembroke, Ontario, Canada  
Rear Admiral Klingman put on his fiction writing hat and gave us several chapters of the ongoing Jag fiction. Thanks go to Admiral Chris Wallace for developing the Project Chiron banner which is being rotated on sfi.org.

USS Maquis NCC-74309  
South Lyon, Michigan  
Some Academy Activity going on, several members on vacation for the summer...

USS Sinclair NCC-74209  
Waterford, Michigan  
Crew attended the meeting where we all welcomed Guy Haggard aboard! All else was quiet for this month.

USS White Star NCC-71012  
Port Huron, Michigan  
Very busy month for members personally, so we didn't do much as a Chapter. We are planning for our Anniversary Party.

Region 14  
USS Magellan NCC-72014  
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada  
The usual, nothing special that I am aware of.

Region 15  
Shuttle Anubis NCC-586  
Swampscott, Massachusetts  
4 members of the crew are planning to take a leaf peeping train excursion aboard a historic in New Hampshire, culminating in a catered Dinner.

Shuttle Menahga NCC-3100  
**Beverly, Massachusetts**  
September has been an interesting month. We have managed to get somewhat back on track after the Anubis spun off and shuttled in August.

SS Ian Fleming NCC-SFR-1501  
**Newburyport, Massachusetts**  
Members of the Ian Fleming attended the Mount Desert Island Campout on Labor Day weekend. United Fan Con is next on tap as our next opportunity for members to get together and catch up on old times.

USS Ares NCC-26291  
**Boston, Massachusetts**  
Members of the Ares and Darwin are working with the folks at united Fan Con on the upcoming UFC in November. Also a group of us gathered to watch the season finales of Statgate SG1, Stargate Atlantis, and Battlestar Galactica.

USS Atlantis NCC-71803  
Litchfield, New Hampshire  
USS Atlantis participated in the Region 15 Camp out at Mt. Desert Island over labor day. It was a wonderful time with Atlantis contributing the Astronomy portion of the adventure.  
USS Avalon NCC-74914

Standish, Maine  
In September, we held the Old Orchard Beach Glo-Necklace Fundraiser & Fireworks, a joint effort with the Bonny Eagle High School Quest Club, and members attending an opening day showing of "Serenity".

USS Darwin NCC-1166  
Brockton, Massachusetts  
This month the Darwin crew returned to the library for our monthly meeting. Many of the crew showed up and we decussed the upcoming United FanCon with Patrick Stewart.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
We discussed the latest news in the world of Star Trek, Captain Van Newenhoven shared with everyone about a convention that he recently attended, and we watched an episode of the original Star Trek entitled Man Trap.

USS Hood NCC-1707  
North Chelmsford, **Massachusetts**  
Watching bad movies, fighting the heat and humidity. Enjoying Hoodsies.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784  
Bangor, Maine  
Sept. 1st thru to the 6th was the Regional Campout on MDI hosted by the USS Kasimar. There were 20 in attendance and I know for a fact that all had a good time. The good times include kayaking, stargazing (with Rich DiMiddo's telescope), games, photos, wood splitting contest where the Sailors beat the Marines.

USS Nelson NCC-74804  
Northampton, Massachusetts  
A contingent from the Nelson participated in the Region 15 Treasure Hunt at Maudsley State Park. OCP totals this year thus far are over 85k with a package being prepared to send out to sponsered base.

USS O'Bannon NCC-5372  
Sanford, Maine  
The O'Bannon's crew (past and present) assembled to celebrate its 10th anniversary in Fleet. Represenitives from the USS Atlantis, USS Avalon and the Station Ian Fleming also attended.

Region 17  
Shuttle Aztec NCC-62001/2  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Members attended meetings held by the USS Anasazi. Continuing to plan for our commissioning party, to include a specialty cocktail.

USS Alioth NCC-72383  
Orem/Provo, Utah  
Attended the Red Cross benefit "Back Beat" a Beatles look alike group. Later same day we

held our regular meeting and collected school supplies for the students that came into Camp Williams from the hurricanes in the south.

USS Anasazi NCC-62001  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Beginning our planning for the annual Toys for Tots and other charity drives. Planning for a trip to the "Countdown to the X Prize Cup" festivities and (hopefully) begin planning in earnest to host the 2006 Region 17 Summit with our fellow Albuquerque area chapters.

USS Mir NCC-73281  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Crew gathered for crew meeting, potluck, and movie night.

USS Moontype NCC-9493  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
During the weekend of September 23 through September 25 the C O Kathryn Johnson and XO, Brooks Williamson travelled to Salt Lake City Utah to attend and help celebrate in the first Mountain Con, which was held at the Hilton in Salt Lake.

USS Omega Glory NCC-26917  
Denver, Colorado  
Activities included a trip to the Aurora History Museum: Science Fiction, a movie outing to see "Brothers Grimm", Front Range Grotto Meeting, Caving in Manitou Springs, Bicycle Aurora meeting, Cave of the Winds Restoration Trip, a LaserQuest outing, and a Tour of Celestial Seasonings.

USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D  
Denver, Colorado  
The crew enjoyed many activities, including Serenity and Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Movie outings, Laser Quest, our 10th Anniversary party, and a Tour of Celestial Seasonings.

USS Tiburon NCC-74220  
Denver, Colorado  
Members spent Labor Day weekend in the mountains of Colorado, enjoying sight seeing, boating, and horseback riding. The Tiburon continues to help plan Region 17's first International Conference and continues to work with Denver's Regional Transporation Department by adopting & cleaning several bus stops in the Denver Metro Area.

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
We are continuing our beanie baby donation to the soldiers in Iraq via a connection in Fort Carson.

Region 20  
Shuttle Saratoga NCC-20  
Stevenage, Herts, United Kingdom  
The report for this box is in the hands of the remailer..

USS Britannia NCC-5311  
Guernsey, United Kingdom  
Nothing has happened on Britannia in the last calendar month. The monthly meeting went ahead, but none of the crew attended for a second month running. I appointed a new Chief Of Publications, Lt Robert Stronach, whose main duty is to create the quarterly newsletter.. 'The Regent'



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The USS Inferno recently received a new addition to their family. Cadet Gwendolyn Brooke Higgins was born to LT Cynthia Higgins and LTJG Thomas Higgins on August 19, 2005. Her journey to this world was quite an adventure. After spending a month on bed rest, her mother became fully eclamptic. When labor was induced, Gwen failed the stress test and a Caesarian section was performed immediately. Entering this world 8 weeks early, Gwen weighed

2 lb. 11 oz. and was 16½". She spent the next 4 weeks in the Neonatal ICU at Magee's Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Thanks to modern medicine, she came home almost completely healthy. She will need to stay on a heart monitor but hopefully only for the short term. Mom and Dad are thrilled to finally have her home.

BDR K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK  
Larry French • USS Inferno, R7



## 'FLEET Engagements

Tom Carroll and Beth Dumont of the USS Galaxy, R15, have set a wedding date of September 30th, 2006.

*Congratulations, Tom and Beth!!*



## 'FLEET/TREK

### Obituaries

#### MADELYN L. ROMANO

It is my sad duty to inform you all that our ship's company, and STARFLEET, has been reduced by one.

Madelyn L. Romano was a native of Philadelphia, PA and resident of Spanish Fort, AL for the past eight years. She died Sunday, September 18, 2005 at a Baldwin County, AL, hospital. Mrs. Romano was the Secretary of the Daphne Seniors' Association, member of the Baldwin Senior Travel Society, the Red Hat Society of Baldwin County, a member of the YMCA in Daphne, a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. She attended the Belforest Baptist Bible Study and was an active member of the Mobile Church of Religious Science. She was a member in good standing of STARFLEET, and a valued and respected member of the ship's company of the USS Jubilee.

Madelyn and her daughter Maddy (also a member) hosted our Ship's Christmas party in their home several years ago. Madelyn was a gracious host. An enthusiastic woman, always interested in our ship's various projects, she was always up for any new adventure.

The empty place left by Madelyn in our ship cannot be filled, but we will honor her by standing together and by continuing the journey we all set out on together.

At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Baldwin County Humane Society, 306 Magnolia Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532, (251) 928-4585. The USS Jubilee will be sending a donation in Madelyn's name.

CAPT John M. Clayton, CO  
USS Jubilee, R2

#### MICHAEL PILLER Executive Producer

The bad news is that Micharell Piller succumbed to cancer. The 57-year-old was an Executive Producer as well as creator of lot's of STAR TREK, TNG, DS9, VOYAGER and other SCI-FI SHOWS too.

CMDR Merri "Sam" Whitaker  
USS Khai Tam, R2