



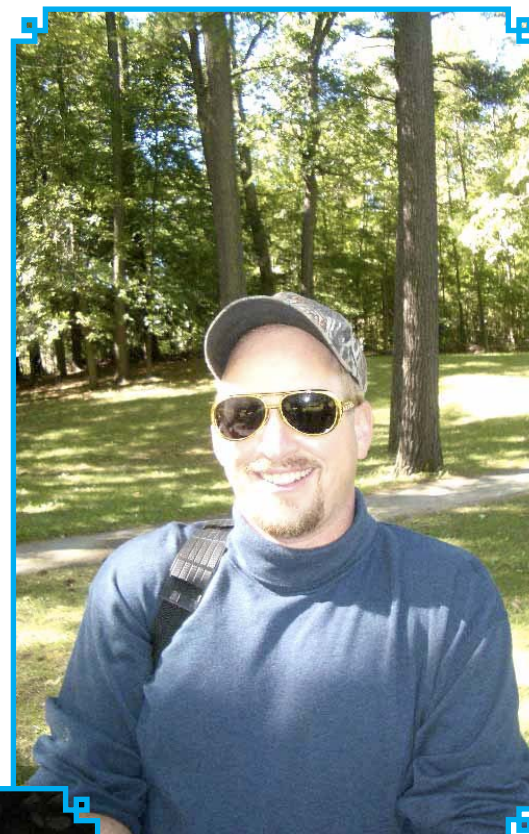
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## THE TOWAWAY EFFECT!



These are Jack "Towaway" Eaton's Elvis sunglasses, displayed by several Watkins Glen Weekend attendees! (Jack didn't make it to WGW, but he'd given these to me at Shore Leave.) Pictured are (clockwise, from top left:) Alex Rosenzweig, Mark H. Anbinder, Michael D. Smith, Brandon Douglas, Mike Rupprecht, and Sheila and Aaron Kissiloff. All photos by Mark H. Anbinder.

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## CORRECTIONS

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**Trek prints in front of Grauman's Chinese** - Out in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre are the footprints and handprints of the biggest stars from Hollywood's long and rich history. And here is where we paid our respects to the cast of the original Star Trek, including the Great Bird of the Galaxy himself, Star Trek's creator Gene Roddenberry. (Photo by Commodore Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)



Flying Fox Cadet Raven Avery in her Vulcan Sciences Officer costume during Halloween Week

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# MISSION REPORT: CORNELL LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY

SCPO Will Devine • USS Accord, R7

USS Accord's Meal and a Mission for October 2005 was to visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, located at 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, right here in Ithaca, NY. The mission took place in the early afternoon of Sunday, October 16th. All in all, a good time was had by everyone in attendance.

The meal portion of the mission occurred first. RADM JC Cohen, LTCDR Dave Botsch, PO 1ST Class Kelly Lindsay, CAPT Alan Rose, and SCPO Will Devine all congregated for brunch at CTB Appetizers in the Triphammer Mall. For those that don't know, CTB--short for Collegetown Bagels--offers a sizable array of food, including sandwiches, salads, soups, dinner entrées, baked goods, desserts, and, of course, bagels. (Personally, I recommend the Turkey Hill BLT.)

Following our meal, the five of us traveled to the Lab of Ornithology, where we were promptly joined by GEN Mark Anbinder. Unfortunately, due to the rather windy weather conditions, we decided to avoid the outdoor trails that go around the Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary and stay indoors at the Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity.

Upon entering the facility, the first thing we noticed was the large wall of windows that overlooked the outside pond. Mallards and Canadian geese were situated immediately outside near the side of the pond, easily seen from these windows. Speakers around the room relayed the sounds being captured by outside microphones, helping to complete the experience by adding the birds' quacking and

honking sounds. Additionally, there were telescopes available for those who wished to get a closer look at birds and such on the other side of the pond. Prominently featured around this atrium were displays about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, a bird species thought to have been extinct for over 60 years, but was rediscovered in Arkansas last year by scientists including some from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

The Fuertes Room was next. This room was filled with impressive bird paintings, originally done by famous bird artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes. The room also featured an "Object Theater", a series of objects on display to demonstrate the tools used by ornithologists. The strangest feature of this "Object Theater" was the telephone glued to the wall, high out of reach of most

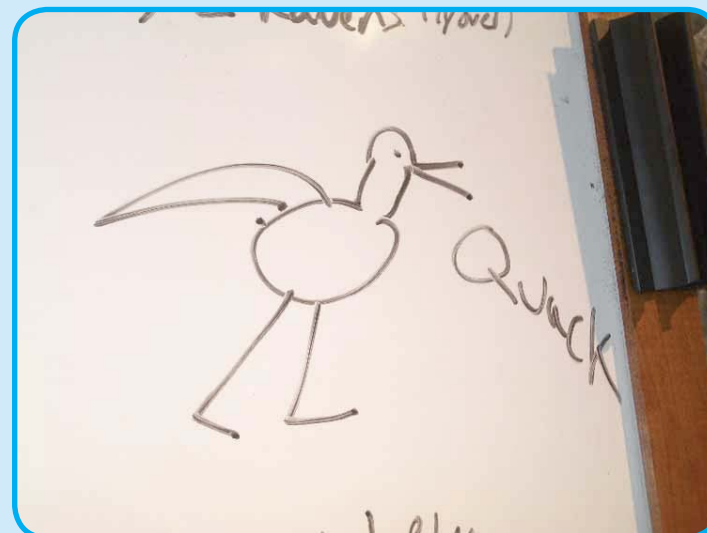
humans. It was a bizarre sight to behold, to say the least.

We proceeded upstairs to Allen Tree House, which was a better location from which to watch birds while indoors, mainly since it was on the second floor. Later, we returned to the first floor to check out the Multimedia Theater, which contained many recordings of sounds made by not just birds but all sorts of animals found around the planet, including humans.

Finally, we did what any good group of visitors must do when visiting a museum (so to speak)--visit the gift shop! Wild Birds Unlimited had a large number of toys, clothing, books, and more on sale, most of which was relevant to the Lab of Ornithology, and really to ornithology overall as well. Most everyone left with at least one souvenir.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip to the Lab of Ornithology. Perhaps we will return to the Lab in the future, hopefully on a less windy day!

For more information about the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, visit:  
<http://www.birds.cornell.edu>.



Before and After: Rear Admiral J.C. Cohen adds to the bird sightings board at the Lab of Ornithology.

Bottom right: USS Accord members Kelly Lindsay, Alan Rose, Dave Botsch and Will Devine watch as Commanding Officer J.C. Cohen checks out the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's computerized bird-sound recordings.



Photos submitted by Mark H. Anbinder

# IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME...

## VADM Beryl Washington • USS Sovereign, R7

So back in the day, when the USS Sovereign started our building projects we thought, "Ah! A Borg alcove. How very cool!" Of course it never entered our minds we were going anywhere in particular with this project. Since we had Borg on our ship it just seemed very appropriate. Not to mention people liked it and, I might add, we even scared a few people once our resident Borg stood in it, so very still. Some people thought he was a "prop".

However, our building projects were a Borg activity, and when not in his alcove he has to assimilate something - and wood seems to be a favorite item. Much better than the crew, thank goodness. So our next room was the Captain's Ready Room, and I must say that was especially endearing to me. It also provided a place to put everybody's junk and stuff they just had to put down somewhere. How about the captain's desk?

By no means was our Borg finished, after all Home Depot still had more wood, and nails, and he had tools, and saws, and paint; oh my. So began the Sovereign Bridge, and since many of you have seen it, you know it grew with each year. During our infamous "Star Trek: Nemesis Tour", the bridge underwent "Reman" damage. It took on water, was dropped, and put up and torn down more times than we liked to remember in the span of eleven days, from Virginia to Philadelphia, and lastly to Buffalo, New York.

We started our travels in a van, moved on to a van and a trailer; but by this time we were moving in a seventeen-foot truck. Our motto became, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now...." Sovereign kept going and growing and we suddenly had turbo-lift doors, and a window from which to view the stars. Hell, we had stars and people came to see the bridge, and take photos of the bridge, and take pictures on the bridge.

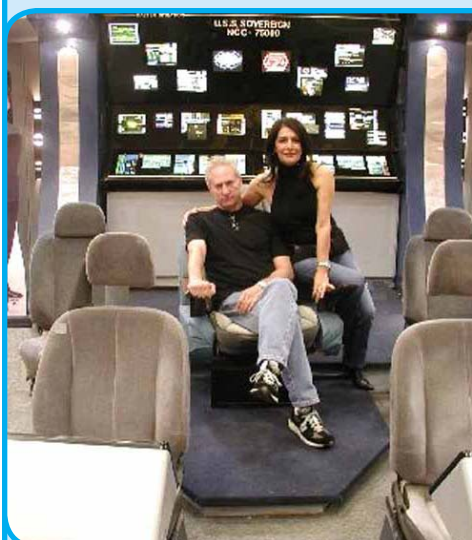
Questions came; "How did you do this, and where do you keep it?" We loved it all! Some famous people stopped by and took pictures on our bridge, and we thought, "How cool". We thought we were contented because the Sovereign Bridge had done exactly what she was supposed to do, make people smile, garner some monies for our local charity, and just all around make the crew happy to have her. We thought we had it all.

This year at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Philadelphia, there was an autograph show with lots of star power. There were stars from a lot of different Sci-Fi genres, but what interested us most was the cast of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" was there, missing only Patrick Stewart. We got an invite to bring the Captain's Ready Room as a prop; but as always, we sent photos of everything we had. They said, "Bring the bridge too". One more time we took her out, and spruced her up and

headed for the convention. To our surprise, they put us in the same room with the cast of Next Gen... them and us. It was like a guy set loose in Home Depot, or a woman in a shoe store and just being told you can have whatever you want. Of course we were very cool telling ourselves this was only the right thing. And then we waited... because we built it....

It was time to ask the fated question; so we approached the first star, Marina Sirtis. She said she would come and bring Brent Spiner and Michael Dorn and Gates McFadden and... so it went. The cast came, and finally Jonathan Frakes came; and we knew we had done it. We had taken Sovereign to a very special place. We have the pictures to prove it, with autographs. It was very quiet at the end of the weekend; we were smiling. We couldn't stop smiling! On that same weekend we photographed Robert Picardo, Robert Beltran, Ray Park, and Joe Palantiano; and through the years many other stars; but on that weekend... after many years... we built it, and they came.

VADM Beryl E. Washington  
USS Sovereign NCC-75000  
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Above: Brent Spiner & Marina Sirtis (ST:TNG).

Below: Jonathan Frakes (ST:TNG).



Above: The Sovereign crew; "Fifteen years old and still sassy!"

Below: Robert Picardo (ST:VOY).



Above: Robert Beltran (ST:VOY)

Below: Gates McFadden and Michael Dorn (ST:TNG; ST:DS9).



# TWO VETERANS: TWO WEEKENDS

BGEN Bill Herrmann • USS Rutledge, R1

Members of the USS RUTLEDGE participated in an Away Team Mission on two consecutive weekends in October of 2005. Following is an Away Team Report of those two weekends.

Eugene Wesley Roddenberry, at the age of 20 years old, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the fall of 1941 and was ordered into training as a flying cadet as the war began after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant he was sent to the South Pacific flying B-17 Bombers on Guadalcanal's newly captured airstrip at Henderson Field. Roddenberry took part in some 89 bomber missions, bombing Japanese military forces in the Pacific. He was a decorated Officer in the Army Air Corps receiving the DFC-Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Throughout his career as a pilot he flew bombers & transports.

Likewise James Doohan, at the age of 19 years old, left home and joined the Canadian Armed Forces fighting with the Allies in World War II in Europe. He became a Captain in the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was among the Canadian Forces that landed on Juno Beach at Normandy on June 6th, 1944; D-Day. After proceeding with his unit across a German minefield in the French Hedgerow country, the unit was subsequently attacked by multiple German machine guns. Doohan was subsequently hit four times in the leg, his middle finger on his right hand was shot off, and a bullet struck his chest. The chest wound would have proved fatal had not the bullet struck a silver cigarette case which he carried that was given to him by his brother before he left home to join the military service. After recovering in a Field Hospital he transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Pilot Observer. He was subsequently given the nickname of "the craziest pilot in the Canadian Air Forces." He flew in small Observer aircraft as a spotter of enemy forces and for reconnaissance purposes in gathering military intelligence.

Both men were involved directly in the efforts of the "Greatest Generation" to liberate occupied nations and those peoples enslaved by Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany. They were part of the millions of men & women who volunteered for military service during the Second World War in opposition to tyranny and dictatorships that were bent on global domination. These two men personally contributed to the freedom that we all enjoy today. Though they never met one another during the Second World War, many

years later afterwards destiny brought them together when STAR TREK was created by Gene Roddenberry. It is in honor and remembrance of these two members of "the Greatest Generation" and their fellow comrades-in-arms that I write and dedicate this article.

This story is about "Two Veterans-Two Weekends" that I spent with members of "the Greatest Generation". Though both Gene Roddenberry and Jimmy Doohan have gone to that "Great Undiscovered Country" and are no longer with us, I am certain they are not alone, but surrounded by virtually all those who share the honorable title of the "Greatest Generation." This is especially poignant, since current statistics tell us that members of that Generation are leaving us at the rate of 3,000 men and women a day. Perhaps you know someone who served in World War II. If so - thank them before they join Gene and Jimmy and all the others who have gone on before us.

Okay - back to this Away Team Report. The first weekend, along with Dannie & Sherry Evans our dear Friends on the USS RUTLEDGE, my wife Patti and I had the opportunity and privilege of seeing a bona fide survivor of the Air War in Europe, the B-17G Flying Fortress, "Liberty Belle". Fully restored to its status as an Operational Bomber attached to the 390th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force based out of Framingham, England. It was certainly a sight to behold. As we approached the B-17G sitting on the tarmac at Charleston International Airport's Corporate Wings Landing Zone, the Bomber was absolutely beautiful to witness. Bristling with .50 Caliber Machine Guns in turrets, on the waist, in the nose and tail, one immediately senses that she was indeed a Flying Fortress. I thought back to Gene Roddenberry as a pilot and 2nd LT. commanding a similar B-17 in the Pacific and knew that had Gene been with us, he could have provided ample information for many hours of discussion. As I said, this particular B-17G is a survivor of the air war in Europe. You see, in September of 1944, in the sky over Germany at 35,000 feet, the B-17 was approaching a target that manufactured Nazi weapons near Dusseldorf. Below it were seven B-17's flying in the familiar Box Formation. "Liberty Belle" was on the upper tier of the Box formation. Flak was heavy, exploding around the 390th's Bomber Formations. Just below "Liberty Belle" flak struck the bomb bay of a B-17 which immediately detonated the 1,000 lb. bombs

enclosed within it. The entire Box formation of B-17's was eliminated as five of the Flying Fortresses exploded and two were forced to limp home seriously damaged. Only "Liberty Belle" remained undamaged, the only survivor out of seven B-17's in the Squadron. The "Liberty Belle" continued on to the target and dropped her bombs. "Liberty Belle" and her crew went on to complete 64 more bombing missions against Nazi Germany before being sent home.

You can imagine the thrill of just seeing the B-17G as she sat there on the tarmac fully restored to her wartime status. We had the opportunity to climb inside the B-17 and we were immediately struck by how confined and exposed to danger that her crew must have felt, seeing all of the cables and hydraulics and sheet metal and only light armor plating. Those 10 men inside the B-17 literally placed their lives on the line each and every time that they climbed aboard. It was like going back through time, climbing through her. I hunched over the Nordon Bombsight and looked through the glass eyepiece and saw the crosshairs and imagined what the young bombardier must have felt at 35,000 feet as the B-17G flew over the target. Grasping her .50 caliber weapons, studying the cockpit and the instruments, it was absolutely thrilling to be there inside a piece of American history. Then, after the internal tour was over, we stood back and watched a very fortunate few of the visitors that had arrived to see the B-17G fork out \$300.00+ dollars and get to take a flight over Charleston, SC. Standing there watching her engines come to life, and then taxi away, and lift smoothly upwards into the clear blue Sunday afternoon sky, was a rare opportunity. Indeed, to imagine being

there back in England when hundreds of B-17's and B-24's and B-26's and the English Lancasters and the other bombers lifted off, headed away to participate in crushing Hitler's military power, and destroy the German war machine, I recalled reading in CITIZEN SOLDIER (a book by Stephen Ambrose, a famous American author & military historian) that on 25 July 1944, over 1,500 Heavy Bombers participated in the OPERATION COBRA air raid along with 1,500 fighter aircraft to help the American, British and Canadian troops break out of the Hedgerow Country near St. Lo, France. For 90 solid minutes, bombers filled the sky carpet-bombing the Nazi military forces in the Hedgerows. It dawned on me, watching the "Liberty Belle" flying above the Charleston International Airport, that she was one of the bombers that filled the sky that day over France. Somewhere among the Canadian Ground Forces was a young Captain named James Montgomery Doohan. As we watched the B-17G return to the airport runway, touch down, and taxi back to her spot in front of the hangers at Corporate Wings, I thought about what it must have been like to be part of the ground crew that took care of her and repaired the battle damage and got it ready for each and every mission. I thought about a young 2nd Lt. named Roddenberry in the Pacific walking around his B-17, inspecting it, looking it over, and readying it for another mission against the Imperial Japanese military. Then it was time to leave. What a distinct honor it was to visit The "Liberty Belle" and talk with those who own her, restored her, fly her and maintain her.

As exciting as was the opportunity to see the "Liberty Belle" and actually tour the bomber, talking about the specifications and history with its pilots and crew, and knowing that she is only one of 15 operational B-17 Flying Fortresses still flying in the world, it was but a taste of what was to come...

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## MARC LAWRENCE VOLUNTH AND ZEEMO REMEMBERED

CMDR Merri SAM Whitaker  
USS KHAI TAM R2

Marc Lawrence, a character actor who played two guest roles on Star Trek, died on Sunday, December 18, 2005 of natural causes at the age of 95. He was also seen on Star Trek: THE NEXT GENERATION, Star Trek DS9 and also in James Bond films.

# MAQUIS GRAS - 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

CAPT Ksimka vestai Ki'RK • USS Inferno, R7

Hey, all you mugs out there. Even though Maquis Gras 2005 has come and gone, this year's festivities have been outstanding. Maquis Gras 2005 happened from September 30 to October 2, held at the Hampton Inn and Suites located in beautiful Valparaiso, Indiana. From what I understand this was one of the best ones to happen yet. Not only did you get the chance to spend time with one chancellor, you got two. Gowron (Robert O'Reilly) and Martok (J.G. Hertzler) were in attendance. The Festivities started on September 30 when my contingent and I headed out from several different places in the U.S.A. There were 11 of us adults and 2 children that attended Maquis Gras along with the many more that were making their way there. This contingent consisted of: Debbie and Larry French, David Ferber, Ron Seymour, Chris and Annette Roark (Kiffin and Syrak), Ryan Brown (Jub Kith), and also from the House Ki'RK: Khon Kijo, Qoj Jev, K'Paw (Charles, Kim, and CJ Smith), Jennifer Milannese and her 2 children Irene and Matthew. The theme for this weekend was from one of the original episodes entitled "A Piece of the Action".

It all started out by Kijo, Qoj Jev, K'Paw, Jennifer and the children arriving here in Pittsburgh on Wednesday

September 28, 2005 from Denmark, SC for some much needed rest from making the long trip up here from South Carolina. Larry and I went to visit them at the hotel that they were staying at to catch up on some things that needed to be discussed before leaving. On Thursday, we invited them over to our house for a cookout consisting of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, and drinks. Larry went to pick up Khon Kijo, K'Paw at the hotel and David at his house so that they could feast to feed their weary stomachs. Ron arrived at our place around 8:30. All had a good time. Larry drove Kijo and K'Paw back to the hotel while taking David back to his house to get his things, since going to Maquis Gras was a last minute decision.

When returning home with David, Larry and I finished packing up our things in order to get to bed at a decent time so that we could get up to leave the next day. Everyone here at our house finally went to bed at about Midnight. The alarms were set for 4:30 am to get up and shower and finish packing. 4:30 came around rather quickly as we got up and did our thing. We started packing the car up at about 5:45ish. We left our house at about 6:15 and then proceeded to get gas. When we were done, we called Kijo and said that

we were on the way to the hotel. We arrived around 6:30 and they were almost ready to go. We got on our way by 7 and stopped off at the exit to get some donuts and coffee for the road. We got a call from Annette around 7:30 that her car was having some problems and they were stopping off to have it looked at. Since we were almost ready to get back on the road, we decided to stay there for a little while and eat and drink. At 9:00, we hit the road again. I called Annette and told her that we would be at the rendezvous point by 10:30. We arrived there on schedule to fuel up and to wait for the rest of the convoy to arrive. When they arrived there, about 5 minutes after we did, we found out that a cable in their car was not plugged in right and got it fixed so that they could make their way to the rendezvous point. When everyone was refreshed, we hit the road again for some more traveling.

Aside from the occasional road work and stop offs, the trip there was a good time on the road. The last half hour of the trip broke out into a disco fest in my car. Ron was made to suffer by listening to disco tunes by David and I as the music was cranked up listening to such artists as Barry White, Diana Ross, Village People, and KC and the Sunshine Band.

The moment had arrived. The hotel was in sight. We arrived at the hotel around 4:15 pm. We parked the cars and RV, as David and I got out of the car in a very good mood after listening to our favorite tunes. Kijo and I made our way inside to get the rooms squared away. The hotel was booked solid with people from the convention as well as different wedding guests that were booked there too. When that was taken care of, we got our things out of the car and got to the rooms. After getting things squared away there, we mingled for a while before eating at the family dinner that the crew of the MAV Firesword made. It was very delicious and outstanding. Larry, CJ, and I then made our way to Wally World (Wal-Mart) to get munchies and alcoholic beverages for our group. When we got back, we found out that the elevator in the hotel was broken and we had to make our way up the stairs with all the stuff that we bought. That was a trip in itself since this was the first of many times that the elevator was broken during the weekend.

After getting into costume, we all mingled some more with me getting into a Vegas style game called 21 or Blackjack. There were many table games going on. Around 11:45pm, we all gathered in the lobby to make our way to the Steak and Shake for Alien Invasion for some good food and good times with friends.

When we returned to the hotel around 1am, I made my way straight to the room to hit the sack and get some sleep for my workday the next day. I kicked some people out, including



J.G. Hertzler and Bob O'Reilly take over at the charity auction.



Alien Speakeasy



Bob O'Reilly and J.G. Hertzler



Gary Davis & Bejen (Cindy Faraone) Finally getting his just reward!



A group shot in front of "Alien Invasion" at the Steak and Shake



THE QUILT



J.G., Debbie, Kruge (John Paladin) & Bob telling the "George" joke.

some of my roommates that wanted to have a meeting. I told them in no uncertain terms that I was going to bed. I had no problem with them having a meeting but it was not happening in my room. The meeting was going in the next room, which made me happy. 9am rolled around rather quickly. I got up, did my thing, and made my way down to the registration table to fill my work duty spot. I was then told that I was not to be there until noon. I was ok with that. I mingled for a while and came back at noon. Larry and Syrak were doing their thing with security.

When my shift was finished, I went in to the charity auction where some things were being auctioned off. All of the proceeds were going to several different charities that the organization was working for. At one point, the 2 chancellors took over and made it entertaining as well.

I finally got a Maquis bag that I had wanted for a few years; picked that up for \$55. I also managed to pick up an authentic picture of B'Lenna Torres for \$75 after out bidding Nick Mayer.

After winning the picture, I sat there for awhile looking at the picture and looking at him and decided to give him the picture because my gut feeling was telling me that he wanted it more than I did. I went out to the lobby where he and his wife were sitting and started to talk to him about the picture. He told

me his story and that is when I decided to give him the picture. I went and got the picture and gave it to him. He was like for real and I said for real. He said that it was the last picture that he needed that was Klingon to complete his collection. I also said that it was all worth it. To see my money go to charity and the look on his face was indeed very priceless.

After that, I went to see the 2 chancellors talk about their lives since leaving the Star Trek universe behind, for now. This talk included a bat'leth round with soft, homemade bat'leths and even the infamous George joke.

For those that were there, you know what I am talking about. For those who were not there, you lost out a very good joke. Even John Paladin got in on the joke after being forced too. We broke and had dinner after the talk and then came back and dressed in our respective costumes and went down to the dance and slave auction. Again, all the money that was raised from this auction went to charity. We then listened to music that was being provided by the very well known Z-man. Thanks Z for a great time. Can't wait to see you at Beach Bash. Anyway, back to the story.

Some time during the dance, there was a pie in the face ceremony. From what I understand, there was a challenge put out by Gary Davis to see who can raise the most money for this particular situation that was going on a few years back. And again, from what I understand, the MFA took this challenge and ran with it. Needless to say, the Maquis won the challenge and got to put a pie in the face of none other than Gary Davis. He kept promising that he would be at Maquis Gras year after year after year. This year was no exception. We all thought, yeah that will be the day. He surprised us all

by showing up on Saturday. So, we all went outside to witness this auspicious occasion in the making. He got what was coming to him; being creamed by Admiral Bejen.

At 11:30, there was an epetai ceremony. This was really great. It was held where the dance was. Admirals Topiq, Moogie, and Bejen had the epetai bestowed upon them by none other than Gowron and Martok. Moogie knew that Bejen and Topiq were getting it but not her. Bejen had no clue whatsoever. Admiral Topiq knew that Bejen was getting it, but not him or Moogie. There was an honor guard and I had the privilege of escorting each one down the aisle to get epetaied. The look on their faces was priceless indeed.

The dance broke up about midnight and was continued in Z's room. I went there for a while and then made my way to the waffle room. They were very good. Thanks to whoever made those. Went back to Z's and stayed there for a few minutes before making my way back to the waffle room to play Texas Hold 'Em. Playing this marvelous game was myself, Evelyn Hampton and Ronnie Varga from KAI, and two gentlemen whose names I don't remember. Sorry. We played until 2 in the morning. Whoever came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd got prizes. Needless to say, I kicked butt and came in first, while Evelyn and Ronnie came in 2nd and 3rd respectively. By then, I was getting tired and went back to Z's to see who was there. Stayed there for a few minutes and went to my room and changed for bed. Somehow I managed to semi get a sprained ankle because of the shoes that I was wearing. Remind me never to wear those kinds of heels again.

Sunday morning we decided to roll around. Got up and got everyone to get their stuff together so that we

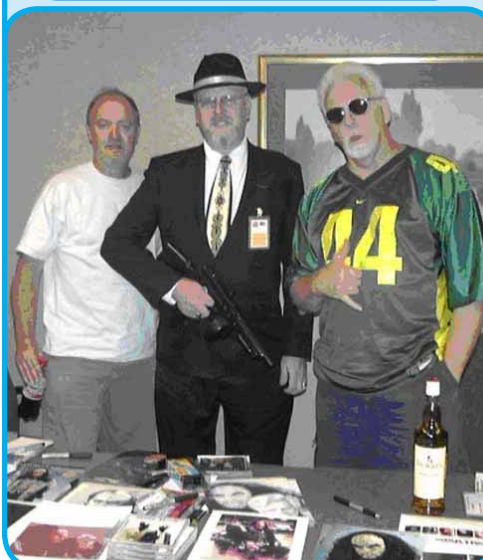
could check out of the hotel. Did that and brought our stuff down to Kijo's room. Checked out of the hotel and waited for Larry and Syrak finish their security shifts. Stayed long enough to see the quilt that was made being raffled off. K'paw ended up winning the quilt. And a very good-looking quilt it was. It had signatures on it from all the stars that had been to past Maquis Gras on it as well as their pictures and different pictures on it from different people that had gone over the years.

We left Maquis Gras, much to my dismay. Kijo and his group stayed on another night while the rest of us had to leave. We said our long goodbyes and hit the road again. We left around 4pm and made it home at 6am the next day. Don't know how it became that long of a trip when it should not have been. Anyway, we all made it home in one piece and hit the sack for much needed sleep. We made sure that Kiffin and her gang made it home. We dropped Ron off at his brother's house to pick up his car, so that he could go home. David spent the day sleeping at our house. We took him home when we got up later that day.

All had a good time and we hope that you have enjoyed reading this nice size summary on Maquis Gras. Below are some pictures for all of us to reminisce about our time spent at Maquis Gras 2005.



Above: K'moghjiH (Larry French)  
Below: Bob, Larry, and J.G.



Above: epetai Bejen  
Below: epetai Ed



Above: epetai Josh  
Below: epetai Kathy



Above: Bejen and Gary Davis  
Below: Bejen, Gary, Larry, and Christine



# IC SAVVY: BUILDING A BETTER BANQUET

GEN Mark H. Anbinder • USS Accord, R7

Are you planning a banquet for an upcoming STARFLEET International Conference, for a Regional summit or holiday party, or for a chapter anniversary party or other grand event? Some folks stress out over whether to plan a buffet or a plated meal, but there are much more important factors that determine whether your banquet will be a success. All I care is that I have access to an adequate supply of high enough quality food, well presented and with good banquet service. The rest is all about the people with whom I am spending the evening.

Among other things, this means the food needs to be hot and fresh. If the buffet stays hot thanks to Sterno cans under chafing dishes, fine. If a plate of tepid fancy food is set down in front of me, not fine. If you plan, and your caterer executes, a good meal, most attendees will be happy regardless of the details.

This is the first in a series of columns about STARFLEET's annual gatherings. My hope is that they will be fun and informative for those who organize, and those who attend ICs or other events. Even if you will never be the organizer yourself, read on — and let me know if you have suggestions for future columns!

## Plated or Buffet

A plated dinner has the advantage of a simpler process, not requiring people to run around, wait in line, etc. It's sometimes considered more elegant. Since it generally means a larger banquet staff, it generally means better service when it comes to drinks, etc., but this often is not the case. One disadvantage is forcing people to choose an entrée in advance when they cannot see the options.

A buffet dinner has the advantage of more variety, not forcing people to choose food in advance, sight unseen. It lets people take as much or as little as they want. This is ideal for kids, fussy eaters, and the always hungry. It generally means a smaller banquet staff, which can mean poor service, but this is not always the case.

Obviously, in either case, there needs to be enough food for everyone, and if you are doing a buffet, honestly, that means there needs to be too much — because mis-estimating and running out of something just frustrates everyone at the end of the line. You need to know in advance about any special dietary needs among the attendees, and allow for them. That doesn't mean "They can just eat the vegetable side dish" is an adequate answer for vegetarians.

The corollary is that attendees with special dietary needs have the responsibility to let conference planners know, well in advance, about their restrictions and preferences! Any hotel or caterer can prepare a wide variety of special meals, but it is important that they have plenty of lead-time — especially for less-common sorts of diets. (Keep in mind regional differences; Kosher meals may be a very common request in some metropolitan areas, but are a novelty in much of the world. You may need to provide details or suggestions.)

## Food Variety

Whether on a buffet or on a series of plates, banquet attendees expect a bit of variety in their meal. Variety begins with a choice of entrée, since not everyone enjoys the stereotypical "rubber chicken" dinner, but it doesn't end there.

You will always have some attendees of the "meat and potatoes" variety, and for them, you need beef and you need starch. You can also count on attendees who are trying to lower their cholesterol or fat intake, and chicken or fish will often be popular for them. Steak, chicken, or fish are a very common threesome on banquet menus, for good reason. They cover a wide variety of tastes and dietary needs. Once you offer people a specific menu, make sure that is what you deliver; a guest who chose Chicken Parmesan six months ago may not be happy to find it replaced by Chicken Florentine at the last minute.

Ask your caterer to avoid making all of the entrées too similar — like the IC banquet with a choice of three entrées, all of which involved spinach! A theme dinner is fine, but if everything contains spinach, or if everything is spicy, you will have some unhappy customers.

Salad is an easy and inexpensive inclusion on any banquet menu, whether it is awaiting each diner at the table or in a large bowl on the buffet, but you will need more vegetables than that. Side dishes should include some vegetables and some starches, whether potatoes, rice, or some variety of noodles.

In addition to the choice of entrée, any banquet should have more than one course, even if it means just starting with salads already on the tables when diners arrive, or trays of raw veggies and dip during cocktail hour.

Do not run out. I cannot stress this strongly enough. This is not too hard with a plated dinner, since your caterer will most likely have the right number of servings of each item, but it becomes

crucial with a self-service buffet, which takes portion control out of your hands. Warn your caterer that we Fleet folks have big appetites! Do not be the event that is remembered for years for the last few people having to make do with a roll and some steamed corn. (If something does go wrong, the event organizer should make sure food is acquired for the affected attendees, right away, even if it means driving to a nearby restaurant.)

If there may be kids at your banquet, planning for some kids' meals is a good idea, as some kids will be unhappy with adult food. Pizza or chicken fingers or burgers are popular choices, and your caterer has probably dealt with the problem before. Your kids' meals can win even more friends by being served first. Hungry kids get bored and grumpy quickly, and no one is happy for long once the kids get grumpy.

## Stunning Service

If the food is served promptly, and the process of getting everyone fed (whether through the banquet line, or plates being delivered to tables) goes quickly and efficiently, most attendees will not care whether it's a buffet or table-service meal. Either way, your caterer needs enough staff to keep the tables well supplied with rolls and butter, drink refills, coffee, etc. This is where many banquets of either variety fall down.

One of my personal standards of service is that my water glass should never be empty. I do not mind refilling it myself if there's a pitcher on the table, but if not, a banquet needs enough wait staff to keep everyone supplied. For buffet meals, removing dirty plates to make room for a second round is also vital.

Obviously, hiring ten servers to serve thirty diners is not economically feasible, but your hotel or caterer needs to reach a reasonable balance. Showing up with two people to serve two hundred is a recipe for disaster. Put another way, the sight of Gumby draping a napkin over his arm and running around refilling iced tea glasses makes for a fun IC memory, but is a sure sign that your banquet doesn't have enough wait staff — or the hotel forgot to train them on how to wait tables.

There's only so much control you, as the event planner, have over the staff brought in by your hotel or caterer. However, you should take the time to let them know what your standards are, and what your expectations are.

Meanwhile, back to efficiency, it's important that serving everyone goes quickly enough that the last folks

served — whether via plates brought to each table, or getting through the buffet line — don't feel as though they've waited forever.

## Comfort, Convenience, and Fun!

One frequent IC-attendee prefers not to traipse around a buffet line in her high heels and dinner gown, and you can minimize the problem by making sure the hotel or banquet facility has provided plenty of room to move around, with as few obstacles (steps, potted plants, DJ booth) as possible. If a motorized wheelchair can navigate the buffet, you have done well.

Make sure there is enough room at each table, and enough room between tables to walk around. Jamming ten people around a table that is big enough for eight will make people yearn to finish their meal and escape; some hotels we have visited recently have needed to be reminded that just because you can fit so many chairs around a table does not mean you can fit that many people.

As long as you have a little room on the tables, supplement the hotel's usual decorations with something that fits your event's theme — or even just STARFLEET's Star Trek theme. Avoid the temptation to turn the decorations into a complex game until after dinner; let people enjoy their meals.

The same goes for dinner music. There is nothing wrong with tunes during the meal, but do not drown out casual conversation! Save the volume for the dance. Speaking of post-dinner festivities, if you have an awards presentation, a guest speaker, or anything else that's considered part of the conference, and not explicitly a part of the banquet, wait until the meal is finished — without rushing anyone — and then open the doors to allow attendees who elected not to come to the banquet to participate in the rest of the evening's events. Unless there is a compelling reason to the contrary, those who do not pay for the banquet should only have to skip the banquet.

## The Bottom Line

Face it — a banquet in a hotel ballroom is likely to cost more than the same meal cooked at home, or served in a family restaurant, for one key reason — you're paying for an entire evening's use of a valuable room, and a few hours each of staff members who expect to be paid. Some attendees are always going to wonder why your banquet costs more than the \$12 steak dinner at Outback, and there's only so much convincing you can do, but that's why. (Never mind that the \$12 dinner is an illusion, after you pay for a soda, split some appetizers, and add in the tax and tip; that's a topic for another publication!)

While there is no single "magic number" price point you have to

hit, it is important to keep in mind that the final price you charge each attendee is going to affect the number of attendees. You need to strike a balance between price and value, while understanding that no matter the value, some potential attendees will be unable to afford higher-priced banquets. The \$20-30 range seems to be where more and more people will consider price ahead of the other factors, such as the convenience of staying at the event, the fellowship of dining with the group, etc. Some will opt to go in search of that \$12 steak dinner (or \$5 sandwich) with a smaller group, rather than enjoy your banquet. Do not take it personally!

That is especially true for a large family — paying for five banquet meals at \$25 each may not be an option for some. You can improve problem by charging less for kids' meals, if your caterer lets you. This may not always work, since the actual cost per kid of providing a special meal to a few kids may not be less than the cost per adult of the meal everyone else is eating, thanks to the benefits of quantity.

The bottom line is that, if you arrange a banquet with good food and good service, everyone will be able to remember your event for its happy moments and valued time spent with friends. That is what STARFLEET events are all about!

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GEN. Anbinder has now attended nine ICs in a row, and a couple dozen regional summits or conferences. He has helped with three ICs and a half dozen regional events, and you may have guessed he considers food planning to be an important aspect of event planning!



Left: Chief of Communications, STARFLEET Bob Fillmore demonstrates that a fine IC banquet calls for some fine attire. IC or regional summit banquet attendees often wear a jacket and tie, a dress, or other nice clothes, or a Fleet uniform. Top hat and tails? Even better! Photo by Mark H. Anbinder.

# STARFLEET RETENTION AND RECRUITING

RADM Pete Mohny, Director • USS Accord, R7

The 2005-2006 STARFLEET Recruiting Contest is in its fourth month, and the effects of hard-working chapters are really starting to show. Several chapters have made big gains in their member counts since the tracking began. Major standouts include the Saratoga, Allegiant, Hexum, Bortas, Ark Angel, Mir and Tikopai, all with double-digit increases.

Other standout chapters, with 5 or more members gained since tracking started after the International Conference (IC), include the following chapters: Aztec, Kitty Hawk, Omega Glory, Thunderchild, Armageddon, Atlas, Dark Wolf, Firebird, Firestorm, Hellfire and Brimstone. Onizuka, Providence, Sunflower, Thor, Alaric, Rising Moon, Star League, Star Runner, Starlord, Andromeda, Arlington, Bexar, Empress, Jurassic, Liberty, Maelstrom, Okatoma, Tomahawk, Trinity River, and Yaeger. Forty-eight other chapters have grown by from 1 to 4 members — some great work going on across STARFLEET!

Looking at the regions, since the tracking began after the IC, Region 01 has gained 10 members, Region 02 has lost 20, Region 03 has lost 8, Region 04 has lost 21, Region 05 has lost 11, Region 06 has gained 3, Region 7 has lost 4, Region 09 has gained 4, Region 12 has lost 29, Region 13 has gained none, Region 14 has lost 4, Region 15 has lost 5, Region 17 has lost 4, and Region 20 has gained 29. Overall, since after the IC, STARFLEET has lost 47 members (including the 58 members gained in region 99). We have 57 chapters that

are under-strength, with anywhere from 1 to 9 members.

Counting the unassigned members from all regions and from R99, the change overall has been from 3789 on 8/1 to 3774 on 12/15, a loss of 15 members.

One project that I would like to undertake is to start contacting all of the expired members from each region about once a quarter, but there is no tool in the database to grab all of these people at once (though I've asked for it), and to do this chapter-by-chapter would be too tedious. So, I encourage all RC's and CO's to check their expired list, and contact their former members to try to bring them back to STARFLEET!

The form of this year's recruiting contest is Chapter vs. Chapter! The member counts for every chapter will be recorded monthly, starting with numbers from right after the IC, and the final numbers, taken just before IC 2006, will determine the winners. The plan is that the first place chapter will get a certificate good for \$50 in STARFLEET QM items or memberships, the second place chapter will get \$40, third place will get \$30, fourth place will get \$20, and the fifth place chapter will get \$10. In the case of ties, the prizes for the tied places will be summed and shared, 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. Every region has reduced the number of

unassigneds, held even, or gained only one more unassigned member so far. Region 99, the 'holding pen' region, has 111 people in it, which is an increase of 53 people since the IC, and where I'll be spending some serious email time trying to get people assigned to regions and chapters in the next month.

The Retention and Recruiting Manual is now available at the SFI.ORG site on the documents page, and was given out at the recent Orlando Vulkan. I intend to ship a packet of booklets and CDs to each regional gathering over the next year. I can also email a PDF to anyone who would email me privately and ask for one.

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 mail-lists, chapter mail-lists, and any other electronic or printed media, and it may be published in any STARFLEET publication as long as it is left intact. Also, if you would like a listing of your chapter's month-by-month data, please don't hesitate to contact me at pdmohney@aol.com.

The head of the Office of Orientation, Michael Vermosen, has been contacting the Region 99 members, and has managed to assign several of them to chapters or regions.

## HELPDESK ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

LTCDR Christina Fatolitis • USS Myrddin, R2

First off, I would like to thank everyone for their infinite patience with the new help desk system. You've all been great in working with us to get the bugs out, and I really appreciate it.

We have answered 144 tickets so far, can you believe it? Out of those 144, there were:

- \* 2 Academy Tickets
- \* 8 Comm Tickets
- \* 50 CompOps Tickets
- \* 47 Help Desk Tickets
- \* 23 Membership Tickets
- \* 6 Ops Tickets
- \* 2 Promotions Tickets
- \* 2 SFMC Tickets
- \* 4 Treasury Tickets

Thanks to the entire group of department heads and staff that have worked so hard to get these tickets resolved!

One concern I do have involves your responses to tickets we have tried to resolve. If we reset your password or do some other action on your account, and it fixes the issue, please respond to us and let us know it's worked. We need to know this to close the ticket out. On the other hand, if what we've done didn't work, please let us know that also. If we don't hear from you, we don't know if something we've done works. After two weeks without a response from you, we will just close the ticket on the assumption that it has been resolved.

So if you don't hear from us in 24-48 hours after you send us something, check the status of your ticket on the help desk page and see if we've responded to you. Something may be blocking the response.

You'll need either the access key from the original email or the email address that you specified in the ticket.

HINT: Once you submit the ticket, "bookmark" the confirmation page so that you will have it for later; or better yet, access the ticket itself and bookmark it. That way, all you have to do is pull up a bookmark in your browser.

If you are having problems accessing the database or registering on the SFI website, it may be a problem with a firewall. Turn off your firewall and try to register/log in. Usually that will fix the problem. If it doesn't, email the help desk: helpdeskadmin@sfi.org.

Again, thanks for all your help, and I'll see you in 2006!

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# FLEET RESOURCE CENTER... AT YOUR COMMAND

COMM Michelle A. Muench

USS Gasparilla, R2

Greetings from the Fleet Resource Center (FRC)! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Michelle Muench & I recently accepted the position of FRC Program Director. I'd like to thank Sunnie for having faith in my abilities to administer this position for FLEET &, though I know I've gotten off to a slightly slower start than planned, I want to assure everyone that the FRC is active & planning on a big new year.

At the present time, we are still in transition due to some pressing medical issues. When I'd accepted this position, I knew that I would be needing some rather extensive dental work in the near future; what I didn't know was that the problems would deteriorate to the point that I would need even more extensive work sooner rather than later. This has caused some delays in plans we had been making at the Fleet Resource Center, as the problems I am experiencing are causing significant pain when I attempt to use the computer for more than a few minutes at a time. Checking e-mail has even become a labor-intensive activity. Even so, the good news is that my surgery is scheduled for early December & I should be back to full status by the time you read this. With that said, please understand that any recent delays you might have experienced with the FRC or lack of news on the program were more likely my fault than anyone else's. This will certainly have changed as we passed mid-December.

Over all, the program is chugging along of its own accord, as I have a wonderfully hard-working group of directors on my staff. We do have a few positions open at this time, as some directors have felt the need to step down for one reason or another. The requests for applications to fill these positions will go out by mid-December over the normal channels, as this will give me the opportunity to fully review the areas in need & determine if we need any specific changes to be made in those areas. If, however, you see an opening that sparks your creativity & interest, please feel free to submit an application early. I will hold all applications until the stated close date & each will be given the same level of consideration before choosing a new director. If applying, please be sure also to include some sort of write-up that explains the vision you have for

the particular program, as well as ideas that you have for bringing your vision to fruition.

One of the other things occurring at FRC currently, as alluded to above, is a review of the vacant programs. A number of these programs fall in the Special Interest Group (or SIG) category &, as such, we are in the process of determining the continued need or interest in them. My vision of the SIGs, as an area of FRC, is one of flux; what might be needed or garner avid interest will change from time to time. To continue to meet the needs of FLEET, I feel that the SIGs should also change as needed. Areas such as Accessibility will always be needed but others might fall by the wayside as interest in them lag considerably. A great deal of the popularity of a particular SIG depends upon you, the member. The FRC is YOUR center for resources & those of us heading the various areas respond to your input & requests. The more you remain involved with a SIG, the better its success rate & the more likely that it will remain as a permanent fixture.

Other changes which you will see in the future relate to how some of the FRC will be structured. While areas such as Science or Engineering (our more traditional departments) will remain independent, some of the SIG programs will restructure themselves under a few overarching titles. When finished, finding a particular SIG should become easier since it will be grouped with related SIGs. This will also make it easier for us to track the popularity of a SIG &, we are hoping, keep it infused with fresh ideas since it will be housed with other like-minded groups.

Finally, you will be seeing some changes in the way the FRC is presented to you through the CQ. We will be moving to the concept of an overview report in every edition & will be spotlighting various departments or SIGs from time to time. This change will allow us the space to provide the membership with a small catalog listing of various items which can be requested from FRC, etc. Please look for this new FRC display in an upcoming edition of the CQ. Thank you for your time & remember that the Fleet Resource Center is...

At Your Command -  
COMM Michelle A. Muench

# FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP Part 1

ADM Helen Pawlowski

ISS Troubadour, R12

ATTENTION RC's and ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

While reading "Women's World" magazine, I came across some ideas that ships in your region might want to adopt as their venture into "Fellowship".

1. RECYCLE OLD CELL PHONES. Visit [www.calltoprotect.com](http://www.calltoprotect.com) or call 888-901-SAFE to find where the phones may be sent to help domestic violence victims.

2. FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN. Visit [www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com) and click on the gold "Give Free Food" button. Companies who advertise on the site will buy enough nutritious food for Mercy Corps and America's Second Harvest to feed a hungry child for an entire day.

3. CARE FOR HOMELESS PETS. Spend an afternoon at a shelter helping to exercise, brush and feed dogs and cats while they're waiting to be adopted,

4. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. To stop trees from being cut down (to provide pulp for paper). Have your name taken off the lists of junk advertisers. Dial 888-5-OPT-OUT and 800-407-1088.

5. DONATE YOUR THROW-AWAYS. (a) Sewing notions, thread, patterns and fabrics to: "Newborns in Need" [www.newbornsinneed.org](http://www.newbornsinneed.org) Volunteers will use them to make blankets for preemies; (b) Eyeglasses - to the Lions Club International. [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org); (c) Business Clothes to Dress for Success [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org) Your cast-offs will be worn by people going on job interviews who can't afford to dress the part; (d) FURNITURE AND COMPUTERS [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) This will keep 50 tons of cast-offs out of landfills each year.

Did you know? Helping others helps you; people who fulfill their charitable instincts are happier.

# FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP Part 2

CMDR Michael Lewis  
USS Chesapeake, R1

Thanks from Admirals Helen Pawlowski, Sherry Newell and Marlene Miller: We asked for suggestions to promote the ideas of Fun, Friendship & Fellowship and received this very good response!

CMDR Michael Lewis of the USS Chesapeake sent a brochure from Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, promoting the effort to clean Virginia's waterways and beaches of litter, thereby beautifying the area and cleansing the water supply.

This is a community service that may be adopted in every state and costs nothing but your time. A day in the fresh air, being a good neighbor, and it's free!

Here's the article by CMDR Lewis:

STARFLEET has members in many parts of the world. Can we "think globally and act locally" in many parts of the world at least one day a year? Can we do something to improve the environment of the planet as an international organization?

"The International Coastal Cleanup engages people to remove trash and debris from the world's beaches and waterways, to identify the sources of debris, and to change the behaviors that cause pollution." The main cleanup event is the third Saturday of September each year worldwide.

Imagine members of STARFLEET working on one project, once a year, worldwide. Imagine people in close to 100 countries, including the US, seeing members of STARFLEET working in their towns, cities, and rural areas on one project. Imagine members communicating with each other and with non-members worldwide. Sounds like fun to me!

I participate in the International Coastal Cleanup in Richmond, Virginia with Clean Virginia Waterways each year. I do this as a site captain. STARFLEET chapters in Virginia can do this as well, with me or another site captain.

Thank you CMDR Lewis! (see <http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/> for more info.)



Photo to the left is from Katie Register, Executive Director, Clean Virginia Waterways. She has given us permission to use the photo, and had this to say about CMDR Lewis:

"Mr Lewis has served as a Site Captain in the Richmond, Virginia area for several years, and has organized volunteers who have removed several tons of litter and debris from the James River that flows through Richmond."

Rt: CMDR Lewis, all cleaned up!  
submitted by Marlene Miller



## OPERATION:EAGLE

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Greetings and Happy New Year to STARFLEET and to the Corps;

STARFLEET-The International Star Trek Fan Association lost one of its most noteworthy & outstanding officers in late 2005 just after Christmas.

COMM Edgar Torres, Commanding Officer of USS OSIRIS NCC-3092 in STARFLEET's Region 07 passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

From my standpoint, COMM Torres personified the ideals and goals of STAR TREK, the foundational principles upon which our fan association was established, and as all who knew him will attest, was an outstanding individual, a proud American, and faithful friend. I met Edgar online and we corresponded over the years. Without exception he participated in every solitary support endeavor that "OPERATION:EAGLE" undertook for the last decade. His name, and the names of his beloved wife Maria and children Stephen and Karina were added to every support banner & poster that "OPERATION:EAGLE" sent overseas in support of the Troops in the Persian Gulf, in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Southwest Asia to WESTPAC Forces in Korea, and to United States Troops stationed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. When support posters were sent calling for the unconditional release of American soldiers held in Yugoslavia by forces loyal to Slobodan Milosevic, Edgar e-mailed me and I added their names. When a support poster was sent to the President of the People's Republic of China in Beijing calling for the unconditional release of the U.S. Navy P-3 Orion Aircrew, Edgar e-mailed me and I added their names. Many of you joined Edgar in these many volunteer campaigns, and I am grateful.

Five U.S. NAVY Aircraft Carrier Tasks Forces for five subsequent years received

support posters that had the names of Edgar & Maria Torres and Stephen and Karina and the crew of USS OSIRIS added along with all of those in SFI and the SFMC who participated in our grassroots volunteer support campaigns carried out exclusively in STARFLEET. After the events of September 11th, 2001, when the 32 foot-long support banner was dispatched to the troops of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM from "OPERATION:EAGLE" HQ, Edgar e-mailed me and specifically asked that I make sure his and Maria's name were at the top of the banner in bold print so that the troops in Afghanistan would know New Yorkers supported them.

He simply was one of those who faithfully and steadfastly supported our efforts to lift the morale and spirits of our U.S. Armed Forces and their families. I recall that he particularly asked on occasion that "care packages" and support banners sent by "OPERATION:EAGLE" HQ to USMC detachments include his and Maria's name and the names of Stephen and Karina and the crew of USS OSIRIS. STARFLEET's "Smiling Buddha", from my standpoint, had a soft spot in his heart for U.S. Marines stationed overseas.

It is for this reason, to recognize & honor COMM Edgar Torres and his outstanding volunteer service for over a decade on behalf of United States Armed Forces, that I have herewith established within STARFLEET's "OPERATION:EAGLE" Volunteer Activities for the Year 2006 :

THE EDGAR TORRES SEMPER FI PROJECT---

Mrs. Maria Torres has kindly granted me permission to organize and initiate this in Edgar's memory and I deeply appreciate this opportunity to do so.

This volunteer project will be designated to reach out and specifically support United States Marine Corps detachments in US Embassies across the globe. Essentially, you will be adopting a detachment of US Marines. Those wishing to honor

Edgar and participate in THE EDGAR TORRES SEMPER FI PROJECT may contact me here at "OPERATION:EAGLE" headquarters here onboard USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215 - "The Flagship of STARFLEET" - and I will be happy to give a mailing address where they can send support mail, "Care Packages" and posters or banners directly to the USMC detachments themselves. Just email me at: [operationeagle@comcast.net](mailto:operationeagle@comcast.net)

I specifically will put those participating in THE EDGAR TORRES SEMPER FI PROJECT in a position to lift the morale & spirits of Marines in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Paris as well as other embassies across the globe. Here is an opportunity for a STARFLEET Chapter and/or Marine Strike Group to take upon themselves a volunteer project in 2006 that can "make a difference" in the lives of the Proud - the Few - the Courageous men and women who wear the uniform of the United States Marine Corps. Imagine a chapter or MSG meeting where everyone makes a poster or banner, assembles a "Care Package", or just signs a letter expressing support and encouragement to the Marines in the Embassy YOU select from across the globe. It's a wonderful opportunity to honor Edgar and I know this new venture will be embraced by all those across STARFLEET who called Edgar a friend and who want to do something to pay tribute to his wonderful life and memory.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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# HEARD MORN SAY . . .

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## Fan Trek Film Finishes First

A spoof of Star Trek has become Finland's most-viewed movie, relying on free distribution over the Internet to reach more than 3 million viewers in less than two months, the Reuters news service reported.

Star Wreck: In the Pirkinninghttp (www.starwreck.com) is a full-length feature in Finnish with English subtitles that pits The Next Generation-like ships against Babylon 5-like ships in a space battle for domination of the galaxy. It was made by a group of students and other amateur filmmakers with a bare-bones budget and a few home computers to create elaborate special effects.

According to the Finnish Internet hosting firm Magentasites Oy, which is helping to distribute Star Wreck, 2.92 million copies have been downloaded from the film's Web site since October 1, and an estimated 600,000 copies have gone out through various mirror sites, the wire service reported.

## 'Star Trek' Communicator Becomes 21st-Century Reality

The original "Star Trek" series, which aired from 1966 - 1969, portrayed a vision of the future filled with marvelous technologies: warp drives, phasers, tricorders and of course, the communicator.

The communicator may have been the most accurate prediction of all, a small handheld communication device.

While the idea of such a thing was astounding in 1966, today even my grandmother has a cell phone.

The original communicator had three buttons and two knobs, while our phones today have at least the standard 12-key keypad and then a few extras for menu navigation, games or quick access to functions.

The communicator had a small spinning moiré patten for a display, a far cry from the dazzling full-color displays of today.

With our displays, we are able to navigate menus on-screen, send text messages and even view pictures and movies.

The communicator also had the disadvantage of always being on speakerphone mode all the time. Today that is an option, but most

people like to keep one side of their conversations private.

The flip-up grid antenna of the original communicator was a nice touch, but our antenna tech has gotten them so small that in many cases they are wholly integrated with the body of the phone.

So yeah, we've come a long way past the communicator.

Now it is time to take a step back.

Beginning on the Sept. 30, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Star Trek, Viacom (which owns Paramount, which owns "Star Trek") will be releasing a communicator replica phone through Sona Mobile.

The device is going to look like an old school Trek communicator, except it will be a bit smaller, (and I bet it has a real screen).

It'll have the features that every Trekkie will need, such as instant access to Trek message boards, an interactive game called Fleetwars, and the ability to download episodes of "Star Trek" in streaming video format.

So the next Trek convention you go to (you do go to the conventions right?) you and all the other real Trekkies can show off your devotion to the series with your very own working communicator.

- ED: For more information and to get on the Update mailing list, go to [www.sonamobile.com](http://www.sonamobile.com), then click on 'products', next scroll down to the 'mobile entertainment & gaming' section, click on 'theme phones'. Now SIGN-UP. Now wasn't that easy? <grin>

## Mike Sussman to Write ENTERPRISE Story in MIRROR UNIVERSE Books

Pocket Books editor Margaret Clark announced that STAR TREK ENTERPRISE Producer Mike Sussman, would write the ENTERPRISE portion of the 2007 Mirror Universe series of books.

"The two Mirror Universe trade books that have been announced will be edited by Marco [Palmieri] (DS9, VGR, NF) and me (ENT, TOS, and TNG)." Clark announced at the TrekBBS "Mike Sussman will be writing the ENT story for the book."

"A few months ago, I had some friends over to watch both parts of "In a Mirror, Darkly" and their reaction at the end was... "What? It's over?" Sussman wrote, "Guess I felt a little guilty about the cliffhanger aspect. Therefore, I'm happy that I can wrap up the story. The truth is, I like keeping my foot in the door of the Trek universe. So a great big "thank you" to Margaret for contacting me."

"As some of you may have heard, I've got this other gig writing for THRESHOLD (shameless plug: Fridays at 9pm ET/PT on CBS)," he said, "Fortunately the lead times in publishing are much longer than what I'm accustomed to in TV. I will be able to write the ENTERPRISE story over hiatus."

## 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.

## Star Trek star George Takei comes out

Actor George Takei, best known as Mr. Sulu on the classic TV series Star Trek, comes out of the closet in the new issue of Frontiers. Rather, as he tells editor Alexander Cho, "It's not really coming

out, which suggests opening a door and stepping through. It's more like a long, long walk through what began as a narrow corridor that starts to widen." In the interview, the 68-year-old actor also discusses his childhood in a Japanese-American internment camp, his 18-year relationship, his siblings' inability to accept his homosexuality, and the upcoming Los Angeles production of Equus in which he stars.

## Doohan Memorial Spaceflight Delayed

The "Memorial Spaceflight" which will launch a portion of the remains of James Doohan into space — earlier scheduled for December 6 — has been delayed until at least February.

The countdown for the "Explorers Flight" — containing the ashes of more than 160 participants including Doohan's — cannot commence until another vehicle is successfully launched in late November or early December. Then, the launch field at Vandenberg Air Force Base shuts down from mid-December through the end of January.

Thus, the likely timeframe for the Explorers Flight is February or March of 2006, according to Susan Schonfeld of Space Services, Inc. (SSI), the company providing the memorial flight service.

A public tribute and memorial service for Doohan is planned to take place the day before the Explorers Flight launch, in Lompoc, California, near the air force base. Those wishing to attend the service and/or launch viewing party in person should check this site and the SSI site (see links below) regularly for updated information. There may be only a couple of weeks' notice.

In the meantime, fans may participate in the memorial by sending tributes to Doohan that will go into space with him. As previously reported, SSI has created a forum for fans to write messages which will be recorded onto a CD and attached to the payload.

The deadline for submitting a tribute was November 15, but SSI will continue to accept messages through at least January 1. If you haven't submitted a tribute yet, visit this link: Tribute to James Doohan.

The flight module containing the ashes of the Explorers Flight participants will piggyback on a commercial satellite launch, on a Falcon I rocket developed and operated by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX). It will be SpaceX's second Falcon I launch. The maiden flight of the rocket has been delayed due to other activities at Vandenberg, so once it successfully lifts off this month or next, preparations for the next one can begin.

"We are closely in touch with SpaceX," said Charles M. Chafer, CEO of SSI, "and will announce a firm date for the Explorers Flight as soon as we have it."

STARTREK.COM will share that announcement as soon as it becomes available, and we plan to provide coverage of the event.

Doohan, who played "Montgomery Scott" in the Original Series and seven Star Trek movies, died on July 20 at the age of 85.

Mobile Communicator Phone Delayed

The anticipated Star Trek phone has an original series design and menus reflective of Next Generation PADDs and consoles, but unfortunately, you won't be able to get one as a gift this holiday season.

The Inquirer reports that the phone has been delayed until 2006, though it is expected to be available in time for Star Trek's 40th anniversary.

The communicator phone is made by Sona Mobile, which said that the company has been flooded with requests for a quick turnaround. However, quality standards required a longer production time.

Though the outer design of the phone resembles communicators of Captain Kirk's era, it is the voice of Lieutenant Commander Worf alerting owners of incoming calls. The phone chirps like a communicator when flipped open to reveal a set of menus reminiscent of Next Gen panels.

Images of the phone are available at Sona Mobile's web site, which also reveals that the phone can play Fleet Wars, an MMOG involving the Federation, the Romulans and the Borg.

Each phone comes with an e-Book version of Star Trek Vanguard: Harbinger and can play clips from Star Trek episodes and movies.

Sources: The Shield, StarTrek.com, Advocate.com, dvdreview.com, Sci-Fi Wire and Trekweb.com

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# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2006 IS LIVE!

CAPT Jeff Victor, Director • USS Challenger, R7

It is my pleasure to kick-off the 2006 STARFLEET Scholarship Program. As the program's new Director, I wanted to bring a new face to the process and unveil some of the mystery surrounding STARFLEET's annual charitable undertaking.

As a member of 'Fleet for thirteen years and a sitting member of scholarship boards of other national organizations, I plan to bring some changes to the scholarship office in the hopes of better addressing the needs of our applicants.

To begin with some of the changes for this year, I have developed and implemented a STARFLEET Scholarship Manual to help guide the administration of the program. This guide introduces the staff involved in the Scholarship program and their duties, the amount of awards and the monetary amounts involved, member eligibility and the judging criteria for awarding winners. It also outlines a timetable for the operations of the

program and specifies the duties of the Scholarship Committee to make us more accountable to the members.

Also, we've given our applications a new look and feel to better serve you. We've utilized better technology to make applications more user-friendly which will help streamline the application process. All applications are now Adobe Acrobat fillable forms and can be automatically emailed or printed right from Acrobat Reader. Additionally, instead of just submitting applications via postal mail, submissions can now be made via electronic mail or fax as well. Our new forms will soon be available on the Academy website and on SFI.org.

For those folks interested in applying for a STARFLEET Scholarship, I encourage you to do so. We will be awarding four scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to our winners. Remember, you don't have to be attending a four year college to be eligible. Past winners have attended junior and community

colleges, technical schools, graduate schools and trade programs. As a prior winner, I know how important financing your education is. STARFLEET is committed to education of all kinds, and this program is just the first step in building new and exciting frontiers across the world.

On the fundraising front, we are committed to building the Scholarship treasury. Look for new programs coming your way soon!

All that being said, the application process will be officially opened on January 1, 2005, but that doesn't mean you can't begin to assemble the necessary information for the program. The only stupid question is the one that isn't asked, so please feel free to email me any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at [scholarships@sfi.org](mailto:scholarships@sfi.org)

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STARFLEET Scholarship Program  
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## STARFLEET CHARITIES UPDATE

CAPT Tracy Isquith  
USS Avalon, R15

Chapters & Regions,

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. During this holiday season, I know that a lot of you have dedicated your spare time to special charitable projects. Tell us about them, and I'll post your info on the SFI Charities website.

I sincerely hope that you will choose to participate in this extremely rewarding project. The SFI charity network can currently be accessed at the new SFI Charities website: <http://u.s.s.avalon.tripod.com/SFIcharities/index.html>. I wish you love and safety during this bright season.

Trey Isquith :-)  
SFI Charities Coordinator  
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## MICHAEL PILLER MEMORIAL SERVICE

FCAPT Janice Willcocks • USS Angeles, R4

I attended a memorial service for writer/producer Michael Piller today at the Temple Israel of Hollywood. I saw many familiar faces there, including former USS Angeles members Eric Stillwell and Lolita Fatjo. Larry & Janet Nemecek, John deLancie, Andrew Robinson, James Cromwell, Brannon Braga, Rick Berman and Ira Behr were among other notables that I saw.

There were several hundred people inside the temple's huge auditorium. The service began with a rabbi telling of his own remembrances of Michael. Then one of Michael's relatives (an uncle, I think) spoke for a while about his childhood. Next was Michael's son Shawn, who gave a humorous but also tearful speech about growing up and then working alongside his dad. Rick Berman made a brief speech about how he found out about Michael's musical abilities (mainly that he could play the piano quite well). Ira Behr, a fellow writing colleague of Michael's on The Next Generation and Deep Space Nine, gave the most tear-jerking speech. Next was John deLancie, who was representing the actors who had worked with Michael. He read a few messages from various actors including Armin Shimerman. He also talked a little about "Legend", the short-

lived western series that Michael Piller co-created which starred deLancie. Then Eric Stillwell, who had been Michael's assistant for many years, represented the fans. He read several messages of condolence by fans from countries around the world including Brazil, Spain, Japan, Sweden and Canada.

A special video was screened showing childhood scenes of Michael with his sister and parents, then as an adult writing for various television series including Miami Vice, Simon & Simon, The Dukes of Hazzard, and of course Star Trek The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, Voyager and The Dead Zone.

At the conclusion, Sandra Piller, Michael's wife, got up and thanked us all for coming. She assured us that she and her family would be okay, because they have all of us to support them.

Donations may be sent to:  
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# SHUTTLECRAFT, RUNABOUTS, AND THE SARDIS

## AND THEMIS CLASS SCOUT VESSELS

**RADM Ariin KII'Ammoon and RADM Ciriin Kcc'Sottoei**  
**Project Coordinators, Starfleet Advanced Starship Design Bureau**

The existence of the Danube Class runabout, so popular in the 2370s for its versatility on short missions and its small size, ease of handling and ease of construction, begs the question - Is there more to the Starfleet than the wide variety of starships out there? Certainly, the use of shuttlecraft and smaller scout craft can be traced back to the very beginnings of the United Federation of Planets (and one might even argue that the space shuttle utilized in the later half of the 20th and first half of the 21st centuries were the first real 'shuttlecraft'). Starships, of course, fill the most prominent niche in Starfleet's inventory. They're the most visible, the most remembered by name, and often have the most memorable officers and crew working aboard them.

However, there are many missions that are more appropriately filled by 'alternative' craft such as the aforementioned shuttles and runabouts. Furthermore, there are numerous 'experimental' vessels that ultimately serve as the test beds for new technologies and execution of new types of missions - not everything centers around the visible mission profiles fulfilled by starships!

In particular, the limitations of large starships, which utilize conventional (Cochrane-type design) warp drives, has led to both research and sometimes accidental discovery of alternative forms of propulsion, such as transwarp drive, soliton wave propulsion, and research into such entities as stable wormhole technology and quantum slipstream. The challenges of either retrofitting large starships with these new technologies or designing new starships as testing platforms are numerous, time consuming, and despite the fact that currency doesn't appear on the surface to play a part, resources are nevertheless necessary (which means, although the lay person of the 24th century might not see it) there's come type of monetary exchange occurring. It makes some sense then that smaller vessels (such as shuttlecraft and runabouts) might serve as excellent proving grounds for these new technologies.

The focus of this article will be on a possible next generation of runabout based on the Delta Flyer design created by the crew of USS Voyager.

The (more or less) accidental discovery and utilization of quantum slipstream technology by USS Voyager in 2373 failed to be realized in its full potential until contact was made with Voyager later that year following the discovery and utilization of the Hirogen Array.

Until then, the possibilities associated with alternate forms of propulsion, including transwarp, had met with limited success. In order to properly study this technology, however, Starfleet Command wisely saw fit to entrust the study of the technology with its most talented minds in propulsion technology.

The first 'official' prototype of slipstream, the HAN-100 series quantum slipstream, began its testing in the early 2380s. As yet untested, the quantum slipstream nevertheless showed great promise in its first experimental form, allowing vessels to approach velocities well in excess of warp 9.999 using design parameters obtained both from Voyager's data on their own experiences with alien slipstream technology and recent and continued research in both transwarp technology and judicious study of the Bajoran wormhole by a number of space technology contractors.

During the early 2370s, however, a number of other research laboratories at both the Daystrom Institute and Utopia Planitia Spaceyards were also researching alternate forms of advanced propulsion technologies, using the same data from the Bajoran Wormhole and data that had been collected on Borg transwarp technology since the first encounter with the Borg in 2365.

The first practical simulations of quantum slipstream technology in 2370, culminated in the construction of the first in series of unmanned slipstream probes, NX88000 - NX88008.

Due to the escalation of hostilities with the Dominion, however, the project was halted in 2372. It would not be until 2377 that the research and design of quantum slipstream would resume and construction of prototype slipstream vessels Sardis NX-88011 and Cheiron NX88012 would be completed.

Vessel Sardis, completed in August 2377, underwent unmanned systems testing and simulation between October and November of that year and an unmanned flight in November, sustaining a field output of 4616143.952 cochranes for 114.1 hours and traversing a distance of 60084.64806 light years. The flight was successfully repeated and the vessel traverses a distance of 380 light years in a matter of seconds. An unsuccessful manned flight on November 16 took place, and the vessel was removed from active flight status for additional testing on November 18. Vessel Sardis was fitted with a Romulan Cloaking device on November 18 and underwent a successful manned flight into the Gamma Quadrant on November 20.

Systems and navigational/tactical/propulsions upgrades and internal refit of Vessel Sardis NX-88011 were implemented between January and February 2378 and Vessel Chiron NX88012 on February 2 and system tests and manned control flights between February and March and completion, commission and launch of Vessel Chiron NX-88012 occurred in March. The crew of the Sardis was stranded aboard a Voth city ship in the Gamma Quadrant in May when the ship was destroyed by an extragalactic insect-like race called the Idjalic; the crew were rescued by Vessel Chiron and design and construction began on what would become the Themis Class series of scout vessels which would incorporate slipstream technology, Romulan cloaking technology, and various Borg-inspired enhancements, using the existing Delta Flyer platform designed by the crew of USS Voyager.

Despite the limited success achieved, Starfleet generally considered the utilization of quantum slipstream a failure until a more practical application through retrofitting of existing starships (most notably the Prometheus Class Tactical Cruiser and the modified Delta Flyer/Themis Class scout) between 2378 and 2382 and utilization of the technology during an extended conflict with the Voth and Jem'Hadar between 2382 and 2386. However, at the conclusion of this conflict, during which a number of the Themis Class vessels were destroyed (including the prototype vessel Chiron), the project was more or less abandoned, leaving the project more or less in limbo and the surviving Themis Class scout vessels as more or less rapid-deployment shuttle craft to be utilized for deep space missions and tactical operations. Compatibility problems with existing platforms led to the final removal of the slipstream drive from the Prometheus Class in the early 2390s.

The Sardis and Themis Classes are both derived from the Delta Flyer design of modified runabout and thus integrate both the overall appearance and design features of this type of vessel. The Themis Class is more or less an enlargement of the Delta Flyer (and in fact the first Themis Class scout is in fact a refit of the Delta Flyer) and the Sardis and Chiron prototypes are larger versions of this platform still. Comparison of the pre- and post-modifications gives the clearest picture of the relative sizes:

Class	Length (m)	Draft (m)	Beam (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Displacement (mt)
Delta Flyer	21	12	6	1512	990
Themis	28	17	8	3808	1800
Sardis/Chiron	61	21	12	15372	5300

All three classes are modular both in design and outward appearance, and unlike the standardized color and form that has become familiar among Starfleet vessels, these scouts are designed according to mission parameter and environmental needs (thus, alterations in surface color and texture are common based on the mission profile). Because, however, these vessels do utilize alien technology (notably Borg defensive and weapons systems, Krenim temporal shielding, and Romulan-inspired cloaking technology) in addition to slipstream technology, their 'color patterns' are always different (most notable is a more deep blue glow characteristic of the warp nacelles, a green underglow where Borg subsystems are evident, and a more slate colored web-like hull plating characteristic of the Krenim shield technology).

Due to the nature and relatively small size of these vessels, contemporary warp core geometry is unable to be implemented. The HAN-300 series slipstream drive and its complementary LQ-10 microM/ARA assembly comprise a 'microhybrid' technology that enables the smaller sized vessel to achieve speeds comparable or far in excess of contemporary warp drives and in addition, since the drive assembly is pro-fitted rather than retro-fitted to the vessel, the efficiency and maximum velocities achievable with the slipstream far exceed even the HAN-100 and HAN-200 series of quantum slipstream, enabling the vessel to traverse the entire span of the galaxy in a matter of days.

The HAN-300 series slipstream, unlike the conventional mounting of the unit into the secondary navigational deflector, is mounted directly into dual independent housings where the Bussard ramscoops would normally be found. The result is a redundant system - each individual emitter generates the same slipstream tunnel simultaneously and independently, with additive effects resulting in field output far in excess of the HAN-100 and HAN-200 series units found in the Excalibur and Discovery Class vessels - the slipstream drive of these vessels allow them to traverse the distance to any border point of the Federation within 1-2 days; the slipstream drive in the Themis Class scout allows the trip to be made in under 20 hours.

The impulse and RSC systems use conventional and time-honored technology.

The tactical systems of the Themis Class scout are intended for limited use, and as such are the most significant limitation to the design of the class. The vessel uses microtechnology for sized-down versions of both phaser and torpedo technology and thus limits the lethality of these weapons systems; however, the incorporation of Borg photonic missiles and quantum microtorpedoes adds a potent arsenal to aid in self-preservation. Keeping in mind that these tactical systems are all scaled down versions (the quantum microtorpedoes have significantly less destructive capability than the quantum torpedoes brought back to the Alpha Quadrant by Voyager) but nonetheless add to the arsenal.

Defensively, however, the Themis Class is superior in many aspects to even the most advanced starships, utilizing both Borg and Krenim technologies to produce superior temporal shielding. Furthermore, cloaking technology developed following renegotiation of treaty parameters with the Romulan Empire in 2382 has allowed these vessels to become known for their stealthy maneuvering capability and capacity to be utilized in covert operations.

A significant portion of ship's systems is dedicated to the quantum slipstream. Both prototype vessels, Sardis and Chiron, utilized an entire lower deck

to house a computer processor and electronics subsystem capable of the complex data manipulation necessary to maintain a stable slipstream. The Themis Class utilizes refined computer capability of the M16 Duotronic Vm dual microcore, bioneural gel pack circuitry, and Borg-inspired nanotechnology for 'micro-packaging' of circuitry. Computational power of the M-16 microcore is comparable to the M-16 standard computer core, providing the computational accuracy required for complex maneuvering in slipstream.

Understandably, neither the Sardis, Chiron, or Themis Class vessels incorporate any significant creature comforts, taking their internal design parameters from the more spartan designs of the Defiant and Rapier Class Escorts and Combatants and the newer 'military' designs seen in the Akira and Eximius Class Battlecruisers - as such, these scout vessels are designed for working rather than living, consistent with their intended short-duration mission parameters.

Nevertheless, the Themis Class utilizes modular design to allow for interchangeable compartmentalization of its aft compartment, allowing a wide variety of specialized missions to be undertaken, ranging from medical and humanitarian to diplomatic missions (including transport of diplomatic attaches) to special operations and utilization/transport of special equipment to scientific missions. Modularity of design has already seen the interchangeability

of materials and equipment during the first decade of the vessels' operational life, and recent logistics needs have called for a 'standby' mode for a number of these vessels to be used for high-ranking Starfleet officers, Federation officials, and as attached/ancillary shuttle craft for a number of Starfleet's "flagship" missions.

The first prototypes, Sardis and Chiron, were laid down and informally commissioned and launched in 2377 and 2378. Sardis, however, was soon after destroyed, leaving Chiron as the sole prototype until the return of Voyager from the Delta Quadrant in 2377. The Delta Flyer was subsequently modified and refit in 2378 as the first Themis Class vessel, and two additional prototypes, Explorer and Inquisitive, were laid down in the same year, though all three vessels would soon be drydocked until 2382. Eight additional vessels, however, were laid down and actively used between 2378 and 2382 - Anubis, Osiris, Gaheris, Galahad, Gawain, Geraint, Guinivere, and Tristram.

The first series of Themis Class scouts was officially laid down and recognized in 2382, beginning with Benevolent, Esquiel, and Nennius (from Delta Flyer, Explorer and Inquisitive, respectively) and in addition with the launch of Alixia, Orchid, Optimistic, Clio, Mallorn, and six vessels designed specifically for special operations missions, Baden-Powell, Daniel Beard, Ernest Seton, Frank S Land, James E West, and William Bryce.

A third group of scouts - Carleon, Stonehenge, Pollux, and Castor - was laid down and launched in 2383, during the extended conflict with the Jem'Hadar.

The last two vessels to be laid down in 2387 (following the resolution of the conflict with the Jem'Hadar), Laurelin and Telperion, are the second set of prototype vessels which, along with Prometheus Class Tactical Cruiser USS Chiron NX-99000, are currently being tested for limited advances in quantum slipstream capability.

Current utilization of the Themis Class of vessels focuses on special missions - diplomatic, medical/humanitarian, scientific/research, and specialized military operations. With some limited success of the HAN-100 series quantum slipstream and the additional success of the second generation HAN-200 series slipstream in new starship designs, notably the Excalibur Class Space Control Vessel and Discovery Class Exploratory Cruiser, interest has been refueled in the Themis Class for rapid deployment of special operations, diplomatic, and medical missions where both time and discretion are both necessary. The Themis Class in the 2390s therefore appears to have a bright, albeit limited, future. The application of quantum slipstream technology toward unmanned and manned extragalactic missions is currently being explored.

For more information on the SARDIS and THEMIS Class scouts, contact [ops@ussjaguar.org](mailto:ops@ussjaguar.org).

SARDIS Class Scout Vessel



Chiron exterior view



THEMIS Class Scout Vessel



Delta flyer cutaway



Delta flyer top and front views



# SMILEY FACES ☺ FOR INTERACTION!

ADM Helen M. Pawlowski · ISS Troubadour, R12  
ADM Sherry Anne Newell · USS Morning Star, R12  
ADM Marlene J. Miller · USS Renegade, R1

In this edition of the Annual Campaign Report, we have once again tried to focus on three aspects of Trek aspiration: Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

There are many examples of fun shown in the monthly MSRs – gaming nights, movie nights, and “away teams” to conventions – all sorts of combinations of group sharing. It is a pleasure to read of this manner of sharing; but an exciting movement has been growing, slowly – but still growing – ships sharing events with other ships.

We get together at Regional Summits; we all meet at International Conferences; but those events are of an annual nature – not a common bonding. It is a lovely thing to read of ships sharing an anniversary or a local convention – a feeling of a larger family rather than an insular group.

For this reason, special attention is being given to those ships who have shared parties, conventions, causes or just get-togethers with other ships in their area. That's a neat twist on the F3 concept!

These examples were taken from MSRs for September and October 2005.

Look for the smiley faces. ☺ They're what this report is all about!

Region 1: SHUTTLE EXCALIBUR ☺ shared with USS OHIO in a phone pledge at Kent State University; Uriah Heise welcomed back after 9 years in the Navy. SHUTTLE INDEPENDENCE on an away mission to Pigeon Forge, TN for Rescue Conference. Shuttle involved in Hurricane Katrina assistance to evacuees. SHUTTLE ODIN'S FURY ☺ joined with USS MAAT and USS JAMESTOWN to raise \$330.00 plus canned goods and toiletries. USS ALARIC donated \$50.00 to American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief. USS APPOMATTOX ☺ joined USS YEAGER, JAMESTOWN, MAAT and HEIMDAL at Rising Star '4 and shared their 4th anniversary with two guests from the USS JAMESTOWN. USS ARIZONA added three new members and donated money for HSUS Katrina victims (helping lost animals find their 'people'). USS ATHENA held a “crafting” day to make bookmarks and other items for upcoming conventions and provided school supplies and backpacks to children's services for foster kids. USS COLUMBUS held a candlelight ceremony in the library parking lot for Katrina victims. USS GALLIFREY ☺ visited USS OHIO at a promotional event at the local library. USS HEIMDAL donated \$200.00 to Salvation Army for Hurricane Katrina

relief and challenged area clubs to match the donation. Also, read “thank you” notes from Salvation Army and local Humane Society. Chapter cookbook “Taste Trek” is in print. USS HELL'S FURY welcomed two new members. USS JAMESTOWN's James Winsley was awarded Starfleet Engineering scholarship. Ship collected \$330.00 for Martina Danielle Natoli's Lung Transplant Fund. USS OHIO sent a box of items to the troops. USS POWHATAN ☺ attended USS JAMESTOWN's and USS MAAT's anniversary dinners. USS PRIDE of SCOTLAND donated to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief and donated blood to Red Cross drive. USS RENEGADE ☺ working with USS NAVIGATOR for fund-raisers, collecting cleaning supplies, and personal items for disaster relief. Continues sending “care packages” to military personnel (average 2 per month), continues donating to Angels for Animals and Animal Charity League and continues sending stuffed animals to Troops for kids in Iraq. Working with the USS OHIO collecting ‘goodies’ to include in “care packages” for the Troops. USS REPRISAL held a “solar viewing”. USS RUTLEDGE donated Teddy bears to US Troops in Iraq, and initiated “Hemlock Project” to save Hemlock plant from extinction in the Great Smokey and Blue Ridge Mountains. USS STAR RUNNER donated \$37.00 to Hurricane Katrina relief and sent a “care” package to Troops. USS YEAGER ☺ welcomed attendees from USS HEIMDAL, JAMESTOWN, MAAT and APPOMATTOX.

Region 2  
SHUTTLE ANDROMEDA did a “Wheel-A-Thon” to raise money for a new playground. USS BLACKSTAR participated in local MDA Labor Day Telethon. USS DARK PHOENIX working on recovery efforts for neighbors – victims of Hurricane Katrina. USS DaVINCI participating in “Help-the-Hooch-River” clean up. USS DRACO ☺ and USS SPIRITWALKER assisted in Channel 19 MDA Telethon. USS DRAKENFIRE donated to Katrina victims and gave blood. USS GASPARILLA donated over \$271,000 worth of recently expired coupons to US military bases overseas as part of the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP). USS OKATOMA survived Hurricane Katrina. USS RELENTLESS was allowed to insert their flyers into the 300 goody bags given to attendees at Library Harvest Fest.

Region 3  
USS BEXAR still active in “Trauma Buddy” program and is donating used (and new) VHS tapes and DVDs to Brook Army Medical Center. USS GUNSLINGER donated food to Katrina relief. USS JOAN of ARC donated clothes, bottled water and cash to Katrina relief. USS LONE STAR had several crew members work

in Hurricane Katrina evacuation centers in Lubbock and as Shelter managers for Hurricane Rita evacuees. They also helped radio-controlled airplane group with a food drive, collecting about 130 pounds of food and almost \$130.00 in cash donations. USS REGULATOR ☺ sent invitations to Dallas-Ft. Worth Sci-Fi clubs to attend Quark's. USS RHYANNA ☺ and USS ARK ANGEL got together for dinner. USS SPIRIT WOLF helped Hurricane Katrina evacuees. USS TEJAS is still collecting pennies for “Mile of Pennies”. USS THUNDERWOLF members have accumulated 1023 hours of community service. The crews volunteered for and were assigned to Baton Rouge Hurricane relief efforts.

Region 4  
USS ANGELES volunteered at Hollywood Museum's Entertainment Star Trek exhibit.

Region 5  
USS DESTINY ☺ participated in Oregon Coast Cleanup. They are also contacting local clubs, one being Fiction Writers of Salem, to see if they could benefit each other.

Region 6  
USS FOX RIVER has been collecting supplies for local animal shelters. USS IMPERIUM assisted in 10th TV pledge drive.

Region 7  
USS ADAMANT ☺ celebrated their 9th anniversary dinner joined by USS ASCENSION, DeBRAAK and MALVERNE. USS ALBANY assisted at telethon. USS ARCHER received a regional award for 100% reporting. USS ARI held its monthly meeting at CAPT Biber's nursing home. USS ASCENSION ☺ attended USS ADAMANT's anniversary dinner along with members of USS MALVERNE and DeBRAAK. USS NIAGARA donated to Katrina Relief. USS OSIRIS ☺ had guests from the USS SOVEREIGN at their meeting. USS SOVEREIGN ☺ visited USS OSIRIS.

Region 12  
SHUTTLE ROSEN ☺ held monthly meeting with USS MONTGOMERY SCOTT. USS CLAYMORE youth raised over \$300.00 for local Humane Society. USS DRAGONSTRIKE ☺ donated school supplies to the charity efforts of USS CLAYMORE and SHUTTLE ROSEN. They also donated funds and books to Katrina victims. USS JEANNETTE MADDOX started campaign to collect stuffed toys for Ronald McDonald House. They also helped Salvation Army box and palletize goods for Katrina survivors. USS

MORNING STAR served 120 at Street Feeding – including salad and dessert. USS SUNFLOWER ☺ attended USS JEANNETTE MADDOX anniversary.

Region 15  
USS ARES ☺ worked with USS DARWIN on an upcoming convention. USSAVALON ☺ continues its food bank and attended the USS O'BANNON anniversary dinner. USS KASIMAR held a yard sale selling \$171.00 of “stuff”. USS O'BANNON ☺ welcomed a new member. At celebration of 10th anniversary, guests were from USS ATLANTIS, AVALON and STATION IAN FLEMING.

Region 17  
SHUTTLE AZTEC ☺ attended meetings of USS ANASAZI. USS ALIOTH collected school supplies for Hurricane victims who came into Camp Williams. USS MOONTYPE is preparing a handbook in Braille, large print, tape and on computer disc. USS TIBURON is still cleaning adopted bus stops. USS WIND SPIRIT is getting everyone business cards to hand out to prospective new members. They are also continuing beanie baby donations to Troops in Iraq.

Charities benefiting in this Annual Campaign report include:

Region 1: Eliada Children's Home, American Red Cross, HSUS, Salvation Army, Norfolk SPCA, Senior Services of Southeast Virginia, Mosul Iraq Hospital (U.S. Troops), Matrina Danielle Natoli Lung Transport Fund, Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Angels for Animals, Animal Charity League, ASPCA.

Region 2: Decatur Animal Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, American Red Cross.

Region 3: San Antonio Police & Fire Departments, Red Cross, BMAC, South Plains Food Bank, Tarrant County Women's Haven, Hill County Ministries and Round Rock Food Pantries, Humane Society, First Step, Wilbarger and Wichita County Humane Societies.

Region 4: Katrina Hurricane Relief

Region 6: Crisis Nursery, Boy Scouts of America

Region 12: Salvation Army

Region 15: Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Caring Unlimited

Region 17: Red Cross, Horseshoe Park

The greatest number of ships mentioned Hurricane Relief, with Overseas Coupon Project (OCP) running second. Stampede, recycling, tab tops, walks and runs, telethons, highway pickup and Horseshoe Park pick-up, blood drives and Campbell's labels were a part of ship activities.

Keep up the great work! We'll catch you next time!

# USS KITTY HAWK - YARD SALE FOR CHARITY

FCAPT J.R. Fischer • USS Kitty Hawk, R1

USS Kitty Hawk is the Raleigh, N.C. chapter of Starfleet International. When we formed the shuttle Kitty Hawk off the U.S.S. Bonaventure on December 17, 1989, it was to become a civic organization dedicated to helping our community by volunteering for public service as well as adopting existing charities. Some of our activities included: highway cleanup, with the recycling of aluminum; PBS telethon; Duke Children's Hospital Telethon; and several Raleigh arts projects.

Most of our members are Star Trek and science fiction fans; this is the glue which holds us together as a group. The other common thread is the desire to "let me help" which was the cornerstone for the Maddox-Hampton administration which resurrected Starfleet almost two decades ago.

Last spring, one of our members, Margaret Hale, suggested that we hold a yard sale to help support the Women's Center of Wake County. A date was set to go to the flea market at the state

fairgrounds where we would secure several spaces for our attic and garage treasures. Soon the goodies started showing up at the captain's house and were becoming overpowering.

This is when another member, Spring Brooks, approached us with a plan she had already begun with some of her friends to organize a library at Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Inc. in Durham, N.C. From the books we had accumulated, she pulled a varied selection to add to what she already had to create a substantial library. After work each day, Spring would go in and organize the library, which soon grew to include audio and video tapes. She currently adds to the stock from books she acquires at auctions and other donations.

When the day came for our giant sale, about a dozen of our crew showed up at the fairgrounds to set up the huge amount of donations. Before we could even get everything in place, people started shopping (crew as well as public) with sales being rapid fire.

Our philosophy for our sale was to price things to actually sell as none of these items were going back home with us; 25 cents and up, with most items about one dollar. Sales were steady throughout the day. We had enough people for each crewmember to take a turn around the flea market and see what everyone else had for sale. At the end of about eight hours, we had sold approximately half our stuff for almost three-hundred dollars. The remainder was loaded in the various vehicles and delivered and donated to Abbeygail's Closet, a thrift shop operation with sales benefiting the Women's Center of Wake County. At the next meeting the crew voted to round up our sales receipts to three-hundred dollars with a contribution from our treasury and a check was sent to the Women's Center.

Since June, we have contributed \$1000.00 to help one of our Starfleet members in a nearby city who is undergoing cancer treatment and needed assistance with her bills.

At our September meeting, we voted to donate \$1000.00 to the Salvation Army for Hurricane Katrina relief as we have about 25 former members in the Biloxi/Gulfport area, many of whom lost their homes. We encourage other chapters to do the same. This is what we should be about.

On October 7, 2005, USS Kitty Hawk celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its commissioning. That is fifteen continuous

years of community service by a group varying in size from 10 to eighty-five members. Approximately 125 different people have been members with our current numbers of 32 members with about eighteen being Starfleet.

While this is a large ship by some standards, I want everyone to understand that smaller ships can do just as much community service and raise similar amounts of money. As with almost all organizations, about eighty percent of the work is done by twenty percent of the people. We have a core group, who will be at every event with the larger numbers showing up for telethons, etc.

If you have a ship with about 12-15 members, then you already have your core group and even if you double your membership, you will still have the same core group doing most of the work. This is OK. Just remember that we are a volunteer organization and be sure that everyone who participates in any of your activities has fun. Enjoy the movies, cookouts, discussions, away teams, shore leaves and all the other fun activities that Star Trek fans are known for. But remember that we have a purpose beyond those things. The crew of the USS Kitty Hawk has the Wright Stuff. I bet your crew does too.

Esse Quam Videri (To be, rather than to seem).



L: Spring Brooks is seen here in the library at the Hillcrest Convalescent Ctr., Durham, NC



Margaret Hale  
USS Kitty Hawk.



Left to right: Jane Fisher, J.A. Fisher, Keung Hui, Elaine Pischke, Amy DeJongh. Front: Graeme Pischke

## USS OHIO POTTER-THON!



The costumed members (and a couple friends) are: back row Paula Blough, Jay Defibaugh and Ray Blough (in the Grim Reaper mask) and front row Marlene Miller (sitting), Brett Hale and Janet Wagoner. (Uncostumed members and friends can be found on page 34).



## FRONT AND CENTER

FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1  
Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET!

It's hard to believe it has been almost a year since the current administration took office. Looking back on this past year, there have been really good times, some not so good times, and times that personally I'd like to either forget or take a mulligan on (that's a do-over for you non-golfers out there).

I was talking to former CS Mike Malotte the other day, and he agreed with my perception that being CS is a job that some days is burdensome and you question why you even wanted the job, but for the most part, being CS can be very fulfilling and rewarding. I guess you can say that I've experienced, so far, both the highs and lows that being President of STARFLEET can bring.

In looking back on this past year and seeing the challenges that have been faced by myself, my team, and even the entire organization, I've been doing a lot of thinking. Some things went well, according to platform and plan. Other things were not as successful as had been hoped, and were a learning experience to say the least. I don't want to go into specifics and rehash the past entire year, but I do want to acknowledge that fact.

This brings me to the subject of this message - A New Year - New Directions.

Having been part of Fleet HQ in some capacity since 1997, I have a unique

perspective of seeing that some of the problems that STARFLEET faces are not new to this administration by any means. Since the "modern era" of STARFLEET began in 1997, there has been incredible changes in the dynamics of the organization; worldwide communications has changed with the popularity of the Internet; fandom has experienced dramatic shifts; and due to all this (and other factors I'm sure I haven't listed), the needs of the members and chapters and regions of STARFLEET have changed.

But, has STARFLEET changed to meet those needs? And if STARFLEET has changed to meet those needs, has it been for better or for worse? Those are the questions I've been asking myself in some way for the better part of several years. Now that I am in the "center seat" and have almost a year under my belt in that position, I'm not sure if we've managed to keep STARFLEET current enough or have truly met the changing needs of chapters and members of STARFLEET. I think we've made good progress in many areas, but in doing so, perhaps we've sacrificed attention needed elsewhere.

I'm not going to say that I or my team have all the answers. And that is the intent of this message today. I'm coming to you, the leadership of STARFLEET and the general membership of STARFLEET to ask that we come together as an organization and really think about what STARFLEET needs to do.

I'm not asking this to be a commentary on any current office holder or position holder. The personal attacks and politics need to be checked at the door. We're not going to get anywhere if we point fingers and hurt feelings. We need to look at the BIG picture. We've got to put the politics aside, and come together as STARFLEET members and think about "What is good for STARFLEET." We need to stop worrying about who gets the credit, and just remember, as in the words of a long-time Fleeter that "Fleet Matters."

What I am asking you to do today, and for the coming days, weeks, and months, is put aside the differences, and let's focus on taking a hard look at STARFLEET and what needs to happen to see another 30+ years of success, friendship, and fellowship in fandom.

I personally think that perhaps much of the STARFLEET structure has become bloated. I know that others (yes, Mr. Klingman, people are listening) have been saying this for some time, and while we may not all agree on what is essential and what isn't, the fact that we agree in principal is a start. I think we need to look and say, "What is an essential corporate function of the various EC offices?" And then we need to follow up and then ask, "What is not an essential function, but what services do we currently provide (or try to provide) that are important resources to the regions, chapters,

and members of STARFLEET."

When we get those matters settled, perhaps we can look at some real restructuring of the corporate world of STARFLEET and then the Services/Resources that are available. Perhaps this can be done simply by restructuring what we currently have. Or perhaps out of this, we may get some changes that require Constitutional amendment. I don't want to see us get so caught up in "Well, we've always done things this way" that we lose sight that the world and Fleet around us has changed. I always try to say that just because we've always done something one way doesn't mean it is the \*only\* way to do something. Yes, this may require change, and change isn't always easy. But rarely do things worth having come easily.

I hope that this message can spark some real, good discussion about the structure and purpose of STARFLEET. I've sent it to a variety of email lists, and it's going in the Communique' as well. Let's prove Dr. McCoy wrong when he said, "The bureaucratic mentality is the only constant in the universe." (Thanks to the Good Ol' Geeky Quote Generator on the sfi.org site for reminding me of that, btw.)

Let's work together, all of us, in the efforts to take STARFLEET leaps and bounds into the future. I'm done with the politics. I'm done with the games. Perhaps turning 30 and expecting my first child has brought me a new perspective. I don't know. All I ask is that you realize that we may not always agree, but we can at least respect each other, our various opinions and ideas, and find some common ground. It's time to work together. Let's see what we can accomplish.

If you have thoughts on this subject and more, please contact me at cs@sfi.org or my mailing address in the staff directory. See you around the net and in this column next issue!

*Mandi Livingston*



## COMMpletely RELEVANT

COMM Bob Fillmore • SS K'Ehleyr, R4  
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET



Greetings! I hope everyone had a great holiday and are looking forward to a happy New Year!

In this article I would like to address an issue that has been plaguing the CQ. As everyone is aware, we continue to have delays getting the CQ out on time. Every issue seems to bring up another new problem: we solve one problem that slowed one issue and a new problem crops up to slow the next issue. If I were a believer in conspiracies, I might make some hasty accusations, but I am not so I try to eliminate as many complications as possible...

The current complication I would like to eliminate is the articles and accompanying pictures that are submitted for publication. Of course, we want as many submissions as we can get, but what we are seeing is that some people are submitting entire rolls of scanned in pictures, or now when digital photography is so prevalent hundreds of digital photos are submitted with a note telling us to select whatever we want. Unfortunately, we do not have the time or the staff to sort through that many pictures... We would request that only the picture you want to appear with the article be submitted;

it is unfair to Wendy to have to sort, edit, manipulate, and then decide which of your pictures should go with your article. Please be kind and consider that everyone is busy, and having as much in order prior to submitting your articles and photos as possible will go a long way to helping get the publication out on schedule. Please check out the Helpful Hints on page 2.

In other news, our recent change in the International shipping method has indeed improved delivery times to our International members! Some reported getting their last CQ in ½ the

time; certainly a significant improvement! We expect to continue that and are still investigating other tweaks that may further improve the lag time to our friends abroad and in Canada.

Of course, any and all suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions, comments, or complaints.

See you in the Future!

*Bob Fillmore*

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# VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

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



photo by Who's Photography

Howdy!

New Year 2006 has arrived, and with it come all kinds of future opportunities for FLEET to continue to have fellowship with sister chapters, enjoy chocolate from the STARFLEET Chocolate Vault, and serve their local communities or charity projects.

This year of 2006, FUN AND FANDOM will be the STARFLEET Annual Campaign theme. With this in mind, I am announcing a Video contest (similar to America's Funniest Home Videos) for chapters to make a video on what they do just for fun and enjoyment within fandom. BUT... I am looking for a person to chair this particular project. The chair will be working under Marlene Miller, Annual Campaign Director, and will be responsible for setting up the rules, the various judging panels, the time lines, and the prizes. (Submissions by cadets will be judged as a separate category in this contest.) So go to the STARFLEET website, <http://www.sfi.org/portal/>; click on the appropriate listing under SFI Help Wanted; read the full Job Description and Job Requirements; log in with your SFI.org Username and Password; send the SFI Personnel Director, Matt Copple (Personnel@SFI.org), 29 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO 64124-2508), your qualifications and how you would organize this contest within the Fun and Fandom theme. January 21 will be the deadline for applications.

FCAPT Lauren Milan, SFI Web Master; FCAPT Ralph Planthold, Chief of Staff to the VCS; and FCAPT Seth Isquith, Recreation Director, have been working

hard to get the FLEET Recreation Calendar application up and running before the New Year 2006. It is done, but using the eXtCal calendar software instead of the piCal software announced in last issue. Of course, there will be a lot of fine-tuning. To access it, please follow the [Revised STARFLEET Recreation Calendar Posting/Changing Instructions](#) which follow this article.

If you have any questions, contact Seth Isquith (FRC-Recreation@sfi.org, or PO Box 463, Standish, ME 04084-0463). He will answer any questions you have. Seth will next be working on even more creative ideas with the Recreation Calendar, to allow FLEET members to exchange information for lodging with each other as they travel. Have fun with the Recreation Calendar! This should provide information for chapters to see how they might have opportunities be more involved with their sister chapters, whether they are near or far in traveling distance.

**Sunnie-Side-Up: Drop one chocolate kiss in your morning cup of hot coffee, sip slowly, and let its magic work! This will give your "dead-head, can't get up in the morning" brain an energetic boost!**

## [Revised 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 get this up!)

If you have not yet registered with the STARFLEET website, 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 may also directly access the calendar by clicking on the "SFI Recreation Calendar" link on the left-hand navbar, or by going directly to: <http://sfi.org/portal/modules/extcal/calendar.php>. From here you can see the overview of the current calendar, and use the dropdown menus to choose to view all events, or events by a desired Region.

3. To view a particular month, click at the top of the displayed monthly calendar, on the month and year on the left or right. To begin adding your event information, click on the "Submit Event" link on the left-hand navbar, or go directly to: <http://sfi.org/portal/modules/extcal/submit.php>.

4. You will be taken to the Submit Event window; there you may enter the Title, Region, Description, Contact information, URL, Email, Address, and Beginning & Ending Date(s) and Time(s) 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. When you are finished, click the "Send" button at the bottom of the page. Your calendar event will now be in "Awaiting Approval" status. When your RDC-Recreation or your RC or the FRC Recreation Director approves your event, it will appear on the SFI Recreation Calendar.

6. If you want to print, edit, or delete an existing event, you can return anytime to the SFI Recreation Calendar as above, click on the event title, and be taken to the Event View screen:

- To print an event, click on the "printer" icon near the upper right corner of the Event View screen, to be taken to a printer-friendly version of the event.
- To edit an event, click on the "paper & pencil" icon near the upper right corner of the Event View screen, to be taken to the Edit Event screen. There, make your edits to the event and click the "Send" button at the bottom of the page. If you make changes to an event, it will then go through the same approval process as described above.
- To delete an event, click on the "trashcan" icon near the upper right corner of the Event View screen, to be taken to the Confirm Event Deletion screen. There, if you really want to delete this event, click on the "Delete" button; if not, click on the "Cancel" button.

# NEW SFA TEASER COURSES MAKE THEIR DEBUT!

LGEN Jill J. Rayburn • SS Nikola Tesla, R1

In October, SFA Commandant Todd Brugmans and a group of SFA staff persons and other Fleet members created the new Teaser Course program (for details, see last issue). I attended Vulkan in Orlando, FL in November, and was able to offer these courses to potential members who visited the recruiting table sponsored by Region 2. Four people took and passed courses, and one even decided to join STARFLEET on the spot. All of them enjoyed the opportunity to sample what the SFA has to offer.

I want to thank the following people for their assistance at Vulkan: Jennifer

and Steve Rosbury, Bruce, Sandy, and Shawnacy Dolan, Jack Eaton, James and Michelle Muench, and Ralph and Sunnie Planthold. I especially want to thank Kiry, who was my main assistant with the Teaser Courses.

Vulkan also gave me the opportunity to get donations for the Scholarship Fund. Cash donations totaled \$100, with \$50 of that being for the James Doohan Scholarship from the USS Blackstar in memory of a member who has passed away, Ben Feld. The other money came from donations during the R2 open meeting. In addition to the cash donations, we received a

signed picture of Jeri Ryan, donated by the USS Gasparilla. I was also able to get signed pictures donated by Levar Burton, Robert Beltran, Robert Picardo, and Ethan Phillips. They were all wonderful, and very supportive of our efforts to assist our members with their education. Lastly, there was also a donation of two signed prints by artist Lee Stringer. His art can be seen in calendars, and one of the donated prints is from the 2006 Star Trek: Ships of the Line calendar. There will be an announcement from the Academy soon regarding the auction and/or sale of these items.





## THE TOWAWAY ZONE

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

photo by Who's Photography



Year one is just about done and, as many of us do, we take stock of what we accomplished in the Previous year, where we fell short and what we plan for the coming 365.

I would like to start of correcting a recurring error which has been printed in the past few CQs. In the spreadsheet accompanying my column it appeared for a number of months that there were regions whose reporting figures were completely out of whack. That was an error in my coding of the spreadsheet which made it appear as if there were lapses in some reporting. I apologize to any COs or RCs which were affected by this and the problem has been corrected. I guess I'll have to take Excel class all over again!

I have had a great time in my first year as Chief of Operations. My staff has been working well together and things have been running fairly well. Thanks to the good works of Chapter Care we have brought back a number of chapters who were teetering on the brink of decommissioning. I applaud that team and all their hard work.

My biggest sense of accomplishment comes from the work of the ECAB Understrength Committee which worked quickly to tighten some of the Fleet regulations regarding chapters who fall under the 10 member minimum.

The Chapter Locator which is found on the SFI website was a superb

collaborative effort between Ops and CompOps with 95% of the credit going to Lauren Milan.

Thanks to Deb Mallotte I have finally learned how to grant promotions to the rank of Captain and when to do them. I'll admit, I had a mental block on this one and it took me a while to get it right. Deb has patience.....LOTS of patience.

There are a few things I had wanted to get done but for one reason or another have been shuttled back on the To Do List. An Ops Manual for the next sucker to get this job. I guess it would be nice to have that done by the time the next sucker comes along.

One of the first things which I noticed as I started entering paper MSRs into the Database is some differences if the two forms. I am still looking on changing that and making them identical.

CompOps and Ops are still in discussion on the security levels and if there are too many on the Change of Command

function in the Database. Sal and his team are just going to love me by the end of the year.

Internally, I will be making some enhancements to the spreadsheet we use to track reporting. I do this, mostly, because I'm lazy and enjoy letting the program do the work for me.

The best part of this job is when I step out from behind the keyboard here and have real contact with people around the Fleet. I have enjoyed conversations with COs and RCs from all over. The conversation usually gets even better when the Fleet business is over and I get to know a little about the person with whom I'm talking.

I'm glad I have a generous coverage package with my phone company. Keep those cards, letters and phone calls coming.

As per our usual business part of the article; the Vessel Registry is ready for downloading. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to [chapterinfochange@sfi.org](mailto:chapterinfochange@sfi.org) or to [ops@sfi.org](mailto:ops@sfi.org) directly. The document itself can be downloaded directly at <http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf>.

As a reminder, if anyone wishes a printed copy sent to them, please contact me with your name and address.

And that's how we laugh the day away in the Merry Ol' Land of Ops!

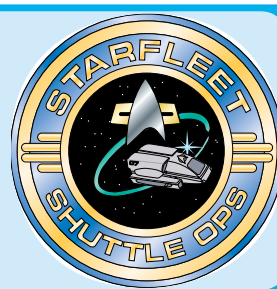
Report for October 2005			
	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	46	56	82%
R2	23	29	79%
R3	21	21	100%
R4	16	18	89%
R5	4	6	67%
R6	4	5	80%
R7	26	31	84%
R9	2	2	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	14	24	58%
R13	7	8	88%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	10	10	100%
R17	10	11	91%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	188	226	83%

Report for November 2005			
	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	46	56	82%
R2	24	29	83%
R3	19	21	90%
R4	14	18	78%
R5	3	6	50%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	25	31	81%
R9	2	2	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	15	24	63%
R13	7	8	88%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	9	10	90%
R17	8	11	73%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	182	226	81%



## The SHUTTLEBAY

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



Boy, this year sure went by fast. It's already Thanksgiving time again. I hope you are all enjoying the holidays with your loved ones.

We often speak of the fleet as a big family. This is demonstrated over and over, particularly in times of need. Last issue we mentioned one of the shuttles, Rahxephon in Arabi, LA (R3), suffered extensive losses during Hurricane Katrina. I am happy to report that fleet members were quick to lend a hand, whether offering places to stay or other means of support.

Some members even managed to put together care packages with gift cards to help the Rahxephon crew. I want to thank these members for their generosity. Of course, these shuttle crew members are still recovering from the devastation. If you can spare anything, they can probably use more help. Working together, hopefully we can help these members can get back to some semblance of normal lives again.

Next, back to regular business at Shuttle Operations Command, we are

forging ahead with new chapters. Two shuttles launched since the last issue of Communiqué:

Shuttle Deliverance (R1): COL Ricardo Bruckman, [majmoo@yahoo.com](mailto:majmoo@yahoo.com)

Shuttle Tomahawk (R17): BDR David Reustle, [drreustle@aol.com](mailto:drreustle@aol.com)

That's not the end of the list for this year. Folks are working hard to develop new chapters even as we head into the holiday season. Based on the latest subspace communications, I have a

feeling we are going to see some new shuttles in the northern regions soon.

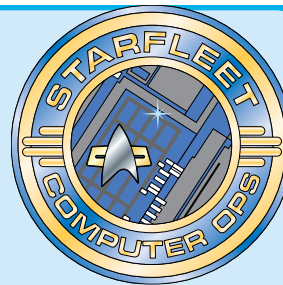
Looking at recent shuttle applications, it appears a reminder about the Vessel Registry Request is in order. To ensure a fast launch, please use the latest form and fill it out completely. This form can be found at the fleet document center. If you encounter any problems with download, don't hesitate to contact ShOC. I'll be happy to e-mail you a copy of the form.

On a lighter note, one of the great joys in life is meeting fellow Trek fans. I had the great pleasure of meeting Jim Van Over (USS Angeles, R4). (see photo) He is not only a Trek fan, but a Trek visual effects designer as well. Jim had a hand in many of the visual effects used on various Trek series. He hosted



# COMPOPS

VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, R15  
Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET  
With ADM Pat Spillers • USS Victory, R3



Dear STARFLEET;

The CFO and CompOps Departments of STARFLEET are please to say that we are current in running PayPal, Checks, Money Orders and Credit Cards for Membership Processing. Please note if you have applied or renewed your membership prior to 12-26-2005 and your membership still shows "Pending" we have a problem processing it on the financial side. Mail is current but with holidays, you might want to give it an extra week if mailed before 12-19-05 to Lubbock PO Box.

First, let us explain what happens to your membership request. The Membership Processing (MP) team reviews the on-line memberships. The membership applications received thru the mail are entered on-line when received in Lubbock and checks or money orders are deposited in the Starfleet Account. This team normally will review the database once or twice a week. So for example, all those that come in from Sunday thru the next Saturday are reviewed the following Sunday morning and released to the financial side. The MP Team will then send out the Membership Packages, etc. to the members for theses memberships (new and renewed) that were released. This means that normally your membership package is sent to you within one week but normally no less than 2 weeks from the time, you have entered it on line. CompOps has a Membership team in California and in Maine. One of these teams will process each week. I believe it has been over 90% of the time one team or the other has done this -- a great record since we set this up! (I

think it was March but I will have to double-check the month)

The Financial Team will then review those released normally Sunday and/or Monday to process the payments. We all really like the SkipJack system in that it will send an E-Mail message to the person with the credit card showing that the charge has been processed. You will notice that we put in a reference to what SCC# has been renewed or new member SCC# in the comments as well as note if a donation to the Starfleet Scholarship fund has been made. Again, we have been able to do this over 90% of the time since we took over processing the payments last January. Real life does get in the way at times but we have a system set up such that if one team member cannot do this, another member can step in.

We do have a problem if there is no E-Mail address for the member or phone number to call the member to let them know that a problem has occurred on the credit card or we have no record of PayPal or check payment being received. We send messages to those that we have E-Mails for and/or try to contact their CO but again we run into a similar problem.

We are asking for your help! Please put in your phone number or at least an E-Mail address in the Starfleet Database, so we can contact you. Remember just because you got your membership package, does not mean that your membership has

been paid for. If you do not want this in the database, put it in the "NOTE" section as you renew on line. Only the selected MP and CFO team can see these notes.

If someone else's credit card is used, remember we **MUST** have a record of their permission on file. You can help us by also including their SCC# in the comments because we again **MUST** have the complete address for that cardholder to process the payment. If the credit card holder is not a Starfleet member, we need to have their address along with this permission. Again, use the note section. If you are the credit card holder doing the data entry, put the permission in the comment section with your SCC#.

On PayPal payments, please put your SCC# in the "NOTE" section in the PayPal system. This is especially true if you are paying for someone else or this is your club PayPal account. Normally we only have a dozen or so to match but I have had over 30 at one time and with 7 from an RC and there were no SCC numbers in the notes section, it is very hard to match up the payments.

You can help us by follow these simple rules when renewing your membership or a fellow member.

- 1) Be sure your E-Mail and/or phone number is in the database. If you want it private put the information in the note section.
- 2) If you are paying for someone else, be sure to put in your information

(SCC#) so we can match up the information. If you use a Credit Card, we need to include your complete address in the SkipJack program. If PayPal, we need to match up the payments.

3) Use the Note section to communicate information, SCC#, permission, etc. to both the MP and CFO teams to help us get your membership processed as fast as we can for you.

Remember when you are in PENDING status you have all the rights as a paid member.

We sent out a list to each RC of what pending memberships we have for their region and what the problem is the beginning of January. The CFO team has been reluctant to put members on hold in 2005 but we are implementing a new program for 2006. We will contact the member and if no response in 2 weeks, send message to CO & RC for help. Any issue not cleared up in about 6 weeks but no more than 2 months, we will be putting a "hold" on that SCC membership.

Thank you in advance for your help in getting these memberships cleared up and help in the future processing of memberships.

In Service to Fleet;

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a delightful panel at this year's Region 4 Conference in Los Angeles. We were treated to an insider's look of many visual effects. Jim even donated some rare Trek items for the charity auction during the conference.

Speaking of visuals, some folks asked about the different looks of Trek ships. If you want to learn more about the ship classes and their visual outlines, I highly encourage you to contact the Department of Technical Services

at dts@sfi.org. It can offer you not only the design details, but ship drawings too.

Who knows - you just might learn a few things about your ship you never knew before. This would be a great way to check out some options if you are considering ship class upgrades as well.

That's it for this issue.

Happy holidays!

"RADM Jerry Tien discusses Trek visual effects with designer Jim Van Over - photo by Celeste Miller"



# CFO BANK REPORTS

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

## OCTOBER 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

October 2005

Beginning Balance						
Bank of America balance						\$44,264.04
Transfer from previous Bank						\$260.22
Other						
Bank balance						\$44,524.26
Income						
Membership Processing						\$2,771.00
	Cash				\$0	
	Checks and money orders				\$766.00	
	Credit cards				\$1,879.00	
	Replacement checks				\$126.00	
QuarterMaster						\$70.00
	Cash				\$0.00	
	Checks and money orders				\$70.00	
	Credit cards				\$0.00	
VR shuttle and Ship fees						\$146.00
Scholarship Fund						\$40.00
Let Me Help Fund						\$0.00
Interest Earned						\$25.62
Total Income						\$3,052.62
Grand Total						\$47,576.88
Expense						
Bank Fees						\$0.00
CQ newsletter						\$2,810.60
	Printing				\$2,810.60	
	Postage				\$0.00	
Membership Processing						\$79.52
	Credit cards				\$79.52	
	Paypal					
	Return Check				\$0.00	
Quartermaster Credit Card Fees						\$2.53
VR Credit Card Fees						\$0.72
Skipjack and Paynet Fees						\$10.00
Equipment purchase						
	membership processing teams					\$0.00
Supplies						\$1,065.50
	IC Awards				\$260.83	
	QM Postage & Supplies				\$100.00	
	SFA Suppllies & Reference Materials				\$123.28	
	MP Postage & Supplies				\$96.60	
	Office				\$484.79	
Web Sites						\$169.00
Other		Scholarship Paid				1,500.00
Total Expenses						\$5,637.87
Ending balance						\$41,939.01

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### SFA Income Statement

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October 2005

Beginning Balance						
Bank of America balance						\$1,781.08
Other						
Bank balance						\$1,781.08
Income						
	Paypal					\$0.00
						\$0.00
Interest on Savings						\$0.00
Total Income						\$0.00
Grand Total						\$1,781.08
Expense						
Paypal						\$0.00
Other						
Total Expenses						\$0.00
Ending Balance						\$1,781.08

### SFMC Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

October 2005

Beginning Balance						
Bank of America balance						\$1,313.24
Other						
Bank balance						\$1,313.24
Income						
	Paypal					\$0.00
	Checks and cash					\$0.00
Interest on Savings						\$0.00
Total Income						\$0.00
Grand Total						\$1,313.24
Expense						
Other						
Total Expenses						\$0.00
Ending Balance						\$1,313.24

# CFO BANK REPORTS

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## NOVEMBER 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers November 2005

Beginning Balance						
Bank of America balance						\$41,939.01
Transfer from previous Bank						\$0.00
Other						
Bank balance						\$41,939.01
Income						
Membership Processing						\$2,808.00
	Cash				\$0	
	Checks and money orders				\$601.00	
	Credit cards				\$1,812.00	
	Paypal				\$395.00	
QuarterMaster						\$0.00
	Cash				\$0.00	
	Checks and money orders				\$0.00	
	Credit cards				\$0.00	
VR shuttle and Ship fees						\$0.00
Interest on Savings						\$37.56
Total Income						\$2,845.56
Grand Total						\$44,784.57
Expense						
Bank Fees						\$10.00
CQ newsletter						\$1,000.00
	Printing				\$0.00	
	Postage				\$1,000.00	
Membership Processing						\$110.91
	Credit cards				\$76.50	
	Paypal				\$34.41	
	Return Check				\$0.00	
Quartermaster						\$0.00
Skipjack and Paynet Fees						\$0.00
Equipment purchase						
	membership processing teams					\$0.00
Supplies						\$133.23
	IG				\$0.00	
	Membership Processing				\$133.23	
	Office				\$0.00	
Web Sites						\$0.00
Other						
Total Expenses						\$1,254.14
Ending balance						\$43,530.43

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## NOVEMBER 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### SFA Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers November 2005

Beginning Balance			
Bank of America balance			\$1,781.08
Other			
Bank balance			\$1,781.08
Income			
	Paypal		\$0.00
			\$0.00
Interest on Savings			\$0.00
Total Income			\$0.00
Grand Total			\$1,781.08
Expense			
Paypal			\$0.00
Other			
Total Expenses			\$0.00
Ending Balance			\$1,781.08

### SFMC Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers November 2005

Beginning Balance			
Bank of America balance			\$1,313.24
Other			
Bank balance			\$1,313.24
Income			
	Paypal		\$0.00
	Checks and cash		\$78.82
Interest on Savings			\$0.00
Total Income			\$78.82
Grand Total			\$1,392.06
Expense			
Other			
Total Expenses			\$0.00
Ending Balance			\$1,392.06

## 7 AT THE SHORE ... REGION 7 GOES BACK TO THE BEACH!

CAPT Jeff Victor, 2005 Region 7 Conference Chair • USS Challenger, R7

In 1993, Region 7 converged on Seaside Heights, New Jersey for the very first Region 7 Conference, and now in 2005, they're back! In late September, The USS Challenger, with the help of the USS Archer, hosted this year's Regional Conference. Although it wasn't your typical conference location, the Hershey Motel was the epicenter of this year's action. Only a short walk from the beach, our unique spot allowed members to experience poolside breakout sessions, the sight of classic arcade games dotting the main conference room, and a whole bunch of Hawaiian shirts! But, the weekend wasn't just about the food, fellowship and fun, but about the direction of Region 7.

Regional Coordinator Mike Smith presided over our opening session, where regional staff members discussed the year in general, progress on the 2006 International Conference in Philadelphia, Regional and International Award Winners, Flag Promotions,

finances and the year's upcoming calendar. The Marines of the Seventh Brigade stood on their principles and led a color guard for the opening session as well as demonstrating the proper way to fold an American Flag to honor the late father of Regional Awards Director Beryl Washington during the Marine Muster.

International level staff members in attendance were able to speak about the goings on in the various areas of STARFLEET Headquarters. Attendees heard updates from STARFLEET Academy, Computer Operations, Shuttlecraft Operations Command, the Department of Technical Services, the Press Corps and the Chapter Care Program. Members were able to ask questions and make suggestions to the decision makers from Region 7.

Throughout the weekend, Academy Commandant Todd Brugmans helped lead the conference's fundraising efforts with the creation of six "Mini-

Alex" figurines to be auctioned off to attendees. The Mini-Alex Mark II was the must have item for the conference and the auction helped raise over \$500.00 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Through the generosity of matching funds, Region 7 saw over \$1000.00 go to assist the victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

Guests who attended the Dinner Dance were not only presented with a fabulous buffet, but also grand entertainment from a professional DJ and a room decorated to make the Don Ho Luau proud. The Seventh Fleet let their hair down as they ate, talked, played poker and danced the night away. Those who attended the Regional Conference 12 years before shared memories of the era and relished in the promises of bright futures for STARFLEET. Even the photo albums showing a much younger conference and regional staff were a delightfully fun way to reminisce.

All in all, it was a great way to spend time at the historic Jersey Shore. Considering all the fun we had this year, we look forward to seeing everyone in Philadelphia for the 2006 International Conference! Who knows...after a weekend like that, we'll all need to get back to the beach once again!

(See pictures on page 26! All were submitted by Jeff Victor or Bob Vosseller, as marked)





The 2005 R7 Conference committee. L to R Top Row – CAPT Brian Hager, Staff Member; CAPT Ken Dohn, Conference Ops Chair; ADM Bob Vosseller, Programming Chair; FCAPT Dave Singelton, Conference Ops Chair. Middle Row L to R – CMDR Julie Victor, Registration Chair; CAPT Jeff Victor, General Chairman; FCAPT Lauren Milan, Electronic Services Chair; CAPT Emily Vosseller, Social Activities Chair; Bottom Row – FCAPT Mary Singelton, Publishing Chair



Pennsylvania Sector Chief Sonny Wright is looking towards the future with shovel in hand!

## R7 AT THE BEACH!

See story on page 25!



Picture submitted by VADM Bob Vosseller, USS Challenger CO, R7



Right: Members of R7 enjoy the Friday Night Mixer



USS Sovereign Engineering Staff CAPT Jay "Shadow" Ansky and CAPT Traci Giorgianni take a minute to smile for the camera.



Below: Jeff Victor, Bob Vosseller, Brian Hager (submitted by Bob Vosseller)



Left: Alex and friends! (submitted by Bob Vosseller)



COMM Todd Brugmans and FCAPT Mary Singleton sport the finest in Cabana Wear!



'Fleet's newest couple, Jeff Victor and Lauren Milan, celebrates their engagement with the rest of R7!



Top: Happy Anniversary, R7! (Cake, anyone?)



Top: Beach combers



The USS Avenger's new standard issue uniforms come straight from Hawaii!



Mini-Alex Mark II Makes his Debut!



Below: Beach sitters (photos submitted by Bob Vosseller)



Below: A 'happy' couple! (photos submitted by Bob Vosseller)



Members of the R7 Marine Color Guard L to R – COL Rey Cordero – USS Osiris; MGEN Larry Neigt – OIC – USS Archer; COL Dean Rogers – USS Top Gun; COL John Slavin – USS Asimov



At the Top! - Look familiar? These diagonal rock formations at Vasquez Rocks State Park (north of Los Angeles) are where Kirk fought the Gorn, where Picard met the Mintakans in "Who Watches the Watchers?", and where the Kazon stranded the Voyager crew (to name just a few). Some adventurous Region 4 folks climbed all the way to the top! (Photo by COMM Jon Lane, USS Angeles)

Right: Max Cervantes and Sword of Kahless - Angeles member Max Cervantes talks about the Sword of Kahless and many other hand props he made while working on TNG, DS9, Voyager, and Enterprise. Max was one of three special celebrity guests - the other two were Jim Van Over, from the Star Trek Art Department, and Larry Nemecek, episode writer and editor of the Star Trek Communicator magazine. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)

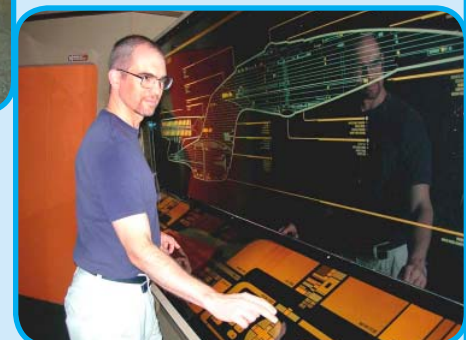


Das Whip in Picard's Chair - The legendary Das Whip belongs to Admiral Allyson Dyar (formerly of Region 4). Even though Allyson couldn't make it, Das Whip showed up and demanded to sit in Captain Picard's chair at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane, USS Angeles)



Janice and Goofy - Wandering along Hollywood Blvd. in our uniforms, we fit right in with the other familiar character posing for photos with the tourists. Here, Fleet Captain Janice Willcocks of the USS Angeles poses with Goofy, dressed in his favorite Hawaiian shirt. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane, USS Angeles)

Left: Trek prints in front of Grauman's Chinese - Out in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre are the footprints and handprints of the biggest stars from Hollywood's long and rich history. And here is where we paid our respects to the cast of the original Star Trek, including the Great Bird of the Galaxy himself, Star Trek's creator Gene Roddenberry. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)



Glenn Martin at Engineering - Newly Promoted Captain Glenn Martin of the USS Northern Lights (based in San Jose, CA) monitored the Enterprise-D on this actual set piece from Star Trek: The Next Generation at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. Region 4 Conference attendees got to wander around the Star Trek museum exhibit for nearly an hour taking pictures and getting up close to many props and set pieces from Star Trek's rich history. (Photo by ENS Celeste Miller, USS Northern Lights)



Left: Vicki, Gloria, and Unicorn at Cheers - Where everybody knows your name... USS Angeles members Vicki Bartmess and Gloria Rodriguez lounge with USS Augusta Ada member Unicorn Escobedo in the actual set from Cheers, which is located just beyond the Star Trek exhibit in the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. Region 4 Conference attendees hung out at Cheers for about 10 minutes before heading over to Grauman's Chinese Theatre. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)



22 To Beam Up - Attendees of the 2005 Region 4 conference were taken to the Hollywood Entertainment Museum, where the crew of the USS Angeles volunteers once a month. The museum features actual props and set pieces from the various Star Trek television series and movies. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane, USS Angeles)



Two Borks and a Borg - Gary and Michelle Borg (yes, that REALLY is their last name!) of Cascade Station in Redding, CA posed for this shot at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. The Borg in the regeneration chamber was used during Picard's "Locutus flashback" sequence at the beginning of Star Trek: First Contact. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)

## R4 GOES HOLLYWOOD!



Left: Unicorn in Uniform - Fleet Captain Unicorn Escobedo of the USS Augusta Ada in San Francisco models the latest in Starfleet fashion, showing just a little leg during the Saturday evening buffet banquet at the 2005 Region 4 Conference. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)

Below: Janice gets the R4 2004 Commanding Officer of the Year Award (also pictured: Boyd Harmon). (Photo by COMM Jon Lane of the USS Angeles)



Crew at Starfleet Academy - It was a perfect day on Sunday of the 2005 Region 4 Conference as attendees visited the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Gardens in Sherman Oaks, California. These beautiful grounds and futuristic building were used as a filming location for Starfleet HQ and Academy in episodes of TNG, DS9, and Voyager. (Photo by COMM Jon Lane, USS Angeles)



# REGION 4 GOES HOLLYWOOD!

CMDR Dave Mason • USS Angeles, R4

The Klingon was out for blood.

STARFLEET blood.

He wanted to use our starships for target practice!

Yes, Pete Briggs, a former STARFLEET member who came dressed in convincing Klingon makeup and attire did his best to outbid his human colleagues during a Los Angeles auction of posters of ships representing Region 4's STARFLEET chapters.

"I'll use them for dart practice," the Vacaville resident said gruffly, staying true to his Klingon heritage. We know him as Pete, but here's his Klingon name and title: Kaptain Moragh-epetaipan'qaQs, Imperial Klingon Marine Commanding Officer, IKV Lun'ga' Qlj (Black Dragon).

This Klingon captain was determined to get our ships.

Quickly strips of gold-pressed latinum — they only appeared to be 21st-century currency — were passed to STARFLEET members to outbid Pete, while others passed money to the Klingon. It became a STARFLEET — Klingon conflict and the fate of the Federation was at stake.

Fortunately, the USS Angeles did secure the poster with our ship on it, with First Officer Jennifer Cole outbidding Pete. And all of us —the Klingon and the humans — were all laughing as STARFLEET members beamed down to a Region 4 Conference hosted, for the first time, by the Angeles. People from other cities in the Region 4 states of California, Nevada and Arizona came up to Angeles members and praised the Oct. 7-9 conference as a big success.

Forty-two people beamed down to the interstellar event at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel, near the Los Angeles International Airport.

"I think everyone got along so well," Lt. jg. Candi Rosales of the Angeles said. "I got to meet people from different areas and different clubs."

In addition to the Region 4 states, the conference included visitors from Idaho and an Angeles member we normally don't get to see: Audi Jack from Aurora, Colorado.

The conference's away missions to "Star Trek" filming sites and guest speakers during the Oct. 8 banquet added to the success, Jennifer said.

"Personally, I just had a good time!"

The success was seen in every aspect of the conference, from the food at the banquet to the fund-raising. The banquet included a silent auction for "Star Trek" merchandise, a not-so-silent auction for the ship posters, and a raffle for three "Star Trek" set pieces and a piece of carpet from Capt. Picard's ready room.

More than a thousand dollars was raised for the American Red Cross' relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims, and that amount will be matched 100 percent by VNU, the company that employs Sam Bundy, Angeles Second Officer Jackie Bundy's husband.

FCAPT Janice Willcocks, Commanding Officer of the USS Angeles, and COMM Jon Lane of the Command Staff served as the conference Co-Chairs.

"We were so organized well ahead of time. Everyone who was involved with the planning did a great job. It went very smoothly," Janice said. "We had a lot of fun stuff and excellent guest speakers."

The festivities began with a party that had plenty of food Oct. 7 and continued the next morning with a regional awards program that gave the USS Angeles plenty of recognition.

The Angeles won Chapter of the Year for Region 4 for 2004. Janice earned R4 Commanding Officer of the Year. Jennifer was honored as R4 Officer of the Year. Well done!

The conference activities went beyond the ballroom as we took STARFLEET members to sacred "Star Trek" filming sites they normally don't get to see. The missions began the afternoon of Oct. 8 with a trip to the Hollywood Entertainment Museum, where Candi, dressed in an original series blue uniform, beamed conference participants onto the Enterprise-D bridge from "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Candi stood at the transporter console to welcome STARFLEET members to the actual bridge set used on "TNG."

And Chief Gary Sandridge, an Angeles Command Staff member and the ship's Chief of Engineering, transmitted a special message onto the viewscreen, complementing the talks given by Jennifer, Janice, Jon and me about the bridge, the tactical horseshoe and the engineering panel. Prior to the conference, Gary worked hard to spruce up the bridge set, and that

included replacing lights and finding and displaying uniforms from the first four "Star Trek" films. Gary even put a replica of Livingston, the lion fish named after "Next Generation" director David Livingston, in the long-empty fish tank.

The adventures continued throughout the weekend.

Jon Lane, Jennifer Cole and fellow Angeles member Jonathan Connor-Foertsch received pips for promotions from Region 4 Coordinator Ed Nowlin during an away mission Oct. 9 to The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys. That's the site used for Starfleet Academy and Starfleet Headquarters in the "Star Trek" spin-offs. What a place for promotions!

Jennifer and Jon Lane's promotions were announced prior to the conference. Jennifer is now a Rear Admiral; Jon has become a Commodore. Jonathan Connor-Foertsch's promotion to Captain was announced at the conference's Oct. 8 business meeting.

Jonathan grinned when he was addressed by his new rank.

Ensign Goldie Frankel of the Angeles, who came dressed in her red "Next Generation" uniform, also smiled a lot during the conference. She said she was excited about beaming down to the sacred "Star Trek" filming sites.

"It was fun seeing people get dressed up in uniform from the different ships," Goldie said. Goldie, who also attended the October 8 banquet, said she found the conference to be perfect and her only wish for the future would be for more people to dress up in their uniforms.

The bus carrying Goldie and the other conference participants also took them to Vasquez Rocks, where Ed had an unexpected adventure. (See the accompanying story.) Located outside of Los Angeles, Vasquez Rocks is where episodes from the various "Star Trek" shows were filmed.

At the banquet, STARFLEET members learned more about "Trek" from Larry Nemecek, managing editor of Star Trek: Communicator; Angeles member

Max Cervantes, who talked about his experience making props and serving as a background performer on "Star Trek," and Angeles member Jim Van Over, a scenic artist for the "Star Trek" spin-offs and this fall's CBS sci-fi series "Threshold."

Max showed a display of his props and the impressive Sword of Kahless prop that he made for a "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" episode that guest-starred the late John Colicos, who reprised his original "Star Trek" series role of the Klingon warrior Kor. The sword is one of two surviving casts and was used for stunts in the episode "The Sword of Kahless," which aired in 1995. Some stage blood is still on it.

In addition to making props, Max played an engineer standing next to Jimmy Doohan, aka Scotty, in "Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country." A few hours before the banquet, R4 conference members gathered around Jimmy's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for a photo tribute to the star, who died July 20.

Besides speakers and fund-raising, the banquet included a video about the Angeles, edited by Gary. It featured scenes of the ship's away missions as well as Jon's, Goldie's and Lt. Gloria Rodriguez' participation in last spring's "Save Enterprise" rally outside of Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

The video was so good that I was tempted to join, and then remembered I've been a member since Janice began the Angeles 10 years ago.

Janice praised Gary and others involved with the conference. "Jon did a great job with the posters for all the ships in Region 4. The silent auction did very well. We raised a lot of money."

LT Jackie Bundy, the Angeles' Second Officer, also worked hard, arranging for transportation and other conference details, and the ship received advice from Command Staff member Katie Moss. Candi, Gloria, and Petty Officers First Class Andrew and Adam Bundy served as volunteers.

Well done, everyone! As Pete would say, "Q'pla!"



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None at this time.

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None at this time.

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James Cecil

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None at this time.

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### MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM (MURP)

None at this time.

### VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (VRCP)

None at this time.

### SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

None at this time.

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(H) Graduated one or more classes with Honors

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## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

### COMM Todd F. Brugmans • USS Avenger, R7

### Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



As you are reading this, we will have passed the official one-year-mark for this administration's term in office. As this has been my first venture into Executive Committee-level participation within the Fleet, it has been a very eye-opening experience so far.

Over the past year, the Academy has been dedicated toward continuing to make available to the Fleet a wide variety of courses to take. This hasn't always been easy, as the spectre of "Real Life" is ever-present, and periodically wants to make itself known.

Still, I can say with full confidence that I, as Commandant, could not have gotten this far with the Academy, were it not for the dedicated members of the Academy Staff who devote their time and efforts to share the learning experience with the rest of you.

My gratitude goes not only to those members of the Fleet currently serving on my staff, but also to those who've since parted company with the Academy, having helped us to get to where we are now.

Going into 2006, I look forward to continuing the work we are doing here within SFA. The experience gained from this first year will certainly be put to good use.

Work will continue to expand and improve the number of services we offer through the Academy. In 2006, I wish to see more of our offerings made available through our online Academy. Work will continue to expand the newly formed and beta-tested Sampler Serie program. From our initial test-runs of this program, we recognize the potential for using the Academy as a recruiting tool, and will be evaluating the courses initially developed, as well as look at where we may make course offerings through this program more robust.

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As mentioned in the last issue of the CQ, Jeff Victor of Region 7 is the Academy's new Director for the Scholarship program. We have developed an information package for all persons interested in applying for the Scholarships this year, please contact Jeff at [scholarships@sfi.org](mailto:scholarships@sfi.org) for more details.

You are going to see a lot of announcements regarding the Scholarship program this year. The annual STARFLEET Scholarship program owes its success to date to the generosity of the general membership. These are real-money scholarships awarded to students good-in-standing with STARFLEET who just so happen to be seeking to better themselves with a higher education.

The Scholarship Program needs your help. As we continue to give out these awards, the Academy is seeking to replenish the scholarship bank. By donating to the STARFLEET Scholarship fund, you are giving the gift of education to a fellow member of the Fleet. The Academy's Paypal account is available for those wishing to make contributions online, just specify in the instructions window that the funds are intended for the scholarship program so they can be deposited correctly.

For additional details on how you can help, please contact Jeff Victor:  
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#### OPEN POSITION

The Academy is actively seeking to fill the position of Arts & Graphics Director. This person will be charged with designing and developing new graduation certificates for the the courses offered through STARFLEET Academy, as well as developing new graphics/logos as needed for the Academy. Interested applicants may contact me directly at [Scotsmuppet@gmail.com](mailto:Scotsmuppet@gmail.com)

#### BOOTHBY AWARDS

The Boothby Awards are designed to recognize students who continue to excell in the vast numbers of courses they take through the Academy. This awards program recognizes students who've successfully completed no less tha 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:

#### Recipients this period:

**BRONZE: (50-99 courses)**  
Dave Slaughter

**GOLD: (150-199 courses)**  
Gregory Franklin  
Michael D. Anderson

**LATINUM: (200-249 Courses)**  
Bill Rowlette

## STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

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

#### Captain/Colonel

Jonathan Foertsch  
Glenn Martin  
Cynthia Henry  
Paul Stevens  
Julie Franklin  
Peter Yohe

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

#### Fleet Captain / Brigadier

William E. Schnitger

#### Commodore / Brigadier General

Steve Eldred  
Susan Fugate-Ueffing  
Patrick McAndrew

#### Rear Admiral/Major General

Truman Temple

#### Admiral/ General

Michael Urvand

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](mailto: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](mailto:promotions@sfi.org). I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Brigadier Deborah A. Malotte  
STARFLEET Director of Promotions

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FLEET HISTORIAN

## GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R13

Welcome back True Believers, in this month's episode the Masked Green Avenger battles the ...., sorry, wrong publication. This month we return you to the second of a three part series on 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. We will continue to look at the History of the names of each of those ships: Republic, Constellation, Constitution, Enterprise, Farragut, (these five we covered last issue), the Lexington, Yorktown, Excalibur, Exeter, Hood, Intrepid, Valiant, Kongo, Potemkin, as well as the NCC-1746 Defiant. In this issue we will discuss and look at the first five of the above list, specifically the USS Lexington NCC-1703, USS Yorktown NCC-1704, USS Excalibur NCC-1705 USS Exeter NCC-1706, and the USS Hood NCC-1707.

Ok we will start with the USS Lexington, NCC-1703, first introduced to us under the command of COMM Robert Wesley, during the disastrous testing of the M-5 multitronic computer during the TOS episode "The Ultimate Computer. Later we met the Excelsior Class Starship Lexington, NCC-14227 when the Enterprise-D transferred medical supplies to it for delivery to the Taranko colony in the TNG episode "Thine Own Self".

The five ships named Lexington, were named for that first battle between American "Minute-Men" and British regular soldiers sent to Lexington and Concord to capture 'illegal' military stores being secreted their by the upcoming rebel forces. The "Shot Heard Round the World" was fired near the bridge to Lexington, Massachusetts.

The first ship named Lexington we know of was a 14-gun brigantine (a vessel with two masts, at least one of which is square rigged) purchased in 1776 from the Maryland Committee of Safety, for fledgling Continental Navy and was originally under the command of Captain John Barry, capturing the British sloops **Edward**, **Lady Susan** and **Betsy**. Sadly after a change of command, the Lexington under the command of Captain William Hallock was overhauled just short of the Delaware Capes by the British Frigate **Pearl** and was captured. However her crew was able to recapture the ship, and return her to Colonial hands.

Her next captain, Henry Johnson, was able to act as a commerce raider for another year, until 1777 when the Lexington was finally defeated in battle and captured by the British Cutter **Alert**.

The next Lexington was built in 1825 and commissioned in 1826 and served as a 24-gun Sloop protecting fishing ships and commerce vessels in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, she had several commanders over her 29 years of service, and most notably served in the Mexican-American war, and as part of Admiral Matthew Perry's fleet that opened diplomatic and commercial relations with Japan in 1853. She remained in the Orient until 1855 when she returned to the United States, was decommissioned and eventually sold in 1860.

The third Lexington was originally a Sidewheel Steamer built in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the river trade. Converted into a heavily armored gunboat by Union Forces (called a timberclad by some naval historians), she was part of the flotilla instrumental in clearing the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers of the Confederate riverine forces and Shore Batteries in advance of General U.S. Grant's push to split the western states out of the Confederacy. The actions of the combined Naval and Army forces kept Kentucky from being captured by Southern forces and removed the states west of the Mississippi system from war effort for the South. Sailing south along the Arkansas and Red River systems, the Lexington's flotilla eventually met up with Admiral David Porter's forces moving north. The Lexington's greatest notoriety came from two events, one of which was a battle between the gunboat and Confederate Calvary that eventually was won by the Lexington's heavier firepower, but lasted an hour due to the brave persistence of the southerners. The other was the dramatic transit of the rapids at Grand Encore, where a dam had to be built to raise the water level high enough for the steamer to get over the rapids which it did, allegedly to the cheers of over 30,000 observers.

The fourth USS Lexington (CV-2) and the one the Star Trek ship was apparently named after, was the second aircraft carrier built for the United States Navy. Converted from the in-construction CC-1 Battle Cruiser Lexington, the **Lady Lex** or **Gray Lady** was a compromise between the Navy and the

diplomats who signed the Washington Naval Treaty limiting tonnage of gun-combatants in the 1920's. Launched in 1925 and commissioned in 1927, the Lady Lex served primarily on the US west coast out of San Diego, conducting maneuvers for the next 14 years in the Pacific, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal Zone. She set sail for Pearl Harbor in the fall of 1941, and had left Pearl the early morning of December 7<sup>th</sup> to reinforce Midway Island, missing the Japanese Attack that day. The Lexington then conducted patrols and raids throughout the Pacific Ocean raging from Rabaul in the far west to around the Hawaiian Islands until the fateful battle of the Coral Sea, where while the Allied forces were successful in turning back the Japanese advance towards Australia, the Lexington suffered mortal damage from Japanese Torpedo and Dive Bombers, sinking on May 8<sup>th</sup>, of 1942.

The fifth USS Lexington CV-16 / CVS-16, nicknamed the Blue Ghost, was an Essex Class Fast Carrier. It was originally to be named the **Cabot**, but was renamed after the loss of the CV-2 Lexington, and was commissioned in 1943. Lexington was in the combat zone shortly thereafter. She fought in the Gilbert Islands, Marshal Islands, Kwajalein, the invasion of Saipan, the Battle of Leyte Gulf, and raids on the Japanese Home Islands until the end of the war. She also served in the Korean Conflict, as well as the Vietnam War, before relieving the **USS Antietam** as the training Carrier for the US Navy in 1969. She served thus until 1991 running back and forth between Pensacola, FL and Corpus Christi, TX, when she was retired and now is a Museum in Corpus Christi. She proudly provides tours and over night camping opportunities to visitors. My own son had spent a night there in 1995 and still remembers it fondly. For information on the camping opportunities go to <http://www.ussexington.com/aboard.shtml>.

Our next ship is the USS Yorktown, NCC-1704. We first met the Yorktown off screen in the TOS Episode "Obsession" when the Enterprise finally was able to rendezvous with her following the destruction of the Dikironium Cloud Creature. Later we met a presumably upgraded Yorktown, when she was disabled by the Whale Singing Probe in Star Trek IV. Another USS Yorktown, Zodiac Class NCC-61137, was introduced in the TNG Finale "All Good Things...".

Named after the final battle of the American War for Independence, five ships have carried the name USS Yorktown. The first of which was a small 16-gun sloop commissioned in 1840, she first served as a protector to the American Whaling fleet on the Pacific coast of South America, and she was later transferred to the African Squadron to help curtail the slave trade capturing three slave ships in her time there. On her second tour combating the slave trade she struck an uncharted reef in the Cape Verde islands, and quickly sank, but fortunately with no lives lost.

The second USS Yorktown, was a steel hulled, twin screwed gunboat, basically filling the role of a current Frigate, commissioned in 1888, she had a long career before being decommissioned in 1921. This vessel was present at the Chilean Crisis, served on the Sealing Patrol, in the Spanish American War, the Boxed Rebellion, and in World War One. She was most known as the test bed for the American Navy's telescopic Gun sight. At her launch, US Warships still had Mast for Auxiliary Sail power, at her decommissioning she was to be replaced with the fifth of the US Navy's Air Craft Carriers.

The next Yorktown was that fifth Carrier, and was the lead ship in the Yorktown Class, and sister ship of the USS Enterprise of WWII. Built from the Keel Up to be a Carrier, she displaced



A picture of the Lexington shortly after her launch in 1943, courtesy of the USS Lexington CV-16 Association. (1)

19,800 tons, was 809 ½ feet long, could travel at 32 ½ knots, and had a crew complement of 2,919 officer and men, carrying 81-85 aircraft. Launched in 1938, she was instrumental in the development of American Carrier Doctrine before the opening of World War II. She fought with the Lexington at the Battle of the Coral Sea, and was so damaged that the Japanese thought she would be out of the war for at least a year. A mere three days after arriving back at Pearl Harbor severely mauled, she was steaming out for Midway, for that turning point of the war. Again severely damaged by Japanese aircraft, the Yorktown was apparently going to survive the ordeal when she was torpedoed by the Japanese submarine I-158. She sank after a heroic struggle to save the ship, and her remains were found in 3000 fathoms of water (18,000 feet) in May of 1998.

The next Yorktown, was another Essex Class fast Carrier, CV-10, commissioned in 1943, she saw service throughout the rest of the war, she later saw service in the Korean Conflict, and again in the Vietnam War, where along with her other duties at Yankee Station, she carried a UDT team, which saw service throughout South East Asia. My father was a member of the Yorktown's Crew during the early 60's and returned from service aboard when I was about four years old. The Yorktown also participated in some of the recoveries of the NASA space program capsules including the Apollo 8 Command Module. Decommissioned in 1970, she is currently serving as a Memorial/Museum at Patriot's Point, South Carolina, for more information or tour information go to <http://www.patriotpoint.org/>.



The Apollo 8 Command Module being recovered on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1968. (2)

The last USS Yorktown (CG-48) was a Ticonderoga Class Guided Missile Cruiser, commissioned in 1984. This class of ships, also known as AEGIS cruisers, utilized a then cutting-edge computerized targeting and missile-tracking system that made these ships and the later Vertical Launch System versions the new capital ships of the US Navy. Yorktown, while serving with distinction in the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf, was involved with anti-terrorist situations as early as the Achille Lauro incident. She eventually had to be decommissioned earlier than expected due to continual problems with her propulsion system.

Our next ship is the USS Excalibur, NCC-1705, commanded by a Captain Harris. She was severely damaged and her entire crew lost when she participated in the disastrous war-game drill with the M-5 Computer. The next starship Excalibur was an Ambassador class Cruiser NCC-26517, and was part of the Armada that blockaded the Romulan supply ships during the Klingon Civil War. During this time, Commander Riker served as its Captain, and Commander LaForge as his XO.

In our history, the HMS Excalibur was an experimental submarine designed with her sister HMS Explorer using technology from a capture German U-Boat U-1407 that had been scuttled at the end of World War II. Using a completely contained steam-powered engine system, these 1,200 ton vessels were built only for speed trials and carried no armament. Their turbines were powered by the steam by-product of combining hydrogen peroxide with diesel fuel. This created the heat to create the steam without combustion of a conventional Diesel Engine. The experiments decided once and for all that the system was too dangerous for combat use, with more than one explosion being recorded even though the vessels could run in excess of 25 knots submerged. Commissioned in 1955, the Excalibur was decommissioned and scrapped in 1969/70. For more information on this vessel, go to: <http://www.submariners.co.uk/Boats/Barrowbuilt/Postwar/>.

The name Excalibur comes to us obviously from the Arthurian Legend of the Sword given to King Arthur by the Lady of the Lake after he broke the Sword of the Stone in Battle. Legend had it that Excalibur could cut through any armor and defeat any foe.

Our next ship for study is the USS Exeter, NCC-1706, named after the five British vessels named HMS Exeter which were themselves named after the city of Exeter in Devon County, England.

The first ship thus named was the HMS Exeter, carrying 70 cannons, and considered a Third-Rate Ship of the Line. She was launched in 1680, in time to participate in the Battle of Beachy Head against the French in 1690. While quite successful in that battle she suffered catastrophic damage in an explosion the next year, and was converted to a hulk until she was broken apart and salvaged in 1717.

The next HMS Exeter was built in 1697 as a 60 cannoned Fourth-Rate Ship of the Line, and served until 1763, a remarkable 66 year career in her Majesty's Naval Service. This Exeter fought in many of England's wars against France, serving at the Battle

of Newfoundland in 1702, capturing the French Frigate **Thetis** in 1711, the Siege of Pondicherry, and the Battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759. Lord Samuel Hood before his own fame and Admiralty served on this Exeter.

She was quickly replaced in the same year she was retired by the third HMS Exeter, an up-gunned 64 cannon Third Rate Ship of the Line. Little is known of her until 1782, when she fought in the British fleet of Sir Edward Hughes against the French at the battles of Sadras, Providien, Negapatam, and Trincomalee. All of these were fought off the coast of India as a side note to the American War of Independence when the French tried to take advantage of the British focus being on their soon to be lost North American colonies. Eventually she was destroyed as unseaworthy in 1784.

The next HMS Exeter had to wait over 140 years to be launched in 1929 as a County Class Heavy Cruiser. She was most famous for her battle with the **Admiral Grad Spee**. Together with the Light Cruiser Ajax and Achilles, they were able to force the captain of the Pocket Battleship to scuttle her to avoid capture. Severely damaged, she was repaired at the Falkland Islands. After performing convoy duty for the rest of 1941, including escort of convoy WS-8B during the Bismark episode, she then headed into the Pacific Ocean. Armament included six 8-inch guns, and six torpedo tubes, but only two anti-aircraft guns. This deficiency contributed to her demise as she was sunk by Japanese aircraft at the Battle of the Java Sea in 1942.

A never finished Exeter was to be a Type 82 "Bristol Class" Destroyer, but the only the lead ship was ever finished as the whole program was cancelled in 1967.

The fifth and current HMS Exeter D-89, was launched in 1979. A type 42 destroyer, also known as the **Sheffield** class, the Exeter has seen service for the last 26 years including taking part in the 1982 Falklands War. Of interest to our Starfleet Marines her ship's motto is **Semper Fidelis**. She carries armament of a Sea dart twin launcher, a 4.5 inch Vickers Autogun, six different anti-aircraft guns, and six 324mm torpedo tubes. In addition she can carry and support a Westland Lynx HAS-3 Helicopter and has a crew of 253 officers and enlisted personnel. She is still in service today.

Star Trek Universe, the Constitution Class Exeter was commanded Captain Ronald Tracey in the TOS episode "The Omega Glory", however according to the Okuda Encyclopedia the registry number is reported to be NCC-1672, according to Alex Rosenzweig this discrepancy is explained by the Okudas' by relying on the Greg Jein chronology, where apparently Jein just pulled that number out of the air. (4)

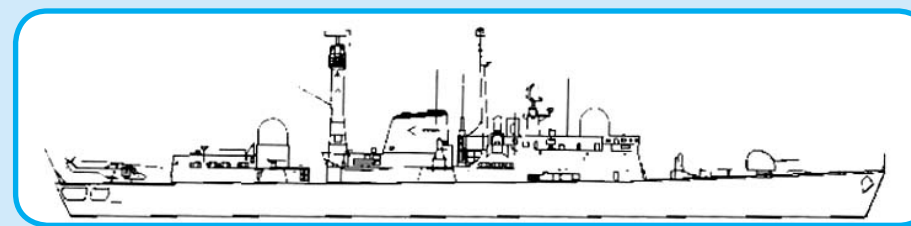
The final ship we will discuss this month is the USS Hood, NCC-1707. The only mention we have of her was at the M-5 War Games, Okuda and Jein list her as 1703, but we are again going with the Technical Manual's listing of 1707. A subsequent starship Hood was an Excelsior Class, NCC-44296, Commander Riker served aboard her before his assignment as the Executive Office of the Enterprise.

The first HMS Hood was actually initially launched as the HMS Edgar a Second-rate Ship of the Line with 91 cannons. The next year she was renamed to honor Admiral Samuel Hood (who has served on one of the ships named HMS Exeter in his youth). Admiral Hood is most known for his successful defense of British territories in the Caribbean from French attacks at the end of the American War for Independence. The Hood was initially built as a capital ship of Wood and Sail, however she was retrofitted with a steam engine and served England until she was decommissioned in 1888.

The second HMS Hood was launched three years later in 1891, a fully steel Battleship of the **Royal Sovereign** class. She was named after the grand nephew of Admiral Samuel Hood, the First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Arthur Hood. She was heavily modified from her sisters, with eight less feet of freeboard she sat lower in the water, with a much more distinctive profile. Armed with four 13.5-inch guns and ten 6-inch guns, by the beginning of World War I she was already obsolete. She was sunk in the entrance to Portland Harbor to prevent submarines or torpedoes from entering the harbor.

The last HMS Hood (Pennant Number 51) was launched at the end of World War I, and was named like the first, again after Admiral Samuel Hood. A Battlecruiser (the last Battlecruiser

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(3) Line Drawing of the Exeter (Batch 2) by Jane's Artist Ian Sturton

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Editor:

This is CAPT Steven Gordon, CO of the USS Victory, San Antonio. On behalf of the crew of the Victory, I wish to express our concerns over an article and pictures that were published in CQ 131 (October/November 2005).

First of all, I wish to state that I am proud that chapters all over STARFLEET have been actively participating in programs to assist with victims of the recent hurricanes. However, I feel that the Bexar has some explaining to do. The Bexar was invited earlier this year to assist with Realmscon in Corpus Christi. The crew of the USS Joan of Arc reported that the Bexars' crew did virtually nothing to help with the con, and went shopping instead. The Bexar insists that they went to Realmscon to volunteer and provide security for this event. Also, there are other chapters who have also done an extraordinary amount of volunteer assistance to help with relief efforts; the Bexar should not take "all of the credit". I am referring here also to the recently concluded STARFLEET IC here in San Antonio. According to the Bexar, they were "largely responsible for the '05 IC". Excuse us? The Victory contributed all of the table decorations, ran the First Aid station, generally assisted everywhere possible, and the CO (me) cleaned up the Hospitality Suite after the host committee for IC '06 trashed it! I SOLELY cleaned up the room BY MYSELF (after a rather harried phone call from Dennis Rayburn), only to find ADM Michael Smith lazily lounging in the hotel pool all the while! I feel that the Victory contributed a lot to the success of the IC, with help from most, if not all of the Region (Region Three). The Victory still has not received proper credit for its work leading up to and during the IC.

For the record, the Victory has assisted in the relief efforts as well in individual efforts, but not as a chapter on the whole.

As the CO of the Victory, I feel that other chapters need to give more credit where it is rightfully due. I feel that the Bexar is slighting other chapters in claiming credit in events, and that they need to either issue an apology or at least a correction of facts.

If we in STARFLEET wish to continue to hold Gene's Dream, we need to hold all up to the same standards. I welcome

any responses from all in STARFLEET, whether positive or negative.

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Region 3 Chapter of the Year 2005  
F(3): Boldly Spreading Fun, Fellowship  
and Friendship in Region Three!



From Stephenie Robinson  
USS Britannia  
Sector R20

I was amazed to read the article by VADM Joe Hoolihan in CQ131, it is difficult to conceive that a fun organization like Starfleet and does so much charitable work can fall into the trap of people clashes? Why on earth would anyone with an issue against another not at least sit down over a coffee and work it out? Surely the whole concept of Star Trek was to better oneself and grow? there can be no growth of character without maturity and we all must set examples for those coming up through the ranks.

When an issue becomes hidden it is like a sin that eats at you and the mind ponders all manner of imaginings and what-if's simply because you have not sat down and discussed the issues at hand. It why I love the church that I go to here in London UK. They hold true to biblical teaching and if anyone has an issue with another it is soon sorted out either with mediation or without it but it is not left to fester and poison the love that permeates our church. If the church can accept me as a member they are indeed incredibly unique and amazing and demonstrates love. Albeit not everyone enjoys my presence at the church but we remain civil and courteous with each other - STARFLEET members should be no different and I am amazed this has even cropped up within our ranks:

So, let us make a new years resolution and stick to it to serve, to honor and to work with each other.



Member of the USS Ohio held a "Potter-thon" ~  
The uncostumed members and friend are Nancy Clegg, Marie Anderson, Jason Kyer, Sherrie Defibaugh and (kneeling) Tim Clegg.

Costumed members and friends can be found on page 17.

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built by England) of the **Admiral** Class, launched in 1918 (the only one built), she was initially capable of speeds of 31 knots, but after the loss of four ships at the Battle of the Jutland, 5000 pounds of armor were added, which slowed her down to 29 knots. She carried eight fifteen inch guns, seventy-three smaller guns and four 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her career spanned from the end of World War I to the early part of World War II, when she joined in the hunt to destroy the German Battleship **Bismark**, when that ship made its attempt to break out of the British blockade of the Nazi north coast. In the end she was sunk by the deadly fire of the **Bismark** in the Battle of the Denmark Strait on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1941, with only three of her 1418 crew being rescued.



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Well that's all for now folks, I hope you enjoyed this second part of the history lesson, next issue we will finish up with the next five ships, specifically the Intrepid, Valiant, Kongo, Potemkin and the Defiant. The first a historically US Navy name, the next a historically British Navy name, the next Japanese, the next Russian, and the last apparently from a movie about a movie fictional ship named the HMS Defiant. Until next time, I remain historically yours.

GEN Scott Akers  
Starfleet Office of Fleet Historian

Footnotes

- (1) <http://www.usslexingtoncv16.org/images/picpage/aclex43.gif>
- (2) <http://www.ussyorktown.com/yorktown/apollofirst.htm>
- (3) Jane's Fighting Ships 1991-1992, page xxx, Jane's Information Group
- (4) Discussions with Alex Rosenzweig, DTS Director, November 20, 2005
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# ATTENTION ON DECK

## SFMC

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

## FROM THE 'DANT

BDR John Roberts  
Commandant, SFMC

STATE of the SFMC

October 2005

Greetings Marines!

### COMMANDANT'S ADVISORY GROUP

This group is 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.

The current members of the Advisory Group (including newly appointed members) are:

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There are still vacancies on the Group for those Brigades not yet represented and for any additional former Commandant's who may wish to serve. If you are interested in serving on this group to help the Corps become an even better part of STARFLEET, please contact me at dant@sfi-sfmc.org.

### Bank Account Information

We started the month of August with a balance of \$1,302.59. There were deposits in the

amount of \$10.65 and no withdrawals. The ending balance for the month was \$1,313.24. There was no activity for the month of September, so our account balance remains \$1,313.24.

Commandant's Campaign Award  
Please remember the Commandant's Campaign this year. To qualify you must participate (simply donating money will not qualify) in one of the following activities (or your nation's equivalent program):

Collecting Toys for Tots;  
Raising money/participating in events designed to raise money for Special Olympics; and, collecting/raising money and other donations for hurricane relief efforts. You must also make sure your unit OIC reports your involvement and what you did in his bi-monthly report to COFORCECOM, if the activity is not reported, you cannot be awarded the Commandant's Campaign award for this year.

### Young Marines Program

The manual for this program is nearly complete and it will be ready for implementation by January 1. This program manual will give you guidelines, suggestions and ideas for how to implement a Young Marines (cadets/youth) program for your unit. The program will also include a separate awards program for the youth so that they are not forced to compete with the adult members for the recognition they so readily deserve.

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 without your CONSTRUCTIVE input as to what you would like to see. Our next major project is to complete the SFMC Uniform Guide and Manual to make it easier to put together an SFMC uniform for your fandom experience. 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, I remain in Service to the Corps,

John Roberts  
Commandant, SFMC  
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## INFOCOM

LGN Wade Hoover  
COINFOCOM

Deputy Commandant's Report

October 2005

Greetings Marines:

The holiday season is upon us yet again and the end of the year will be here before you know it. With that in mind, I'll attempt to keep this report brief, so as to not disturb your festivities.

### TOYS-FOR-TOTS

I know this isn't really my department, but I am going to talk about it anyway. With the Christmas season upon us, the USMCR is in full swing with their Toys-For-Tots campaign. For those of you who have not had any exposure to this program, it's a very worthwhile cause. The USMCR collects toys and money each year in order to make sure needy children, who might not otherwise get any toy, will actually have a Christmas.

If your unit is interested in assisting your local USMCR detachment with their toy drive, I recommend that you check <http://www.toysfortots.org/home/> and check the "Toy Drive in your Community" dropdown menu at the top. That will give you a list of contacts within your state. Different units need help with different things. Some may need help at their distribution warehouse sorting toys into orders. Others may have you collecting toys at local stores. Here in Dallas/Fort Worth, the USMCR does a Metroplex-wide Radiothon.

This is your opportunity to roll up your sleeves, get your hands dirty, and help to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children in your area.

### SFMC CERTIFICATE OFFICER

As many of you may or may not know, the SFMC now has an official certificate officer. His name is BDR Joseph C Dorffner Jr, from the 7th Brigade. BDR Dorffner has been supporting TRACOM for the past few months since IC with their certificate needs. He is also available to issue certificates for the other levels of the Corps, from the Brigade-level all the way down to the Strike Group-level. If you are issuing an award, and would like a certificate to accompany it, e-mail him at slgaming@aol.com. Please give him sufficient time to create the award (not at the last minute).

### SFMC UNIFORM MANUAL

You may remember me mentioning this project several times over the last... well, way too long. There is a light at the end of tunnel. For once, I really hope it's not the train. I've had far too many near-misses with those. Luckily, none of them were bullet trains.

The manual has grown far beyond my original expectations. I am beginning to think that I

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have created a monster, but in looking at it, all the chapters are logically and reasonably laid out. There is still quite a bit to go, but we feel that it should be done fairly soon.

To give you a little bit of a teaser on what is in the works, here are some of the ideas that have sprung out of this project:

- New classifications for uniforms
- Era-specific Uniforms
- Concise chart for uniforms, listing all the necessary components and accoutrements
- Measurements for accoutrement layout on the uniforms

I really hope that, when this manual reaches its conclusion and is finally published to the Corps, that it will serve as a useful resource to all marines and help to give more variety for the sandbox in which your particular unit plays.

Well, that's it for me. See you again in Sixty.

In Service to the Corps,  
BGN Aaron Murphy  
Deputy Commandant  
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## STATE OF TRACOM

LGN Jill J. Rayburn  
COTRACOM

I hope this issue finds everyone enjoying the holiday season. I have quite a bit to be thankful for regarding TRACOM. We have finished the NCO, Romulan, and NCO manual revisions, and are close to finishing the Armor manual revision. We have also finished the Master MOS manual, and have opened the Marine Officers Basic School. I am thankful for all the Marines who worked so hard on these projects, and those who are working on the other manuals. I have a wonderful staff who have labored hard this year to serve the Corps and its members. While we are not perfect, I believe we are generally very successful in solving problems quickly and with little fuss.

I am especially thankful for my Senior DCO, Chris Esquibel and my other DCO, Greg Franklin. They do quite a bit of work, both visible and behind the scenes. I am also very thankful for Scott Grant, the driving force behind MOBS and many other projects.

With regard to MOBS, I wanted to make some clarifications regarding the operations of this new course. As with all other SFMCA courses (except PD-

7), students are required to take PD-10 before taking MOBS. Any student taking this course will receive credit in the database for passing MOBS. Additionally, if the student has NOT taken and passed OTS, NCO-10, IN-10, and LD-10, he will receive credit for those as well. Credit for those do allow the student to continue on and take the 20 level courses in those branches. However, in order to receive the NCO Academic Ribbon or the Leadership Qualification Badge, students must take the full course. Also, certificates will be given for MOBS, but NOT for the other courses for which a student may be getting credit. Only students taking the full courses will get separate certificates. Scott Grant will be administering the MOBS course for us, and all questions about this course can be directed to him.

September was not quite as active a month as we would have liked. Twenty-four students took 33 courses, and we once again had a tie for student of the month. With three courses each, our honorees for Sept. are Keith Manley, with one pass, one honors, and one distinction, and Kyle Wolf with two pass and one distinction. October was a bit more active, with 28 students taking 50 courses. The student of the month for October, with 8 courses (one pass, five honors, and two distinction) was Christopher Bayonet. In the next issue of Attention on Deck, I will summarize the year for TRACOM, complete with a list of all the student of the month honorees, the numbers of courses taken for each branch, and the number of courses and students overall.

I have two more important things for which to be thankful. I am thankful to John Roberts, Aaron Murphy, Scott Grant, Linda Olson, and Wade Hoover for allowing me to serve with them on the General Staff. It is a privilege to be working with them, as well as with my TRACOM staff. Lastly, I am thankful for the students. The chance to serve the students and the membership of the Corps and the Fleet is a gift, one that I have to admit that I sometimes take for granted. One of my resolutions for 2006 is to make sure that does not happen again. We will be finishing our manual revision project in the first quarter of 2006, and we will also be working on additions to our course offerings. I have to take the gift I've been given and give it back to the membership by continuing to improve TRACOM. As always, if anyone has suggestions for us, do not hesitate to contact anyone on the TRACOM staff. We are here to serve you.

Best wishes to all in the New Year. I want to leave you with a challenge: for those who have not taken all of the courses we have to offer, I

challenge every Marine to take at least one course a month. If you have taken all the SFMCA courses, then take a look at the offerings in the SFA. There is truly something for everyone between the two academies.

## FORCES COMMAND BGN Linda Olson COFORCESCOM

Hello Again Marines;

This month the report is going to be a little different. I have included the Facts and Figures in this portion of the report and the Fun in another article. I hope you enjoy. Please remember that your activities are important to the Corps and we want to hear about them. Make sure that everything gets included in your reports to Battalion, Brigade and ultimately Forces Command. I can then share them with everyone else. Also remember that your ideas, suggestions, complaints and solutions are of interest to those of us tasked with making it happen.

Here are the numbers:

### Brigades Reporting

1st - 54 active	64 Reserve	118 total
2nd - 63	31	94
3rd - 57	20	77
4th - 61	18	79
5th - 12	12	24
6th - 3	9	12
7th - 43	47	90
9th - 12	4	16
10th - 4	3	7
12th - 33	55	88
13th - 5	4	9
14th - 1		1
15th - 19	10	29
17th - 21	46	67
20th - 9	2	11

### Units not reporting

108, 125, 155, 162, 165, 645, 321, 203, 218, 223, 252, 263, 276, 915, 926, 731, 41

### Units activated - none

Units activated this year - 888th, 645th, 308th, 314th, 769th, 742nd, 760th, 225th, 907th, 216th, 241st, 455th, 182nd, 369th, 469th, 678th

### Units deactivated - 760th

Units deactivated this year - 82nd, 155th, 158th, 161st, 237th, 300th, 311th, 324th, 408th, 411th, 420th, 421st, 981st, 575th, 736th, 987th, 882nd, 862nd, 715th, 773rd, 681st, 263rd, 342nd. 760th

### Recruits

2nd - Steven McMillon, Ben Fisk, Terry Callahan, Jessica Love, Travis Jones.  
3rd - Sean Meyer, Damian Shotwell, Gabriel Doffelmeyer, Jeremiah Eads, Daniel Evans.

4th - Dan Steenberg, Shawn Gregory, Gerri Wampler, John Aure Sr. Matt Linton, Michael Aure, James Nehl, Geraldine Sylvester, Angel Nehl, Terri Sylvester, John Aure Jr, Bonnie Davis, Maximus Nehl, Margaret Delorenzo, Kalyne Aure 7th - Angel Avery 12th - Terry Jarvis 15th - Bob McCann, Robb Jackson, Justin Cole, David Kennedy 17th - Timothy David

### Discharges -

2nd - George Sumpter, James Lewis, 3rd - Russell Schneider, Crystal Schneider, Jay Takahashi, 4th - Deborah Day, Shawn McVay, Jonathan Rider, Nicole Wukach 7th - Romell Bacon, Loujaue McPherson 9th - Joe Keeler 15th - Chris DeAngelo, Brian Caton 17th Robert W Bulkeley Jr, Diane Kruse, Jeanne Kruse, Kathryn Krusse, Chris Chontos

### Awards - October 2005

#### Cross of Honor

1st - Bill Herrmann

#### Sword of Valor

2nd - Bill Duane

#### Legion of Valor

2nd - 669th

#### Star of Valor

2nd Bill Mock

#### Shield of Valor

2nd Eileen Jones

#### Cross of Valor

2nd Shaughn O'Connor

#### SFMC Unit Citation

101st, 3 Brigade Staff, 333rd, 920th

#### Great Barrier

7th Dean Rogers, Angel Avery, Rey Cordero, Mike Smith 10th Paul Reid

#### Naval Achievement

15th - Garrick Halverson

#### Brigade Achievement

3rd - Jeff Schnoor, Chris O'Banion, Joe White, Daniel Dreesbach 4th - Truman Temple

#### Marine Proficiency

3rd - Chris O'Banion

#### Leader's Commendation

3rd - Kyle Schugart, Donald Williams, Daniel Evans, Scott Sherwood 5th - Michael Marquart, Jenna Robbins 7th - Brian Joerer, Lashanna Brooks, Eugene Sanford 15th - Matt Ingles

#### Community Service Citation

3rd - Mark West, Kyle Schugart, Donald Williams, Daniel Evans, Scott Sherwood 5th - Norm DeRoux, Martin Craig 12th - Allen Glenn

#### Joint Service Ribbon

3rd - Mark West, Donald Williams, Daniel Evans, Scott Sherwood 13th - Joseph Sare III, Corey Carter, Cliff Olson, Becky Slater

#### Embassy Duty

3rd - Robert Houser, Randi Spears, Tony Walker, Matt Hill, Sarah Nolte  
7th - Michael Stein, Rey Cordero, Jon Slavin, Larry Neigut, Mike Stein  
13th - Joseph Sare III, Corey Carter, Cliff Olson, Dennis Drobeck, Becky Slater

#### Honor Guard

3rd Tony Williams  
7th - Rey Cordero, Jon Slavin, Larry Neigut

#### Reporting Streamer 2004

1st BDE  
2nd BDE  
4th BDE  
5th BDE  
6th BDE  
7th BDE  
12 BDE

#### Comet

10th - Paul Reid  
15th - Richard Jolitz

#### Promotions

1st BDE Howard Knapp to Colonel  
2nd BDE Travis Jones to 2nd LT

#### Marine Activities Report:

Fellow 'Fleeters

The Marines have landed! And they have taken the country by storm. A storm of activity over the past couple of months. Below I have listed the high points of activity in each Brigade. This by no means is the entire list of what has been accomplished, but should serve to show that the STARFLEET Marines are alive and doing well. I hope to bring you the news of the Marines and their accomplishments in future reports. For now read and enjoy knowing that we are making a difference.

#### First Marine Division

First Brigade = Members of this Brigade are collecting and shipping supplies to the military and their families. Sweat suits and socks are being sent to USAF Aero-Medical unit in Iraq. School supplies are going to the Agency for International Development for distribution in Iraqi schools. They are supporting the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and participating in the Hurricane relief efforts wholeheartedly. From packing and shipping supplies to giving blood, the Fightin' First has stepped up to fill the need. Members have also participated in the International Conference/Muster in San Antonio, Dragon Con, Smokies Baseball game, Motley Crew concert and the Corps Reading Challenge.

Second Brigade= The Wild Deuces are continuing to collect and deliver Food for the Animal Shelter, Do Trail Cleanup, and participate in Blood Drives for Hurricane relief. The Waynesville Confederate Soldiers Park and Library have benefited from the hard work of this Brigade as has the American Red Cross, The Overseas Coupon Program and the Betty Crocker points program. Members held a yard

sale to raise funds for hurricane relief and for fun, the Deuces went bowling, held a poker game and attended SciFi Summer Convention in Atlanta and the International Conference and Muster in San Antonio. RPG and regular game nights, shopping excursions, and meetings round out the schedule of this busy brigade.

The Lucky Sevens have participated in the Maryland Renaissance Festival and Regional Conference/Muster. Seems that they turned out in force for the Muster. Members also visited the natural caverns and the Watkins Glen Weekend in Ithaca and an Empire Dinner party in Parsippany. They have also been busy with Color Guard, Mecha activities and writing manuals for the Academy. The third Star Trek movie presented by the 86th MSG is in the works and should be released soon. Charity events included the Relay for Life.

Fifteenth Brigade = Firestorm attended and worked the very first Cauldron Con. They are active in the planning of the United Fan Con coming up in the near future. For fun they attended a movie night and held Season Finales Parties for the SciFi programs at the end of season. This brigade is keeping tabs on the movements of NASA and the preparations for another moon launch. Members of this brigade are active with the Boy Scouts of America and attended the Summer Camp. There was also a Labor Day Weekend Camping trip on Mount Desert Island. Recruiting efforts are being made and unassigned marines are becoming members of established units. This brigade continues clipping coupons and redesigning websites.

#### Second Marine Division

Third Brigade = The Dogs of War were the most affected by Katrina and Rita and have been working hard to rebound. Members have participated in the hurricane relief efforts in a really big way. Some members have been called to active duty in the Reserves and others have volunteered time in the trenches of New Orleans. For fun the members of this brigade made a trip to the Houston Space Center, Zoological Gardens, and Museum of Natural Science. The Dogs worked the Lubbock Area Model Airplane Show and held movie nights. They even found time to continue the Overseas Coupon Program, Toys for Tots, Marine Readiness Program and courses at the Academy. They also worked Quark's Casino and Auction as a fund raiser and attended the IC/IM.

Sixth Brigade = The Ice Warriors have worked the Prairie Public Pledge Drive and a Night with Bruce Campbell at the Historic Fargo Theater. They have been active in planning ValleyCon and the Regional Summit/Muster. In their spare time they have been participating in the Reading Challenge and the Academy Courses in both the

SFMC Academy and the STARFLEET Academy. For a break they attended movie nights and members attended Maquis Gras.

The Dirty Dozen (Twelfth Brigade) have been very active this period with Hurricane Relief, Animal Rescue, helping the American Red Cross, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Noah's Wish, and other fabulous charities. They have been collecting stamps, Box Tops for Education, and helping a member move and set up the children's equipment in the yard. They attended ShowMeCon, Archon, and ShadowCon. The Dirty Dozen found time to go bowling, play paintball and make a trip to the St Louis County Butterfly House. They also had a movie night and are participating in the Academy courses and Reading Challenge.

#### Third Marine Division

Fourth Brigade is generally a very busy brigade, but most of the report was lost in cyber space this time around and I only received the bare minimum of a report due to the problem. We should hear more from Only Those Who Dare next time around. Members of this brigade have some hearty totals in the Reading Challenge.

Fifth Brigade is busy planning a muster for the near future. The Birds of Prey have also been working hard to raise the levels of supplies in the local Food Bank by helping the Regal Cinemas with the "Canned Food Film Festival". They have visited the Evergreen Aviation Museum and helped with the Oregon Beach Clean up. Members walked for American Diabetes and attended a summer picnic at the Silver Falls State Park. They held a paper airplane contest and a BBQ social, attended a baseball game and Anniversary Dinner Party. They also worked a yard sale to fund charity work.

Seventeenth Brigade is attempting to put The Order in Chaos with Putt Putt day, Potluck Dinner and movie nights. They are collecting stamps and supporting the Military families in various ways. Members of this unit are also participating in the Corps Reading Challenge, hosting role playing games and planning the Toys for Tots event for this year. Members are active duty in Iraq and items are being collected to send overseas at Christmas. A Halloween party was held on October 29th. Members are making the Academy and the STARFLEET Academy work for their pay with a large number of courses completed.

#### Fourth Marine Division

Tenth Brigade - No activities reported this period.

Thirteenth Brigade = Blackcats attended the International Conference and Muster in San Antonio and the Watkins Glen weekend in Ithaca, New

York. They are also running up the pages in the Reading Challenge.

Fourteenth Brigade = The Atlantic Roughnecks also attended the International Conference and Muster in Texas and the Watkins Glen Weekend in New York, as well as the NoConference in Chicago.

#### Fifth Marine Division

Ninth Brigade = this is a fairly young brigade and they are working hard to get established. I am looking forward to great things from this corner of the world.

Twentieth Brigade = Members in this brigade are active in the Corps Reading Challenge. They have been working to put together uniforms and designing a logo. There are plans to attend a convention in the near future.

I am happy to say that the Marines in the STARFLEET Marine Corps have worked hard to fill the needs of the communities to which they belong. I am proud to call each of you friends and gladly report your accomplishments to the Corps and the Fleet.

I look forward to hearing more from each unit in the Corps in the months to come. Share your accomplishments, events, and plans with me and I will share them with the Universe.

Linda Olson, CO Forces Command  
ST\_Dragonlady@msn.com

## CO-INFOCOM LGN Wade Hoover

Well, it's the end of 2005 already. Where did the year go? I could have sworn that it was January last week.

Ok, I'm sure that everyone is wondering what happened with the SFMC website? Well, in October, someone was exploiting a security flaw in the mailer scripts that we didn't catch when the site was being created. While no personal information was compromised, our host took our site off-line, and forced a complete rebuild of all the scripts. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, the website has been restored. However, all mail services, including all list serves hosted on our server, have been restored.

So, what other changes are taking place with the redesign? All Tracom Branch Directors now have E-mail aliases set up, as well as all Brigade OIC's. This should allow for faster change in leadership, due to only having to redirect the forwarder, instead of editing the scripts, and running the risk of breaking it.

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

LGN Wade Hoover  
CO-Infocom, SFMC  
infocom@sfi-sfmc.org

# A SCI FI/SFI WEDDING

CAPT Gerry/Robyn Sylvester  
USS Highlander, R7

## A Question!

"A question! Since long before your sun burned hot in space, I have awaited a question."

Guardian of Forever/\*\*City on the Edge of Forever\*\*  
Star Trek-The Original series episode

Whoops... wrong line.  
The correct question in this case was...

## Will you marry me?

It seems that my engagement at the R1 Summit 2005 has created quite a stir. Ok, so it's not a common occurrence that a Fleet Gent takes it upon himself to publicly propose marriage in front of the entire General Session. Never mind the fact that there were at least 2 separate video cameras running. This does not include the documentary camera that was being run for the benefit of Eugene Roddenberry's documentary, \*\*\*Trek Nation\*\*\*.

Fred Parsons III/CO USS Dark Wolf went to the front of the General Session and asked me to join him. From there he went down on one knee and pulled out a ring box. With heartfelt words he told all of how we met a year prior at the R1 summit. He declared his undying love and then asked the question of time immortal:

Will you marry me?

Fred took it to a new level. He worked behind the scenes with the summit chair, Jonathon Wilson, on other plans. There was a custom cake at the banquet, and I was showered with gifts from my fiancée, my favorite of which is a custom embroidered wedding planning binder and tote bag.

I could not for the life of me figure out why Moogie, (Terri Sylvester/USS Highlander/Baltimore) Margaret, (Margaret DeLorenzo/USS Highlander/Baltimore) and Bonnie (Bonnie Davis/USS Highlander/Freeport, Florida) were making plans to travel to the R1 summit. Now granted that we are all life long friends... it seems that a certain someone spoke directly to Moogie to make plans for the proposal with the idea to make it unforgettable.

After the general session, we were asked to be interviewed for the \*\*Trek Nation\*\* documentary film crew. NP! I was surprised and happy to hear my newly minted fiancée speak openly of how he planned for the engagement and our future life together. Fred arranged for a custom cake, along with a custom decorated cake knife and server. We both had the privilege to be able to serve all at that banquet and summit a serving of engagement cake.

## Bridal Party

Next was the matter of choosing a bridal party. It was one thing to ask my close lady friends to stand by me for the Big Day. But, I had the added burden of the

fact that my father is deceased. The normal response was to simply ask a blood kin male family member to stand in. I was however, thrilled to make the call to the west coast to ask someone who is considered family is this household... Jim Monroe. (CO-USS William O. Darby) We have a picture of Jim in his 9-5 clothing displayed here at the house, right along the pic of my father as a baby. Well where else would you display a pic of another family member?

I guess I really did a number on the Richter Scale so to speak. Jim was totally speechless for what seemed forever. I was scared that I was on the wrong end of karma with the lack of commentary until, finally, he responded;

"I'd be honored."

I can not even begin to tell you how thrilled I was with that response.

## Wedding Theme

Fred is a HUGE Sci-fi fan. He made the request for a themed wedding. He was, of course, scared. But much to his surprise, I totally loved the idea. After that, Fred was totally scared as I started to kick into what is known as \*\*Los Angeles\*\* mode.

The problem with the theme was obtaining permission from the studio that owns the copyrights to the material. (It was that that put the fear of G\*D into Fred.) I started by calling the studio PR department. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that the studio was more than happy to grant permission to use their copyrighted material. With permission obtained from the studio, it was then a matter of choosing suitable colors. As any bride can and will tell you that is a biggie. The bride to be is in the position of asking

her close friends to wear a color of her choice. Not necessarily what they would choose to wear.

I have seen weddings done in of all things yellow and pink for Easter and periwinkle blue bridesmaids dresses.

I decided to coordinate the color scheme around what Jim offered to wear. The colors will also be suitable to a hi-tech theme.

## It's all in the details

It is one thing to plan a wedding. Just a simple internet search will reveal a plethora of wedding and reception supplies. Sure thing if you have no problem with the same 'ol same 'ol.

Planning a theme wedding does make life a little interesting to say the least. It means that the little things get creative. Everything from the invitations to the cake knife for the reception will need to be custom made. From napkins, to guest book, to party favors, everything needs to carry through with the wedding theme.

Having access to the Shore Leave Artists contact info is of a great help. Terri Sylvester (aka-Mother of the Bride) is the now-retired Shore Leave Art Show chair. With her help, I have been in touch with several artists speaking about certain ideas.

Since the theme is Sci-fi, we opted for a more hi-tech approach to the décor. At a recent meeting with the hotel coordinator, Fred was totally immersed with thoughts of Internet Netcasts, and lighting effects. The driving force being how would a set designer approach the wedding and reception areas.

## MEMBERS WANTED

ATTENTION: Unassigned Members and any other members of STARFLEET residing in the Houston, Texas metropolitan area. We are looking for new members to join the USS SpiritWolf, a Region 3 meeting chapter in the Houston area. Anyone who might be interested please e-mail Robert Graham at Robert\_26884@msn.com or send a snail mail to: Robert Graham, 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St. #C, Houston, Texas 77006. (713)526-0291.

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## MEMBERS WANTED

Wanted: Members to join Starbsase Tejas, the HQ for the STARFLEET rebel fleet section of the STARFLEET COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE UNIT, a 39 Delta base. We need all interested enlisted, and both commissioned and non commissioned STARFLEET officers, from STARFLEET Marines to STARFLEET Seals and Rangers to contact me, GEN. R.J.RYDER at [genronnie@yahoo.com](mailto:genronnie@yahoo.com) or, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sbtejas> to join up. Beam over today, if you have what it takes to be a member of our team!  
GEN RONALD J RYDER, CINC SFRF/SCIU.

## COOL URL'S

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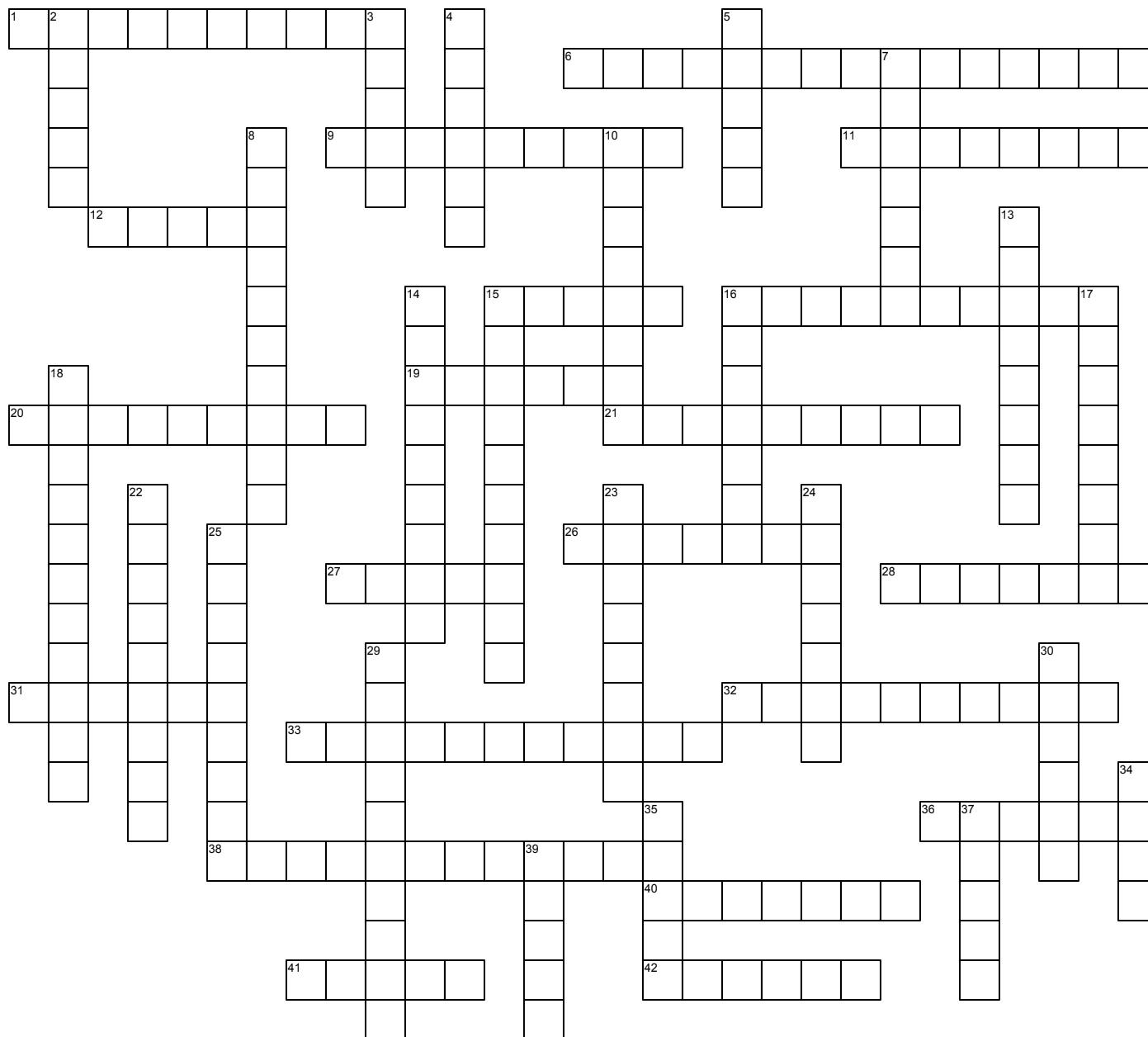
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# Worlds of Star Trek

Volume 1



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## ACROSS

- 1 Rom's homeworld
- 6 Planet where 'fizzbin' was played
- 9 Homeworld of the Travler
- 11 Destroyed by Dr. Soran
- 12 Farming world where Worf was raised
- 15 Where Nova Squad was evacuated
- 16 Federation planet
- 19 Planet
- 20 Dr. Korby planned to manufacturing androids
- 21 Charles Evans nearest relatives lived
- 26 Planet in the Delta Quadrant
- 27 Planet in the Sol system
- 28 Planet in the Sol system
- 31 Planet in the Sol system
- 32 Home of the Jarada

- 33 Aquiel Uhnari's last planet posting

- 36 Location of Stratos
- 38 Curzon Dax and Sisko were on
- 40 Planet in the Sol system
- 41 Klingon Homeworld
- 42 Planet in the Sol system

## DOWN

- 2 Planet in the Sol system
- 3 Planet in Cardassian Space
- 4 Home of the Bynars
- 5 Planet reputed to have healing power
- 7 Romulan empire homeworld
- 8 Planet
- 10 Planet in the Gamma Quadrant
- 13 Quark said they make the best scanners

- 14 Home of Farpoint Station

- 15 Noonien Soong married Juliana O' Donnell
- 16 Planet in the Delta Quadrant
- 17 Planet with matriarchial government
- 18 Soliton wave was developed here
- 22 Attacked by the Borg
- 23 Planet visited by Enterprise-D
- 24 Planet in the Sol system
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- 29 Federation diplomatic planet or 70's funk band
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- 34 Planet in the Sol system
- 35 Planet in the Sol system
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- 39 Homeworld to clue 33 across

# NUMBSKULLS

## 'R' US!

ADM Helen Pawlowski

ISS Troubadour, R12

The idea grew from a potential disaster at the 2003 Starfleet International Conference (IC) in Greensboro.

When Dennis Rayburn's car blew up shortly before the IC and his posting on the 'net said he and his wife wouldn't be making the trip for that reason, I offered to swing by and make my solo trip a threesome.

Packing is one of Dennis' specialties, so he sardined the car (leaving space for his wife) and we headed for North Carolina. All went well until the return trip. In the rain, he repacked the car. I asked for the keys so we could start our homeward trek... Dennis started sweating. All our luggage and junk removed, we searched the trunk, the back seat, the spaces under the front seat, the space under the car... when someone spotted the keys stuck in the passenger door lock.

Thus was born the Captain Dunsel award which I presented to Dennis in Birmingham at IC 2004. He had to live with the shame for a whole year, passing the figure (a Mrs. Butterworth bottle) to the next bonehead in San Antonio, IC 2005.

Me!

I won for driving my car through a car wash with the windows down. I REALLY went through a car wash.

Now I need your help: Who is to receive the award at IC 2006?

Send your list of numbskulls to me so that I may choose my successor.

PLEASE!!!

Send to:  
Helen M. Pawlowski  
4837 Germania Street  
St. Louis, MO. 63116



## SEE ISSUE 133 FOR THE ANSWERS!



The theme will be brought totally into effect at the reception where the table décor will reflect the tech theme as well. The wedding favors are still in the planning.

### Location, Location, Location!

That was a Biggie! We live in two states and two different worlds.

I am a native born child of NYC. I have deep ties to 9/11, the week of which, I was on edge with every phone call. Was this the call that would require me to travel to a family funeral, be it either NYC or DC?

Fred was as distant as every American who was not in the affected zone that fateful time in US history.

So the question was where to host the wedding and reception.

We compromised for two locations. The wedding and first reception at the Marriott 5 star resort in Kingsport of all places, (mind you that the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn/Baltimore, home of the Shore Leave Convention, is only a 4 star resort).

Next will be the Baltimore/Philadelphia corridor in the mid summer.

From there it will be New York...

TO BE CONTINUED...

# CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn • Shuttle Schweitzer, R1

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

**Convention Organizers:** Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to [Fanboy@dactylmanor.org](mailto:Fanboy@dactylmanor.org). Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:registration@anizona.org)

## California

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/> [cci-info@comic-con.org](mailto:cci-info@comic-con.org)

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](mailto:strategicon@strategicon.net)

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](mailto:info@gallifreyone.com)

Mar 1-12 **Cinequest Film Festival**, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 720040, San Jose CA 95172-0040 <http://www.cinequest.org/> [info@cinequest.org](mailto:info@cinequest.org)

Mar 3-5 **ConDor XIII**, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://www.condorcon.org/> [registration@CondorCon.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/> [cciweb@nucgen.com](mailto:cciweb@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.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> [hcs@atlantic.net](mailto:hcs@atlantic.net)

## Colorado

Feb 16-19 **Genghis Con XXVII**, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 472664, Aurora, CO 80047-2664 Ph: 303-690-6054 <http://www.denvergamer.com/genghis/dgagames@aol.com>

Apr 21-23 **Starfest**, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 24955, Denver, CO 80224-0955 Ph: 303-757-5850 <http://www.starland.com/> [starland@starland.com](mailto:starland@starland.com)

## Connecticut

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

## Florida

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](mailto: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](mailto:registration@jacon.org) Guests: George Lowe, Brett Weaver

## Georgia

Feb 17-19 **Furry Weekend Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 1361 Fairbanks St., Atlanta, GA 30310 <http://www.furryweekend.com/> [furryweekend@furryweekend.com](mailto:furryweekend@furryweekend.com) Guests: Bill Holbrook, Matt Burt 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](mailto: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](mailto:creamyjeremy@animeoasis.org)

## Illinois

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@capricon.org) Guests: Peter Beagle, Bryan Palaszewski, Kat Eggleston, Michael Longcor, Mary Crowell

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>

## Iowa

Feb 24-26 **Gamicon Omicron**, Iowa City, Iowa; Info: 308 East Burlington PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 <http://www.mindbridge.org/gamicon/> [gamicon@mindbridge.org](mailto:gamicon@mindbridge.org) Guests: Mark C. MacKinnon

## Maryland

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](mailto:trekcontact@comcast.net) Guests: Harve Bennett, Penny Johnson Jerald, Robert Asprin, Jody Lynn Nye, Jack Stauffer, The Great Luke Ski, The Boogie Knights, Marc Okrand, Prometheus Radio Theatre, Terry Rioux, Inge Heyer, Bob Greenberger, Howard Weinstein, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Terri Osborne, Yoji Kondo

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

## Massachusetts

Feb 17-19 **Boskone 43**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> [b43info@boskone.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lrizzo@smith.edu)

## Michigan

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](mailto: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,

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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](mailto:conchair@ambercon.com)

Apr 21-23 **Penguicon 4.0**, Livonia, Michigan; Info: PO Box 401302, Redford, MI 48240-9302 <http://www.penguicon.org/> [info@penguicon.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@conofthenorth.org)

Mar 3-5 **Marscon**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 651-339-0397 <http://marscon.org/> [info06g@marscon.org](mailto:info06g@marscon.org) Guests: Dean Haglund, Beth Hansen, Paul Lawrence, Hugh S. Gregory

Mar 24-26 **Anime Detour**, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: c/o Anime Twin Cities, Inc., Loop Station Box 2515, Minneapolis, MN 55402 <http://www.animedetour.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](mailto: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, Fredd 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](mailto: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/](http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/sfclub/text_site/willycon/) [scifict@wsc.edu](mailto:scifict@wsc.edu)

New Jersey

Feb 10-12 **Ubercon VII**, Meadowlands, New Jersey; Info: 14924 Bushy Park Road, Woodbine, MD 21797 Ph: 866-UBERCON <http://www.ubercon.com/> [kevin@ubercon.com](mailto:kevin@ubercon.com) Guests: Chris Moreno, CJ Henderson, Erica Henderson, Onezumi, Patrick Thomas, Pete Abrams, Phil Kahn, Radbu, Rob Granito, T Campbell, Thousand Hats Productions, Tony DiGerolamo

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](mailto:info@lunacon.org) Guests: Jim Butcher, David B. Mattingly, Byron Connell, Lisa Ashton

Mar 19 **Mid-Jersey ComiCon**, Bordentown, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 64, Bordentown, NJ 08505 <http://www.boldventurepress.com/> Guest: Scott Beatty

Mar 24-26 **Double Exposure**: The Restaurant at the End of the Multiverse, East Brunswick, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 3594, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 Ph: 914-328-3740 <http://www.dexposure.com/> [info@dexposure.com](mailto:info@dexposure.com)

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.reightershow.com/> [frank@reightershow.com](mailto:frank@reightershow.com)

New York

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:millennicon@mvfl.org)

Mar 31-Apr 2 **Cinema Wasteland**, Strongsville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/> [zombies@cinemawasteland.com](mailto:zombies@cinemawasteland.com)

Pennsylvania

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](mailto:pcomicon@nb.net) Benefits: Make A Wish

Tennessee

Mar 17-19 **FantaSciCon**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 395 Stancil Rd., Rossville, GA 30741 <http://fantascicon.com/> [fantascicon@vei.net](mailto: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](mailto: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

Feb 4-5 **Texas Nightmare Weekend**, Grapevine, Texas; Info: PO Box 384, Grapevine, TX 76099 <http://www.texasfrightmareweekend.com/>

[texasfrightmareweekend.com/](http://texasfrightmareweekend.com/) [loyd@texasfrightmareweekend.com](mailto: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](mailto:registration@owlcon.com)

Feb 24-26 **ConDFW V**, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2117 Tulane Drive, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/> [info@condfw.org](mailto: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> Benefits: Toys For Tots

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

# CONVENTION LISTINGS

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Feb 17-19 **STARFLEET Region 5 Summit**, Pasco, Washington; Info: 5420 Swan Court, West Richland WA 99338 [R5Summit@uss-rubicon.org](mailto:R5Summit@uss-rubicon.org)

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

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

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

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](mailto: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

Queensland

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

Victoria

Apr 14-17 **Conquest**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: Suite 42, 85 Grattan St, Carlton, Victoria, 3053 <http://www.conquest.asn.au/> [enquiries@conquest.asn.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@filkontario.ca) 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](mailto: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](mailto:tfcon@mountaincable.net) Guests: Joe Ng, Alex Milne

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

New Zealand

Apr 29-30 **Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo**, Wellington, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/> [info@pulpexpo.com](mailto:info@pulpexpo.com) Guests: Clare Kramer

The Netherlands

Mar 25 **Utopia VII**, Scheveningen, ; Info: Postbank, Foreign Operations, PO Box 1800, 1000 BV Amsterdam, The Netherlands <http://www.utopiasite.com/> [utopia@club.tip.nl](mailto:utopia@club.tip.nl)

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](mailto: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: William Shatner, Bobbi Sue Luther, Menina Fortunato, Bobby Clark, Arlene Martel, Joanne Linville, Celeste Yarnall 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](mailto:lcc2006@leftcoastcrime2006.com) Guests: Anne Perry, Lee Child, Toby Gottfried, Bill Gottfried, Donna Moore

Apr 20-23 **Baycon**, Exeter, England; Info: 115 Green Park Road, Plymouth PL9 9LL <http://www.robchapman.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/baycon.html> [glen@baycon.co.uk](mailto:glen@baycon.co.uk)

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](mailto:creatickets@creationent.com)

Apr 28-30 **Excalibur**, Cornwall, England; Info: PO Box 46, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7XZ Ph: +44 7855 965 271 <http://www.horsemenevents.com/contact@horsemenevents.com>

Apr 28-May 1 **Collectormania 9**, Milton Keynes, England; Info: 2 Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes. Bucks, MK6 3DG. England Ph: +44 (0)1908 671138 <http://www.collectormania.com/> [info@showmastersonline.com](mailto:info@showmastersonline.com) Guests: Diana Muldar, Mira Furlan, Carl Weathers, LeVar Burton

Apr 28-30 **OLNFC 3**, Warwickshire, England; Info: 22 Purefoy Rd, Coventry, West Midlands, England, CV3 5GL Ph: +44 02476 503113 <http://www.theofficialleonardnimoyfanclub.com/conventionpage.html> [maggylolnfc@yahoo.com](mailto:maggylolnfc@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

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Abyly Assisted by Padawan Learn T'Anna Kirk

Region 1  
Shuttle Deliverance NX-06  
Louisville, KY  
Plan on attending FOG3 (Festival of Gaming) for increased recruiting.

Shuttle Excalibur NCC-1721/06  
Magnolia, Ohio  
We are working on our first crew handbook and newsletters, and looking forward to MidOhioCon in November.

Shuttle Independence NCC-75006  
Fall Branch, Tennessee  
Several members attended movies. We also had an away trip to Gatlinburg. Working on ships newsletter, and crew manual.

SS Bennu SFR-119  
Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
We had a movie night to see Flight Plan and helped the USS Tri-Star at Boo at the Zoo.

SS Nikola Tesla NCC-SS005  
Puryear, Tennessee  
Planning away teams to Vulkan, and to Harry Potter Premiere.

USS Aeon NCC-75022  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Crew had a Halloween party with lots of good food and fun games.

USS Alaric NCC-503  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home.

USS Appomattox NCC-75001  
Appomattox, Virginia  
Participated in the USS Yeager's Rising Star 10, the Appomattox Railroad Festival, and took eleven girls from a Girl's Home to Fan Mtn observatory and had a bake sale this month.

USS Aries NCC-71806-B  
Johnson City, Tennessee  
Crew had its annual Halloween Party.

USS Arizona NCC-71839  
Alliance, Ohio  
Members took shore leave to Pi-In\_Bay (an island) on Lake Erie to see the trees change colors and are writing letters for donations for Community Christmas, our major fund raiser.

USS Asgard NCC-724028  
Lancaster, Ohio  
Crewmembers attended gaming conventions and visited sites in Washington, D.C..

USS Athena NCC-51896  
Oak Hill, Virginia  
We held several craft days to prepare for 12/3 craft show. Our Halloween party

on 30th turned into a multi chapter party with members from Region 7 in attendance. We are working on Tribble Adoption Program to raise money for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund.

USS Banshee NCC-74916  
Maryville, Tennessee  
Members gathered at local movie theatre to watch "DOOM" and "The Legend of Zorro" and attended special retirement ceremonies for Terry Starker, who retired after 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

USS Columbia NCC-75017  
Shelby, Ohio  
CO briefed crew on R1 RC election progress, and the Crew discussed the R1 split proposal. The crew was also distributed Christmas Gift Exchange "wish lists" for November meeting.

USS Columbus NCC-74670  
Columbus, Ohio  
Movie raid to see "Serenity" after meeting on 10/15/05. Made plans for Murder Mystery Party, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, and Talaxian Cook-off.

USS Dark Wolf NCC-75002  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
The chapter is trying to get back up and running after the death of a crewmember.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631  
Elryia, Ohio  
The ship held SCI FI Nights on Fridays and RPG on Saturdays and Sundays. The Gallifrey Crew finished up the Halloween Season by once again working with The Haunted Forest of Carousel, the number 1 Haunted Attraction in the state of Ohio.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793  
Madison Heights, Virginia  
Following a brief meeting, the Heimdal's Annual Halloween Party began with a costume contest. Cookbook sales are doing very well. 52 cookbooks have been sold out of 206.

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
XO's son, dressed as Darth Vader, sold BSA popcorn to members. We had special guest at our meeting, the CO's mother-in-law, in town from New Zealand for a visit. We also celebrated John "Kiwi" Kane's 40th birthday with Spongebob cupcakes.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Many happy returns to ya, Kiwi!

USS Indiana NCC-79158  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Crew members attended Louisville Zoo's World's Largest Halloween Party" on four separate nights throughout October.

Members dressed up in costume to hand out treats to the children, who came dressed up as well to trick or treat in a safe friendly environment.

USS Intrepid NCC-74655  
Mansfield, Ohio  
We met at a local pizza parlor and discussed Gene Rodenberry's ideas.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D  
Newport News, Virginia  
Held USS Jamestown Anniversary Dinner and Change of Command at Sammy and Nick's Restaurant with several IKV Bat'Leth, USS Chesapeake, and Iron Triangle Members attending. Model Hobby Workshop is ongoing. Held the USS Jamestown Meeting at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton.

USS Jurassic NCC-3500  
Hammersville, Ohio  
Members purchased many new & used items & sent them to the New Orleans area for hurricane relief through a local church. Through our on-going Afghan Project, we donated 1 baby blanket and 7 beanie/bootie sets to the Children's Hospital, in Cincinnati.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
We celebrated our fifteenth anniversary of our commissioning on Saturday, October 8th with a "pot luck" dinner. Twelve of our crew were able to attend and the food was outstanding! On to twenty!

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the crew of KITTY HAWK on fifteen years of service in STARFLEET, and here's to fifteen more (don't limit yourself to just five)!

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
We celebrated our 23rd Anniversary at Pufferbelly, Ltd. in Kent. Working on Tree Festival, contributed cash and food to the Food Bank after Collection Day, and items to Good Neighbors. Planning for Akron Christmas Parade.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the crew of LAGRANGE on twenty-three years of service in STARFLEET, and here's to twenty-three more!

USS Liberator NCC-75008  
Akron, Ohio  
Online meeting, working on web site and newsletter, working on regional summit for 2006, role-playing online.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A  
Norfolk, Virginia  
18th anniversary celebrated on Oct 22nd. Attended VA/WV Sectional Summit at Rising Star in early Oct.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the crew of MAAT on eighteen years of service in STARFLEET, and here's to eighteen more!

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218  
Tyner, North Carolina  
Monthly Meeting, Planning get together at member's house for November, plans under way for Christmas party.

USS Normandy NCC-36000  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Preparing for winter.

USS Ohio NCC-75007  
Barberton, Ohio  
We helped answer phones (along with the Shuttle Excalibur) for the local PBS station's telethon and made the most we ever have in the history of helping out the station, over \$15,700.00. A non-profit organization was matching pledges, so we actually brought in over \$31,400.00.

USS Pathfinder NCC-2121  
Lima, Ohio  
Between the Chief Science Officer/XO and the CO, computers have logged a total of approximately 1568 days of CPU time and completed 631 packets from the SETI@home project.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
The Powhatan attended the Anniversary Dinners of the Jamestown and the Maat.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812  
Louisville, Kentucky  
CO met up with CO of ISS Pegasus and CQ Editor in Las Vegas during company business meeting. CO & XO got hitched on 10/15/2005. CO and XO visited USS Albatross, Experimental Submarine in Portsmouth, NH, as well as the memorial site for the USS Thresher tragedy.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to Sandy & Karen Berenberg on their nuptials! Here's to a long and happy marriage!

USS Providence NCC-71796  
Cedar Grove, Tennessee  
Meeting was canceled due to the passing of a crew member. Charles Stewart passed away October 5th. He stipulated in his will that our chapter attend in our Starfleet uniform which we did. He will be missed.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Condolences go out to Mr. Stewart's family and the crew of PROVIDENCE on his loss.

USS Renegade NCC-2547  
Youngstown, Ohio  
An away team went on a Haunted Hayride (the hayride's theme was sci-

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fi and UFOs so we went in uniform). Attended a movie outing ("War of the Worlds").

USS Ronald E. McNair NCC-61809  
Columbia, South Carolina  
McNair members participated in various "away Missions" during the month: NC outer banks, Boo at the Zoo (Riverbanks Zoo), Halloween at the children's museum Adventure, the SC State Fair, and the Celebrate Freedom event.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215  
Ladson, South Carolina  
The Rutledge turned 10 in October (with 8 of those years being in Fleet). Operation Eagle, fiction writing, and Hurricane relief all continue.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the crew of RUTLEDGE on ten years of service in STARFLEET, and here's to ten more!

USS Star League NCC-2101  
Waynesboro, South Carolina  
The crew held a meeting and a Star Trek Halloween scavenger hunt and lunch at the mall.

USS Star Runner NCC-74222  
Taylors, South Carolina  
The chapter sent care packages to the troops overseas, and held a movie night and Halloween party.

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122  
Spring Lake, North Carolina  
The Chapter's No Trek Halloween party was held at the CO's house.

USS Tristar NCC-71829  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Annual Boo! At The Zoo was once again a success. We worked eight nights on two consecutive weekends.

USS Tycho NCC-59325  
Martin, Ohio  
This month we take over the library's display case again. The display will have a horror theme. Members worked on the display arrangement. We also talked about all the latest Sci Fi movies out now and what is coming out in the coming months.

USS Yaeger NCC-61893  
Bluefield, West Virginia  
Took part in joint road trip to NC Zoo for Halloween festivities with members of VT SF and Furry clubs. Attended VT SF Club Halloween Festivities. Hosted Game Day on October 21.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A  
Catawba, South Carolina  
We had our October meeting/Halloween get together on Oct. 30th at Capt. Swope's house.

## Region 2

Shuttle Andromeda NCC-74692/02  
Tampa, Florida  
Due of Hurricane Wilma I was mostly working with the Red Cross Headquarter in Tampa & working on a fund raiser for the Museum of Science & Industry new Planetarium.

Shuttle MacArthur NCC-71708  
Tampa, Florida  
Several members of the Shuttle MacArthur attended Necronomicon 2005.

SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007  
Florence, Alabama  
Monthly meeting, annual fund raiser at the Renaissance Faire.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003  
Miami, Florida  
Blackstar had its 2nd Club bowling Night with some of our members spending an enjoyable night of amateur bowling. Blackstar members also helped staff the Screamefest Horror Event.

USS Continuum NCC-71821  
Milton, Florida  
Last month we held our command staff meeting at Books-A-Million for the first time since Ivan.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920  
Leaksville, Mississippi  
Members attended the Haise meeting, discussed taking part in the Adopt a Badge Program, and held a Halloween Party at the captain's house.

USS Dauntless NCC-74214  
Orange Park, Florida  
South Africa Members attended the Conserve II convention, played in the Star Trek CCG Nationals.

USS DaVinci NCC-74671  
Columbus, Georgia  
Our annual Goodbye Summer Hello Fall cookout was a resounding success! About 20 DaVinci crew members and their attended. We had the largest turnout ever for any of the Help-the-Hooch River cleanup events (twenty)!

USS Draco NCC-78501  
Cullman, Alabama  
Crew members have participated in a haunted house for charity, Pathways of Goodwill. Also members participated with the SFI Memorial Day Project.

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822  
Odenville, Alabama  
On the Odenville end, a group of us went on our usual weekly shopping trips. On one trip, we went to some thrift stores in Birmingham and ate out. On the Decatur End, they have been doing some cooking with the cadets and going to various events in their area.

USS Gasparilla NCC-74400  
Mailed \$147,973 worth of coupons to overseas military bases; reported totals to OCP.

USS Guardian NCC-26244  
Cocoa, Florida  
Earlier in the month, club members participated in a movie outing to see the latest science fiction film, Serenity. Business portion of meeting dealt with planning club activities during the Thanksgiving holiday.

USS Haise NCC-74664  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Participated as volunteers & walkers for the Jackson area Walk for Diabetes on Oct. 23.  
Welcomed birth of son to James & Beverly Jackson on Oct. 19. Crew photo from the Sept. community service project was also submitted and printed by the Clarion-Ledger newspaper.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the Jackson Family on the new cadet!

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004  
Graysville, Alabama  
Halloween recruiting table & costume contest at Kingdom Comics. Annual Halloween party.

USS Jubilee NCC-57299  
Mobile, Alabama  
USS JUBILEE attended the memorial service for its member Madelyn Romano who passed away September 18.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Condolences go out to Ms. Romano's family and the crew of JUBILEE on her loss.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172  
Dunedin, Florida  
Monthly meeting, Dinner Night Out, Annual Halloween party.

USS New Hope NCC-50335  
Montgomery, Alabama  
SOLD KRISPY CREME DONUT CERTIFICATES for charity, Jan Sleight's CATS CRADLE, which catches stray cats & tries to rehabilitate them.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695  
Collins, Mississippi  
Met with USS Odyssey on OCT 1.

USS Paegan NCC-1755  
Lake Mary, Florida  
Monthly meeting had a great turnout, including the Region 2 RC. Gaming was enjoyed by all.

USS Relentless NCC-81001  
Palm Bay, Florida  
Crew worked Harvest Festival Table doing Alien Ears for Library, did a Mall Walk handing flyers & business cards for Starfleet, and held Halloween party.

USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005  
Savannah, Georgia  
Crew enjoyed a meeting at Joe Muggs in Books-A-Million, Club RPG Garu game, our monthly movie night ("Serenity"), and a Club Bowling Night at Victory Lanes. Some of us Provided Security at Hallowcon and supported Oatland Island's Halloween Hike.

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097  
Decatur, Georgia  
The Spiritwalker gave with 6 bags of food & some treats to the Decatur Animal Shelter. Several members of the ship went shopping on the 13th, 21st, & the 28th.

USS Trident NCC-74692  
Jensen Beach, Florida  
Away Teams saw "Wallace and Gromit" and attended Screamefest Horror Convention.

USS Wernher von Braun NCC-72069  
Madison, Alabama  
NovaCon is this weekend in Huntsville. We have a table reserved, & plan to share it with any other SFI chapters that want space.

## Region 3

SS Freedom III SS-001  
Eules, Texas  
Report Filed No activity listed

SS Maverick SFR-301  
Lubbock, Texas  
October was a busy month for us with ongoing recruiting, a video night, and a theater outing to see "Firefly." October also found us serving dinner for our favorite charity (Ronald McDonald House) and a couple of our members also helped raise money for the Heart Association by being part of the annual Heart Walk at Texas Tech.

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889  
Georgetown, Texas  
October events included the Ark Angel Fall Camping Trip (along with members of the USS Rhyanna), Dallas ComicCon, the Rhyanna Halloween Cookout, and a Halloween Party. The crew voted to nominate the Battleship Texas Foundation as the Region 3 Summit 2006 charity.

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888  
Houston, Texas  
Chapter gearing up for the final issue of the AG, which will be a double 1. Also have a new roster design in the works. Members enjoying Ren Fest events both in Texas and New York. Also away team when the Wings Over Houston Airshow. 2040.98 in coupons were mailed to our base in Japan.

USS Bexar NCC-71718  
San Antonio, Texas  
Congratulations to Amy Esqueda & John Edward Mondragon, they got married on

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October 23. Our medical department is still be collecting and delivering stuffed animals for the EMS Trauma Buddy program.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to John & Amy on their nuptials! Here's to a long and happy marriage!

USS Firebird NCC-74919  
Houston, Texas  
Attended Zoo-Boo @ the Houston Zoo. Volunteered over 20 hours collectively for Hurricane Relief efforts, & animal rescue. Indulged in mass quantities of cheesie-poofs.

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019  
El Paso, Texas  
Our XO returned on 7Oct05, and we held a Ship event & party for XO on 9oct05.

USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Cadet Alex Kearney led an away mission to his elementary school Casa Linda. Our mission was to assist students with their Mission to Mars science exploration, & preparation for learning sciences in the future.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628  
Lubbock, Texas  
Crew met at CO and Jag's home for barbeque brisket. Afterward everyone went to local Fast Eddy's for pool and darts practice for the upcoming Region 3 Game Day. We made dinner at the local Ronald McDonald House.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914  
Amarillo, Texas  
We had our 9th Annual Halloween Costume Party. Great fun!

USS Regulator NCC-73337  
Weatherford, Texas  
Quark's Casino and Auction raised \$400 and roughly 50lbs of goods for a local Woman's Shelter.

USS Rhyanna NCC-1892  
Marble Falls, Texas  
Collected products and volunteered for two area Food Pantries.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300  
Houston, Texas  
Several crew members got together to celebrate the ship's 7th Anniversary.

USS Tejas NCC-9756  
Vernon, Texas  
We are still collecting Pennies for our "Mile of Pennies", Coupons for OCP and First Step, and Newspapers and aluminum cans for two County Humane Societies.

USS Thunderwolf NCC-63542  
San Antonio, Texas  
Ship gathered 12 bags of clothes which were delivered to the Medina Children's Home. Members worked at a Habitat for Humanities worksite & helped in building a home.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425  
Dallas, Texas  
The crew held a game night and a fundraiser badge making for Oct Dallas ComiCon, attended the Sector 1 Movie outing to see Serenity, and manned a Toys for Tots Table.  
USS Victory NCC-74208  
San Antonio, Texas  
Regular crew meeting on Sunday October 16. Chapter Halloween party Monday October 31.

## Region 4

Shuttle Albion NCC-74213/3  
London, United Kingdom  
We had an MSN meeting, talking about many things but one significant thing that came out of this was that two officers are going to produce a pilot for our ships newsletter, The Griffin's Tal.

Shuttle Battle Born NCC-23104/1  
Carson City, Nevada  
Held birthday party for 4 members of the club @ the CO's home. Members will be participating in Toys for Tots program & also working on developing ID cards for the chapter.

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003  
Redding, California  
4 Members of the chapter attended the Region 4 Conference. Member submitted a bid for the 2006 Conference.

SS K Ehleyr NCC-009  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Crew held our 11th Anniversary Party, a Going Away Party for Joshua Andrews, and a Halloween Party.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to the crew of K'EHLEYR STATION on eleven years of service in STARFLEET, and here's to eleven more!

USS Angeles NCC-71840  
Los Angeles, California  
We hosted a very successful and fun Region 4 Conference, including away missions to the Japanese Garden, Vasquez Rocks and the Hollywood Entertainment Museum. We also participated in the AIDS Walk and the Alzheimer's' Walk, and held a Halloween Party.

USS Angelfire NCC-75025  
Glendale, California  
USS Angelfire hosted its annual Halloween Party, the theme was "ghoulish reality" so members all dressed up in costumes that reflected themselves in a ghoulish way. 2 weeks prior to the party the command staff & the 14th MSG all gathered together at the host's home to have the bi-monthly "Home Invasion" where Angelfire will help clean the home or yard of a member who needs assistance.

USS Centurion NCC-74801  
San Bernardino, California  
Ship held a combined meeting with local

Klingon group and is still saving soda tabs for local Ronald McDonald House.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003  
Bakersfield, California  
Members ran errands for handicapped neighbor without a car and are still collecting books and videos for the hospital and Iraq. We also attended Samhain Ritual and had a very good time.

USS Eagle NCC-1719  
Fremont, California  
Crew members had a good time at SiliCon 2005. The captain went to the Regional Conference.  
USS Gallant NCC-4890  
Fresno, California  
Several members of the crew joined as committee members for a Regional Conference bid for 2006.

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 Johnny "Wash" Buckhanan, Intel Officer T'Anyia "Kaylee" Morris, Intel Analyst Becca "River" Flores, and Helm Officer Celeste "Registered Companion" Miller.

USS Oberon NCC-71820  
Sacramento, California  
Made contact through RC. Chapter is working on rebuilding membership

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200  
Visalia, California  
Our meeting was a BBQ where we discussed the future of the Peacekeeper. Our next meeting will be our Fall Poker Night to raise money for Foodlink of Tulare County.

USS S'Lheya NCC-1601  
Fresno, California  
We haven't done much lately---just attend our meetings.

USS Stormbringer NCC-74213  
Riverside, California  
Chapter held their 7th Annual Halloween Anniversary Party. Over 100 guests came to celebrate.

USS William O Darby NCC-12474  
Grand Terrace, California  
Attended "Fleet Week" in San Francisco, worked with other ST clubs on joint activities planning for Xmas event, and our Cadet program is underway.

## Region 5

SS Grey Wolf SFR-501  
Boise, Idaho  
3 members attended the R4 conference in

LA & had a GREAT time. Had a Halloween get together at the Corn Maize.

USS Crusader NCC-74711  
Otis Orchard, Washington  
We are working toward raising funds to sponsor a family thru the Wishing Star Foundation. We will be buying Christmas gifts for the entire family & also give a gift certificate to the local grocery store. We also held our 1st costume Halloween party.

USS Destiny NCC-97301  
Salem, Oregon  
We began our Food Drive for the Salem Food Bank. Food boxes are decorated at US Banks, at AJ Auto, and at Jones Oil Co. We are getting back on track with the OCP coupon program, & a "Cut Up Party" is being planned in the near future.

USS Rubicon NCC-71816  
Richland, Washington  
October Events included a General Meeting; a Serenity Movie Away Mission; attending the Art Festival; a Magic The Gathering Gaming event, Miniature Golf, Dinner, and "Doom" (the movie), a Halloween Party, and a visit to the Jaycee's Haunted Forest.

## Region 6

USS Fox River NCC-81002  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
Ship planning Good Day To Dine and collecting supplies for local animal shelters. We had our October meeting/Halloween get together.

USS Imperium NCC-2125  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Region Six Conference was held October 22, 2005 at Valleycon 31 in Fargo. Farewell supper after con was held at Speakeasy Restaurant in Moorhead, MN.

USS Saint George NCC-63541  
Slater, Minnesota  
Collecting Coupons for OCP continues, members are donating blood and performing other charities.

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota  
The crew undertook the yearly adventure in bowling. We also participated in the Rapid City Citywide safe Halloween. On Nov 1st members dressed as Stormtroopers to Promote Star Wars: Episode III release on DVD for the Ellsworth Base Exchange.

## Region 7

ISS Kerberos NCC-74929  
Newark, New Jersey  
XO advances his martial arts skills in tournaments. Region 7 chapter members help behind the scenes in IC06 prep.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C  
West New York, New Jersey  
The Lex is planning on attending the R7

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holiday party in Dec. Finalization of the Praetorian Guard qualification badges.

USS Accord NCC-1842  
Ithaca, New York

The crew assisted with Watkins Glen Weekend planning and implementation. MaaM was Lunch at CTB followed by visit to Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Acronyms are wonderful things... when people know what they mean. ;-)

USS Adamant NCC-3029  
Hatfield, Pennsylvania  
USS Adamant Cantina & Movie Night included grub at the Pizzeria UNO regrouping to see "Serenity" again for the 3rd or 4th time.

USS Albany NCC-587  
Scotia, New York  
Events in October included members attending the Cornfield Mazes, two bowling outings, participating in the Heart Walk (our team brought in \$1,867.65), and a Halloween Party. Our OCP mailing was \$1,398.72 for a YTD total of \$19,515.72, and check was cut for \$725 to Ronald McDonald House.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812  
Camp Springs, Maryland  
CO and Chief Engineer spent most of October on shore leave in Scotland.

USS Archer NCC-1069  
Mantua, New Jersey  
Planning the Archer/Challenger Holiday Cookie Exchange for Sun., Dec. 4.

USS Ari NCC-1723  
Buffalo, New York  
The Ari held its monthly meeting on Saturday, October 1. Topics included were recent news events and members' favorite pre-1960 and post 1960 sci-fi, horror and fantasy films.

USS Ascension NCC-2520  
Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Members attended a Haunted Hayride, the USS Adamant Monthly Meeting, and Chiller Theater Con.

USS Asimov NCC-1647  
Paoli, Pennsylvania  
This past Month, the Crew of the USS Asimov bid farewell to the beloved Booze Moose. He was given a proper Viking Funeral as is befitting his Scandinavian Ancestry.

USS Avenger NCC-1860  
Linden, New Jersey  
The Science Engineering Divisions attended the American Helicopter Museum/Rotorfest event. The MSG is waiting to hear from USMC liaison so we can participate in TOYS FOR TOTS program.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543  
Dover, Delaware  
Members attended the Athena Halloween Party.

USS Dragon Star NCC-52135  
Walden, New York  
The crew took a trip to the Middletown 'Circus Royale.' Held card night, playing gin rummy, and game night with Texas Hold'em.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
We had a group head to Chiller, hosted a meeting at the Quakertown library and had a Halloween party. Cadet Fox Avery raised \$35 for St. Jude's Research Hospital. CO attended the first meeting for the Relay for Life.

USS Highlander NCC-10530  
Randallstown, Maryland  
Discussing Polar Bear Plunge. CO is excited about her wedding and planning! Gerry, Gerri and Angel working Ren Fair this month. Looking to help with IC2006.

USS Inferno NCC-15202  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
We had a series of small meetings this month. On the table for discussion was the change-in-command for our Maquis ship, allowing there to be three different Captains involved in our combined crews. A series of poker games between members of the three ships were held during October, with the Captain losing about 25 cents in one game.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Wow, one of those high stakes games!

USS Justice NCC-556  
Work slowly progresses on the video project. Our video project was an invited guest of UberCon. Was approached by at least two other cons to show case our videos. Florham Park

USS Matrix NCC-72296  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
Updating of the Ship's Operations Manual is continuing. Nominations have begun for the upcoming Commanding Officer post. Also working to create an online database for Matrix crew members.

USS Niagara NCC-75634  
Cheektowaga, New York  
The ships eBay for Hurricane Relief Project took in 268.00 for the Salvation Army Katrina Relief fund.

USS Osiris NCC-3092  
Bronx, New York  
After our general meeting on the 17th of October, we had a comedy movie night where we saw Zorro The Gay Blade (a personal favorite), Top Secret, Young Frankenstein and Johnny Dangerously. And what would an Osiris movie night be if we didn't do MSTK style commentary throughout all the movies?

USS Sovereign NCC-75000  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
We sent an away team back in time to the Renaissance Faire.

USS Starlord NCC-74225  
Aberdeen, New Jersey  
The crew enjoyed Gaming Nights and a Halloween Party and Meeting.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Gearing up for the 2006 convention and other activities.

USS Top Gun NCC-75029  
Oxon Hill, Maryland  
We had a couple of solo away team missions including Rocky Horror Picture Show in Northern Virginia and the Athena Halloween Party.

## Region 9

Shuttle Star Saber NCC-74212  
APO, Ehningen, Germany  
We met friends on a Trek dinner. The crew enjoyed online gaming.

USS Europe NCC-74668  
Lisbon, Spain  
A New RPG has started, and we are running a Daily Trivia contest.

USS Vanguard NCC-75026  
Laakdal, Belgium  
Online Gaming Continues. We have set up an online Trivia Quiz with new questions running daily for an entire month. On September 4, two members participated in a Star Trek 2E Constructed CCG Tournament resulting in a 2nd and 6th place. On September 18, two members participated in the Star Trek 2E Constructed CCG Belgian Championship resulting in a 5th and 7th place.

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: Congratulations to VANGUARD for these victories!

## Region 10

USS Crystal Star NCC-1160  
Eagle River, Alaska  
Planning a movie Party for Nov 12.

USS Majestic NCC-78601  
Victoria, British Columbia  
Planning Annual Christmas Dinner at the CO's quarters.

USS Sol NCC-1733  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Watched ST TOS episodes.

## Region 12

Shuttle Foe Hammer NCC-72292/1  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Members attended many of the USS Claymore's events, including their meeting and their two Halloween parties (one for kids and one for adults).

Shuttle Rosen NCC-3143/1  
Royal, Kansas  
Helped put together shoeboxes for operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse.

Shuttle Ultimatum NCC-10534  
Springfield, Missouri  
Plans confirmed for going to Legend of Zorro, and a day trip to Branson to the world's largest toy museum in November.

USS Bortas NCC-74211  
Urbana, Illinois  
We held our monthly meeting & also held our 2nd Annual Bonfire & Hot Dog Roast @ the home of our Chief Communications Officer.

USS Claymore NCC-72292  
Midwest City, Oklahoma  
Hosted Chapter Halloween party (Can we say ROCKY?). Claymore Kids hosted Halloween block party had over 30 in attendance. Helped run local community center safe trick or treat walk, haunted house, and carnival.

USS Dragonstrike NCC-74305  
Oswego, Kansas  
The annual toy drive for children kicked off. Also names for the annual Christmas gift exchanged drawn... this year a \$10 limit established. Hoping that everyone in fleet has a happy & safe Holiday season.

USS Hexum NCC-2199  
Belleville, Illinois  
Crew members participated in ARCHON, a Midwest SCI-FI convention and went to see "Serenity". We received a thank you & well done from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for our participation in Neighborhood Mailings.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514  
Wichita, Kansas  
Post-meeting Away Mission to see the movie "Serenity". Crew participated in local Humane Society festival "Woofstock", plus an away mission the Great Plain Renaissance Faire. We are working on a new ship uniform.

USS Morning Star NCC-4126  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
Still collecting tabs for quarterly delivery to RMHC in OKC. Contributions from local bars, Senior Center, area schools, area churches, local recycler, & Ft. Sill Marines. Collecting food for Salvation Army (Thanksgiving), garage sale for local Humane Society, & usual CP, BC UPC's, Campbell's labels for Education, & Stampede Stamps.

USS Phoenix NCC-2155  
Columbia, Missouri  
Contacted Boon County Voluntary Action Center about putting together items for charity "Christmas Basket", & making plans for November group movie outing.

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USS Royal Sovereign NCC-72201  
Leavenworth, Kansas  
October was a quiet month. Crew working on merger plans & sent out most recent gift boxes to US troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679  
Augusta, Kansas  
Collecting & clipping coupons as always, our main project. We also assisted the local Lions Club in a Candy Day fundraiser.

USS Umiak NCC-3142  
St. Louis, Missouri  
The crew attended Archcon 29... The crew is looking forward to "Harry Potter 3"... That's all for now...

## Region 13

USS Banting NCC-17220  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada  
Banting held a General meeting and a Halloween Party

USS Empress NCC-15025-A  
Sterling Heights, Michigan  
Crew is working on our holiday charity drives.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020  
Georgetown, Ontario, Canada  
General meeting on October 16th.

USS Jaguar NCC-74750  
Pembroke, Ontario, Canada  
Members attended Watkins Glen Weekend in Region 7. Several Members from our chapter & a few other chapters are getting together for online poker on a weekly basis & have been having a blast!

USS Sinclair NCC-74209  
Waterford, Michigan  
Meeting details for our annual meeting coming up in November are being finalized. Membership record organization was completed. All member records are in one central location & data is now more secure than previously. Submissions are being accepted from members to look into different charities for some fundraisers planned for 2006.

USS White Star NCC-71012  
Port Huron, Michigan  
Held Halloween Party, and planning for Anniversary Party.

## Region 14

USS Magellan NCC-72014  
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada  
Very little. All crewmembers must be pretty much involved in their own lives and we exchanged very few emails this month.

## Region 15

Shuttle Anubis NCC-586  
Swampscott, Massachusetts  
October was a slow month for us in regards to activities with the CO having

back/hip problems, but we did manage to hold a virtual meeting in the ship's chat room.

Shuttle Menahga NCC-3100  
Beverly, Massachusetts  
We are gearing up for our Toys-For-Tots drive & have already gathered about a dozen items thus far.

SS Ian Fleming SFR-1501  
Newburyport, Massachusetts  
As is usually the case for this time of year, activities on the Chapter have reduced drastically. For this year's last hurrahs, the Chapter is looking forward to attending United Fan Con in November & the Regional Christmas party in December.

USS Ares NCC-26291  
Boston, Massachusetts  
We had members attend multiple viewings of the movie Serenity. Members went to a sneak preview of the new Zorro film. Members of the Ares have been attending United Fan Con meeting almost every weekend this month to help prepare for the upcoming con.

USS Avalon NCC-74914  
Standish, Maine  
Sponsored the first annual Bonny Eagle High School Quest Club Halloween Costume Party, and also held our Annual Halloween Costume Party; this year with a casino flair. We enjoyed hosting members from the O'Bannon, the Nelson and the Atlantis.

USS Darwin NCC-1166  
Brockton, Massachusetts  
This month the crew met @ the library & hung for a bit before going out to a movie. Plans & rooms were finalized for United FanCon where many of the crew will be helping out.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
We went to the Silver Screen Movie Museum & Archive. The November meeting will be taking place at United Fan Con.

USS Hood NCC-1707  
North Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
Meeting to plan balance of calendar 2005Q4 and 2006Q1.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784  
Bangor, Maine  
On November 26th & December 17th, we will be Bell Ring & manning the Angel Tree booth for the Salvation Army. Our 2 other missions are Toys for Tots and Santa Mail.

USS Nelson NCC-74804  
Northampton, Massachusetts  
As per a vote of the crew, the U.S.S. Nelson is now a Luna class starship, sporting a new look and logo. An away team mission attended a mystery dinner event at a local dinner, a 'Murder at a Star Trek Convention'.

USS O'Bannon NCC-5372  
Sanford, Maine  
We sponsored a very production blood drive with the American Red Cross, collecting 50+ pints including one each from the CO & XO. The crew provided assistance to donors, clerical help as well as manning the canteen (even supplying treats even the extremely popular Trill cookies).

## Region 17

Shuttle Tomahawk NCC-62001/3  
Albuquerque, NM  
Members attended X-Prize Cup event in Las Cruces, NM along with USS Anasazi. Members have begun working on Toys-for-Tots and preparing for the R-17 summit in March

USS Alioth NCC-72383  
Orem/Provo, Utah  
Held costume party at Chuck E Cheese for the kids on the ship, then went to the home of the CO for the original, black and white, "Little Shop of Horrors".

USS Anasazi NCC-62001  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Held our regular meetings, began serious planning for the Region 17 we will be hosting. Also planning for our annual Toys for Tots drives and other holiday community service activities (food drives, clothing drives, etc..).

USS Arc Royal NCC-63546  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Getting prepared for the Thanksgiving and Anniversary parties. CO attended Mile-Hi-Con and visited with members of the Pioneer there.

USS Carson NCC-0592-A  
Farmington, New Mexico  
Have a huge box of coupons waiting for funds to mail overseas.

USS Mir NCC-73281  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Events the General crew meeting & lunch and the Annual Halloween costume party and pot luck.

USS Moontype NCC-9493  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
Progress is being made toward the production of a handbook in accessible format to be given out to the crew, to be made available in Braille, Large Print, on tape and Computer Disc. The crew has volunteered their expertise in producing the materials from the hotel and the IC Program in accessible formats and assist in meeting the other

needs of the Blind, Visually Impaired and disabled STARFLEET Members who will be participating at the IC in Denver, Colorado in 2007.

USS Omega Glory NCC-26917  
Denver, Colorado  
Activities included a trip to the Aurora History Museum: Gateway to the Rockies; an outing to see the Gateway Jazz Band Concert; Front Range and Colorado Grottoes Meetings; attending Pumpkinfest, Mile Hi Con 37, and VeloExpo; Bicycle Aurora meeting; and two GURPS Gaming Days.

USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D  
Denver, Colorado  
The crew enjoyed many activities, including a Serenity Movie outing, Laser Quest, House Vampyr Halloween party, two Haunted House outings, and attending Mile Hi Con.

USS Tiburon NCC-74220  
Denver, Colorado  
Members attended Mile Hi Con and had dinner with members of the USS Omega Glory. We decided that since Battlestar and Stargate are in reruns we would choose themes for our Sci-Fi Fridays. The Tiburon participated with Colorado Greyhound Adoption and the Colorado Humane Society at the Humane Societies annual Wags and Whiskers event. This is primarily a pet health and welfare event.

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
We are still starting to try our hands at learning the Star Trek role playing game courtesy of one of our members. We are continuing our beanie baby donation to the soldiers in Iraq via a connection in Fort Carson.

## Region 20

ISS Saratoga NCC-20  
Stevenage, Herts, United Kingdom  
After the unfortunate resignation of the Britannia's Commanding Officer for personal reasons (we'll miss ya, man!), the former Region 20 Flagship merged with her Shuttle, Saratoga, becoming the ISS Saratoga, and a stronger presence on the outer edge of STARFLEET. The crew are now looking forward to their CNYC Party (Christmas, New Year, Commissioning), on the 14th of January, kicked off by the Polar Bear Plunge!

MSR-RABBI'S NOTE: That sounds like it'll be a great time... I only wish I could be there!



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27-Jan	R-04 - K'Ehleyr Station	Fillmore, Sean	6	<a href="mailto:Kitten63@cox.net">Kitten63@cox.net</a>
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12-Feb	R-02 - USS Spiritwalker	Self, John W	85	<a href="mailto:spiritwalker77@aol.com">spiritwalker77@aol.com</a>
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We also have the pleasure to announce the wedding of Sandy Berenberg and Karen Goldbach. They were married on October 15th on the SS Star of Louisville by the Ship's Captain. A three hour cruise of fine dining and dancing on the Ohio River was enjoyed by the wedding party and attendees. They honeymooned in Maine and are now home settling into married life. Sandy is the CO and Karen is the XO of the USS Pride Of Scotland. You can send your condolences to this email address [Irishlady@bellsouth.net](mailto:Irishlady@bellsouth.net).

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