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Edgar addresses the attendees at the USS Osiris Farewell Party for Ariel Vitali.
Picture submitted by CDR Ariel Vitali



This picture of Edgar was sent in by his wife, Maria Torres. Thank you, Maria!

I met Edgar Torres (and his wife María) shortly after joining the USS Northstar. It was at a joint Osiris/Northstar Halloween party, back in October 2000. I hit it off great not only with the Osiris crew, but especially with the Captains Torres. It was enough for me to join the Osiris as an associate member. I have maintained my Osiris membership to this day.

They were there for me, too, when I was dealing with my own illness in 2001; they visited me in the hospital and always had something - a word, good food, something - to help with my healing. The Osiris, led by "Cap'n (recently promoted to Commodore) E," were the ones who threw a surprise farewell party for me when I moved back to California. I kept in touch with Edgar and Maria via e-mail, mailing lists, and video chat. There were times when they had a Webcam set up so I could "attend" Osiris meetings, thanks to the magic of Yahoo! Messenger.

Edgar also had this near-obsessive devotion to Superman. Man, I'd never seen someone so into Superman or DC comics in general, as Edgar. He could tell you any detail about the Last Son of Krypton, and I could not keep up with him on the vast amounts of Super-trivia at his fingertips. He and I could geek out not only on Trek, but also on the Man of Steel, as well as Green Lantern (my favorite superhero). Edgar was always quick with a joke, a reassurance, but was also there with the proverbial kick in the pants, if the situation called for it.

When María told me the news that Edgar was sick in the hospital with abdominal cancer, it hit me in my own gut. How could someone so young be afflicted with such a painful, awful illness? What did she mean that it was incurable? As a physician, I felt helpless to save my friend. As a friend, I was stunned, upset and heartbroken. As a fellow STARFLEET member, how would this affect the leadership Edgar provided and showed to not only Region Seven, but to the entire organization?

My fiancée, Terry, and I were fortunate to visit Edgar last November, just before Thanksgiving. I was in NYC for a conference, and went with this sinking feeling that it would be the last chance I could see Edgar. María had told me before that Edgar's treatment was only being done to ease his pain and discomfort. As I had feared, the chemotherapy did a real number on Edgar's weight, as well as his body overall. But "Comm E" didn't quit. He had a soul and strength as strong as any Kryptonian's.

We will miss Edgar. We cry for him and his family, and mourn with them. I lit a candle for Edgar in church recently, in his honor. If I were a Klingon, I'd be warning Sto-Vo-Kor that a true warrior is on his way. But... seeing that I'm not Klingon, I will drink a toast to my friend tonight. I only knew Edgar Torres for five years, but I felt I'd known him for much longer.

May Peace be with you, Comm E. We love you, Papi!

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Now, did you say you were naughty or nice?"

Sal Lizard accompanied Jill and Dennis Rayburn to the Patton Museum in Ft. Knox, KY.



Photos submitted by Dennis Rayburn

"I name this wench Jennifer!"



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YMCA CHRISTMAS PARADE

BGN Truman Temple • USS Centurion, R4

On December 3rd, members of the SFI chapter USS CENTURION and the Klingon Armada NIGHTBLOOD gathered together under the banner of Santa's Intergalactic Helpers, and marched in the 28th Annual YMCA Children's Christmas parade.

The parade, which went just a little under a half a mile, marched directly through downtown San Bernardino, taking us past the Main City Library and several central landmarks. This year the group was positioned behind a local high school band, so keeping in step wasn't a problem; especially with the booming of the drum line.

Truman, Cyndi and Robert Temple were up front leading the way, with Roy and Carolyn on the sides. As in the past years, the group was accompanied by Herbie, and his driver, Jerry Cason, who

was right behind us and got most of the attention.

Each participant was given a blue ribbon to wear and the group was awarded a trophy. This parade marked the groups fourth year participating.

The following 'FLEET' members participated:

- BGN Truman Temple (in Marine BDU's)
- BGN Cyndi Temple (red-headed Klingon with Santa hat)
- CPL Robert Temple (Starfleet duty jacket)

Nightblood Armada members:

- Chancellor Roy Henderson (NASA blue flight suit)
- Carolyn Henderson (white sweatshirt & Santa hat)
- Jerry Cason (driving Herbie)

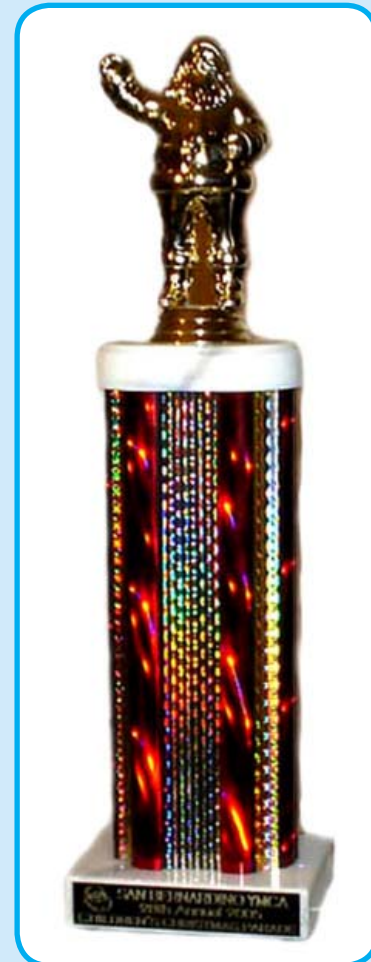


Nightblood Armada member Chancellor Roy Henderson (left), Jerry Cason (Herbie's driver)

Below: USS Centurion member BGN Cyndi Temple (left) and Nightblood Armada member Carolyn Henderson (right)



Left: BGEN Truman Temple
Right: CPL Robert Temple



The Trophy!

STILL INSPIRED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CMDR Jan Sleigh • USS New Hope, R2

After reading an article in the CQ 123 in 2004 about some chapters in the Region 2 Gulf Coast area who were doing charity work and raising a lot of money for their charities, the members of the USS New Hope got motivated to do the same... and we did. We even published an article and 5 pictures in CQ 126 to brag about our charity projects.

Well, there is more bragging to be done because in 2005, we took on some more projects! This year the New Hope participated in the Arthritis Foundation's Annual Arthritis Walk in April at the Montgomery Zoo. Team USS New Hope was six members strong and raised \$649.00 to put us in 5th place out of 20+ teams in the overall standings. On the day of the walk, three members (CAPT John Clayton, CMDR Henry Terry and LCDR Will Stapleton) of another Region 2 chapter, the USS Jubilee, joined

us for the 3-mile trek amongst the animals. Members of the New Hope also participated in the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Walk held in December. We were part of the PAWS 4 LOVE team this time and raised \$855.00 to put us in 3rd place in the team standings.

The USS New Hope would like to thank the STARFLEET and Region 2 chapters who helped us make a difference for the many people who suffer from the debilitating effects of arthritis: USS Rutledge, USS Davinci, USS Gasparilla, and the USS Dauntless.

The 2006 Arthritis Walk is going to be on Saturday, April 29, at the Montgomery Zoo. We are planning to invite everyone in Region 2 to join our team and join us for the event! For more information, contact CMDR Jan Sleigh at djsleigh@charter.net.



Members from the USS New Hope joined the PAWS 4 LOVE team for the Jingle Bell Walk. On ground in front: Max (Lhasa Apso)
Front row: Toby (poodle), Denice Criswell (holding Toby), Anna Marie Koerner, Dominic Sleigh, Cherryl Criswell (holding Casper), Casper (Lhasa Apso), Cindy Ducker.
Back row: Patti Preston, Jan Sleigh, Xanthea Kennedy



USS INFERNO XMAS PARTY

Ksimka sutai Ki'RK • USS Inferno, R7

The 2nd annual Xmas party for the USS Inferno was held on December 18, 2006 at 2 pm at the home of Debbie and Larry French. After a 48-hour fight with the lights for the Xmas tree, we managed to finally get the tree up and decorated. We went shopping for the food on Saturday. After getting all the necessary items for the party, we arrived home just in time to receive a phone call from David Ferber. Larry went to pick him up and bring him back to spend the night at our place. In the meantime, I started prepping some of the food to cook for the next day. That night, I managed to get the deviled eggs made and the yams cooked and ready to peel to make the candied yams for the next day. On the menu for the party was: Ham with pineapples, candied yams, rolls, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, corn, & eggnog. Invited guests and what they brought included: David Ferber & hush puppies, Jim McClure & veggie tray & dessert, Ron Seymour & candy, Cindy, Tom, and baby Gwen Higgins & alcohol, & Chris & Annette Roark & soda pop. Also on the dessert menu were 2 pumpkin pies.

We held our monthly meeting that day as well as watching parts of the Steelers

game that was on. During the meeting, we gave David Ferber his promotion from Captain to Fleet Captain. He was very surprised that he had gotten it. We had managed to keep it secret from him for about 6 months. It was well deserved and earned. Congratulations out to the newly promoted Fleet Captain David Ferber. Dinner was served around 4:30. After dinner, dessert was handed out. All the food was fantastic and enjoyed by all. Larry, Jim, and I played a VCR board game called Star Trek: TNG Interactive VCR Board Game. It was very interesting to say the least. It involved a Klingon hijacking the Enterprise from a starbase back to the Klingon homeworld. We had to race against the clock to save the ship from the Klingon. In the end, we won and saved the ship from certain doom. In the middle of the game, Ron had to leave. He called when he got home just to see who won the game. After everyone had left for the evening, we surveyed the damage and came to 2 conclusions. Everyone had enjoyed himself or herself and the food was excellent.

Until the 2006 Xmas party, this is Debbie French hoping that you have enjoyed reading this report.



ABOVE: David Ferber accepts his promotion from Captain to Fleet Captain.

LEFT: Standing, from left to right, are CAPT John Clayton, CMDR Jan Sleigh, CMDR Henry Terry, CADET Leanne Sleigh, LT CMDR Will Stapleton, CAPT Nancy O'Shields, ENS Doug Sleigh. Seated in front are CADETS Dominic and Daniel Sleigh.

BEACHBASH 2005 REPORT

Ksimka sutai Ki'RK • USS Inferno, R7

BeachBash 2005 was a mild year, as this one had no warrior challenges. It was simply a family reunion for the House Ki'RK and some invited guests. Khon Kijo provided all rooms, eats, and drinks. Everyone got to stay in 1 of 12 3-bedroom condos. All condos included: 1 bedroom with king bed, 1 bedroom with queen bed, 1 bedroom with 2 double beds, kitchen with dishwasher and washer dryer behind closet doors, living room, and balcony. Talk about the view. The oceanfront rooms were just awesome. We left for Myrtle Beach, S.C. around 1 am Wednesday night/Thursday morning to meet Annette and Chris Roark and their 2 kids and her mother in Washington, Pa at a local Eat-n-Park. We also met up with Misty Harshman from the MAV Firesword in the MFA. Riding in our car was Larry, Ron Seymour, Misty, and myself. We hit the road with many rest stops including one in Greensboro, N.C. to eat at IHOP. After getting on the road again, we arrived at the hotel in Myrtle Beach around 4:30 pm.

We found Khon Kijo and got our room keys. We unloaded the car and got all of our stuff up to the room and got rested up. We just hung out all night with all of our friends. On Friday night, we had fun at the Crow's Nest, a bar at the hotel, and listened to people to try their voices at Karaoke. We also had a Klingon in kilts party going on at the same time. Afterwards, we went up to Z-man's room for his party. On Saturday, we met up for breakfast at the restaurant at the hotel. Later on, while waiting for a massage from Ambassador Saroka, I went for a walk on the beach and looked for seashells. After getting my massage, we hung out some more in the great hall. We went through some old photos of beachbash from previous years and also looked at some other photos. There was a lady there from a scrap-booking club that helped Scarlett and others put together a photo album and collage of all the photos that were there.

We all gathered for dinner and got ready for that night's festivities. Kijo had managed to get a hot local band by the name of The Necessary Brothers to play for us. They played all kinds of music ranging from oldies to reggae. Overall, they were fantastic. Afterwards, we all went back to Z-man's for another great room party. On Sunday was the highlight of my day when I got to have my first Harley ride. What a rush!!!! The bike belonged to a gentleman by the name of Joe Ryder. Pat Ryder's younger brother. His klingon name is Sq'tar (Scooter). His windshield has some etchings on it. One is of a betlah, one is a male klingon face and the other two, I believe, were Klingon ships. We had a meeting later that day regarding what we were going to do about BeachBash 2006. It will be an interesting time when that arrives.

On Monday afternoon, we were saying all of our goodbyes and getting ready to make the trip back home, when the car that was following us, had some car trouble. Since we did not want to leave them behind, we decided to stay with them until the car was able to make the long trip back north. After they got the car fixed, it was getting too late to get on the road home, so we all decided to stay the night. Tuesday finally came and we all said our goodbyes for the 2nd time and got under way. After many rest stops on the way home, we finally made it back to Washington, Pa. We got off at the same exit that we all met at, where Misty's ride was awaiting her arrival. We said our goodbyes to them, and started the last leg of the trip home to Pittsburgh. We dropped Ron off at his brother's house so that he could get his car. We then headed to our house, which was only 10 minutes from there. Coincidentally, we all managed to arrive home at the exact same time. 3am Wednesday morning. We all had a good time and enjoyed ourselves down at BeachBash 2005 and can't wait to see what happens at BeachBash 2006.

Until next time, this is Debbie French signing off.



Ksimka, Saroka, Khon Kijo, and K'moghjIH singing Klingon Karaoke.



The Necessary Brothers, a local band of Myrtle Beach, SC jamming with a Klingon from Atlanta, GA.



ABOVE: SQ'Tar and Ksimka joyriding in Myrtle Beach, SC.



LEFT: General K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (BDR Larry D. French, Sr.) in a kilt.

SHUTTLE BONDAR 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COL Loreleigh Graves • Shuttle Bondar, R10

The "first " Annual General Meeting since becoming the official "Shuttle Bondar" was held in 10 Forward (home of COL Loreleigh Graves) on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006.

A pot luck lunch was held after several promotions and financial donations were taken care of, and a very brief business meeting.

Midshipman Cody Lannon received his 10th Fleet Community Service award, and so did Cmdr. Robert Olson, from Region 10's RC, Paul Reid.

Paul Reid also presented FCAPT Norma Langlois with her 10th Fleet Order of Valor.

ENS Lindsey Olson was promoted to LTJG and titled "shuttle file clerk/assistant to Chief of Science", by FCAPT Norma Langlois. Chief of Sciences Muriel Winter asked that Lindsey take charge in her absence.

PO2 Dale Friesen (resident computer tech), in computer sciences, assistant editor and bookkeeper, was promoted to Lieutenant by FCAPT Norma Langlois.

Our Loaves and Fishes Food Bank representative, JoAnn Dundas, wasn't allowed to stand for the presentation of \$1000. We felt that she had nearly passed out on us last year when we gave her \$350 and we had fears of what could

happen this time, so we insisted that she remain seated. She also received 22 cases of clothes, books and toys for the needy along with 2 ten kilo bags (44.4 lbs) of sugar.

Elizabeth Hume, the representative from Haven Society, (a "safe house" for battered women) received \$500 and a large container of travel-size ladies toiletries for the battered women's use (about \$100 worth).

COL Loreleigh Graves was given her own red command shirt by FCAPT Norma Langlois and her own rubber stamp letterhead, "To Boldly Go", also from Norma.

COL Graves was given her 10th Fleet Commander's Star and then the 10th Fleet Unit Citation for the club by RC10's Paul Reid.

When all this had been accomplished, we enjoyed a late pot luck lunch consisting of roast turkey, chicken pieces in sweet and sour sauce, stuffing, cranberry sauce, perogies, devilled eggs, an assortment of 4 types of salad, vast arrangement of pickles, olives, 2 cheeses, garlic sausage slices and crackers. This was followed up with dessert choices of trifle, Black forest cake and cookies. There was also a choice of tea, coffee, Pepsi, bottled water and 7-Up.

Nobody went home hungry or unhappy.



The fellow on the left (back) is COL Mike McColl, father of birthday boy ENS Norman McColl, seated. CMDR Robert Olson is presenting the cake to Norm. Midshipman Cody Lannon is in the front right and CMDR Greg Fogdon is to the far right (back). (Photo was taken by Loreleigh Graves.)



ABOVE: Dale's promotion to Lieutenant.

BELOW: Lindsay Olson's promotion to Lieutenant junior grade.



JoAnn from Loaves and Fishes receives \$1,000.



Elizabeth Hume from Haven Society receiving \$500.



LEFT:
The
Smorgasbord!



HISTORY OF THE USS STORMBRINGER

ADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simons • USS Stormbringer, R4

This Document is classified. If you do not have clearance to receive this information, you are guilty of treason, punishable by 30 years in a STARFLEET penal facility.

HISTORY OF THE USS STORMBRINGER

In the year 2266, the Romulan Star Empire penetrated the neutral zone for the first time in over 100 years. In direct violation of the Treaty of Algeron, the Romulans tested the "iron" of STARFLEET by threatening the outposts along the Federation border of the zone. After much debate, STARFLEET responded by dispatching the USS ENTERPRISE under the command of Captain James T. Kirk to directly confront the Romulans in a tactic of deceit in 2268. During this mission, Captain Kirk managed to steal one of the cloaking devices used so effectively by the Romulan Fleet. After returning to spacedock after using the device to escape from the superior Romulan ships, the device was removed from the ENTERPRISE and refitted to an experimental STARFLEET prototype vessel, later to be named the USS STORMBRINGER. As the use of cloaking technology was expressly forbidden by the Treaty of Algeron, the ship was assigned to Covert Operations Command and technically "did not exist." The official STARFLEET report to the Federation Council stated that the device was "alien technology" and could not be utilized due to damage incurred during the ENTERPRISE's escape from the Romulans. This was an age old tactic known as "disinformation."

(It worked better than anyone could have possibly imagined.)

On a classified stardate in a ceremony involving only a few select individuals, the experimental starship USS STORMBRINGER, NX-0000 was secretly commissioned into STARFLEET Covert Operations Command and assigned to Captain Jonathan Harris. Captain Harris was commanding the USS EXCALIBUR at the time. Therefore a decision was made to fabricate an "accident" involving the EXCALIBUR and the M-5 computer. According to official records, all hands perished in the "accident."

After reassignment to the "non-existent" STORMBRINGER the Captain and crew served admirably on numerous classified missions deep into Romulan, Klingon, and Tholian space. Unfortunately, Captain Harris and crew were killed in the line of duty during a classified mission when forced to engage the combined forces of the Romulan and Klingon empires, shortly after their treaty was made public. Rumor has it that the STORMBRINGER engaged

12 vessels in combat and successfully destroyed 9 of them before sheer numbers overcame superior tactics. Captain Harris and crew posthumously received the STARCROSS commendations; dating back to the "accident" aboard the EXCALIBUR.

(At least that's what their families were told.)

PHASE TWO

In 2275, after political changes in STARFLEET and the Federation Council, Admiral Cartwright reinstated PROJECT: STORMBRINGER, once again under the auspices of "Federation Security." Little is known about the missions or crew of the new Constitution class USS STORMBRINGER, as those records have been sealed by the President of the Federation Council.

It is rumored that the STORMBRINGER was responsible for the destruction of the Klingon energy production facility Praxis, resulting in the Khitomer Peace Accords... but this is yet unconfirmed. No information exists about the crew or command staff, but one light schematic overview was obtained by genetically altered Romulan infiltrators. That schematic overview is contained herein for your information.

(No other information about this incarnation of the STORMBRINGER is known to exist.)

PHASE THREE

With the Borg incursion at wolf 359, STARFLEET lost 39 starships and 11,000 crew. Admiral Hanson, commander of the armada, perished aboard the USS MELBOURNE. After this incident, STARFLEET devoted many resources to assure that this kind of threat does not happen again. The Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (ASDB), came up with many new designs incorporating existing technology. One of these designs became the next USS STORMBRINGER.

The modified Defiant Class USS STORMBRINGER merges the latest in weapons and Electronic Counter Measure (ECM) technology. The additions of other classified systems are proving valuable not only in anti-Borg hardware, but the threats from the Dominion and Romulans

as well. Serving once again in Section 31, STARFLEET denies the STORMBRINGER "officially" exists. That is one of the greatest advantages of this vessel... and one of her greatest drawbacks as well.

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"LET ME HELP..."

USS JOAN OF ARC Crew launches "Weird Science Night" into Warp Speed at Corpus Christi elementary school

RADM Jim Van Cleave, CO (Ret.) • USS Joan of Arc, R3

Sometimes all you have to do to get a great opportunity is to ask for it. That is exactly how the crew of the USS Joan of Arc got a recent opportunity to share the wonder of Star Trek with the "next generation" of young students at Casa Linda Elementary in Corpus Christi, Texas. While attending a PTA meeting at my son Alex's school, we learned of an interesting event soon to be hosted by the school. In hopes of sparking increased interest in science and, consequently, boosting test scores in that area, the school would host a "Weird Science Night" on October 27th, 2005, with a focus on the planet Mars, which would be passing close to Earth at that time. After hearing the details, I approached Dr. Ridge Hammond, the school's vice-principal, to ask if outside assistance with the program would be welcome. Dr. Hammond welcomed the offer with open arms and grew more interested and excited as I explained about STARFLEET, the USS Joan of Arc, the various people and personas that staffed her and what they could contribute to the event. Dr. Hammond wanted to hear more and meet the group in person and arranged to join the Joan of Arc's crew for their next dinner and meeting. After meeting the crew, he was convinced that the kids would love seeing us and that it would possibly be one of the highlights of the night. And so, the wheels were set in motion.

Soon, "Weird Science Night" arrived and there was a huge turn out for the event. Several of the Joan of Arc's crew were in attendance, in costume and in persona (two strict requirements for participating, as it would add to the spirit of the evening. After setting up the music room with our display items the crew mingled with the children who, since it was so close to Halloween, were being allowed to wear costumes and "trick or treat" at the various rooms and displays. A wide variety of humans and aliens, including an Andorian, a Ferengi, a Trill and an Orion mingled among the crowd talking with interested parents and children. Even my son Alex was there in full uniform. The biggest hit, however, was our resident Klingon, Robert Shaver, who showed up in full handcrafted Klingon body armor and authentic makeup. When the program started, a couple of children's groups from the school sang songs about space and Mars before the various programs and their locations were announced. Before scattering the children about the campus, Dr. Hammond made a special introduction of our group, member by member, with a little background about each person's planet and origins. Alien greetings were offered by Andorian CO FCPT Kris Dobie and in fluent Klingon by Robert Shaver (translated by his Cha'Ditch, CMDR Jason Rhew). He then turned over the microphone to me. As a veteran STARFLEET officer and an accomplished speaker, I talked a little about STARFLEET and the United

Federation of Planets and explained that the Federation was made up of over a hundred member worlds, each filled with unique people with unique gifts who, together, seek to better themselves and the universe around them. I further explained that working together in this way through the Vulcan concept of Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combination meant that no matter what race, sex, age or religion they were or if they were big, small, fat, skinny, top or bottom of their class... everyone was an important part of the whole. (Dr. Hammond later told me that my encouraging words were greatly appreciated by many of the parents in attendance in addition to the children).

Once the introductions were finished our group, like the others, went to our respective room to await the groups of excited and inquisitive kids. They were greeted by our Ferengi (LCDR Tex Dobie) before making their way into a room featuring a TV with an animated Star Trek episode playing in one corner and various Trek artwork and other items of interest lining the walls. I explained a little about how starships work to future galactic designers and engineers using my prize-winning model of the USS Joan of Arc as a visual aid, while others collected candy and a coloring book of various aliens from our Trill (ENS Diane Beets) and Orion (CAPT Robin Van Cleave). However, it was Robert the Klingon that was, once again, the undeniable hit of the show. He had an impressive display set up in

one corner of the room which displayed numerous items from the Klingon homeworld and from his "travels". There were pictures of various Klingon garb and a model of a ship on which he once served. He explained Klingon culture and regaled the awestruck children with a variety of stories in answer to their eager questions. Children that came to that room for a piece of candy left with something far more special: a glimpse into a bright, shining future full of potential and diversity and the wonders that science and exploration can unlock.

That should be the end of the story, but it's not. Following the event Dr. Hammond received such a positive response, both in parental reaction and students' increased interest in science, that he decided to write up the event in an area educational newsletter. This, in turn, sparked an interest among area schools in hosting similar events and he was asked to talk about his "Weird Science Night" at a continuing education seminar for area Assistant Principals. Since the USS Joan of Arc had figured so prominently in the program's success, he invited me to speak to this group of educators about what we had done that night and how Star Trek could spark an interest in science and IDIC could make every child realize that they are an important part of a greater whole. Now, those Assistant Principals are taking our ideas back and applying them to the education of children at their schools, continuing to spark curiosity and learning through imagination and one man's vision of a greater, brighter future.

Sometimes it is simply amazing what can come about as the result of simply going up to someone and saying, in the truest spirit of Gene Roddenberry's vision, "Let me help".



Left: Robert Shaver as the ever-popular Klingon.
Above: FCPT Kris Dobie (left) as an Andorian CO, and ENS Diane Beets as a Trill Star Fleet officer.
Right: LCDR Tex Dobie as a Ferengi.



STARFLEET'S NEW FORUMS!

CMDR Derek Bellamy • USS Europe, R9

After working with STARFLEET Command, STARFLEET Webmaster, STARFLEET Computer Operations, and several STARFLEET Communications Officials we are pleased to announce the (Beta) Launch of our very own Boards (Forums), which are located at <http://sfi.org/portal/modules/newbb/index.php> or going to the main SFI website at www.sfi.org/portal and clicking the forum option on the left-hand menu.

These forums have been created to allow more freedom to the members when

talking about Trek Topics, and various other pieces of information. Chapter, Regional and Fleet Commanders will now have the ability to post vital openings on the forums that will be posted to the website and send in a weekly e-mail created by myself to the Fleet to announce those positions.

Most Major Departments will have there own forums (and Sub-Forums) for various aspects of there departments, which will allow questions to be posted and answered without having to send it

to just one or more inboxes and waiting for an answer. This will allow people who are not part of that department to answer the question if they can, as well as allow department officials who were not included in the (e-mail) to answer the question if they can.

Along with Department forums there are also a large amount of fan-fic, and fun boards to talk about the series, games, books, and almost anything that comes to mind.

With these new forums will come the need for members to operate boards and other aspects of its operation. Members will be selected and no one member will control the forums. This will allow for a higher

degree of management. Department Heads or Officials will be granted moderator rights for there correct boards according to the Department Directors wishes.

If you would like to apply to be an overall staff member of the boards please forward me your real, and STARFLEET resume, and any other information that you think is needed. An official listing for specific roles will be posted on the main website, along with the forums shortly.

Regards,
CMDR Derek Bellamy
Co-Director, STARFLEET Online Forums
STARFLEET Announcement Administrator
bellamy@sfi.org

ROOM FOR KATRINA

CMDR Robert Suttles • Shuttlecraft Rahxephon, R3

Due to the response of the nation, and in fact the world, one might mistakenly assume that Katrina was the only disaster to ever befall New Orleans. Those who know anything of history, however, know better. However, the disaster of Katrina is no less deserving of narration than any of the others.

My own experience during this modern New Orleans disaster known as Hurricane Katrina is long and involved on so many levels that I fear that such a short description will do it no justice. I still find it strange that someone, such as me, who came through the storm with so little loss, could have so much to tell. But, a life—any life—is made up of many stories, and stories upon stories; and so, briefly, here is my story of how my two month Katrina adventure began.

I had worked for the Best Western Landmark Hotel in Metairie since February of 2003. Like most hotels and other businesses in the area, I suppose, they made a list of volunteers who would stay at and work at the hotel during a given hurricane should one hit the city. Like every year before, I was one of the first to put my name down on that volunteer sheet. Even though I had never before actually had to carry through on that obligation, I was more than willing to do so.

As Katrina began her long, slow march through the Gulf of Mexico, I must admit that I had only a passing interest in her approach. I had ridden through three other full hurricane seasons in the gulf region, mostly while residing in the Days Inn of Kenner, and had always come through without so much as a rattled nerve. While still no nerve was ever rattled during Katrina. I did find

this particular storm to be a little more demanding.

I got the call from the Landmark on the Saturday prior to the storm that my services would be required by the following evening. My roommate and I packed some scarce belongings into two suitcases and a couple of book bags. Within 24 hours we had everything packed, and our two bedroom townhouse apartment was about as secured as we could make it.

We checked into the employee-designated hotel rooms at around 5 o'clock on Sunday. My duties seemed reasonably normal during the time leading up to the storm. I kept a periodic eye on the televised weather reports, and watched endless updates and announcements as the storm was reported to lurch ever closer. It almost seemed strange how the sky always seemed to stay such a beautiful blue with only streaks of white clouds across them.

After dinner that evening, spent among colleagues and guests alike, we retired to our double-bedded room. Even the evening seemed calm, until just before midnight. About then was when the wind picked up. It did not begin as a howl, exactly. It was more of an unnatural whimper. That sound changed in far too much of a hurry.

I couldn't say for certain exactly what all of the sights were. I only peaked through the curtains occasionally. My logistical mind screamed at me to keep them closed so that the air pressure would remain constant on the inside and outside of the glass. I also did not venture beyond the room much. Many people had moved into the hallways;

some because their balcony windows had imploded, and others out of fear that their windows would soon follow suit.

But, the sounds were telling more than enough in their own way. Soon, the wind stopped had stopped whimpering, and became the choir howl of a hundred wolf packs from a nightmarish dreamscape. The rain, moving nearly horizontally, left hit the class like scattershot from a hunter. I heard screams, and I heard glass breaking. It was when I heard the two together that my roommate got a little jumpy. I tried to calm her as best that I could, but her own natural skittishness always won out.

My own emotions, oddly enough, never wavered, though. The strangest part of the entire experience, even to me, was my complete lack of panic or fear. My mind and soul never shuddered, and seemed to simply accept the entire Katrina event as an act of nature, unalterable. As ridiculous as it may sound to some, throughout the entire ordeal I felt that it was my own nature-based religious spirituality that kept me so uncommonly calm. I accepted Katrina, on a spiritual level, as an offspring of mother Earth and father Sky, and that whatever They chose to do with it, that I would simply have to trust in Their judgment. I sincerely hope that the beliefs of others proved as comforting to them.

I saw the other guests and workers early on the morning following the storm. The change in people and their demeanors was immediately obvious. I walked down to the eight-story lobby in the now tomb-dark and dank hotel. Much of the glass on the east side six-story window had been blown inward and laid in the lobby floor.

The water, which had flooded the streets, had risen just shy of the top of the outer steps. The main ballroom was a raining swamp now, as many of the air-conditioning units on its roof had been ripped away. The vast majority of windows in the northeast were destroyed, as were the guest rooms behind them. Many of the rest of the windows were likewise, but to lesser extent.

We were all trapped in our little man-made isle in Metairie now. The Landmark was all cut off from even its immediate neighbors now, like so many other places. They all looked like islands of stone, steel, and shattered glass.

Only the fact that the Louisiana State Police had set up a base inside the hotel kept everyone well fed. We did our best to accommodate them and the other guests. In a 17-story hotel with a dying generator, no opening windows, and no more luxuries it proved to be very challenging indeed.

Over the next two days, there seemed very little distinction between guests and staff. Everyone pitched in to help clean the glass, and serve the sandwiches. Then, finally, the evacuation order was given, and we were forced to close the building.

On the very last night, though, I saw the only really good sight that resulted from the catastrophe. I saw it as I was standing atop the third story of the hotel's open-air parking garage. There was no roof overhead, and hardly a spark of light pollution in the entire area. I saw the stars.

A sky lit with an ocean of stars stared back at my wondering eyes. More stars than most people had known existed above the skies of New Orleans. Constellations from a thousand deities and legends shined down on me, as if in promise to see this place renewed.

As I gazed, lost in awe, I finally felt something. Peace.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2006: FANDOM & FUN!

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

You may question the reviewing of the activities & reports we do each issue of the Communiqué; it may seem like a waste of time, hearing of the doings of other ships in the Fleet, but our hope is to present you with fresh ideas for Fandom and Fun – things that have been successful for others and, hopefully will work for your group.

We are still asking for ideas, not yet tried, that might spark interest – community service projects perhaps – that will attract favorable attention and create an interest in STARFLEET, thereby leading to new members.

We hope some of the activities listed, which cost nothing, will spark your imagination.

Region 1:
SHUTTLE ODIN'S FURY had its first official meeting. Welcome! ALARIC is recycling aluminum to support their charity: Eliada Children's Home. APPOMATTOX made purchases for their "Angel Tree" (boy and girl and seniors – man and woman). ARIZONA has "adopted" a single mother of two girls, aged 3 and 6. ATHENA Adopt-a-Tribble campaign for Julian Fleming Memorial Fund. CHESAPEAKE volunteered for annual Victorian Christmas Celebration. COLUMBUS's Mystery party fundraiser was successful. COMMONWEALTH rang bells for Salvation Army. HEIMDAHL is selling a chapter Cook Book and is involved in various charities. HORNET packed 24 shoeboxes for Christmas Child program. JAMESTOWN held a meeting at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton, VA and donated a year to date donation to the Stampede of \$102,404.50. JURASSIC crew donated material for and subsequently made afghans, baby clothing, dolls and Teddy bears. PATHFINDER accumulated 1616 days of CPU time and 652 completed packets from SETI@home project. PRIDE OF SCOTLAND donated magazines to a local hospital. PROVIDENCE delivered food items to their Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving. RENEGADE met Noel Neill (original Lois Lane in early TV Superman) and Beverly Washburn (TOS). Ms. Washburn donates funds from autographs to a No-Kill animal shelter in Las Vegas. REPRISE held a star watch and bonfire. Members are still sending 'care' packages (including a donation from the OHIO) to service personnel in Iraq. TYCHO held their meeting at the University of Toledo where they used the University telescope.

Region 2:
SHUTTLE MACARTHUR attended 10th Anniversary party of USS VICTORIOUS. BLACKSTAR donated \$50.00 to the James

Doohan Scholarship fund. DaVINCI decorated a garage for Halloween and passed out candy, hot cider and cookies. Their annual Thanksgiving pot-luck inner was a success. They brought enough door prizes so everybody got one! SPIRITWALKER visited other ships in Region at monthly meetings – good Fellowship! GASPARILLA visited members in all 4 Zones of Region 2, including CONTINUUM's Christmas/anniversary party; JUBILEE; HAISE's Star Wars Movie Marathon; all 4 Mississippi chapters (DARK PHOENIX, HAISE, ODYSSEY, and OKATOMA) at Babel Conference 2005; and Danny Hall's New Year's Eve party and fireworks extravaganza.

Region 3:
MAVERICK served dinner at Ronald McDonald House. BEXAR participated in the Alamo Heights Holiday Parade benefiting the Elf House Christmas Project to which they brought new and unwrapped toys, and what's neat is they delivered them in Hummers! They brought 27 toys and collected 173 additional toys from spectators. They are still active in the Trauma Buddy program. LONE STAR – 6 members attended ARC ANGEL's Change of Command ceremony and dinner. Prepared and served dinner at local Ronald McDonald House. PALO DURO cooked a meal for Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo. TEJAS is still collecting pennies for "Miles of Pennies" and contributing to a variety of charities. THUNDERWOLF assisted building a home for Habitat For Humanity. TRINITY RIVER delivered toys collected at Dallas ComiCon to warehouse.

Region 4:
SHUTTLE BATTLEBORN collected 23 toys for USMC Toys for Tots program. ANGELES assembled packages for Any Soldier Program. ANGELFIRE donated over 200 lbs of food and sundries for the local John C. Lincon food bank.

Region 5:
CRUSADER held a fundraiser to buy presents for a family they sponsored through the Wishing Star Foundation. The crew had a sit-down pot-luck Thanksgiving dinner. DESTINY collected 221 lbs of food for the Marion Polk Food Share food bank.

Region 6:
FOX RIVER is collecting supplies for animal shelters. SAINT GEORGE donated blood. They're working with Riverside local paper to recruit members for a chapter in "The Future Birthplace of James T. Kirk."

Region 7:
ADAMANT attended ASCENSION's 15th Anniversary dinner. Members helped

make Mardi Gras masks for upcoming Region 7 Holiday party. AVENGER gave a public address at Old Bridge Public Library on "The Enduring Quality of Star Trek." They also collected toys for USMC Toys for Tots. FLYING FOX members attended ASCENSION'S 15th Anniversary party. INFERNO attended Beach Bash Reunion in Myrtle Beach. LEXINGTON is helping ISS shuttles in other regions, with moral support and materials.

Region 9:
EUROPE collected clothes for homeless people and participated in a blood drive.

Region 12:
SHUTTLE ROSEN held a joint meeting with MONTGOMERY SCOTT. CLAYMORE adopted family of 7 for the holidays. CLAYMORE cadets dressed in costume and handed out candy canes to everyone who donated to their local Toys for Tots during the whole month of December (up until Christmas). The crew gathered food for local food pantry, also worked on dinner at a local homeless shelter. DRAGONSTRIKE distributed toys to local Police and Fire Departments. HEXUM collected canned goods for food pantry distribution center. MARKO RAMIUS donated Thanksgiving dinner and a week's worth of groceries to two needy families. MORNING STAR donated Thanksgiving food to Salvation Army – enough to feed four families. ROYAL SOVEREIGN donated to USMC Toys for Tots and met with crew of ARLINGTON. SUNFLOWER assisted local Lions Club selling Christmas trees.

Region 13:
EMPRESS worked at the Detroit Science Center for the opening of Space exhibit. HADFIELD members attended WHITE STAR's Anniversary.

Region 15:
SHUTTLE ANUBIS recruited a new member. SHUTTLE MENAUGA has a new member sent by SHUTTLE ANUBIS. Donated to Toys for Tots and rescued another hamster, making 3 saved so far. ARES assisted in many areas at United Fan Con and helped with the first annual R15 Christmas Party for "friends and family" – a sign of good fellowship in the true Trek spirit. AVALON continues to man the Avalon Food Bank out of the CO's home. DARWIN volunteered major help with United FanCon (VIP Guest Leonard Nimoy). KASIMAR helped with receiving, stocking and packing toys from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Toys for Tots. Did extensive bell ringing (12 hours straight!) for Salvation Army, worked with Santa mail, and manned the Angel Tree booth also for the Salvation Army. NELSON did an impressive OCP – Total more than \$137,000 as of our report period.

O'BANNON contributed to a variety of charities including local animal shelter.

Region 17:
SHUTTLE AZTEC attended ANASAZI's meeting and participated in their Toys for Tots drive. ALIOTH Murder Mystery Dinner Theater creatively evolved into friendly mayhem when way more crew showed up than there were parts available! MIR crew played Glow Golf before dinner. MOONTYPE members attended PIONEER's 10th Anniversary. OMEGA GLORY members worked on marble Cave Gate hauling, sewing and welding parts. They also hiked up a nearby mountain, a Thanksgiving feast followed by games and a descent into the winding tunnels of a nearby cave. They held their 5th annual Thanksgiving at the Zoo. PIONEER held their 10th Anniversary party.

Region 20:
SARATOGA and BRITANNIA merged.

Other activities throughout the Fleet include: Collecting stamps, coupons, box tops, Campbell's labels and pop tops. Sending "Care" packages to the Troops, gaming, bowling, movie nights, SciFi nights, as well as walks or runs for various causes, blood drives and paintball games.

Various charities benefited from donations of time, money and items of food or clothing. They are:

Region 1: United Kentucky Toys for Tots; Eliada Children's Home; Julien Fleming Memorial Fund; Salvation Army; Humane Society; Salvation Army Food Pantry; Christmas Child Program; Children's Hospital-Cincinnati; Pregnancy Resource Center-Georgetown, Ohio; Angels for Animals; Animal Charity League; Bluefield Union Mission.

Region 2: James Doohan Scholarship Fund; Children's Harbor of Lake Martin; Decatur Animal Shelter.

Region 3: Ronald McDonald House; Austin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Elf House Christmas Project; American Red Cross; San Antonio Fire and Police Departments; Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo; Wichita and Wilbarger County Humane Society; Habitat For Humanity.

Region 4: Toys for Tots; John C. Lincon Food Bank.

Region 5: Wishing Star Foundation; Marion Polk Food Shore Food Bank.

Region 7: Toys for Tots

Region 12: Toys for Tots; Salvation Army; Lions Club.

Region 15: Toys for Tots; Avalon Food Bank; Salvation Army

Region 17: Toys for Tots

Four ships have reported encounters with stars of popular TV series and/or movies. In Region 1, the RENEGADE in Ohio met Beverly Washburn who appeared in "The Deadly Years" (TOS) and "Old Yeller"; and Noel Neill who played Lois Lane in the original "Superman" TV series as Lois Lane. The WERNHER von BRAUN in Region 2 attended NovaCon in November and met Chase Masterson (Leeta the Daabo girl in Quark's Bar (DS9); Virginia Hey (Zhaan in Farscape); and Dirk Benedict (Starbuck, original Battlestar Galactica). A member of the ARES, Region 15, was the guest escort of Matthew Lewis (Neville Longbottom in the Harry Potter movies), and some of the crew of the O'BANNON attended the United Fan Con 2005 where they met Rachel Luttrai (Stargate: Atlantis); Sylvester McCoy (Dr. Who); Mira Furlan (Babylon 5/Lost); Richard Hatch (of BOTH Battlestar Galacticas); and Leonard Nimoy (as they said "Like I gotta tell ya...!")

All who attended IC 2005 in San Antonio were privileged to meet Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Herd and Casey Biggs – these charming and witty Trek figures who entertained and delighted with personal stories and rendition of music written by Vaughn.

Well, this brings to a close this CQ's Annual Campaign report. If your contribution isn't represented either in photos or text, perhaps it wasn't in the MSRs or in our mailboxes we used this time.

CADET RESOURCE – REPORTING IN! CAPT Robin Van Cleave USS Joan of Arc, R3

<<does a happy dance>> We have been officially re-opened!! What does that mean for everyone? I haven't got a clue. Till I hear otherwise it will be business as before. This means that I will go back to updating the Cadet Resource Website, accepting suggested links for that site and, as one of my friends would say, stuff. Personally, I regret the impact that this "Temporary closure" has had on SFI members, especially the Cadets.

What is changing? To my knowledge, as of the initial re-opening announcement made on the evening of January 27th, not a whole lot. Expect to see increased security measures before a Cadet can

participate in a SFI related function. Expect that Cadet Resource will put in place an effort to increase parental involvement of their Cadet's activities. Expect the similar service as to what was in place before the "closure."

I would like to take a moment to address some of the rumours that have been flying around.

Rumor #1: International Cadet Resource contacts Cadets directly, soliciting for their involvement in programs or arbitrarily signs them up for participation without parental consent.

Greetings from the Fleet Resource Center (FRC)! Well, well, well...the best laid plans, as they say. I won't belabor the issue because you aren't reading this to hear about me. Suffice it to say that, though the dental surgery went off without a hitch, life had a few more things to toss my way before the end of the year and beyond. I'm thinking of writing a book entitled; "The Universe is Laughing at YOU!"

Even considering the surgery, the "fun" that has occurred since then and everything else having to do with the holidays & end-of-year festivities, I have quite a bit to report this month! Let's get started...

Changes have been taking place over the past few months. I mentioned the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in my last report. While my surgery and resulting sickness have kept the official announcements of various job openings from officially going out as soon as I'd hoped – this is already in the process of being remedied – one change can already be reported. One of my first official tasks was a sad one, in that I had the unhappy duty of removing a director from his post. I was rather concerned about finding a suitable replacement, even for the interim however, as of this writing; I can happily report that a new director has been named in SpecOps (Special Operations). Howard Knapp has graciously accepted the position as interim CO of SpecOps & I couldn't be happier with the results. Howard has hit the decks running & has already begun to infuse new life into this SIG. Applications are being accepted for anyone interested in becoming the permanent director of this SIG, with the official announcement of such going out via the online channels next week. Thanks for taking the helm, Howard! Keep up the good work!

Next, I have a rather unique announcement to make; alluded to in the last CQ when

I discussed how some SIGs will be shifted around. How to explain...how to explain? In the process of researching issues surrounding the SpecOps SIG, I happened upon some rather interesting references to something called "Division Six" however, no concrete information was ever secured. Still, when considering the needs of restructuring some areas of the SIGs, I couldn't ignore the fact that, were Division Six, in fact, something other than a figment of the imagination, perhaps FLEET would be better served if it were watched a bit more closely.

This said, if Division Six really existed, I would be taking this opportunity to welcome it into its very own FRC department status. We've all heard tales of Division Six if, in fact, we haven't been witness to or the recipient of one of its many fabled hi-jinx. Any decision to move the hypothetical Division Six out from under Special Operations would be one of simple need, in that it is theoretically a program with a life of its own that needed to be placed somewhere. Since the mythical Division Six would provide a resource to FLEET, the FRC would seem to be the best place for it. Yes, yes, that would be our story and we'd be sticking to it! If there really were a Division Six, that is. Should you care to delve into your own research regarding this resource, you may utilize the information I have procured which appears in the FRC Staff listing adjacent to this article. Happy hunting!

In other FRC news, it appears that progress has been made in getting our Cadet Resource up and running again. It is my hope that I will be making an announcement concerning this vital resource in the coming days; by the time you read this everything should be back to normal concerning this resource. I'd like to publicly thank its director, Robin Van Cleave for her patience, understanding and continued efforts on behalf of this vital FLEET resource. Kudos!

This is FALSE! Unless you want to count the CQ, a part of their SFI membership as direct contact. I do not "look-up" information and contact Cadets. I get my information out to them the same way as everyone else...the CQ, mailing lists, or mass emailings to RCs or the Chapter CO. I have to have faith that these entities will pass along the resource information to the appropriate people in a timely manner.

The only direct contact I have with Cadets is through their Yahoo Group (STARFLEET_CADETS). However, for them to be on this yahoo group in the first place, requires that their parents

I'd now like to turn our attention to the open positions within the FLEET Resource Center. I invite anyone interested in any of the following positions to apply. Applications of interest should be sent to Matt Copple at the STARFLEET Personnel Office (personnel@sfi.org) & should contain not only your STARFLEET résumé but also your real life résumé. The position specs & requirements are included in the actual job announcement. Some of the requirements are very specific so, please, read them carefully before applying. Applications for all open positions will be accepted through this date: March 15, 2006. The open positions are:

- Director, Communications Resource
- Director, Special Interest Group Res.
- SIG-Special Operations Director
- SIG-Get Fit for Duty Director

Regarding plans for the FRC in the near future, we should see some additional departments added to the FRC roster. One of these additions is PetFLEET. Currently, we are still under way with the task of making the popular "PetFLEET" an official SIG although the database resources necessary for implementation of this worthwhile project are on hold until the launch of the e-Commerce project. Please keep an eye on this column for future developments. As always, should you have any suggestions, comments or ideas for the FRC, our proverbial door is always open for your input! After all, YOU are the reason the FRC exists!

Thank you for your time & remember that the Fleet Resource Center is...

At Your Command -

Comm. Michelle A. Muench
FRC Program Director
a.k.a. "Da Boss Lady"

Please feel free to e-mail me with any comments, ideas or suggestions at: frc@sfi.org

have given their permission for the Cadet to participate. I also require the parent to join the group so that they can take an active interest in the information that their Cadet is receiving. The group is configured so only myself and approved owner/moderators (such as FRC-Director or VCS) can view the membership listing. The ability for the Cadet to hide their email address is enabled and private emailings between the members of that yahoo group are strongly discouraged.

Rumor #2: The Birthday Recognition program is just another way for you

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WE HAVE A FUN PUZZLE FOR YOU TO SOLVE!
USE THE WORDS LISTED ON THE RIGHT – EACH LETTER IS USED ONLY ONCE
QUIZ: HOW MANY OTHER WORDS CAN YOU FIND IN THIS PUZZLE?
HAVE FUN! ANSWER KEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT CQ #134

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MUGGLENET
NASA
NORAD
PARTICIPATION
PRIZES
RESOURCE
SCIENCE
YAHOO

REMOTE MOMENTS

Someone is controlling my hand
Don't know how it goes;
Someone makes me talk words
As if it's all he knows.

Days become more distant
And now is like the past.
All my remote moments
Seem to fly too fast.

Where is the remote?
I just want it back;
Where is the control
I just seem to lack?

Someone is controlling my hand
But I'll soon take control;
Apathy is my enemy
My undisputed foe.

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to gather information on Cadets and invade their privacy.

This is FALSE! The Birthday Recognition Program for the Cadet Resource Department only, sends out a birthday card. That is it. We do not make a public announcement on any of the lists, or have it printed in the CQ, or other newsletter, for public knowledge. If that is what a parent would like to give permission for, they need to see Jimmy in the Morale Department. Our program is for **A** card only.

This process is started with a webform request from the Cadet Resource website and continues only if parental permission has been given or can be obtained. No record is kept to send one out the next year (new year = new request + new permission given). The only record that is kept has to do with the financial aspects of this program (i.e. cost of cards and postage). Since SFI is unable to give many of its departments a budget to work from, my business has been more than gracious to offer to pay for these items as a "charitable contribution."

Rumor #3: The International Cadet Resource holds complete responsibility and liability for the safety of the Cadets while surfing the internet or participating in any of the Cadet Resource Programs.

After a twenty minute conversation with a Nueces County Judge that is assigned cases similar to the statement above: This is FALSE! As long as the International Cadet Resource can show that it has taken "reasonable" precautions against privacy violations and has made "reasonable" attempts to prevent internet predators from gaining direct access to Cadets, International Cadet Resource or Starfleet International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. can *not* be held liable. He said it has to do with *parents needing* to take an active and participatory roll in their child's activities and that *parents* are the keys to keeping children safe - anywhere. The wording on the permission forms will reflect this: that *parents must understand that, while this issue is of the utmost importance to International Cadet Resources, the safety of their children is ultimately their responsibility!*

As a concerned parent myself, I make it a priority with all aspcts of any program that I run which has minors as the primary participant. This is I why I have had the following in place since the beginning, almost three years ago, of reasonable precautions and procedures:

- The STARFLEET_CADETS yahoo group requires PARENTAL PERMISSION for a Cadet to join.

- The only adults allowed on that group are CS, VCS, Director of FRC, Director

of International Cadet Resource and the parents of Cadets ON THAT GROUP.

- A change that has occurred in the past year: PARENTS ARE REQUIRED to join the Yahoo group as well and acitively receive emails from it. They will not be allowed to post, as this forum is for the Cadets of SFI. Parents are there to simply monitor what messages are posted to that group and are highly encouraged to remain in contact with me should they have any problems, questions, or concerns. Parents do have their own forum found under STARFLEET_PARENTS, also a yahoo group.

While I am aware of some other rumors that have been spread by persons who are misguided, at best, and "unscrupulous", (being polite) at worst, they have no basis in fact or reality and therefore will not even be dignified with a response.

Whew! Now that we've finally waded through all of that, I'd like to state again how happy I am for Cadet Resources to be open and available once again to the children, young adults and parents of STARFLEET. As we continue to build and move forward, I hope to see the return of all those I had the pleasure to serve in the past through the program and look forward to welcoming those new to it as well. I am, as always, open to any and all questions, concerns and suggestions for the improvement of the program and

resources available to STARFLEET Cadet/Youth Programs. I also look forward to working with all who wish to become involved. If you are interested in this program, or the resources available, and have not heard about it from your RC or CO, then feel free to contact me directly for more information.

The children of STARFLEET are the future of STARFLEET! Let's give them something to be proud of and call their own as they grow into the "Next Generation" of STARFLEET leaders.

Raising the future of STARFLEET,
Capt Robin Van Cleave
Director – Cadet Resource
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STARFLEET SCIENCES

RADM Richard Heim, FRC Sciences Director
USS Alaric, R1

One of the fun science things STARFLEET chapters can do, if they are located in a city with a large university or science facility (like Cape Kennedy, for example), is conduct away teams to visit the facility and attend talks by scientists. For those of us who live in the boondocks, it's a thrill when the scientists come visiting us! In this issue, I want to present a report summarizing a USS Alaric science away team to a talk by astronaut Story Musgrave, which I posted to the Region One Sciences listserve in January 2006. But first, here is some web info on sciences within STARFLEET.

Region One Sciences is a department in the regional division program of STARFLEET's Region One. Our focus is to have fun while learning about science. Our science education activities consist of field trips, library and online research, and writing articles and fiction for club publications. Our web page is chock full of ideas for science activities for ship Chief Science Officers and can be reached at:

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

STARFLEET Sciences serves as an informational and communications

resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. In so doing, we hope to enhance interest in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible. For a list of regional science contacts and lots of science information, visit the STARFLEET Sciences web page at: <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>

"AN EVENING WITH STORY MUSGRAVE"

On April 17, 2005, the Colburn Earth Science Museum in Asheville, NC had the pleasure of hosting a talk by astronaut Story Musgrave. Dr. Musgrave is a fascinating man, born in 1935, earning 6 graduate degrees in everything from math to business to chemistry to literature to medicine, serving in the military as a U.S. Marine and earning his U.S. Air Force Wings. And of course, there is his NASA work, being selected as a scientist-astronaut by NASA in 1967. Dr. Musgrave is a veteran of 6 space flights, including designing and flying on the space shuttle mission (STS-61) that repaired the Hubble Space Telescope in 1993.

The focus of his multimedia presentation was "Earth As Art", which included numerous slides of Earth as seen from space, mostly from the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission. Dr. Musgrave is an excellent speaker. He talked about his youth, about Earth Day, about Mother Earth's beauty, and how we need to protect the Earth. His slides and talk were a grand celebration of Earth, the artistic beauty of Nature and of Earth.

I like his philosophy, too. He spoke about having the right relationship with the Earth. The Earth sustains us, and we have to sustain the Earth. "How you view the future," he said, "is affected by how you view the past." He has a curiosity about why we are here on Earth, about when (in history) we are born. We need to have total focus, concentrate on the moment, and not be distracted by stuff.

Dr. Musgrave spoke about the importance of exploration, about the meaning and hope of our existence in the universe. "Exploration is the human quest for the heavens." He emphasized that "we've got to get it together, we have to get along as people. If we think of ourselves on a grand journey (think of ourselves as Earth people, Solar System people, Galaxy people), then we will get along." He said it is good to reach out and touch the universe, but "it is more important to let it touch you."

Dr. Musgrave promised to return to Asheville for Earth Day 2006. He signed copies of a new biography about him titled, "Story: The Way of Water," as

well as copies of his DVD, "A Space Story." You can order copies of his publications at (<http://www.spacestory.com/intro.htm>). I was able to speak to him for just a few minutes while I got his autographs. But I spent most of my time after his presentation talking to one of his daughters, Holly Kay Musgrave. Holly Musgrave is a fundamentalist Christian who, to me, has inconsistent views of the space program and about science. We had an involved discussion about religion and science, and about President George W. Bush and the Republican Congress cutting back the budget, trimming spending on scientific programs, and politicizing issues such as climate change (for example, global warming) and genetic research (another example, stem cell research). She seemed blissfully unaware of how this negatively impacts science and the world. When I told her about Congress' plan to eliminate funding for the Voyager spacecraft, she seemed surprised. Voyager 1 is just now exploring the edge of the solar system, and beyond, which has never been done before and which we won't have another opportunity to do for decades. Dr. Musgrave expressed grave concern about this political effort to kill the Voyager program whose data is invaluable. Holly said she lives in (then-Speaker) Tom DeLay's district and that she would talk to him about it.

I enjoyed listening to and talking to Dr. Musgrave. He has a very devoted and close family, but I was disappointed in the disparity between his views and his daughter's views on certain things.

STARFLEET RETENTION AND RECRUITING

VADM Pete Mohny, Director • USS Hepheastus, R2

The 2005-2006 STARFLEET Recruiting Contest is in its fifth 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, Thagard, Omega Glory, C M Russell, and Mir, all with double-digit increases.

Other standout chapters, with 5 or more members gained since tracking started after the International Conference, include the following chapters: Ark Angel, Kitty Hawk, Onizuka, Thunderchild, Armageddon, Dark Wolf, Firebird, Palo Duro, Pride of Scotland, Providence, Thor, Wind Spirit, Alaric, Andromeda, Jurassic, Liberty, Rising Moon, Rogue Phoenix, Star League, Star Runner, William O'Darby, Bexar, Challenger, Empress, Maelstrom, Okatoma and Tiburon. Seventy-one 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 International Conference, Region 01 has gained 21 members, Region 02 has lost 7, Region 03 has gained 2, Region 04 has lost 7, Region 05 has lost

1, Region 06 has lost 2, Region 07 has lost 7, Region 09 has gained 6, Region 12 has lost 31, Region 14 has lost 8, Region 15 has lost 3, Region 17 has lost 5, and Region 20 has gained 30. Overall, since after the International Conference, STARFLEET has lost 13 members.

We have 39 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 3871 members on 8/1 to 3858 on 01/09, a loss of 15 members.

One project that I would like to undertake would be 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 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 between the tying chapters, so if there is a tie for first, the \$50 plus \$40 will be split among the two winners, for instance.

I will also be tracking the count of Unassigned members in each region, which should help us determine which regions most need help with this group. 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 150 people in it, which is an increase of 92 people since the International Conference, and where I'll be spending some serious email time trying to get people assigned to regions and chapters

in the next month. Many of those added at the end of 2005 came from three Region 12 chapters that decommissioned; I'm hoping that many of those members will join other chapters.

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. He's also been contacting Region 99 members, and has managed to assign several of them to chapters or regions.

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 pdmohny@aol.com.

UNITED FAN CON XV

NOVEMBER 11-13 2005 ~ SPRINGFIELD MA

RADM Garrick Halverson • SS Ian Fleming, R15
photos: FCAPT Bob McCann • USS O'Bannon, R15

Great Company, Great times!

One of the great hallmarks of the Star Trek Phenomenon has been the continued attendance of its fans to conventions that promote the passion that we fully embrace. In the forefront of that are the members of STARFLEET who worldwide attend and support such events. STARFLEET Region 15 is no exception. Every year in November we support and attend the convention called United Fan Con. Fifteen years in existence, this fan run organization provides the area with quality programming and entertainment that has provided many within the Region fun and

fond memories. The organizers of the event, Paul and Deb Aldred, STARFLEET members themselves, work hard year in and year out to give the area their annual Sci-Fi fix. Many from across the Region volunteered their time and energy to make the event a success. Particularly instrumental were the members of the USS Ares and USS Darwin, especially that of the Commanding Officers, Paul Fest and Corey Grant who devoted many tireless hours in the months leading up to the convention.

When the highly anticipated day finally arrived, Region 15 came in force. This was

certainly evident on Friday night as many in the Region tried their hand at singing Karaoke. The highlight of the evening was when our Regional Coordinator Gary Halverson was on stage singing Harry Chapin's "Cats in the Hat", when two green Aliens mysteriously appeared in the audience. One came up on stage and unveiled a Green Bay Packers jersey and to everyone's surprise, the Aliens unveiled themselves as Joe and Val Ruttar visiting from Wisconsin.

The fun continued on Saturday morning as everyone gathered for the Ship's Call. It was very encouraging to see such a

large group, nearly 90% of the Chapters of the region, as representatives of the USS Ares, Anubis, Avalon, Darwin, Galaxy, Hood, Ian Fleming, Kasimar, Nelson, and O'Bannon were in attendance. We went over STARFLEET business, caught up on the comings and goings of the Region and then went our separate ways to enjoy the days programming which culminated in the Ten Forward party that night. This Year's theme was "Pirates and Wenches." The Region held itself in good stead as members dressed to the credit of rouges everywhere and danced the night away.

Before we knew it, Sunday had arrived and after another full day of program activities, it was time to go our separate ways. As is always the case, United Fan Con provided us with yet again, the opportunity to develop deeper relationships, start new ones, and most of all create fond memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. It really was a reaffirmation that there is no group of people like STARFLEET people, people of passion and fun.



Gary Halverson and Michelle Darrach



Paul Fest and Joe Ruttar



Bob McCann and Shirley McCann



INTERGALACTIC FOOD FESTIVAL

a true treat in Region 7

ADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7

Where else could you find a variety of dishes like "Andorian Borkus Stew", "Klingon Targ Blood Hearts", "Serpent Spawn Salad, and a variety of other interstellar treats?

Where else could you wash it down with some of the "Counselor's Best Hot Chocolate" and consume desserts like "I'danian spice pudding", "Horta's Children" and "Better than Ponn Farr Cake" with a little of "Sisko's Bread Pudding Soufflé" on the side.

On Feb. 5 the USS Challenger once again opened its doors at the Seaside Heights Community Center (which was the site for the banquet only a few months prior during September's R7 Conference) to fans and STARFLEET friends for what has become a 7th Fleet tradition.

Nearly 30 people came with their own special dinner or dessert or beverage to share in a buffet that was both colorful and delicious. Using the names of foods from Star Trek episodes or movies the gathering has always been a festive winter event.

Some years it features a theme. Last year, Challenger members Jennifer Thompson and David Lynch donned uniforms and costumes for a Klingon/Trill wedding which was presided over by ADM Alex Rosenzweig and myself. With real bat'leths, no less. There were no fatalities recorded.

In other years we had a Klingon theme, a Mirror/Mirror universe theme and a Bajoran theme. One year R7's own Trek Chef Joe Horton of the USS Sovereign did a food demonstration.

This year it was basically come and eat, mix and mingle.

We encourage the wearing of uniforms and this year XO FCAPT Mary Singleton decided to go green. No, she wasn't sick,

she was an Orion slave girl and even brought a dish called "Orion Slave Roll" (pumpkin roll).

The commanding officer (your's truly) decided to bring back his Andorian character of Threll Avon for a repeat appearance. Threll hosted the event several years back.

Of course if you think I was blue at this occasion wait until I hit the cold water for the third NJ Polar Bear Plunge which Challenger and Avenger are taking part in.

With Star Trek and Sci-Fi tunes playing in the background and conversations ranging from Regional gossip to the latest episode of Battlestar Galactica (no one brought up the Super Bowl at all) everyone seemed happy and no one went away hungry.

My XO and I appeared in glorious color in a front page photo and article of the leading daily newspaper the next day.

As one of the two reporters who visited us that day noted, "you seem more like one big family. I expected a lot of younger people but you even have children here". Yup, this is an occasion that is low key, creative and fun. Food does tend to bring people together and so does good company.

The occasion also benefits a good cause as we collect canned food for a food pantry program held in the community.

We thanked all our friends from around R7 who turned out for the day and made it special and those non 'FLEET members who came out to try some interesting looking food and see first hand what Starfleet and my chapter was all about.

We don't know what's on the menu for next year but whatever it is, it will be interesting, colorful and edible.



ABOVE: Table Display



ABOVE: Avenger Janek and Sovereign Joe Horton pose.



ABOVE: Challenger Gus Samonas arrives.



ABOVE: Cadets Taylor and Victoria.

RIGHT: ADM Alex Rosenzweig and CAPT Emily Vosseller.



LEFT: The chow line.





FRONT AND CENTER

FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1 Commander, STARFLEET



Front & Center

Greetings, STARFLEET. I hope everyone had a good holiday season and a happy beginning of 2006. Mine were enjoyable and full of family and friends!

Now on to business... I want to address a topic that in mid-January became rather controversial on the many chat forums and unofficial STARFLEET list.

This has to do with some staffing change among the Executive Committee. In mid-January, a change was made in the office of Commandant, STARFLEET Academy. After a year of many differences, some trust issues, and differing goals, I felt a change was necessary. I hold no ill will toward Todd Brugmans. He stepped up and served STARFLEET as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy for a whole year. That is very commendable. However, in order to ensure a smooth working relationship for the Executive Committee as a whole, the change was made.

Now, I'm not really wanting to debate the issue, but I do want to state that the situation was not handled as ideally as possible. In essence, I'm human, and I screwed up in the delivery of the news to Mr. Brugmans and to those that I am most accountable to: the membership and the Admiralty Board.

In trying to avoid an unpleasant situation, I over thought things, and didn't go with my gut. Because of that, things got rather heated in many online forums and some misperceptions were passed about.

I was always taught growing up that when you make a mistake, you admit it and apologize. So, I'd like to apologize here in this forum to Mr. Brugmans for the manner in which this whole unfortunate business had taken place, and that I didn't finalize things with him appropriately. I sincerely regret that. I would also like to apologize to those who were upset by the matter.

I know that it will take time to heal many of the hurt feelings and such from the online fall-out of the decision that I made.

However, I ask that as we move on from this experience, that we try to remember why we are all members of STARFLEET - because we all found something in the show, in the genre that we connected with. That we enjoy a show called Star Trek (and perhaps other Sci-Fi/Fantasy as well), and that we wanted to have fun meeting other fans.

Certainly every organization has its politics and personalities. And for those old-timers in *this* organization, we've seen plenty of that ourselves. But don't forget that we're all fans first. The politics at times in this organization is loud and deafening and drowns out the reason why we're all here - because we're fans. The hurtful things that are said online or in person, the accusations that are made, the conspiracy theories, the character attacks - those are all counterproductive to the fandom and fun that we joined for. Certainly, only a handful may participate in the politics and attacks, and I know the majority of you reading this column probably are unaware that some of the politics exist. But, it is still something that has weighed heavily on me for some time, and the recent events online have made me long for the simpler days of fandom.

And without taking up too much space, I want to repost something here that I found online in a friend's blog. I'm not sure of the original author or origin, but I tip my hat to the person that wrote this. See you in sixty! I think I've said enough, so I'll leave you with:

"The Fandom Creed"

I. I acknowledge that fandom can, has, and will exist without me. I am not important. What I can do, someone else could easily take over. Even if the fandom is tiny, there are probably many more fans of whom I simply have not heard that write/draw/dream things that could blow my mind. Fandom would not fall apart without me.

II. I acknowledge that no matter what I've contributed to it, the fandom owes me absolutely nothing. I will not look for fame, nor will I expect a certain type of treatment from anyone else in the fandom. If people respect me, let them; if people dislike me, let them. I certainly will not threaten to leave and expect anyone to care.

III. I acknowledge that no matter what sort of "credentials" I have in the real world, in fandom, I am merely just another "fan." I might be a published author, a famous artist, or hell, Brad Pitt, but in fandom, if I am not the creator of the canon material, I am merely a follower and I will remember that.

IV. I acknowledge that fandom is a thing created and kept alive by more than one person. People will disagree with me; I will disagree with people. Although I reserve the right to leave the premises

or disagree/rant/make snide comments in relative private, I will never flame someone publicly or personally for their opinions. If there is discussion in public, it will be civil and I will keep the peace.

V. I acknowledge that there will always be parts of fandom that I dislike; I also acknowledge that there will always be parts of fandom that dislike me; these parts, I will ignore. There will always be people who will never see things my way, no matter what anyone says or does, and there will always be people who keep producing works with which I completely disagree. Again, although I reserve the right to leave the premises or disagree/rant/make snide comments in relative private, I will make no move to actually stop them. They have the right to imagine their versions of characters, just as I have the right to imagine mine.

VI. I acknowledge that, just as fandom owes me nothing, neither do other fans. It doesn't matter who I am; just because I created a community or many people agree with my portrayal of Character A does not give me rights to anything in the fandom. If I receive praise, I will always remember that it is given freely, not due; if I receive criticism, I will take it and remember that criticism, too, is freely given. Regardless of which it is, I will always feel thankful for the time.

VII. I acknowledge that fandom is fandom and how certain people act/how certain people's tastes run in fandom has no relation to them in real life. Although I reserve the right to like or dislike someone based on their OOC/non-fandom-related comments, I will neither judge nor form opinions about someone as a person purely through fandom. Just as slash writers are not always gay and RPer's are not always self-inserts, I acknowledge that the fandom-image I know and the real life-person that I do not may be completely different people.

VIII. I acknowledge that there will be other fans that I dislike personally; I also acknowledge that there will be other fans that dislike me personally; these fans, I will ignore. Again, although I reserve the right to leave the premises or disagree/rant/make snide comments in relative private, I will make no move to actually confront them if they have done no wrong. Being a jerk may have them kicked out of communities and forums, but I will always remember that they have as much right to be in the actual fandom as I do.

And I will always remember that I do have that right.

IX. I acknowledge that just as I am in fandom to have fun, other people are in fandom for the exact same reason, and I will remember that. I will never do anything to actively try to stop other people's fun, regardless of how much I may disagree with what they are doing. Clause reserving the right to leave the premises or disagree/rant/make snide comments in relative private still holds here, but I will never tell another fan to stop having fun in whatever way they want to have fun. And I will never pay any attention when someone tells me to stop having fun myself.

X. I acknowledge that just as everyone else is a person, that I am a person, too. No matter what other fans may think of me from what they have seen in fandom, I will never let that persona/image/reputation get in the way of being myself if/when I should communicate with them outside of fandom. If they respect me, I will thank them, and if they dislike me, I will accept it, but these things I will strictly keep in fandom only and will not allow them to interfere with my friendships or real life.

XI. I acknowledge that there are people uninterested in my fandom and I will not press my fandom upon them. I will not speak of certain fandoms to those that have no interest in them, nor will I pressure anyone to look at/read/otherwise be forced to come up with reactions to things that they couldn't care less about. I know that fandoms are very specific things, that being pressured into looking at them is highly uncomfortable, and I will not impose that way upon others.

XII. I acknowledge that, in the end, real life is real life and fandom is only fandom. If fandom begins to affects my real life in negative ways, I will remember that I have the option to simply leave and if it gets bad enough, I will. If I am truly unhappy with a certain fandom or the way a certain fandom is going, I will remember that I have the option of simply creating another community for people who share the same interests as me, or the option of just staying and refusing to go with the flow. I will remember that fandom is a simple trade of time with fun, and that if the fun is not worth the cost, I will remember that I am merely wasting time. Above all else, I will remember that remaining in fandom is an entirely voluntary action.

Mandi Livingston



VICARIOUS CHOCOLATE SALUTATIONS!

RADM Sunnie J. Planthold • USS Gasparilla, R2
photo by Who's Photography Vice Commander, STARFLEET



Howdy!

I am gravely concerned about the chronic bickering that I have been reading on listserve. Why do a few individuals feel the need to keep stirring up confusion and unrest? I agree that folks have the right to state their opinions, but not when they routinely resort to the tactics of name-calling and insults. FLEET is about working together to resolve an issue with a mutually agreeable solution. Where has this spirit gone? Now that we are into a new century, there are abundant opportunities for us to move forward,

making our world a better place in which to live.

Constantly putting someone down without really hearing both sides will only cause more damage. I try to be positive and upbeat, and look for opportunities in which one can learn from mistakes. I use the following quote as part of my email signature block: "Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results." I firmly believe this! Open communications is the key. But it can't be done when there are folks who get their jollies by just keeping things

stirred up. Repeatedly having to respond to this kind of negative attack only results in wasting precious time that could otherwise be used on more productive and beneficial outcomes. What say ye, FLEET?

On a different subject, the deadline for applications for the chair of the Annual Campaign's video contest will obviously have to slip ... to March 21, 2006. Consult this column in CQ issue #132 for further information.

OCP had a few problems with its web site in October and as of January had

not yet completely recovered. The main site was back up but experienced some problems that needed to be worked through. Coupon totals were posted into December, but the links at the site did not forward them to the 2005 totals page. The database was still intact, as was the backup file that is kept of all the e-mail totals sent in. Thanks for your patience. Also, OCP would like to remind everyone to check their totals once the site comes back up. A second item for OCP is that it would help when sending in reports to include the following: donor's name, date sent, amount and the base it was sent to. Thanks in advance.

Sunnie-Side-Up: Always keep your chocolate supply up. There is no such thing as "too much chocolate!"



THE TOWAWAY ZONE

COMM Jack "Towaway" Eaton • USS Trident, R2
photo by Who's Photography Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



After a year of writing these columns for the Communiqué, it was bound to happen...I got stuck with no topic. I was stumped on what to write about specifically dealing with Operations. So, I decided to tell you all about the fun we had at this year's 'FLEET Day.

A total of 32 members of 'FLEET ended up showing for the major part of the weekend on January 28th. This doubled our attendance from last year! All dressed in either Star Trek costumes/uniforms, chapter t-shirts or 'FLEET paraphernalia we made an impressive looking group. Chapters represented were the USS Blackstar, Gasparilla, Guardian, Myrddin, SS Nikola Tesla, Okatoma, Relentless, Trident, Triumph, (he just happened to be in Florida at the same time) Onizuka from California and Shuttle MacArthur. Once gathered together, we made

our way to the Memorial Mirror for the official ceremony. This was a long drawn out parade of speakers ranging from the boring politicians and NASA bureaucrats to members of the Scobee family. Dick Scobee's widow seemed to go on the longest; she seemed to wrap up three or four different times and then just kept going and going and going. Still, a very impressive and occasionally inspiring ceremony.

STARFLEET became an unofficial part of the ceremony completely by accident. Kennedy Space Center was handing out individual flowers for visitors to leave at the Mirror. We brought a beautiful wreath for our own little ceremony after the official event was finished. The area directly in front of the mirror was blocked off for the ceremony so we placed the wreath off to one side to

wait. As the ceremony dragged on some people decided not to stay. With gentle reverence, one by one, people started leaving flowers at the foot of our wreath apparently thinking that was part of the memorial. Within minuets there were hundreds of flowers blanketing the base of our wreath. TV crews filmed it and photos were taken by local media and Reuters. If only they knew.

For the remainder of the day everyone scattered on their own for the most part. Since I had taken the bus tour last year I mostly hung around the Visitors' Center going through the different pavilions there. At the end of the day we had a group dinner at a local Friendly's. Arrangements had been made for a group rate at a local hotel which held over about a third of the group to the next day.

On Sunday we visited the Astronaut Hall of Fame. A very impressive museum for anyone interested in the space program. The highlight for me was the g-force centrifuge. This was a smaller version of the one used to train astronauts. It spins you to simulate up to 4-g's; not too bad actually.

A farewell lunch at a local buffet restaurant capped off the weekend. All in all; quite a success. Plans are already in the early stages for next year, which will be the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 1 fire. I am hoping for a repeat of this year's success, if not something a little bigger.

Since I was the person who planned the event I was presented with a gift at the end in honor of my efforts. I was given a pin from the planets series sold in the gift shop. They had chosen the one planet which most reminded them of me..... URANUS.

It's so good to have friends!

Next issue, I promise it'll be back to business as usual. Speaking which, the Vessel Registry is ready for downloading. A special thanks to Blair Learn for spotting some typos in a recent publishing. If YOU see any feel free to pass them along. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded directly at <http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf>.

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

In the next few months I am looking forward to meeting lots of Fleet members with trips to summits in Region 2 and 15. Until then, keep those cards and letters coming.

Report for December 2005

	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	46	56	82%
R2	20	29	69%
R3	21	21	100%
R4	13	18	72%
R5	4	6	67%
R6	4	5	80%
R7	29	30	97%
R9	0	2	0%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	18	24	75%
R13	8	8	100%
R14	0	1	0%
R15	10	10	100%
R17	0	11	0%
R20	0	1	0%
Totals	176	225	78%

Report for January 2006

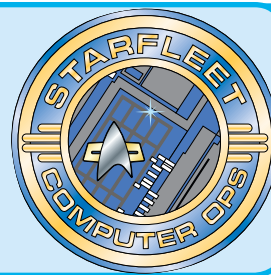
	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	44	53	83%
R2	21	29	72%
R3	17	20	85%
R4	12	18	67%
R5	4	6	67%
R6	4	5	80%
R7	29	29	100%
R9	2	2	100%
R10	3	3	100%
R12	19	26	73%
R13	7	9	78%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	10	10	100%
R17	8	10	80%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	182	222	82%



COMPOPS

VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, R15

Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



Greetings from Computer Operations!

Now that I've been the Computer Operations (CompOps) Chief for over a year now, I wanted to take a look at the past year's accomplishments and talk about a few new projects that the department will be undertaking.

Membership Processing.

When I began this administration, many people were saying that we should outsource that administrative function. I thought that we just needed to redesign the process so that we eliminate the failure points.

By having two teams doing the same job and splitting the workload, we have generally kept Membership Processing time to less than two weeks. That means that from the time we receive your application/renewal

-- either online or via postal mail -- your membership materials packet has been placed in the mail for delivery to you. Occasionally, there are glitches. But those glitches usually result from missing information or payment processing issues.

If you've received your membership packet after this past February, you may have noticed the inclusion of your database username and password adjacent to your chapter assignment card. Obviously, you have the ability to change your username and reset your

password, so of course, the information is only promised to be valid at the time it was printed. This simple inclusion should enable more members to get into the database, relatively quickly, without helpdesk assistance.

By now, you may have already heard that Membership Processing is offering a CD containing the Vessel Registry, Membership Handbook, and other forms that are included as printed materials in the membership packets. However, other resources, including documents and images that aren't generally in the packet are included on the CD as well; and, since the CD's are produced by STARFLEET membership processing, the information is generally more current than the printed information. Right now, this CD is available to renewing members who request it. Look for the checkbox for CD in your renewal application. By default, right now, MP will continue to send printed material, unless otherwise specified.

Database Team.

For more than a year now, I have been trying to find additional database programmers and team members. Robin Smith has been the developer since taking over the project from the original designer, Dino Gravito.

Dino created an excellent tool that has become the greatest productivity tool for

all departments of STARFLEET to work together and share data through Internet availability and access -- the value of our database continues to impress me and others who have had the pleasure to use it for regional and fleet-level duties.

Robin continued Dino's work and built more functionality into the database while "tweaking" those functions already in use. Unfortunately, over the past year, Robin has been able to devote a decreasing amount of time to the database and some projects haven't had the attention they needed -- the most notable one being that of bringing real-time credit card processing (e-commerce) to the database. Recently, I have asked Dino to return to the database development team and he has consented. Robin has agreed to transfer her database workload over to Dino and he will continue the work required to process credit cards in the database.

Membership Certificate Design Contest

CompOps is very happy to announce that we will hold a contest for the 2007 Membership Certificate design. The winner will be announced at the 2006 STARFLEET International Conference and will receive a certificate award and a free annual membership packet. Designs will be accepted from March 1st - June 30th. The award committee of 3-5 people will then review the designs in July to

determine the winning design that will be mailed out to each STARFLEET member in 2007. The award selection committee will be chaired by the Region 15 Membership Processing Team Leader, Matt Ingles. It is our intent to institute this contest as an annual award event from Computer Operations. Currently, we are looking for award selection committee members who will be available, via email, during the selection process (June-July).

And of course, we need those interested creative individuals to begin their designs. Basic details are that the design must include an 8 1/2 X 11 membership certificate with space left for member's names to be added in black font size 30-35; 2 business cards, one for a crew assignment card, and one as a membership card. Space on each of these cards needs to be left for member's name, SCC #, and expiration date printed in black font size 12-14. Space should also be set aside for database access id and password. Over all lay out cannot exceed 8 1/2 X 14.

Those interested in serving on the award selection committee or submitting a design can get more details from Matt Ingles at certaward@sfi.org. Designers must contact Matt before submitting a design.

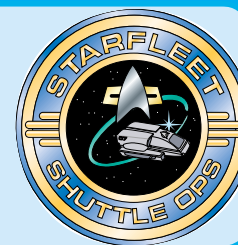
That's all I have for right now. On behalf of the Computer Operations staff and team members, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Please contact me at compops@sfi.org if I can be of assistance or if you have ideas of how your Computer Operations department can serve you better.



The SHUTTLEBAY

RADM Jerry Tien • USS Eagle, R4

Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET



Greetings, 'Fleet. I hope you all had a great holiday season. In addition to the holiday festivities, we managed to finish up 2005 with two new shuttles since the previous issue of Communiqué:

Shuttle Bondar (R10)
Shuttle Silver Moon (R4)

Shuttle Bondar is based in Nanaimo, BC, Canada, while Shuttle Silver Moon is based in Las Vegas, NV. For information on joining these chapters, please contact Capt. Loreleigh Graves (Bondar) at hootermama1939@hotmail.com or Capt. Jeff Salamon (Silver Moon) at n3fht@cox.net.

Several other shuttle groups are also forming as we speak. Some of them from regions that haven't had new shuttles in a while. I am very excited to see the renewed interest in fleet expansion

in those areas. If there are no nearby chapters, why not start a new one?

Shuttling can be a very rewarding experience. Rather than passively enjoying your membership in STARFLEET, you will have an active role in expanding this great organization.

Recently, a question about shuttle launch requirements came up, specifically in the area of motherships. Yes, all shuttles must secure a mothership prior to launch. The mothership must be a chapter in good standing. It does not have to be in same region as the shuttle. I hope this clears up any confusions. If you are new to STARFLEET and need some help locating motherships, Shuttle Operations Command is at your service. We will be happy to help you find a mothership. If you need further info, please don't hesitate to contact me at shoc@sfi.org.

While we are on the subject of motherships, I would like to invite more chapters to join our Certified Mothership Program (CMP). If you have a chapter in good standing and are willing to sponsor new shuttles, please contact me so I can compile a list to help potential shuttles.

Another key launch requirement is approval for the shuttle's name and class, NCC number, ... etc. Questions about these should be addressed to the Department of Technical Services (DTS), attn: Adm. Alex Rosenzweig at dts@sfi.org. One thing sometimes overlooked by shuttle groups after receiving DTS authorization is that names are not reserved indefinitely. Be sure to put your shuttle plans in motion before the reservation expires.

On the operations side, I want to mention another good trend with the

shuttles. As you might recall, Ops department has generously provided a listing of 'Fleet-wide reporting status in previous issues of Communiqué. I am happy to report the shuttles are doing very well with MSR's too. In fact, we have nearly 100% reporting rate in last two reporting periods. This is very impressive considering many of these chapters are going the training program and learning the requirements. I want to commend the reporting officers of these shuttles. Keep up the good work, folks!

Over the last 8 years, 'Fleet operations have improved by leaps and bounds. Thanks to our continuous process improvement and increase in operating efficiency (e.g. leveraging more electronic processing), we are going to waive the commissioning VRR fee after 1/1/06. I want to thank all the volunteers that made this possible, and would appreciate your continued support so we can make STARFLEET even better for future generations.



COMMpletely RELEVANT

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



Greetings and welcome to Issue #133 of the Starfleet Communique! Only a couple of things I want to mention in this issue, so I'll be brief. :)

First, we are unveiling new Publication Awards!

Communications is changing the "Newsletter Awards" of the past into the new "Publication Awards" program! Any official publication of any STARFLEET

entity is eligible to be considered for these prestigious awards. This will include (but not be limited to) Newsletters, Fanzines, Manuals, etc., even certificates, forms and applications! We want to see your best efforts and give you the recognition you deserve! As you may have guessed, this will certainly be a daunting task, so we are also going to be asking for volunteers to help judge all of these amazing publications. The deadline for submissions is 01-JUL-2006. Please have

them emailed or postmarked no later than 01-JUL-2006. These awards will be presented at IC 2006; I hope to see you there!

Which leads me to the second issue, Volunteers!

As we have made a three year commitment to STARFLEET, we understand that people who started out as volunteers have had to move on for whatever reason. Despite

this, the work remains to be done. So, as we are saddened to have seen valued friends go, we are very happy to add new volunteers to our staff. The CQ needs content, graphics, and layout editors, and our new ambitions Publications Awards committee needs volunteers to help judge all of the submissions I expect to receive, just to name two. Please contact the Chief of Communications at comm@sfi.org ASAP to lend a hand!

See You in the Future!
Commodore Bob Fillmore
STARFLEET Chief of Communications
comm@sfi.org

STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

BDR Deborah Malotte, STARFLEET Director of Promotions • USS Normandy, R12

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

Fleet Captain / Brigadier

David W. Ferber

Commodore / Brigadier General

Patrick McAndrew Ray Brown
Susan Fugate-Ueffing Suzanne Guehring-Maurer

Vice Admiral

Victor Swindell

Congrats to all promotion recipients!

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

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

Other than Captain/Colonel, all increases are based on minimum TIG. In recognition of Extraordinary Service to STARFLEET or Outstanding Performance

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

Promotion Nomination Submission Tips:
Submit promotion nominations early.

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

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

--Filling out the Nominee Qualification section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brigadier Deborah A. Malotte
STARFLEET Director of Promotions

NEW SFI FORUMS!

CDR Derek Bellamy • USS Europe, R9

After working with STARFLEET Command, STARFLEET Webmaster, STARFLEET Computer Operations, and several STARFLEET Communications Officials we are pleased to announce the (Beta) Launch of our very own Boards (Forums), which are located at <http://sfi.org/portal/modules/newbb/index.php> or going to the main SFI website at www.sfi.org/portal and clicking the forum option on the left-hand menu.

These forums have been created to allow more freedom to the members when talking about Trek Topics, and various other pieces of information. Chapter, Regional and Fleet Commanders will now have the ability to post vital openings on the forums that will be posted to the website and send in a weekly e-mail created by myself to the Fleet to announce those positions.

Most Major Departments will have their own forums (and Sub-Forums) for various aspects of their departments, which will allow questions to be posted and answered without having to send it to just one or more inboxes and waiting for an answer. This will allow people who are not part of that department to answer the question if they can, as well as allow department officials who were not included in the (e-mail) to answer the question if they can.

Along with Department forums there are also a large amount of fan-fic, and fun boards to talk about the series, games, books, and almost anything that comes to mind.

With these new forums will come the need for members to operate boards and other aspects of its operation. Members will be selected and no one member will control the forums. This will allow for a higher degree of management. Department Heads or Officials will be granted moderator rights for their correct boards according to the Department Directors wishes.

If you would like to apply to be an overall staff member of the boards please forward me your real, and STARFLEET resume, and any other information that you think is needed. An official listing for specific roles will be posted on the main website, along with the forums shortly.

CFO BANK REPORTS

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

Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

December 2005

Beginning Balance				
Bank of America balance				\$43,530.43
Transfer from previous bank				\$0.00
Other				
Bank balance				\$43,530.43
Income				
Membership Processing				\$3,771.00
Cash			\$0	
Checks and money orders			\$839.00	
Credit cards			\$2,614.00	
Paypal			\$318.00	
QuarterMaster				\$55.00
Cash			\$0.00	
Checks and money orders			\$55.00	
Credit cards			\$0.00	
VR Shuttle and Ship fees				\$40.00
Interest on Savings				\$48.54
Total Income				\$3,914.54
Grand Total				\$47,444.97
Expense				
Bank Fees				\$10.00
CQ newsletter				\$0.00
Printing			\$0.00	
Postage			\$0.00	
Membership Processing				\$115.94
Credit cards			\$101.40	
Paypal			\$14.54	
Return Check			\$0.00	
Quartermaster				\$0.00
Skipjack and Paynet Fees				\$0.00
Equipment purchase				
membership processing teams				\$0.00
Supplies				\$23.51
IG			\$0.00	
Membership Processing			\$23.51	
Office			\$0.00	
Web Sites				\$0.00
Other				
Total Expenses				\$149.45
Ending Balance				\$47,295.52

CFO BANK REPORTS

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

SFA Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

December 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				

SFMC Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

December 2005

Beginning Balance				
Bank of America balance				\$1,392.06
Other				
Bank balance				\$1,392.06

Income				
Paypal				\$0.00
Checks and cash				\$41.30
Interest on Savings				\$0.00
Total Income				\$41.30
Grand Total				\$1,433.36
Expense				
Other				
Total Expenses				\$0.00
Ending Balance				\$1,433.36

CFO BANK REPORTS

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

SFI Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers Year of 2005

Beginning Balance				
Bank of America balance				\$1,000.00
Transfer from previous Bank				\$36,987.05
Other	SFMC Account From BB&T			\$620.12
Bank balance				\$38,607.17
Income				
Membership Processing				\$38,976.37
	Cash at Conferences		\$360.09	
	Checks or Money Orders		\$9,451.00	
	BB&T Credit Cards	Income \$175/Adj minus \$263.26	(\$88.26)	
	Credit Cards		\$24,776.99	
	BB&T PayPal		\$241.63	
	Paypal		\$4,753.92	
	Return & Missing Checks		\$126.00	
	Adjustment for Scholarship Fund		(\$645.00)	
Starfleet Quartermaster Sales				\$4,158.50
	Cash		\$1,217.05	
	Checks or Money Orders		\$1,257.45	
	Credit Cards		\$1,684.00	
VRR Income				\$236.00
Scholarship Funds				\$1,379.87
	From membership Processing		\$645.00	
	BB&T Interest Earned		\$1.86	
	Interest on Savings		\$292.87	
	Special Funds	Let Me Help	\$442.00	
Total Income				\$44,750.74

Expense				
Bank Fees				\$242.08
CQ Expenses				\$9,793.37
Processing Fees				\$1,753.77
Equipment Purchases				\$3,503.71
Insurance Bond				\$484.79
International Conference 2006				\$2,333.33
Return Check	Membership Processing			\$45.00
Scholarship Funds				\$1,500.00
Supplies				\$15,588.71
	BB&T expense		\$736.46	
	CFO Department		\$620.59	

CFO BANK REPORTS

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

	Flags for IC Conferences	\$143.47	
	IC Awards	\$260.83	
	IG Office	\$122.01	
	Membership Processing	\$13,545.75	
	Ops	\$36.32	
	SFA Reference Books & Office	\$123.28	
Web Hosting			\$817.63
Total Expenses			\$36,062.39
Ending Balance			\$47,295.52
Adjustment for Expensed:			
	Adjustment Scholarship fund expense * Still pending 4th scholarship	\$1,500.00	
	Quartermaster Credit Card Fees	\$55.45	
	Supplies & Postage	\$124.99	
	SUBTOTAL	\$1,680.44	
	Add in but not paid in 2005 Membership Processing Bumper Stickers	\$548.27	
	Membership Printing at OfficeMax paid 01-03-06	\$559.86	
	CQ Printing not paid in 2005 for CQ #131, printed Nov 05	\$1,305.57	
	ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$732.67	
Total Expense for STARFLEET	minus Scholarships and Quartermaster expenses	\$36,795.06	
Quartermaster Expensed Pending			
	Items received and payment approved	\$3,558.08	
	Polo Shirts to be billed estimated cost	\$1,196.25	
Total Pending Quartermaster pending		\$4,754.33	



ANDREAS KATSULAS DIES AT 59

CMDR Merri SAM Whitaker
USS KHAI TAM, R2

Andreas Katsulas, whose striking, Greek visage was often obscured by prosthetic makeup in his several sci-fi roles, died of lung cancer on Monday, February 13, 2006. He was 59. Andreas portrayed "G'Kar" from Babylon 5, Tormalak on STAR TREK: TNG, 4 episodes, and appeared in many other shows and movies as well.

From Dennis Rayburn:
More info on this very sad news can be found at:

<http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/index.php?category=0&id=34628>

Jill got to meet him in St. Louis with Matt Myers and his then fiancée, Amy. All three of them remarked what a great fellow he was with the fans, and how he flipped out when he heard that Matt had come from NC to see him.

May his soul find peace in the Great Maker's loving presence.

Dennis ~ stonecoldq@teslastation.org



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He will be greatly missed. He was easily one of the best storytellers at con events and a real gem.

CPT Mike Wilkerson

<http://www.andreaskatsulas.com/index.htm>

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – Nov./Dec. 2005

LGEM Jill Rayburn • SS Nikola Tesla, R1 • Interim Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)

Mohamed Bouihi (D)	Derek Bellamy (H)	John Parriet (H)	Doris R. Stanburg (H)
Scott Burnie (D)	Jason Batts (H)	Daniel Jackson (D)	Stephen Guminski (D)
Annette Dominguez (D)	Sherry Jolitz (D)	Richard Sams (D)	Shawn Webb (D)
Mark Webb (D)	Sheila Parriet (H)	Debi Knight (D)	Victor Mitchell (D)

SCHOOL OF RECRUITING
Dave Lowe (D)

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)

Sian Jackson	Anne Glover (H)
Sherry Jolitz (D)	Jeffrey Victor (H)
Ros Haywood (H)	

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)
European Campus
Bo Hellan

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)
European Campus
None at this time.

INTERNET SCHOOL OF ONLINE CHAT (ISOC)
Erik Roberts (D)

SCHOOL OF ACCESSABILITY
None at this time.

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL (FOS)
Sherry Jolitz (H)

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES (COMS)

Cathy Edgington (D, H) (5)	Bryan Alexander
Anne Miller (D, H) (2)	Scott Anderson
Mohamed Bouihi (H)	

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION (COC)
None at the time.

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA
Betty Ann Leverance (D, H) (2)

SCHOOL OF LAW (LAW)
Norma Ybarra

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE (CAHC)

Betty Ann Leverance (D, H) (10)	Scott Akers (D)
Jeffrey Nusbaum (H)	Truman Temple
Jeff Schnoor (D, H) (2)	Wayne Killough (D)
Geoff Upton (D, H) (3)	Darrell Thomas (D, H) (2)
Cathy Edgington (D) (2)	Michael Vermoesen (D) (2)
Jeremy Skelton (D)	Glendon Diebold (H)
Kyle Wolf (D)	Thomas Pawelczak (D)
Ann Arnold (D)	Nancy O'Shields (H)

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)
Sian Jackson (D) (7)

SCHOOL OF XENO-ANTHROPOLOGY (SOXA)
Amy Labbe (H)

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY
John Winsley (D) Jeffrey Higdon (D)
Scott Anderson (D)

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE (SOL)
Antonio Lopes III (D)

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)

Dave Slaughter (D) (10)	Jeffrey Crumpley (D)
Judy Waidlich (D) (5)	Betty Ann Leverance (D, H) (7)
Larry Neigut (D, H) (9)	Anne Glover (D) Jeremy Skelton (D)

COLLEGE OF HISTORY (COH)
Chrissy Killian Amy Labbe

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION TELEVISION (COSFT)

Thomas Pawelczak	Dean Rogers (D)
Truman Temple (2)	Glendon Diebold (D)
Grady Glover (H) (3)	Scott Akers (D)
Erik Cowand	Antonio Lopes III (D) (6)
Jeffrey Webb (H)	George Ann Wheeler (D) (4)
Nancy O'Shields (D)	

COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY (COT)

Tim Johns (D, H) (6)	Dean Rogers (D) (6)
Truman Temple (4)	

COLLEGE of the FANTASY REALM (COFTR)

Truman Temple (2)
Dean Rogers (D)
Anne Glover (D, H) (5)
Grady Glover (D, H) (5)
Jeremy Skelton (H)
Marlene Miller (D, H) (7)
Helen Pawlowski (D, H) (7)

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION CINEMA (COSFC)

Bill Rowlette (D, H) (15)	Dean Rogers (D, H) (5)
Glendon Diebold (H)	Robert Alpizar (D)
Truman Temple (3)	Jeremy Skelton (H)
Anne Glover (D, H) (10)	Dewayne Fulmer (D)
Grady Glover (D, H) (14)	Julie Fulmer (D)
Scott Anderson (D, H) (20)	Nancy O'Shields (D, H) (5)
John Winsley (D, H) (3)	Marlene Miller (D) (5)
Charles Blaylock	George Ann Wheeler (D) (2)

COLLEGE OF PHYSIOLOGY, HISTORY AND CULTURE
None at the time.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (SACOM)

Bill Rowlette (D, H) (18)	Darlene Harper (H)
Christine Anderson (H)	Betty Ann Leverance (D, H) (7)
Darrell Thomas (H) (2)	Sian Jackson (H)
Lea Elwood-Relyea (H)	Scott Burnie (H)
Amy Labbe (D, H) (5)	Linda Thomas (H) (2)
Christopher Bayonet (D)	

STARFLEET IN CYBERSPACE
Norma Ybarra (D) Ros Haywood (D)
Sian Jackson (H)

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY (SOBT)
Scott Anderson (H) (3) Jeremy Skelton Victor Swindell
Carolyn Zimdahl Sian Jackson

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL
Dave Lowe (2)

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)
Truman Temple (D, H) (8) Brad Danner (H)
Wayne Killough (H) (4) Amy Labbe (H)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (SOE)
None at this time.

COLLEGE OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
Dennis Relyea (H)

COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS (COTP)
None at this time.

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

COLLEGE OF SURVIVAL STUDIES

Timothy Barrington (D)	Truman Temple (D) (3)
Gregory Franklin (D) (2)	Carolyn Zimdahl (D)
Michael McColl (D)	Thomas Pawelczak (D) (3)
Larry Neigut (D)	Dean Rogers (D) (3)
Glendon Diebold (4)	Bill Rowlette (D)

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)

Darlene Harper (D, H) (3) Dave Slaughter (D) (4)

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS (SOST)
Michael McGowan (D) Dan Stockelman

SCHOOL OF STARSHIP OPERATIONS
Jeff Schnoor (4)

SECURITY SCHOOL

Jose Soto (H) (2)
Gary 'Bear' Borg (H)
Charles Blaylock (D)
Jeffrey Davis (D) (4)
Richard Hewitt (D) (4)
T'Anna Harrington (H)
Judy Waidlich (D)

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (VRCP)
USS Archangel (9 departments) Shuttle Rosen (6 departments)

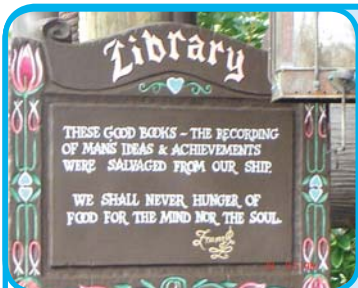
GORN ACADEMY
Jeremy Skelton
Betty Ann Leverance
Raymond Burkhardt
Jeffrey Davis (2)
Scott Anderson (3)

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM (MURP)

321st MSG, USS Aurora Vulcanus (3 departments)
111th MSG, USS Commonwealth (2 departments)
911th MSG, USS Galaxy

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY
None at this time.

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



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

LGN Jill Rayburn • SS Nikola Tesla, R1
Interim Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



Greetings! I'm still getting settled, so I will make this article brief. I am going to be making very few staffing changes or additions during this time, as I feel it is the place of the person who is ultimately chosen to fill the remainder of the term. However, I have selected persons to fill the HQ positions in the interim. The interim Vice-Commandant is former Commandant Marlene Miller. She brings much experience to the position, and she is already proving herself to be a wonderful help to the whole staff and myself. The interim Director of Electronic Services is Chris Esquibel. He is assisting us in keeping our website operational, and he has shown himself to be valuable, and makes changes and additions quickly. For our other current openings I will be taking applications through April 7th. At that time the person selected to fill the rest of the term will be making the decisions on the new staffers. There are some appointments that I will announce in this issue, and they were either already decided, or are people who have already been working within the framework of the Academy and were especially requested by the dean of the institute.

At this time, we have opening for the following directorships: College of History, College of Alien History and Culture, College of Engineering, College of Mythological Studies, Delta Quadrant Studies, and Internet School of Online Chat. Also, applications are being accepted for Scholarship Director and Dean of the Institute of Leadership Studies. For information on applying for

these positions, please contact me by one of the ways listed elsewhere in this CQ. To all those who have chosen for whatever reason to leave these hallowed halls, I thank you for your service to the SFA, and wish you luck in your future endeavors.

In the Institute of Arts, the institute dean, Wayne Killough, is temporarily running the College of History, College of Alien History and Culture, Delta Quadrant Studies, and the College of Mythology. I greatly appreciate all of his assistance in service the students and making sure that our courses are open during this time. Also, please be aware that I myself am handling the Internet School of Online Chat (part of the Institute of Leadership Studies) at this time.

I want to welcome our newest director, Angel Avery, who is taking over the College of the Fantasy Realm in the Institute of Science Fiction. Also joining us is her assistant, Anne Glover. They have already been working in IOSF as contributors, and they will make a wonderful addition to the staff. In other IOSF news, Treknology has reopened, and Darlene Topp has wonderful new and revised courses. Also, new courses have been added in Cinema, and more are being worked on for release soon.

Another announcement I am pleased to make is that we have two colleges that are being reopened. Judy Waidlich is the director for the College of Temporal Physics and the College of Liberal Arts.

These colleges and their courses are being revised at this time, and will hopefully be fully open by the time this issue is printed. They will be available for online requests, and I encourage everyone who has an interest in these courses to take them.

At all times, if you are ever not sure about if a particular course is open or closed, or whom to return completed exams to, and you are not able to contact the director, your next point of contact should be the dean of the institute in which the college or school resides. In most, if not all circumstances, the dean will be able to assist you, and if they cannot, they will pass it on to Marlene or myself. I do want to make everyone aware that I practice an "open door" policy. Any student, director, or other member can come to me with questions, problems, or comments regarding STARFLEET Academy. While I do recommend that there are situations where contacting someone else first will be more expedient, I will not turn anyone away who has legitimate questions or issues. I may ask you to contact another office about the issue, but I will follow up on it and make sure that you are heard and that your issues are resolved. Not all ideas or suggestions will be taken, that is just the nature of how things work, but I am always willing to listen and consider.

Lastly, I want to leave you with some thoughts I had while on my recent vacation to Florida. I was blessed to be able to visit Kennedy Space Center for the 20th anniversary of the loss of the

Space Shuttle Challenger. I hate to use the old cliché that "you learn something new every day" but it is true. I chose on that day to learn more about our space program and I now appreciate it even more. Education was so important to NASA that they began the teacher in space program, which was to have started with Challenger and Christa McAuliffe. While the education we provide in STARFLEET is not like public school or higher education, it is our opportunity to help people to learn. Be it knowledge about our favorite movies, the races in Star Trek, cultures in our own society, or any of the other topics within the SFA, the Academy and her staff are proud to assist our members on their educational journey. Education of any kind can only make us better people.

The Boothby Awards for this period:

Bronze (50-99)
Larry Neigut

Silver (100-149)
Scott A. Anderson, Sr.
George Ann Wheeler
John Fenison
Carolyn Donner
Angel Avery

Gold (150-199)
Antonio Lopes III
Judy Waidlich

Diamond (250-299)
Michael D. Anderson

'STAR WARS' ACTOR PHIL BROWN DIES AT 89

By AP
Phil Brown, who played Luke Skywalker's Uncle Owen in the 1977 hit film "Star Wars," has died.

Brown died of pneumonia Thursday at the Motion Picture and Television Country House and Hospital in Woodland Hills, said his wife, Ginny. He was 89.

Though Brown worked in stage and film for more than 30 years, many remember him best for his brief role as the loving uncle who tries to give Skywalker a normal childhood and keep him from knowing he has Jedi roots. Uncle Owen and his wife Beru meet an early end at the hands of imperial storm troopers.

It was "a very small part by comparison to the roles I had previously played. To be quite frank, I never gave it a thought again," Brown told the Baltimore Sun.

Brown got the part through unusual circumstances.

He moved his family to London in the 1950s after being blacklisted during the communist scare in the United States. A longtime progressive, Brown always denied being a Communist.

In London, he found work on stage and in such films as "Tropic of Cancer" (1970) and "Twilight's Last Gleaming" (1977).

In the mid-1970s, George Lucas was filming interior scenes for "Star Wars" at a London sound stage and needed an actor with a strong American accent.

Brown got the role, then spent a month or so in Tunisia filming a handful of scenes.

He returned to California in the early 1990s, quickly discovering that the role

had made him a celebrity. He became a popular figure at science fiction conventions.

The son of a doctor, Brown was born in Cambridge, Mass. and graduated from Stanford University.

He was accepted in the Group Theatre in New York in 1938, and first job on Broadway was as a dancer in the play "Everywhere I Roam."

The Group Theatre folded in 1941, and Brown moved to Los Angeles looking for work in the movies.

Along with other former Group Theatre members, he formed the Actor's Laboratory, which produced critically acclaimed works in Hollywood.

He directed plays by Arthur Miller, Nikolai Gogol and Arthur Laurent. In 1948, he

moved to London and played opposite Helen Hayes in Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

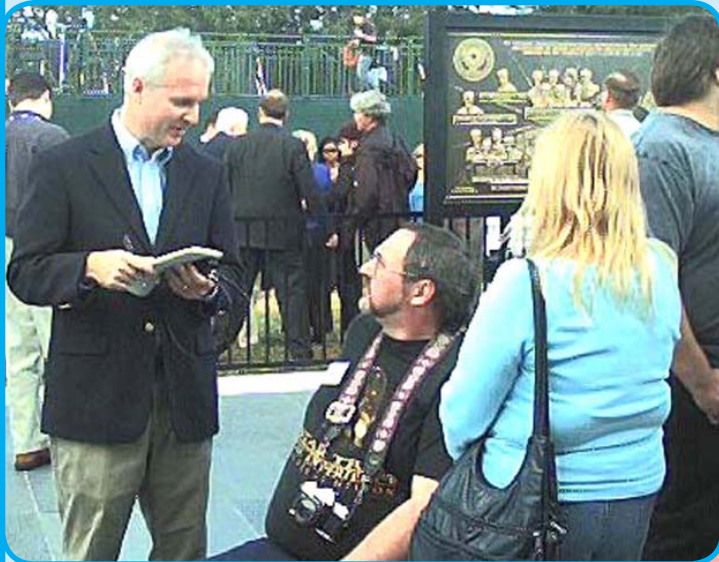
Returning to Hollywood in 1949, Brown found work as a director. Two years later finished his first feature film, "The Harlem Globetrotters," starring Dorothy Dandridge and members of the famous basketball team.

But that promising start ended with the "Red Scare" and the government focus on some members of the Actor's Lab. Brown and his wife left for London and stayed for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years; a son, Kevin, of Hawaii; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

~ Editor's Note: The above was posted to starfleet-I by Comm Jack "Towaway" Eaton (and grabbed by me for publication)

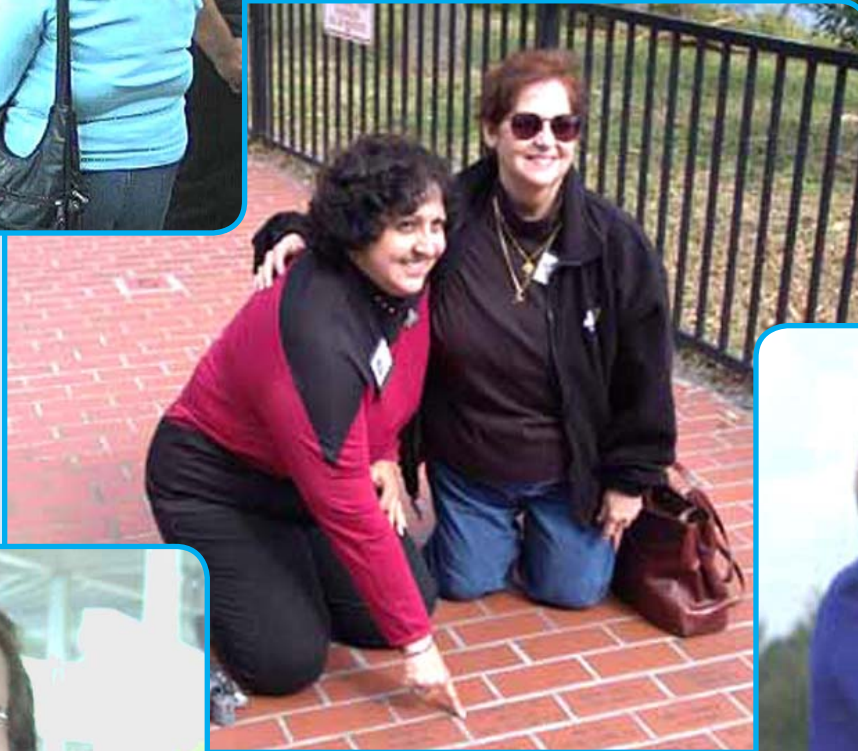
FLEETDAY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER!



Above: Alvin Rupp of the USS Onizuka being interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel.

Right: Cadet Rowan Rosbury is ready for duty.

Below: Valerie Solorazo points to the brick bearing her father's name on the Spacewalk of Honor as her mom, Sam Miller, looks on.



Below: Michelle Muench shows just how much she likes her new drink cup.



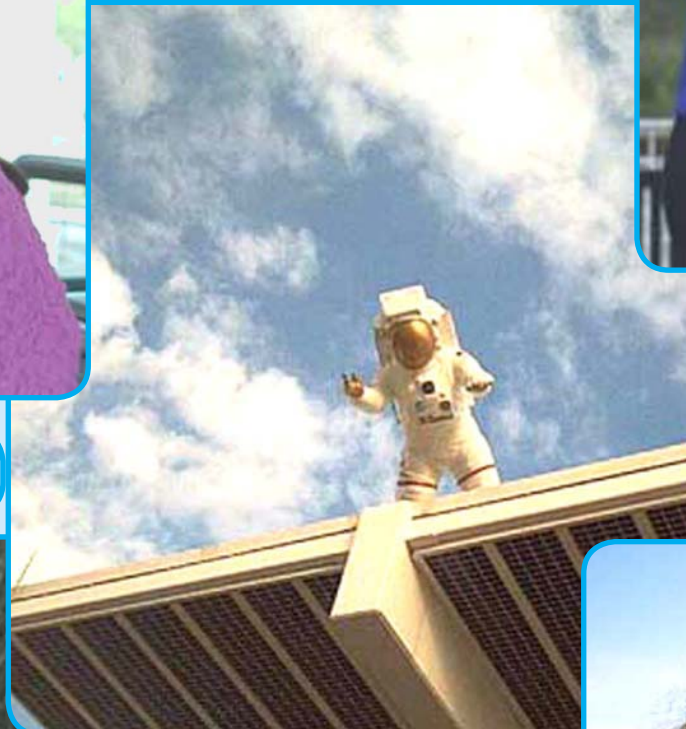
Below: Mother Planthold and Sunnie Planthold at breakfast Sunday morning.



Above: June Scobee Rogers, widow of Challenger pilot Dick Scobee, speaks at the official ceremony.

Left: An astronaut in an EVA suit greets us at the entrance to Kennedy Space Center.

Below: Towaway with our contact at Kennedy Space Center, Debbie Blizzard.





Above: No, Towaway is NOT goosing the astronaut!



Above: On the gantry and ready to go!
(l-r rear) Valerie Solazaro, Nick Roche, Brian Young
(front) Dennis and Jill Rayburn.



Above: The STARFLEET wreath left at the Astronaut Memorial.



Left: STARFLEET became an unofficial part of the ceremony with hundreds of people leaving their flowers with our wreath as the dignitaries spoke.

Above: Cadet Review at the Hall of Fame.

Right: Rowan Rosbury watches intently as his dad, Steve, places a rose at the memorial.

Below, left: The long speeches got the better of Ralph Planthold.



REUTERS

Reuters - Sat Jan 28, 2:28 PM ET

Rev. Dennis Rayburn (R) of Radcliff, Kentucky, the International Chaplain for the International Star Trek Fan Association, leads a prayer after members placed flowers at the Space Mirror Memorial on the 20th anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger accident at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Cape Canaveral, Florida January 28, 2006. REUTERS/Joe Skipper



IC SAVVY: THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE HOTEL

GEN Mark H. Anbinder • USS Accord, R7

Tempting as it may be to embrace laziness and inertia and stay inside the hotel all weekend, I urge everyone attending a STARFLEET International Conference or Regional summit or conference to get out, do a little exploring, see some sights, and enjoy the local color.

One of the factors considered when the Executive Committee selects each year's winning IC bid is what's available in the surrounding area, in terms of both available eateries and tourism opportunities. This is intentional, and critical! It's pretty much impossible for the event's planners to manage to keep every attendee entertained all weekend, so it's important that the surrounding area offer some diversions of its own.

Welcome to the next installment in my series of columns about STARFLEET's annual gatherings. With thanks to Scott Akers for the idea, I'm going to explore — as I hope you will — the world outside the IC hotel.

Got some Spare Time?

The first step in planning to enjoy life outside the event hotel is making sure you have enough time to do so. While some STARFLEET members have lots of spare time during an IC or summit weekend, most attendees find themselves with plenty of scheduled stuff to do, between meetings and panels, general sessions, banquets, and so on. So, I make a point of allowing myself an extra day or two, when time and funds allow. This lets me be relaxed about the beginning and end of the weekend (such as the traditional Dead Dog Party), as well as providing plenty of time for sightseeing.

That often means traveling on Thursday and Monday rather than Friday and Sunday, which has the added benefit sometimes of offering lower airfares, or more readily available free frequent flyer award tickets. But more to the point, it gives me a chance to get settled, as well as checking out a couple of extra local eateries with some folks who live in the area. Even if you don't already count some of the locals among your friends, you'll very likely find someone from the area who'd be happy to join you for a bite, or another traveler willing to share in an adventure.

At last year's IC in San Antonio, I got to explore the area twice — once with Trey and Seth Isquith and their daughter, who were gracious enough to let me join them in their quest for Starbucks and the Riverwalk, and then again with the

Klingmans and others. Each time I got to check out some local scenery, including the great art stalls at river level and the Alamo, and some great local eateries.

Another example was a visit to the Minnesota Zoo with (my former XO) Mike Shappe and family three years ago, during my visit to the Region 6 Summit, and I'll never forget a jaunt to Lubbock's delicious Pancake House with a couple of intrepid Region 3 folks during their Summit two years ago, and I've had countless opportunities to explore the Great Smokey Mountains National Park (in Tennessee), Replacements Ltd (in North Carolina), and other fun places (in both) on visits to Region 1 Summits.

As you can tell, sometimes my explorations are for food — especially when I can try out something truly local or regional, rather than the same old chains — and sometimes they're about tourism. On various Fleet-related trips, I've gotten to try Memphis BBQ, St. Louis BBQ, Texas BBQ, and Carolina BBQ. (Nope, not gonna tell you which I like best.) I've enjoyed sushi, seafood, burgers, steaks, Tex-Mex, spicy food, southern food, and more.

What will you do this summer when you visit Philadelphia for IC 2006? I've got a couple of foods in mind to seek out during my stay there, specifically a cheesesteak (big surprise) and some sushi. But I also haven't had a chance to be a tourist in Philadelphia in years, and I want to visit a couple of specific sites like the Liberty Bell, and USS *New Jersey*, which I visited as a kid.

I'm also tempted to go see the statue of Rocky Balboa, oh, and of course the nearby Philadelphia Museum of Art. I've heard the United States Mint is worth a visit; I haven't had a chance to see money get made since an eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.!

However you manage to do it, I definitely suggest getting out and about for at least a few hours when you're in Philly for this year's IC, or when you're in any city that isn't your own for a Fleet event. (And if it is your city, why not play tour guide? I'm sure someone will appreciate it!)

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Gen. Anbinder, IC Committee Liaison, has now attended nine ICs in a row, and a couple dozen regional summits or conferences. He's 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!

ADM Alex Rosenzweig and COMM Todd Brugmans, with Traci Giorgianni, Angel Avery, and Mike Smith visible in the background.



The Philadelphia Airport Embassy Suites atrium.



Jim Pugliese, Mary Ann Pugliese, Beryl Washington, Sonny Wright, and Traci Giorgianni.



MHA with David, Collin, and Kelly Klingman at the Alamo in San Antonio.

Photo taken by Martin Lessem.



FROM THE LATINUM CARPET

RADM David Klingman USS Jaguar, R4

Welcome to my 44th installment of *Communiqué* fodder - yes, this is my 44th consecutive submission to the CQ, and in this issue I wanted to talk to you about the challenges in writing 44 consecutive articles and what interests me these days.

It's not easy coming up with something every other month, particularly when what interests me changes and doesn't necessarily jive with what's happening on television and movies where science fiction (and *Star Trek*) are concerned. For most of my STARFLEET "career" I've focused on aspects of *Star Trek* that interest me - my Xenoarchaeology articles, various scientific topics from the *Star Trek* universe, and my roles at the various levels within the STARFLEET hierarchy. So where does that leave me, now that *Star Trek* is more or less off the sensor screen? Other science fiction shows? Fantasy? Horror? Something else?

The challenge I find myself facing is just what do I want to write about that I think will interest everyone else in STARFLEET? What is it that people in the fan club like to watch/like to do with their time? Certainly, I can write about my travels (the quantum slipstream is always warm, just in case I have to fire it up), I can write about STARFLEET events I've attended (IC, of course, is the biggest one, and it's my intent to visit the folks in Philadelphia this year, provided the Air Force is willing to let me take a few days leave), and I can write about the people I've met along the way.

Still, that's been done already. As you the readers know, there are plenty of articles in the CQ about chapter and regional events, charitable and humanitarian endeavors, and the like. It's not my intent to repeat what anyone else has done or

write similar pieces from issue to issue. My challenge is to stay original. Only you'll know for sure if I've succeeded, or if I'm spinning my wheels as you turn the page to something that's more interesting to you. Hopefully some of us connect and have similar interests.

So what does interest me these days?

Well, there are a few things... Let's start this issue with *Stargate* and see where it takes us.

I was fortunate enough to receive Seasons 4, 5, 6, and 7 of *Stargate: SG-1* for Christmas and then complete the 8 seasons of boxed sets thanks to a New Year's Day "buy one get one free" sale at BestBuy, so now I have the complete series on DVD (and spent much of New Years and the following days watching as much of it as I could). What is it that draws me to *Stargate*? Probably the same thing that draws me to *Babylon 5*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, and the developing series of stories in *Battlestar Galactica* - the broad story that spans multiple seasons, and the opportunity to see the characters, ships, technology, and universe develop in tandem (the excellent writing and acting don't hurt either).

For anyone who's been under a rock for the last eight-and-a-half years, here's my down and dirty review/recap of *Stargate*:

Following the events of the feature film (where Dr. Jackson and Col O'Neill defeat the Goa'uld System Lord, Ra), the key players become involved in the development of an operational command to oversee the Stargate Program, the exploration of worlds connected by the stargate network (which, it turns out, was created by an ancient race, smartly



referred to as The Ancients), and bring back advanced technology to help fight the Goa'uld (who it turns out are made up of many System Lords who have posed over the centuries as the gods of various mythologies). In the process, Earth encounters many Human civilizations transplanted by the Goa'uld, as well as some non-Human alien species. In the span of eight seasons, we also manage to defeat the Goa'uld, free the Jaffa, forge alliances with a number of other races, including the Asgard and the Tok'ra (basically the 'good guy' rebellion of the Goa'uld), and discover Ancient technology that enables us to locate the Lost City of Atlantis (which serves as the spin-off for *Stargate: Atlantis*).

What I found interesting initially about *Stargate* and throughout most of the series is how few 'alien' species there have been, compared to how many Human civilizations we have encountered. It's far more challenging (in my opinion) to write the types of stories involved with *just* Humans involved, as opposed to the "random forehead of the week" we've seen on *Star Trek* - this has been one of the major criticisms I've had regarding *Star Trek*, particularly where potentially interesting alien species have been encountered and just left as afterthoughts

- once again, in previous articles I mention that many of the potentially interesting aliens from *Star Trek: Voyager* have been underdeveloped/under-utilized as my primary criticism to enjoying *Voyager* to its fullest. *Enterprise*, in my opinion, also falls into this trap, since I would have been far more interested to see the development of the relationship between Earth and its first allies (Vulcans, Andorians, Tellarites) and the foundation of what would become the United Federation of Planets, rather than the appearance of so many aliens who were, in my opinion, misplaced (about 75-100 years too early, if you ask me). *Stargate*, on the other hand, spends a great deal of time developing the relationship between many Human civilizations and just a few alien cultures, which lends a different kind of charm. Don't get me wrong - the universes of *Star Trek* and *Stargate* are both well-developed, and the major aliens in both series are more or less appropriate; it just seems to me that the aliens in the *Stargate* universe are more intentionally placed, while the aliens in *Star Trek* are often incidentally placed for purpose of a single story that sometimes works, sometimes has a valuable lesson, and sometimes is well written and well acted. Consistency, I think, is the big difference here.

I guess the bottom line is that eight seasons of *Stargate* have been of consistent and higher quality than five *Star Trek* series. Perhaps this is a luxury that *Babylon 5*, *Stargate*, and *Battlestar Galactica* have that *Star Trek* didn't - the opportunity to create one universe in one show with more or less one team of people developing the stories. Too many cooks in the *Star Trek* kitchen perhaps? Perhaps. That's for each of us to decide.

Next issue, I'll talk about *Battlestar Galactica* and see where that takes us.

Dave Klingman
Email - ops@ussjaguar.org
mIRC - D or RADMD

STARBASE DENTAL OFFICE

CMDR Mary Bryson
USS Dauntless, R2

I found this article in American Automobile Association magazine and wanted Star Trek fans to read about Starbase Dental Office in Orlando, Florida. Starbase Dental has a Star Trek theme that runs from its merchandise, to the dental crew wearing Star Trek uniforms, to monitors by the dental chair while your teeth are being cleaned and drilled. It looks like an interesting place to visit. I sent the original article from the magazine to a local television station in Jacksonville Fla., but I don't know if they did a story about it or not.

editor's note

Do a Double Take

It's fascinating to discover all the varied interests and hobbies of our AAA members. Even in casual conversations, I'll learn something really extraordinary about seemingly everyday folks.

We've decided to highlight some of these intriguing AAA members each issue. This new feature is aptly named *Double Take* and is presented on the last page of the magazine. Our first story comes from Starbase Dental in Orlando.

For some, going to the dentist is the last place you'd expect to be entertained. But Dr. Surendra Sirivolu and his crew have turned their office into a showplace for *Star Trek* and sci-fi memorabilia. To make your experience even more fun, they're all outfitted in *Star Trek* uniforms.

Monitors above your head play sci-fi television shows, so you may hear Captain Kirk yell, "Scotty, I need you on the bridge!" while you're having your own bridge fitted. Unlike some die-hard Trekkies, it's all in good fun and is designed to make your trip to the dentist an enjoyable experience.

If you know someone who has a fascinating occupation, hobby or interest, please let us know. We'd like to do a *Double Take*.



STARFLEET *Society*



BIRTHDAYS

Date	Region and Chapter	Name	Age	Email
3-Mar	R-02 - USS Dauntless	Kirby, Morgan	18	bad_bluekitty@yahoo.com
5-Mar	R-01 - Bennu Station	Pope, Johnny	26	trekscotty@direcway.com
5-Mar	R-01 - Bennu Station	Pope, Tommy	26	trekscotty@direcway.com
6-Mar	R-01 - Bennu Station	Crumpley, Jeff	35	JCrump3671@hotmail.com
13-Mar	R-13 - USS Jaguar	Dyar, Allyson M W	51	nitehawk@ussjaguar.org
15-Mar	R-01 - USS Ronald E. McNair	Schweikert, Jan	0	janicem1@bellsouth.net
17-Mar	R-02 - USS Dauntless	Donohoe, Margaret	12	dauntless_74214@comcast.net
22-Mar	R-01 - USS Maat	Bolick, Mark	0	heatpump@charter.net
22-Mar	R-07 - USS Ascension	Kurtz, Robert M.	51	none given
25-Mar	R-02 - USS Continuum	Bilsback, Cindy	21	happynuget@bellsouth.net
4-Apr	R-02 - USS Spiritwalker	Magann, Suzanne	9	spiritwalker77@aol.com
5-Apr	R-01 - USS Pride of Scotland	Berenberg, Sanford	0	sanford@berenberg.net
9-Apr	R-01 - USS Maat	Bolick, Susan	0	needlerknits@charter.net
12-Apr	R-01 - USS Pride of Scotland	Goldbach, Karen	0	IrishLady@bellsouth.net
12-Apr	R-02 - USS Continuum	Dolan, Bruce E.	43	bdtrek@bellsouth.net
12-Apr	R-12 - USS Dragonstrike	Honeyball, Rachel	21	startrekdragonstrike@hotmail.com
14-Apr	R-02 - SS Dark Silance Station	Burhans, Will	34	Smilly35633@comcast.net
14-Apr	R-02 - USS Dauntless	Donohoe, Thomas	41	tndonohoe@mac.com
15-Apr	R-04 - USS Gallant	Bernay, Adam J	31	maccabee6@ussgallant.org
15-Apr	R-07 - USS Flying Fox	Avery, Angel	0	Njel@aol.com
16-Apr	R-02 - USS Dauntless	Fields, Lonnie	70	tn_maquis@yahoo.com
17-Apr	R-02 - USS Spiritwalker	Ricci, Alyssa	35	spiritwalker77@aol.com
19-Apr	R-04 - USS Centurion	Temple, Truman	41	hstrymjr@yahoo.com
30-Apr	R-20 - USS Britannia	Upton, Geoff "Lonewolf"	33	GeoffUpton1@aol.com
1-May	R-12 - USS Dragonstrike	Caster, Jennifer	0	startrekdragonstrike@hotmail.com
2-May	R-02 - USS Relentless	Rosbury, Rowen	3	jrosbury@hotmail.com
5-May	R-02 - USS Dauntless	Gilliam, Beatrice	93	dauntless_74214@comcast.net
8-May	R-03 - USS Victory	Arizmendi-Gordon, TJ	44	kharennab@aol.com
12-May	R-04 - USS Centurion	Temple, Robert	11	hstrymjr@yahoo.com
15-May	R-02 - USS Republic	Kirkland, Jeff	53	ijk051553@aol.com
24-May	R-04 - SS K Ehleyr	Fillmore, Wendy	43	Kitten63@cox.net
24-May	R-12 - USS Hellfire & Brimstone	Colpitts, Jennifer	27	jcdolphin@cableone.net
25-May	R-12 - USS Dragonstrike	DuBose, Norma	42	startrekdragonstrike@hotmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS!

Left: Carlos William Bruckman
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10 lbs. .04 oz.
21 in.

Right: The Bruckmans
Joan, Ricky, and baby Carlos



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region and Chapter</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
22-Apr	R-12 - USS Firestorm	Killough, Wayne Lee and King, Kevin Allen	6	robynhunter@mchsi.com
27-Apr	R-07 - USS Inferno	French, Larry D. and Debbie A.	4	lfrench@maquis.com
27-May	R-17 - USS Mir	Kern, Philip and Debra	17	dkern@zianet.com
29-May	R-12 - USS Sunflower	Hart, Larry and Bea	41	usnflower@aol.com

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region and Chapter</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
1-Mar	R-01 - USS Liberator	Akron	Ohio	3	Liberator@regionone.net
1-Mar	R-02 - USS Paegan	Orlando	Florida	23	batman@palemoonlight.com
1-Mar	R-02 - USS Relentless	Palm Bay	Florida	8	co@ussrelentless.com
1-Mar	R-07 - USS Archer	Swedesboro		3	BishopCullen@aol.com
2-Mar	R-01 - USS Aeon	Memphis	Tennessee	14	stpjones@bellsouth.net
4-Mar	R-02 - Shuttle Blue Sun	Killen	Alabama	0	darkvulcan76@aol.com
7-Mar	R-03 - USS Panther City	Fort Worth	Texas	7	co@usspanthercity.org
8-Mar	R-05 - USS Rubicon	Richland	Washington	13	bobby.robbs@verizon.net
8-Mar	R-07 - USS Flying Fox	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	4	Njel@aol.com
10-Mar	R-10 - USS Majestic	Victoria	BC	11	sakaari@shaw.ca
15-Mar	R-07 - USS Dragon Star	Middletown	New York	8	uss_dragon_star@yahoo.com
16-Mar	R-02 - USS DaVinci	Cloumbus	Georga	10	uss_davinci@knology.net
16-Mar	R-13 - USS Sinclair	Waterford	Michigan	1	Jsare@uss Sinclair.org
17-Mar	R-01 - USS Intrepid	Wooster	Ohio	7	missouri145@aol.com
17-Mar	R-12 - USS Celt	Fayetteville	Arizona	9	co@usscelt.org
19-Mar	R-02 - SS Dark Silence Station	Florence	Alabama	12	cab111051@aol.com
21-Mar	R-01 - USS Richmond	Covington		19	hanna42@aol.com
24-Mar	R-04 - SS K'Ehleyr	Las Vegas	Navada	12	fillmoreb@hotmail.com
24-Mar	R-12 - USS Royal Sovereign	Shawnee	Kansas	15	mavric3@earthlink.net
27-Mar	R-03 - USS Tejas	Vernon	Texas	13	tiqhud@gmail.com
30-Mar	R-15 - USS Atlantis	Brockton	Massachusetts	15	obs683@hotmail.com
31-Mar	R-01 - Shuttle Schweitzer	Westminster	Maryland	2	revfuhrman@msn.com
1-Apr	R-01 - USS Heimdal	Madison Heights	Virginia	22	heimdalco@aol.com
1-Apr	R-01 - USS Star Runner	Greenville	S.Carolina	8	fcdlb@bellsouth.net
1-Apr	R-06 - USS Czar'ak	Minneapolis	Minnesota	22	DavidK50@skypoint.com
1-Apr	R-07 - USS Triton	Glen Burnie	Maryland	14	gmensey@aol.com
1-Apr	R-17 - USS Wind Spirit	Colorado Springs	Colorado	11	biff@pcisys.net
3-Apr	R-01 - USS Arizona	Canton	Ohio	13	Garfieldksk@aol.com
4-Apr	R-02 - USS Continuum	Pensacola	Florida	13	BDTrekl@bellsouth.net
4-Apr	R-02 - USS Khai Tam	Tallahassee	Florida	14	khaitam@reddimension.com
9-Apr	R-06 - USS Thunderchild	Rapid City	S.Dakota	14	eschnitger@hotmail.com
12-Apr	R-01 - SS Lewis B Puller	Summerville	S.Carolina	9	mccabedb@musc.edu
15-Apr	R-12 - USS Bortas	Urbana	Illinois	6	cptnglenn@aol.com
16-Apr	R-04 - USS Oberon	Citrus Heights	California	13	none
17-Apr	R-01 - USS Reprisal	Kingsport	Tennessee	9	ReprisalCO@earthlink.net
18-Apr	R-02 - USS Shadow Hawk	Opelika	Alabama	7	ShadowHawkCO@uss-shadowhawk.com
25-Apr	R-07 - USS Justice	Morristown	New Jersey	12	justiceco@aol.com
27-Apr	R-01 - USS Star League	N.Augusta	S.Carolina	15	shadowkeeper56@aol.com
27-Apr	R-02 - USS Haise	Jackson	Mississippi	11	haiscapt@yahoo.com
1-May	R-01 - USS Commonwealth	Richmond	Kentucky	2	dlthomas3@adelphia.net
1-May	R-01 - USS Indiana	Indianapolis	Indiana	2	capt_ncc_79158@insightbb.com
1-May	R-12 - USS Marko Ramius	Fayetteville	Arizona	14	troycash@cox.net
11-May	R-01 - USS Hells Fury	Freemont	W.Virginia	2	hcco@TeamCMX23.org
11-May	R-02 - USS Gasparilla	Tampa	Florida	4	co@ussgasparilla.com
13-May	R-07 - USS Highlander	Frederick	Maryland	12	gerryrobyn@sfi.org
14-May	R-04 - USS Angeles	Los Angeles	California	8	ussangeles@hotmail.com
15-May	R-01 - USS Yorktown	Rock Hill	S.Carolina	15	kissmetwice@comporium.net
20-May	R-14 - USS Magellan	Rouyn-Noranda		4	mlb.bien@cablevision.qc.ca
21-May	R-03 - USS Firebird	Houston	Texas	4	denahhaptugruk@gmail.com
21-May	R-12 - Shuttle Foe Hammer	Stillwater	Oklahoma	1	issken@cox.net
21-May	R-12 - USS Dragonstrike	Oswego	Kansas	1	dragonwolf1966@hotmail.com
22-May	R-12 - USS Firestorm	Ottawa	Kansas	2	techiecook@email.com

The Morale Office has the extreme pleasure to announce the engagement of Wade Hoover and Jenn Colpitts. Their wedding is to be held Saturday April 22, 2006. You can send your well wishes to Ignhoover@cableone.net.

If you would like to have our birthday announced here are on the STARFLEET mail list please contact FCAP James Whatley at frc-morale@sfi.org or write to James Whatley 1306 Meldrum St NE, Cullman AL 35055, or fill out the form at <http://wfi-morale.dyndns.org>.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FLEET HISTORIAN

GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R13

Once again we are gathered her together to pay our respects to five valiant ships and their namesakes that came before them. These last four ships of the Constitution class take their nomenclature not from strictly ships of the United States Navy, but show that Earth of the 22nd century had gone far beyond such parochialism and was able to honor not only those might ships of America's past, but also those of other nations, even those who were at one time or another opponents of that same US Navy. Herein we will look at the Intrepid and Valiant, ships of Her Majesties Britannic Navy. Kongo, a vessel of the Imperial Japanese Navy, the Potemkin of the Russian and later Soviet Navy, and finally the Defiant named for a fictional ship of England, that garnered so much publicity that some thought she had been a real vessel.

There have been three ships to date to carry the name HMS Intrepid, built between 1890 and 1894, she served first as a cruiser, and as Naval Technology evolved so quickly, she was converted first into a minelayer, then a depot ship, she met her end in 1918, when she was sunk as a block ship (filled with concrete) in the entry to the Port of Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast, this was to prevent ships and more importantly submarines to be able to use that port (and its sister port Ostend). This action came to be known as the Zeebrugge Raid. The raid itself only slowed the German Navy for a few days, but was considered a moral victory for the British Navy.

The second HMS Intrepid was an I-Class Destroyer, commissioned in July of 1937. She served successfully for several years of World War Two, aptly living up to her name. On October 14th, 1939, she with her sisters **Ivanhoe** and **Inglefeld** cornered, attacked and sank the German U-Boat, U-45 south-west of the coast of Ireland. Intrepid was also part of the task force that chased down and sank the Battleship **Bismarck** in the May of 1941. She followed this up with convoy duty to the besieged British forces on the island of Malta in 1942. Sadly, she was sunk by a German Junkers 88 aircraft while in the Aegean Sea on September 27th, 1943.

The third HMS Intrepid L-11, was a Landing Platform Dock, (an amphibious warfare ship) which was able to serve its entire life 1964-2004 without being sunk. Built in the early 1960's in Scotland, she had a large floodable well deck in her stern, and a flight deck above that capable of supporting either Helos or Harriers. She carried 8 landing craft as well as her detachment of either Royal Marine Commandos or British SAS forces. She served in the Falklands campaign

against Argentina, and was noted for the tragic accident in 1982, of a Sea King Helicopter when SAS forces were trying to cross deck to another vessel. Eventually it was decided to replace her due to the vast amount of asbestos aboard which would make overhaul to expensive. She was replaced by the HMS Bulwark, part of the **Albion** class, in 2004. (1)

Our next homage is to the USS Valiant, with six British ships carrying that name. The first HMS Valiant was a 74 gun Ship of the Line, while larger than most ship the American Navy would have until the American Civil War, she was still considered only a third rate, and was used to guard the ends of the Battle Line. She was followed in 1807 by another Third Rate Ship of the Line which served in the Napoleonic Wars, and again in 1825 by yet another Third Rate which served throughout the Mediterranean Sea.

The fourth HMS Valiant was launched in 1863, an ironclad battleship of the Hector Class, and served for over 50 years, before being decommissioned and renamed the Valiant II. She was eventually sold for scrap in 1957, with nearly hundred years afloat. Not much information is currently available about her, but she apparently served with distinction during the long era of Pax Britannica.

The fifth HMS Valiant was launched in 1914 as a Queen Elizabeth Class Battleship and served with distinction at the Battle of Jutland and was the flagship for Admiral Hugh Evan-Thomas' 5th Battle Squadron of the Grand Fleet. Between World Wars One and Two, she was upgrade to a configuration of 36,513 tons displacement, 197 meters in length, a crew of 1,220, cruising speed of 24 knots with a range of 4,400 miles. She carried 8 x 15 inch guns, 14 x 6 inch guns, 4 x 21 inch (533 mm) submerged torpedo tubes, and 46 other smaller and anti-aircraft guns. During World War Two, she participated in the sinking of the Vichy French Fleet at Mers-el-Kebir, fought at the Battle of Cape Matapan, and the Battle of Crete. She was sunk in shallow water at Alexandria Harbor by Italian Frogman, but was raised and repaired and served much of the rest of the war, until damaged again in the Indian Ocean. After the war she served as a training vessel, until decommissioned in 1948 and then scrapped in 1950.

Finally the sixth and latest HMS Valiant S-102, was launched in 1963 as the lead vessel in the Valiant Class of nuclear powered submarines. Displacing 4,800 tons while submerged and just 87 meters in length, she carried six 21" bow torpedo tubes and could maintain 28 knots

submerged indefinitely. She was refitted in 1970 and 1977, served in the Falklands War of 1982, and was again refitted in 1989. Following the development of permanent engine trouble in mid 1994, she was retired and decommissioned that same year. She awaits a time when it will be safe for her reactor to be removed to be removed from the water and converted into a public display at Devonport, England. (2)

Our next ship is the USS Kongo, named after three ships of the Japanese Navy. These ships were all named for Mount Kongo in the Osaka Prefecture of Japan. The first Kongo was an 1878 armored corvette of the Imperial Japanese Navy. She was designed by the distinguished naval constructor Edward James Reed, and built in Great Britain. Seventy meters in length, Twelve point four in breadth, she displaced 2200 tons, and combined three sailing masts with a single shaft reciprocating engine to achieve 14 knots. She had a crew of 308, armor of 3 ½ to 4 ½ inches, and carried three 6.8 inch guns, six 6 inch guns, and two 14.4 inch torpedo tubes. She served in the Russo-Japanese War of 1905, and was decommissioned in 1909 and later scrapped.

The next IJN Kongo was Japan's first super dreadnaught class ship, and the first ship of its class. Built in England and launched in 1912, she was completed and sent to Japan the following year. She saw little action in World War Two but experienced two major overhauls before World War Two began. With a crew of 1360, her class was the first to carry 14 inch gun main armament, and carried eight such guns as well as sixteen 6 inch guns secondary guns, and 118 twenty-five mm Anti-Aircraft Guns. After her final rebuild she displaced 36,600 tons, was over 220 meters long, and nearly 31 meters in breadth. Her maximum speed was 30 knots, and she could cruise continuously for 10,000 nautical miles at 18 knots.

While most of her duty was spent escorting aircraft carriers, she participated in the Battle of Guadalcanal, the Battle of Leyte Gulf, and was finally sunk in the Formosa Straights by the US Submarine Sealion. She was the only Japanese Battleship sunk by a submarine, and the last battleship so sank.

The third Japanese ship named Kongo serves in the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Forces and is the class ship of Destroyers modeled after and improved upon the US Navy's Arleigh Burke class. Four Kongos have been built so far, displacing 9,845 tons making them as large as some cruisers, and giving them a draft to deep for anything but ocean going service. They are equipped with the advanced Aegis fire control system, a vertical launch system with up to 15 VLS tubes and 90 missiles in the magazines. In addition they carry two CIWS defense mounts, and two triple tube torpedo mounts, and a single 127mm 54 caliber gun. Powered by for gas turbine jet

engines, the Kongos can cruise in excess of 30 knots for extended periods.(3)

Our next ship is the USS Potemkin named after the Imperial Russian Ship Potemkin (in Russian pronounced Patyomkin) which was a pre-dreadnaught battleship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. Built at the Nikolayev shipyard in what is now the Ukraine in 1898, but not commissioned until 1904. The named honored General-Field Marshal Grigori Alexandrovich Potemkin, hero of the Russian Drive to annex the steppes lands of the Cossacks, and a favorite of the Tsarina Catherine II. The ship's most famous exploits was actually a mutiny by its crew in the Russian Mini-Revolution of 1905. Joined initially by the crew of an escorting torpedo boat, and for awhile another Battleship, the Georgiy Pobedonosets, the Potemkin held off the Russian Fleet for eleven days before finally surrendering to Romanian authorities. Some of her crew returned to Russia and were convicted of Mutiny, while the rest waited until the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 to make their return. The exploits became part of the famed silent movie, the "Battleship Potemkin", a classic of Stalinist propaganda. (4)

The last ship of our three-part article is not one of the original 14 ships, but one that figured prominently in the episode "The Tholian Web", as well as the Enterprise episodes "Dark Mirror I & II", the USS Defiant. As far as this researcher can find, there was never a warship in Earth History named the Defiant, but rather was a ship in a much played 1962 movie "H.M.S. Defiant" starring Sir Alec Guinness, and Dick Bogarde. Set in the pre-Napoleonic conflict between England and Revolutionary France, the 'Defiant' was one of the ships participating in the Spithead and Nore mutinies, where British working class sailors rose up against upper class officers. The Mutiny itself challenged the British aristocracy and instilled in them a fear that their own working class may revolt much like the French did a few short years before. While the ship was not real, the movie had great impact, and when Roddenberry made his show the Defiant was there. During the Enterprise episodes, a painting of the movie ship was hung in the ship's briefing room. Rumor has it that the writers for the later episodes never knew that the ship was only a movie creation.

Conclusion

Well that's it. Six months, three articles, fifteen ships. It has been fun, it has been interesting, and now it is the end. Until I write again, I remain:

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Member without Title

- (1) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Intrepid
- (2) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Valiant
- (3) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kongo>
- (4) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_battleship_Potemkin
- (5) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Defiant



EDITORIALS

STAR TREK'S POSITIVE MESSAGE - IT'S STILL IMPORTANT

ADM Alex Rosenzweig • USS Avenger, R7

The genesis of this essay came in the midst of a gripe-and-grumble session. I saw what I felt has become a serious problem, not only in STARFLEET, but in fandom at large, and I was basically griping to some friends. So, one of them said, "This sounds like a good essay for the CQ." And she was right, because this is worth discussing.

Watching this organization of late, it has struck me that there has been a small, but distinct, trend toward enthusiasm for a lot of very dark themes. These themes include, but might not be limited to, militarism (and I do not mean patriotic defense of country, I mean aggressive saber-rattling and intimidation), totalitarianism, aggression, paranoia, and just plain garden-variety anger. I can't honestly say why it is that that enthusiasm got started, but I have to admit, it concerns me greatly.

Why, you may ask?

Consider: What is the message of Star Trek? What did the show tell us? It suggested that it's possible, despite all the tensions in the world, for Humanity to overcome that, to live in peace with each other, and even more, to reach outward, together, into the universe on the greatest mission of all, to "see what's out there". Not everything out there was friendly, of course, but our characters and the civilization they represented overcame adversity without ever losing sight of the principles for which they stood. Indeed, it was those principles which, much of the time, gave them the strength to overcome that adversity.

Star Trek fandom embraced those principles, and came to believe in a philosophy that said violence was the last resort, not the first. We embraced the idea that exploration, discovery, and finding the wonders that lie beyond the border was something worth emulating, and that building a positive future by helping our world become a better place in the present was something worth doing.

Starfleet, the exploration and defensive agency of the United Federation of Planets, is the embodiment of those ideals: the bravest, best, and brightest of all the Federation's peoples, joined

together to reach out into the unknown and make it known. The people who make up Starfleet are the ones who believe that you fired your weapon if, and only if, you'd run out of alternative ways to resolve a situation, and they're not happy about having to do it. They would, but they wouldn't like it.

Our organization is based on that agency. That agency's ideals and missions are underlying principles behind much of what our organization does, and—assumedly—holds dear. When someone says, "I am a member of STARFLEET", the fact that our organization represents and supports those ideals, within the very structures that make it work, speaks to the appreciation of and commitment to Star Trek's positive future. Our many programs and events and charitable works are further testament to that...and they're fun, too.

Or, at least, that's the theory.

In practice, the embrace of the sorts of themes I spoke of at the beginning of this article, raises questions. People say, "It's all good fun!" But is it? Are those themes **really** "fun"? In Star Trek, and indeed a lot of storytelling, whether it be Trek, sci-fi, or just stories in general, those things are what our heroes **overcome**. Those are the tools of their antagonists. They are not there to be emulated, and indeed, in episode after episode, they are shown to be flawed. For example, in the original Star Trek episode "Mirror, Mirror", in which Kirk and a landing party from **Enterprise** were transposed into a hostile, opposite version of their world, Kirk told the Mirror-Spock (an honorable man in both universes), after Mirror-Spock predicted the collapse of his Empire, "I submit to you that your empire is illogical, because it cannot endure." And it doesn't endure. It falls. Of course there are Star Trek episodes in which our heroes went off to battle. But they didn't **enjoy** it; they did it because it was necessary to preserve their way of life, just as the brave men and women of our Armed Forces today go into uncomfortable, hostile places—and sometimes even do battle in foreign lands—to protect and defend our way of life.

I think that it's understandable that some of those darker themes have come to

the fore. We live in uncomfortable times today. We're not sure what the future holds. People are frustrated, and often angry. They want to get aggressions out. But in doing so, they play out negative archetypes, and create negative perceptions. One person I communicated with regarding this situation described how stunned he was that these dark themes have themselves engendered negative reactions. But another person had the following to say (quoted with permission): "I joined STARFLEET because it was a group of people who wanted to make a positive impact in the world around them...I cannot fathom how that is accomplished by a group who insist in participating in a subset that encourages assassination as a legitimate form of promotion, torture as a legitimate form of interrogation, etc."

Now, obviously, I don't think that these folks actually believe in those things in their everyday lives! Far from it! But it nonetheless presents a very negative impression, and that negativity can make the presentation of a positive environment that much more difficult. Is it just for play? Obviously. Does it present a positive message? I have to question that.

I think it's in times like these that, maybe contrary to today's "conventional wisdom", we **need** to have that idealism. We need to be able to say, "Tomorrow can be better." We need to be able to say, "I'm not going to kill today." We need to be able to say, "Who's going to take the first step toward trust? The answer is, I will." When Star Trek first aired, it was a turbulent time in our people's history, and we wondered if we'd make it through. Star Trek's positive, hopeful message spoke to those fears, and the result has endured for four decades (and counting). Today, it's still a turbulent time, and we still wonder, and the message of the various Trek series still holds true. We **can** be better, and we **can** still reach for tomorrow, with enthusiasm and hope, not anger or fear.

Can our organization still stand for that, while offering current and prospective members a fun and worthwhile experience for their membership dollar? I believe it can. But it needs to do better than it's been doing lately. Some people say that the future of Trek and science fiction is dark and unhappy stories. I disagree. I think that the message of a positive future, where exploration and discovery are more powerful forces than weapons or fear, is as strong and relevant today as ever, maybe more so. And I think that STARFLEET can and should embrace it, in **all** aspects of our organizational life.

That enthusiasm for each other, for tomorrow, and for a positive and bright future can sometimes be a challenge, but it's worth it, and I challenge each and every one of you to join me in meeting it.

"Let's see what's out there."

A NEW STARFLEET COMMUNITY

ADM Alex Rosenzweig
USS Avenger, R7

All interested members and chapters of STARFLEET are invited to join a new community. It's called Project SIMELE. It's a specialty group, designed to support a specific interest, but it's also not an interest that's widely served these days, so this new group was created to meet the need.

"SIMELE" is short for "STARFLEET In the Movie and Early Lost Eras", and its focus is for members or chapters of STARFLEET who have an interest in, use the motif of, or are fictionally set in the timeframe of roughly 2270 to 2335 in the Star Trek Universe, to interact. It's designed to provide a venue for members to share resources, exchange ideas and thoughts about playing in this era of Star Trek, possibly develop cooperative fiction, and so forth.

The group, first announced on the STARFLEET Mailing List has gotten off to a good start, but we're always looking for more members who share this interest.

Come check the group out at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SIMELE/>

TREK TOP 10

FCOL Adam Bernay
USS Gallant, R4

Geordi LaForge's Top Ten Complaints About His Tour of Duty on the Enterprise-D

10. Someone keeps pouring Kool-Aid into the warp drive.
9. Guinan is way too old for me.
8. Upstaged by an uppity android.
7. Leah Brahms -- married!
6. Pay gets docked for duty time spent reading picture books to kids in the ship's school.
5. Getting turned into an invisible lizard wasn't in the job description.
4. Inferiority complex that I'm not as good as "Scotty."
3. Those uniforms are so "formal."
2. Everytime you look: Romulans, Romulans, Romulans!

and Geordi LaForge's Number One Complaint About His Tour of Duty on the Enterprise-D...

1. Dammit, Wes stole my banana clip again!



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FROM THE 'DANT

BDR John Roberts • Commandant, SFMC

Greetings Marines!

Wow! Hard to believe it has already been a year since I assumed the post of Commandant. I would like to hear from any of you who may be interested in how you think the last year has gone and any suggestions you may have about the future of the SFMC. I am also open to hearing your thoughts, comments and suggestions on my leadership of the SFMC over the last year and what you would like to see for the future. Please send your comments to me, privately, at jcroberts2@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you; after all, it is YOUR SFMC. Without you as members, we would not be here.

Last January, the SFMC strength stood at approximately 740 members. As of January 9, 2006, the SFMC membership is 839 (397 Active Marines, 442 Reserve Marines) in 127 units, according to the SFMC database. This increase of about 100 members is great and shows that people are enjoying their SFMC membership. We hope to continue making improvements and meeting the needs of the membership to help you enjoy the SFMC even more in the coming months and years.

SFMC Website

After an unfortunate hacking attack, the SFMC has been overhauled, all the code has been checked and it is back online. We should not have any further of that nature, but with hackers, one can never tell. I want to thank Wade Hoover, Joe Brouhard and members of the Imperium for their invaluable assistance in getting the website overhauled and back online. I know it could not have been easy to do all of that work with little or no warning.

Bank Account Information

We started the month of November with a balance of \$1,313.24. We had deposits in the amount of \$78.82 and no payments for merchandise or supplies. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$1,392.06 at the end of November.

Unfortunately, once again, due to circumstances beyond my control, I do not have the bank account information for the month of December 2005. I hope to have it very soon and will update you all as soon as I can on the account for December.

Commandant's Staff Position Available

We are currently seeking a person who is interested in serving as the SFMC Historian. This person will work as a member of the Commandant's staff and with the SFI Historian to compile the history of the SFMC over its 20+ year history. The requirements are simple:

1. Be a member of the SFMC;
2. Complete OTS (OCC preferred) and PD-10, commission as an officer, not required;
3. Be a self-starter who is motivated to finish projects as quickly as possible;
4. Good research and writing skills;

If you are interested, please send (jcroberts2@hotmail.com) me your letter of interest, qualifications and how you see the SFMC Historian completing the SFMC History. I will consult with the SFI Historian and make my choice no later than the end of February.

Commandant's Campaign Award

Please remember the Commandant's Campaign for last 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 last year.

Young Marines Program

The manual for this program is complete and is available on the SFMC website. This program manual gives you guidelines, suggestions and ideas for how to implement a Young Marines (cadets/youth) program for your unit. The program also includes 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.

Manual Updates

Along with the Young Marines Program Manual, we have also released a mid year update to the MFM and to the Policy Manual.

TRACOM is working hard to update their Branch and course manuals and are making great progress. If you have ideas for the manual revisions, please contact the TRACOM staff and I am sure they will be happy to point you in the right direction for this project.

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 the proper 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,

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TRACOM

LGN Jill J. Rayburn
COTRACOM

Another year has come and gone, and things are still hopping as always at TRACOM and the SFMCA. I am proud to say that 771 courses were completed in 2005, and that is outstanding. A vast majority of those courses were completed with honors or distinction. This speaks well of the students, and we are honored to serve such wonderful Marines.

I wanted to give a breakdown by branch/course of study so that people could see what courses are popular, and maybe this would inspire some folks to decide to investigate other branches, and perhaps learn even more.

Aerospace - 59
 Armor - 42
 Combat Engineering - 35
 Combined Arms - 4
 Infantry - 67
 Leadership Development - 32
 Marine Officers Basic School (MOBS) - 7
 Maritime Operations - 51
 Mecha - 56
 Medical - 44
 Military History - 2
 NCO - 10
 Professional Development - 129
 Special Operations - 66
 Strategy and Tactics - 5
 Support - 79
 Xenostudies Borg - 6
 Xenostudies Jem'Hadar - 18
 Xenostudies Klingon - 33
 Xenostudies Romulan - 26

The Student of the Month for November is Michael D. Anderson, who completed 10 courses, 2 with honors and 6 with distinction. The Student of the Month for December is Antonio Lopes III, who completed 6 courses, 2 with honors and 4 with distinction. I also want to recognize the following students for earning Academic Excellence Awards in November and December: Michael Balewitz, Linda Olson, Sean Niemeyer, and Jared Fielder.

Lastly, on student kudos, I want to list again all of the Students of the Month for 2005: Christopher Bayonet (twice), Joe Butts, Sean Niemeyer, Antonio Lopes III (three times), Timothy Barrington (twice), Timothy Denny (twice), Lars Hansen, Joshua Grant, Keith Manley, Kyle Wolf, and Michael D. Anderson. These students should be commended for their excellence in furthering their SFMCA learning.

In 2005, TRACOM staff and contributors were able to release the new Marine Occupational Specialties Manual, as well as revised editions of the Armor, Combat Engineering, NCO, and Xenostudies Romulan Manuals. We are almost ready to release the revised Aerospace and Infantry Manuals, and teams are hard at work on the others. Our goal is to have them all finished by spring. We are also adding new courses, with 4 new courses added in January to Armor, and new courses in Maritime Operations soon to be released.

I have recently accepted the resignation of Jonathan Wilson. He stepped down as Leadership Development director to devote more time to his new duties as VRC for Region 1. We thank him for his work, and wish him luck in all his endeavors. Wade Olson is now handling all of the PD and LD courses.

On a personal note, I want to thank my staff. I have the best staff that anyone could ask for in STARFLEET and the SFMC. They work hard, and they are always part of the solution, not the problem. They are a team, and I am proud to work with them all. Now, enough with sentiment... everyone take more courses!

NCO CORPS

SGM Scott Grant

Role of the NCO in the Corps:

The classical representation of the role of NCOs has for years identified them as "the backbone of the Army," an accolade that brings to mind a vision of stalwarts who guarantee the honor, integrity, fortitude and esprit de corps of the force. I would not want to alter that vision, for it is an apt portrayal of a vital role an NCO must play; nevertheless, it has long been my contention that the analogy fails to portray the far greater scope and responsibility associated with the corps of men and women.

In my view, the NCO Corps provides not only a skeleton on which to hang the body but, more important, the nerve system that allows the body to function.

The fundamental mission of the NCO Corps is automatic execution of the doctrine, the customs and the orders of a command. It is the assurance of execution that guarantees that the Corps can function in accord with its plans and the intentions of its commanders. It is the NCO complement of any command that watches over the conduct of Marines as they do their duty in response to the dictates and desires of the chain of command.

The NCO must also be prepared to substitute for the officer corps. Every NCO is familiar with the exigencies of the service that results in him having to serve as the alter ego of the lieutenant or captain who is "not yet assigned," who departed before his replacement arrived, or who went on six weeks of schooling or temporary duty. During those periods, motivation and leadership, normally the responsibilities of the commissioned officer, devolve also on the NCO. The Infantry School teaches lieutenants that "Follow me!" is their creed; when lieutenants are absent, sergeants step forward.

A final NCO responsibility, one that is unwritten, unproclaimed but real, nevertheless, it has the responsibility

for training, molding and caring for second lieutenants - and for a lot of first lieutenants and captains, too.

The NCO Corps has grown and matured in its role in the past few years. World War II saw good NCOs spread very thinly through the force. It was only the lucky lieutenant or captain who found a platoon sergeant or squad leader or first sergeant who was professionally competent and more experienced than himself. The NCO Corps got by on dedication, patriotism and on-the-job training.

FORCES

COMMAND

BGN Linda Olson

COFORCESCOM

Brigades reporting (I am happy to say that by the time my report was due, all Brigades reported in.)

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 20th

Units Not reporting:

1st 123rd Shadow Stalkers, SS Bennu, OIC unknown at this time. 173rd Mighty Ducks, SS Lewis B. Puller, 108th The Crazy 8's USS Jamestown, 181st The Wolfpack, Shuttle Odin's Fury, 125th USS Powahatan, 162nd The Black Talons USS Reprisal, 165th Metallic Dragons USS Aries, 170th Wolfriders USS Dark Wolf, 2nd 630th the Fighting Chihuahuas USS Pleiades, 7th 731st The Skipjacks, USS Triton, 769th Avenging Angels, USS avenger, 41st An Franna, USS Malverne, 701st Hell Razors, USS Thagard, 760th The Guardian Angels, USS Prevailing Wind, 791st The Dragon Scouts, USS Sovereign 9th 351st Stealth Raiders, Shuttle Star Saber, 12th 203rd the Gurkka Rigles, USS Flying Fortress, 216th the Green Angels, USS Morning Star, 222nd the Mad Dogs, USS Jeannette Maddox, 223rd Hellions, USS Firestorm, 226th The Virtual Fighters, USS Hellfire and Brimstone, 241st Doctor's without Borders, Shuttle Rosen, 252nd MEU, 263rd The Hawks Talons, USS Black Hawk, 269th Purple Haze, USS Nomad, 276th The Hard Rockin' Rough Riders, USS Marko Ramius, 13th 455th The Fighting Wolfpack, USS Sinclair, 17th 850th Buccaneers, USS Arc Royal

Strength of Corps:

Brigade	Active	Reserve	Total
1st	33	23	56
2nd	44	26	70
3rd	50	26	76
4th	57	25	82
5th	13	13	26
6th	3	9	12
7th	43	47	90
9th	11	5	16
10th	4	3	7
12th	32	60	92
13th	5	4	9
14th	1		1
15th	21	11	32

17th 10 41 51
20th 9 4 13
Total Corps Strength reported: 633

Promotions

Betty Ann Leverence to Lt. Colonel
Truman Temple to Major General
Patrick McAndrew to Brigadier General
J. Fenison to Colonel
J. Rickard to Major
Sherry Jolitz to 2nd Lt.

There were no MSG/MEU's activated this period although we have several pending approval by Heraldry.
MSG/MEU's Deactivated, 926th, 380th, 630th, 347th

Recruits

1st BDE - Sharon Clay
2nd BDE -Steven McMillion, Ben Fisk, Terry Callahan, Jessica Love, Travis Jones. Transferred to 669th Jeanne Marsh, Sydney Rebecca Marsh, 3rd BDE - Leroy Grizzell, Rosalind Grizzell, William Grizzell, Nathan Taylor, Sean Caughman, Steccie Morgan, Kevin Topham, Alex Jones, Timothy Denny 5th BDE - Lea Morgan, Brent Ryan 12th BDE - David Slaughter 15th BDE - Brian Caton 20th BDE - Richard Sams, Darren Anderson

Discharges

1st BDE - Joan Bruckman
2nd BDE - Laura Scott
3rd BDE - Gary Ruby, Bill Downs, Charlotte Howey 7th BDE - Ted Thomas, Dan Tunis, Rey Cordero 12th BDE - Rob Jackson, Jerry Beaulier

Awards

Brigade Service Commendation
4th BDE - Truman Temple, John Nelson, Brian Schreur

Brigade Achievement

4th BDE - Truman Temple, John Nelson

Meritorious Unit Citation

1st MSG, 11th MSG, 14th MSG, 21st MSG, 75th MSG, 95th MSG.

Community Service

12th A. Glenn
15th Arnold Splan Jr.

Leader's Commendation

4th BDE -11th MSG 75th MSG,
12th BDE - J. Fenison, A. Glenn, J. Richard, R. Smith, C Zimdahl

Disaster Relief

7th BDE - Larry Neigut
12th BDE - J. Rickard

Great Barrier

3rd BDE - Joseph White

Marine Proficiency

1st BDE -Scott Anderson Jr

IET

12th BDE - David Slaughter
1st BDE - Scott Anderson Jr
Toys for Tot's/Charity Work
STARFLEET Marines;

I salute you. You have once again proven that we are a force to be reckoned with.

As I read the regular brigade reports for November/December, I could not help but feel pride in the Corps. Many units have worked very hard to support charities and relief efforts during the past two months.

As most of you are aware, the Corps has awards for which the actions qualify. The Commandant's Campaign Ribbon is given for participation in various charity events, "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" However, it is necessary that the Brigade Reports list the names and actions of EACH INDIVIDUAL who is to receive the award within 6 months of the action. If this information is not submitted by the OIC of the Brigade in the regular report, the award is VOID. I know that there are many Marines out there who have been working very hard for these charities please be sure that your Unit OIC includes the proper information in his/her report to Battalion/Brigade so that we may honor the deserving among us.

The following Brigades reported participation in the Toys for Tots and Hurricane Relief efforts this period.

Toys for Tots

3rd BDE, 4th BDE, 5th BDE, 7th BDE, 15th BDE, 17th BDE, 20th BDE

Hurricane Relief

1st BDE, 2nd BDE, 7th BDE, 20th BDE

Marine Activities Report

Marine Activities for January Reporting Period.

The Fightin First has been very active in support of the military and their families. The also served as bell ringers for the Salvation Army and helped raise food for the food drives. Members of the 1st Brigade have been collecting goods and clothes for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Members participated in the Axis and Allies Mini Battle Games and Vulkan in Orlando. Away missions traveled to Elizabethtown, Ky. to participate in the Christmas in the Park, and Fresno, California for the medieval faire "Kerney Faire". Other members traveled to Louisville, KY for the wedding of Sanford Berenberg and Karen Goldbach aboard the Star of Louisville. There is also a lot of participation in the SFMC Reading Challenge.

The Wild Deuces continued the donations to the Decatur Animal Shelter and also donated canned goods and pet food to the victims of the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They also sent diapers and children's clothes to the Hurricane victims. For fun they had movie night, RPG night, Bowling and poker night. They also donated blood to the American Red Cross, cleaned a Bike Trail, worked security for Hallowcon in Chattanooga, participated in the Oatland Island Halloween Hike, ADA's Walk on the Wildside for Diabetes.

Members manned the Recruiting table at Vulkan in Orlando. Away teams participated in the Oatland Island Cane Grinding and Craft Festival, USS Odyssey's Babel, and a Cherokee PowWow.

3rd Brigade Dogs of War held the Brigade Muster in Austin, TX. and raised money for charity with the Annual Quark's Casino night. They also sharpened their weapons skills with darts and pool night. They have worked hard to help the Toys for Tots and to complete courses in the Marine Academy.

The Raider Brigade (4th) donated 200+ pounds of food and supplies to the Phoenix food bank for Thanksgiving. The collected Toys for Tots and reached the 200,000 pop tops collected. They are moving forward on the Cadet Programming and plans for a Brigade Paintball Tournament will sharpen their weapons skills.

5th BDE is keeping busy with Academy courses, recruiting and planning activities for the R5 Summit and Muster. They have collected 221lbs of food and toys for Toys for Tots. They have spent the fun time at the movies, mini golf and lunch. Away teams participated in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service and the Union Gospel Mission Walk. They helped stuff Christmas Stockings for the troops and rang bells for the Salvation Army.

6th Brigade's Ice Warriors are taking courses at the SFMCA and SFA and participating in the Reading Challenge.

7th Brigade members are working on Katsucon. Members attended the Summit and Muster, went to the movies, held chapter elections, Participated in Star Trek Meet up Events, and worked a recruiting table at Ubercon. The supported Toys for Tots, Tsunami Relief and Hurricane Relief efforts. Gathered and donated canned food, coats, and fresh fruit to homeless

shelters and to Hudson River animal shelter for hurricane orphaned pets. For fun they played poker, and held RPG night. Also attended Annual Halloween Party, and Maquis Garas. Worked on website and revision chats for Mecha Manuals. Visited the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and worked security and registration at Beach Bash Reunion.

12th Brigade participated in Showmecon in St. Louis and continue efforts at Recycling and stamp collecting.

13th Brigade is very active in the Reading Competition.

15th Brigade gathered 1700 toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas Drive and 1000 Stocking Stuffers. United Fan Con boasts aide from this brigade in registration, security, charity auction, panels and as security escort for Mathew Lewis. They met and had photos taken with Leonard Nimoy and enjoyed a Christmas party and bowling. Members supported the Boy Scouts of America, and donated 200 magazines to the Veteran's Hospital. They continue their support of the Overseas Coupon Program.

17th Brigade collected approximately \$1400 worth of toys and cash for the Toys for Tots Christmas Drive and continue their recruiting efforts. They enjoyed Role Playing Games to polish their weapons skills.

20th Brigade collected Toys and Books for the local children's hospital and participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Donations were made for the Asian Earthquake and Tsunami Relief. Participation in the SFMC Reading Challenge is very high in this brigade. They continue to recruit and were also active in Operation Christmas child shoe boxes.

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INFOCOM

LGN Wade Hoover
COINFOCOM

Wow, already time for another issue of the Communiqué? Time is really starting to go quickly, isn't it? I guess it's just that I'm getting older (yeah, that's the ticket).

Well, as was announced a couple of weeks ago on the Corps E-mail list, the SFMC webteam has been able to restore the operation of the SFMC website, as well as give it an entirely new back end, and a retooling of the Tracom test requests. The team was able to more closely resemble the SFA back end, which shouldn't mean that much to the general user, but for the Branch Directors, this will open up a new way for them to maintain their tests, as well as speed up the process of requesting a test and the end user receiving it.

Unfortunately, the reporting is still off line for retooling. With any luck, the team will be able to restore the SFMC on-line reporting in the very near future. Until that time, you will need to E-mail your reports to your Battalion OIC, Brigade OIC, and CO-Forcecom. Regrettably, the reporting forms gave the in road for our site to be used as a possible spam route, so until the forms can be completely written, and reviewed for any security holes, we can not, and will not, restore them.

Finally, I have been receiving many E-mails about subscribing to the SFMC E-mail list. Well, the link on the SFMC website is wrong, or at least it stops too soon in the URL. The following link will allow you to subscribe:

http://mail.sfi-sfmc.org/mailman/listinfo/corps-l_sfi-sfmc.org

DEPUTY

COMMANDANT
BGN Aaron Murphy

Well, another year is upon us. I hope everyone had a nice holiday and is ready to get back to work. There is so much going on in the Corps at the moment. No matter what you interests, there is something for you... and if there isn't, then feel free to step up and begin something that interests you. If you want to see something, then you can probably count on it that there are others of like interest out there who will join in.

Summit season will be gearing up in the coming months. As a matter of fact, some brigades are already in full preparation for their yearly Muster (3rd Brigade comes to mind, right off the bat). With the season come yearly awards. I'll go ahead and start petitioning Brigade OICs... send me your nominations for the SFMC Honor awards. In the upcoming weeks, I'll be posting more detailed directions to the Brigade OICs concerning their nominations. I wish everyone the best of luck.

Finally, there is always interest among the GS to hear from Marines in the field. We like to hear about what you're doing, things you might be interested in seeing, or to have you just say hi. Although, in many cases, we emphasize the Chain of Command, we also have an open door policy. Feel free to drop us an e-mail, catch us on instant messenger, or in one of the IRC channels. My e-mail is depdant@sfi-sfmc.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

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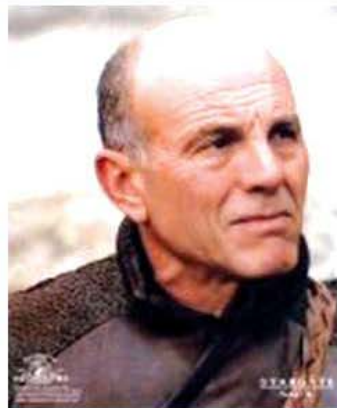
For a copy of the Registration Flyer email registration@ic2006.org, go to the website, or send an SASE to
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Shore Leave 28 Welcomes To Baltimore:



Amanda Tapping
Stargate SG1's
Samantha Carter



Carmen Argenziano
Stargate SG1's
Jacob Carter



Jamie Bamber
Battlestar Galactica's
Lee "Apollo" Adama



Connor Trinneer
Enterprise's
Charles "Trip" Tucker



Corin Nemec
Stargate SG1's
Jonas Quinn



Kent McCord
Farscape's
Jack Creighton



Gigi Edgley
Farscape's
Chiana



Spice Williams
Star Trek V's
Vixis



Todd Bryant
Star Trek V's
Klaa



William Schallert
Star Trek TOS's
Nilz Baris



Antoinette Bower
Star Trek TOS's
Sylvia

Amanda Tapping, Jamie Bamber, and Connor Trinneer will be signing autographs free of charge during the Official Autograph Sessions on Saturday and Sunday. All other will be charging a fee, the price to be determined by the actor.

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TREK FEST XXII

CDR John Schulte • USS Saint George, R6

Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 23rd & 24th, 2006 for Riverside Iowa's Trek Fest. This is their annual science fiction celebration of the year, and they have invited all STARFLEET members to join them in their festivities. More information can be had at www.trekfest.com. I am sure you all know this but Riverside, Iowa, is the self-proclaimed future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk, and have a huge sci-fi following from many other sci-fi clubs. The St. George members have been going to Riverside for years and invite everyone in STARFLEET to join them for the activities and possibly a STARFLEET Parade. Some of the events from last year were:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FROM TREK FEST XXI

Friday, June 24 2005	Saturday, June 25	Star Trek/Invasion Iowa Videos Viewing in Red Barn
6:30pm Kid's Parade Line up East side of Railroad Park; finish at Hall Park	9:00 am Parade Line-up (Registration 8:00-9:00)	NOON State Fair Talent Show
Midway, Food Booths & Beer Gardens Open	10:00am Parade "Invasion Iowa"	1:30 pm Kid's Tractor Pull
7:00pm Pet Show Prizes for several categories	11:00am BBQ Meal Serving 11:00a-3:00p	2:00 pm Truck and Tractor Pull 100% Payback Plus \$2,500 (Sign-in 1:00-2:30)
7:30pm Demo Derby 100% Payback Plus \$1,000 Purse	Car & Tractor Show Railroad Park 11:00a-2:00p	6:00 pm Comics in Action
8:00pm Spockapalooza Rock Band VBS	Lawn Mower Tractor Pull East of Railroad Park noon	9:00pm-1:00 am WildCard
	Trek Costume Contest Two categories: "Federation & Klingon" and "Supporting Cast" 1st Place - \$100 2nd Place - \$ 75	10:00pm Fireworks
	Star Trek Swap Meet	Please check out the above web site for more information, and plan to join the St. George and Region 6 for Trek Fest 2006!"



MECHA FORCE

BGDR Kyle J. Wolf • USS Dragon Star, R7

Mecha Force

Greeting Fellow Starfleet Members,

I will be talking about mecha. For those of you who do not know what a mech is, please read on; for those of you who do, you can skip this section. Mecha is the name given to giant mobile war machines. What do we mean by giant. The average height of a SMFC mecha unit is between 25 to 35 feet, weighing anywhere from 10 to 100 tons in total weight fully loaded. Now, what do we mean by mobile war machines. Well, in our real world time, an Abrams Tank is a mobile war machine. In the case of a mech, it is a war machine that tasks on the appearance and movement of a robot, or in most cases humanoid, that is piloted by a person. So, take the Abrams barrel and place it on a 25-foot tall robot and you basically have a mech. Now, please understand that this is a simplified explanation of what a mech is, but it covers the basics.

One (1) of the issues people may have with the incorporation of mechs within the Star Trek universe is that they are war machines, for the most part. They do not fit into Gene's dream. Understand this simple detail, the Dominion War. Even the exploration ships of the great fleet are designed with weapon systems, which are to be used for defensive purposes. Fighting is an aspect of our nature. This is not to say that I agree with it or not, just pointing out a point of fact that is backed up by our own history. The inclusion of mech is not that far fetched. The mecha can be found within the SFMC, which places them outside of the exploration part of the Federation and into the military aspect that is the Federation.

The SFMC Academy offers a series of courses and a manual detailing the SFMC Mecha Branch can be found under TRACOM of the SFMC web site. Outside of the SFMC Mecha Branch is an independent group of SFI/SFMC

members known as the Mecha Council. It is the purpose of the Mecha Council to work on details and to discuss the various aspects that are mechs. The group runs a list serve using YahooGroups!, a free message service that can be found at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfmc_mecha/ Any member of SFI/SFMC may join the list and are welcome to join.

Further information on the Mecha Council can be found at the web site: <http://www.mechacouncil.org>. One (1) of the projects the Mecha Council directs is the publication of Mechajock: the Newsletter. The newsletter is filled with information relating to mechs and is published, as of this date, by monthly.

The Mecha Council is proud to announce our help in sponsoring the first annual STARFLEET Battletech/Mechwarrior Tournament. The tournament is directed by Paul Williams bt-contest@mechacouncil.org and began on Jan. 1, 2006 and will end the weekend of the IC06, where the top three (3) winners will be announced. The three (3) winners will receive prizes as for their placing in the top of the game play. The tournament uses the standard published rules of Battletech/Mechwarrior (BT/MW). The old text manuals/books published by



FASA can still be found. I have personally found auctions work great for rebuilding your library. Wizkids Games is the current company that owns the rights to BT/MW and Fanpro now published, under contract with Wizkids, Classic Battletech, which continues the work previously done by FASA. For more information and continued updates on the tournament, please visit <http://battletech.mechacouncil.org/>

If you would like to learn about mechs, BT/MW, or learn to play the game that the branch is based upon, please join us.

BGDR Kyle J. Wolf
USS Dragon Star NCC 52135, R7
755th MSG Leaping Lizards, 7th Brigade

CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn • Shuttle Schweitzer, R1

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

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

Thank you to everyone who's contributed information to the list. Special thanks to: Derek Woywood, Paul Maiellaro, Ed Webb, Jukka Halme, Stacy Gonzales, Dave Blaser, Kyle Puttkammer, Tony E. Finkelstein, Jeff Jennings, Mark Marmor, Ruth Green, Dave Forrand, Robert H. Poole, Toren Atkinson, Louise Hup, Vicki Fisher, Jon Bancroft, and Laura Inglis

Alabama

May 19-21 **Mobicon**, Mobile, Alabama; Info: PO Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/> president@mobicon.org Benefits: Make A Wish Foundation

Arizona

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

May 5-7 **LepreCon 32**, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/> lep32@leprecon.org Guests: Alan M. Clark, John Vornholt, Bill Blair, Gilead

California

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 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

May 5-7 **CaliFur**, Costa Mesa, California; Info: PO Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA, 92842-1958 Ph: 714-720-2000 <http://www.califur.com/> info@califur.com

May 11-14 **World Horror Convention 2006**, San Francisco, California; Info: 655 Montgomery St 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111 <http://www.whc2006.org/> lisa@whc2006.org

May 12-14 **Love Letter To Itty Charity Convention**, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 742, Ashland, OR 97520 Ph: 724-456-2407 <http://www.boosterevents.com/> info@boosterevents.com

May 26-29 **BayCon**, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427 Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/> reg@baycon.org Guests: Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, Jim Burns, Craig Miller, James Stanley Daugherty

May 26-29 **KublaCon**, Burlingame, California; Info: PO Box 170436, San Francisco, CA 94117 Ph: 866-KublaCon <http://www.kublacon.com/> info@KublaCon.com Guests: Reiner Knizia, Dana Lombardy, Charles Sharp, Guido Teuber, Charlie Krank, Dungeon Majesty, Keith Baker, Aldie and Derk, Eric Roof, James Ernest, Andy Chambers, Jason Soles, Jason Lauborough, Andy Jones, Dave Williams, Todd Rowland, Gaving Thorpe

May 26-29 **FanimeCon**, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 8068, San Jose, CA 95155-8068 <http://www.fanime.com/> help@fanime.com

Jun 2-4 **Creation**, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Jun 9-11 **2006: A Fan Odyssey**, El Segundo, California; Info: 509 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104 <http://www.fanodyssey.org/> info@fanodyssey.org Guests: Stan Kirsch, Maureen Russell, Kevin Michael Richardson, Bruce A. Young, Jason Zen, Tony Black

Jun 16-18 **PolyCon XXIV**, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 Ph: 805-541-3665 <http://polycon.punk.net/> coninfo@polycon.org Guests: Tom Jolly, Dan George

Colorado

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

May 19-21 **OPUS: A Fantasy Arts Festival**, Denver, Colorado; Info: 397 South Revere Street, Aurora, CO 80012 Ph: 303-364-6003 <http://www.opusfest.com/> info@opusfest.com

District of Columbia

May 19-21 **BookExpo America**, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: 383 Main Avenue Norwalk, CT 06851 Ph: 203-840-5614 <http://www.bookexpoamerica.com/> inquiry@bookexpoamerica.com

Florida

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

May 19-21 **Carnivale of Horror**, Tampa, Florida; Info: 3814 S. Flamingo Terrace, Homosassa, FL 34448 Ph: 352-628-0477 <http://www.carnivaleofhorror.com/> timberwulff@msn.com Guests: Amy Lynn Best, Robyn Griggs, Brinke Stevens, Ari Bavel, Lilith Stabs, Kenneth J. Hall, Bill Johnson, Lou Perryman, April Monique Burrill, Kane Hodder, Reggie Bannister, Gigi Bannister, Bill Hinzman, Leslie Hoffman, Mckae Dietrich, Ariauna Albright, J R Bookwalter, Glenda C. Finkelstein, Kenny Miller, Andrea Dean Van Scoyoc, Debbie Rochon, Jose Prendes

May 26-28 **Oasis**, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859-2905 <http://oasfis.org/oasis/> peter@popovich.net Guests: Steven Brust, Ellisa Mitchell, Carla Ulbrich, Piers Anthony, Ben Bova, Richard Lee Byers, Craig Caldwell, Adam-Troy Castro, Vince Courtney, Glenda Finkelstein, Owl Goingback, William Hatfield, Mary Hanson-Roberts, Robert Koenn, David McDaniell, Jack McDewitt, Jeff Mitchell, Ann Morris, Kendall Morris, Stanley Morrison, Steve Parady, Paul Vincenti, Ed Wysocki

Jun 2-4 **MetroCon**, Tampa, Florida; Info: 4501 Manatee Avenue West #304, Bradenton, FL 34209-3952 <http://www.animemetro.com/> metroconventions/ gwadmin@animemetro.com

Jun 23-25 **Vulkon**, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> vulkon@aol.com

Georgia

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

May 19-21 **Atlanta Game Fest 8**, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 3577-A Chamblee-Tucker Road #215, Atlanta, GA 30341 <http://www.atlantagamefest.com/> info@atlantagamefest.com

Illinois

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

May 5-7 **Anime Central**, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 1694 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 <http://www.acen.org/> aceninfo@acen.org

May 7 **Toy Con**, Bridgeview, Illinois; Info: 14437 South Campbell Ave., Posen IL. 60469 Ph: 708-363-3612 <http://toycontoyshow.homestead.com/>

May 12-14 **To Be CONTinued**, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5211 River Forest, IL 60305-5211 <http://www.2becontinued.com> info@2becontinued.com

Jun 2 **DieCon 6**, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 27, Collinsville, IL 62234 Ph: 618-346-2681 <http://diecon.com/> dieconhq@diecon.com Guests: Steven Long

Iowa

May 26-29 **CostumeCon 24**, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50323-7572 <http://www.costume-con.com/> info@crossroadsutah.org

Kentucky

May 27-28 **Wonderfest**, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 5757, Louisville, KY 40255-0757 <http://www.wonderfest.com/>

Maine

Jun 30-Jul 2 **Port Con Maine**, Portland, Maine; Info: PO Box 756, Standish, ME 04084 <http://www.portconmaine.com/> info@portconmaine.com

Maryland

May 4-7 **Game Days**, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9 Augusta Wood Court, Reisterstown MD 21136 Ph: 410-833-4395 <http://gamesday.gamesclubofmd.org/> gcom@gamesclubofmd.net

May 26-29 **Balticon 40**, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/> balticoninfo@balticon.org Guests: Neil Gaiman, Lisa Snellings-Clark, Lorraine a' Malena

Massachusetts

May 26-28 **Anime Boston**, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 1843, New York, NY 10150 <http://www.animeboston.com/>

Jun 16-18 **Northeast Filk Convention** - Concertino, Worcestor, Massachusetts; Info: 18 Cottage Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 <http://www.nefilk.us/> Guests: Mike Whitaker, Mary Crowell, Mabel Liang, Bob Leigh, Nancy Loise Freeman

Jun 30-Jul 2 **Black Road**, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: c/o Deb Allen, 217 Miller Road, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 <http://www.theblackroad.com/> deb@theblackroad.com

Michigan

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

Apr 30 **X-Trava Con**, Livonia, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Rd, PMB #286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://motorcityconventions.com/> info@motorcityconventions.com

May 19-21 **Motor City Comic Con**, Novi, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Road PMB#286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/> info@motorcitycomiccon.com Guests: Dave Aikins, Sergio Aragones, Andy Bennett, Pam Bliss, Rich Buckler Sr, Joe Corroney, Guy Davis, Sean Forney, Greg Horn, Kevin Leen, Joseph Michael Linsner, Vince Locke, William Messner Loebs, Carl Lundgren, Eddy Newell, Diana Okamoto, Mike Okamoto, George Perez, Mark Sparacio, William Stolpin, Billy Tucci, Mark Verheiden, Mark Waid, Joshua Warner, Bill Wilkison, Chris Yambar, Randy Jay Yarger, Randy Zimmerman, Lydia Cornell, Yvonne Craig, Dave Faustino, Dominic Keating, Lisa Loring, Lee Meriwether, Julie Newmar, Chris Ranklin, Marcia Wallace, Burt Ward, Adam West

May 26-29 **MediaWest*Con 26**, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm> mdiawstcon@aol.com

Jun 25 **X-Trava Con**, Livonia, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Rd, PMB #286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://motorcityconventions.com/> info@motorcityconventions.com

Minnesota

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

Missouri

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

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May 26-28 **Conquest**, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 <http://www.kacsffs.org/conquest/conquest.htm> Guests: Kage Baker, Charles Piehl, Mitch Bentley, Howard Waldrop

Montana

May 26-28 **MisCon 20**, Missoula, Montana; Info: PO Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/> Guests: Jerry Olton, Frank Wu

New Hampshire

Apr 29-30 **STARFLEET Region 15 Summit**, Seabrook, New Hampshire; Info: 55 Ferris Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861 Ph: 401-726-7226

New Jersey

May 19-21 **Monster-Mania Con 5**, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 816 N. Delsea Drive, Doubletree Center #133, Glassboro, NJ 08028 <http://www.monstermania.net/dhag@comcast.net>

Jun 16-18 **Anime Next**, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 1088, Pearl River, NY 10965 <http://www.animenext.org/> Guests: Akitaro Daichi, Reiko Yasuhara, Vic Mignogna, Travis Willingham, Wayne Grayson, Marc Diraison, Lauren Goodnight, Mike Pollock, Ed Paul, Caitlin Glass, Kerry Williams, David Williams, Toshifumi Yoshida, Trish Ledoux, Tom Wayland, CB Cebulski, Alissyn Brock, Merideth Mulroney, Sean Molyneaux, Lance Heiskell, Justin Sevakis, Mayumi Kobayashi, M. Alice LeGrow, Onezumi, Rob Bricken, Zac Bertschy, Summer Mullins, Christopher Macdonald, Bamboo Dong, Sean Broestl, Richard Kim, Mari Morimoto, Uzuhi, Peelandar-Z

New York

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

Apr 21-23 **EerieCon 8**, Niagara Falls, New York; Info: PO Box 412, Buffalo, NY 14226 <http://www.eeriecon.org/> info@eeriecon.org Guests: Harry Turtledove, Tanya Huff, Esther Friesner, Anne Bishop, Marilyn Mattie Brahen, Carolyn Clink, David Clink, James Alan Gardner, Mark Garland, Sephera Giron, Marvin Kaye, Nancy Kress, Derwin Mak, Will McDermott, John-Allen Price, Robert J. Sawyer, Darrell Schweitzer, Josepha Sherman, Caro Soles, David Stephenson, Edo Van Belkom

Jun 17-18 **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

Jun 22-24 **Science Fiction Research Association Conference (SFRA)**, White Plains, New York; Info: David Mead, College of Arts and Humanities, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 <http://www.sfra.org/> sfra2006@yahoo.com Guests: Nancy Kress, Nalo Hopkinson, R. Garcia y Robertson, William Sleator, Joan Slonczewski

North Carolina

Apr 1 **mini-MACE**, High Point, North Carolina; Info: 873 Big Creek Court, High Point, NC 27265 Ph: 336-869-5410 <http://www.justusproductions.com/mace.aspx> JeffSmith@justusproductions.com

May 7 **Charlotte ComiCon**, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: 206 Main Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715 Ph: 803-547-3995 <http://davescomiconline.com/Scripts/coninfo.asp> dave@davescomiconline.com

May 26-28 **Animazement**, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 1383, Cary, NC 27512-1383 <http://www.animazement.org/> information@animazement.org Guests: Keiko Ichihara, Kyoko Hikami, Kyle Hebert, Keiko Han, Michihiko Suwa, Aya Hisakawa, Chika Sakamoto, Akira Kamiya, Koichi Tsunoda, Yasuo Yamaguchi, Scott Houle, Pamela Weidner Houle

Jun 2-4 **ConCarolinas**, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9100, Charlotte, NC 28299-9100 <http://www.secfi.org/concarolinas/concarolinas@yahoo.com>

Jun 30-Jul 2 **Heroes Convention**, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 9181, Charlotte, NC 28299-9181 Ph: 704-375-7462 <http://www.heroesonline.com/> shelton@heroesonline.com Guests: Art Adams, Adhouse Books, Bob Almond, Jim Amash, Mark Bagley, Michael Bair, John Beatty, Christian Beranek, Mark Brooks, Marc Bryant, Buzz, J. Chris Campbell, Richard Case, John Cassaday, Travis Charest, Cliff Chiang, Steve Conley, Peter David, Marc Deering, Colleen Doran, Chris DiBari, Warren Ellis, Tom Feister, Matt Fraction, Rob G, Keven Gardner, Drew Geraci, Keith Giffen, Ford Gilmore, Gene Gonzales, Randy Green, Sanford Greene, Raven Gregory, Cully Hamner, Scott Hampton, Micah Harris, Tony Harris, Gilbert Hernandez, Jaime Hernandez, Mario Hernandez, Bryan Hitch, Tom Hodges, Adam Hughes, Jamal Igle, Image Comics, James Jean, Casey Jones, Nat Jones, Rick Ketcham, James Kochalka, Scott Kurtz, Jason Latour, Eric Layton, Andy Lee, John Lucas, Jonathan Luna, Joshua Luna, David Mack, Jim Mahfood, JD Mettler, Mark Millar, Jason Narvaez, Steve Niles, Mart Nodell, Phil Noto, Joshua Ortega, James A. Owen, Billy Dallas Patton, Jason Pearson, Andrew Pepoy, George Perez, Brandon Peterson, Chris Pitzer, Paul Pope, Joe Pruett, Alex Robinson, Don Rosa, Greg Rucka, Andy Runton, Dash Shaw, Andy Smith, Rick Spears, Joe Staton, Brian Stelfreeze, Karl Story, J. Michael Straczynski, Roy Thomas, Top Shelf Productions, Mike Tarrance, Jose Torres, Ben Towle, Tim Townsend, Rob Ullman, Ethan Van Sciver, Gus Vazquez, Robert Venditti, Charles Vess, Dexter Vines, Doug Wagner, Chris Walker, Jason Walker, Mike Wieringo, Brian Wood, John Wycough, Kelly Yates

Ohio

Apr 7-9 **Vulkon**, Independence, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> vulkon@aol.com Guests: Connor Trinneer, Linda Park, Anthony Montgomery, Robert Picardo, Ethan Phillips, Robert Duncan McNeill, Alexis Cruz, Tony Amendola, LeVar Burton, Gil Gerard, Erin Gray

May 13 **Small Press and Alternative Comics Expo**, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 20550 Columbus OH 43220 <http://www.backporchcomics.com/space.htm> bpc13@earthlink.net Guests: Dave Sim, Gerhard

May 19-21 **STARFLEET Region 1 Summit**, Akron, Ohio; Info: PO Box 13075, Akron, Ohio 44334 <http://www.steelvalleywebdesign.com/startrek/> R1Akronsummit@regionone.net Guests: Bill Blair

May 26-28 **Marcon 41**, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 <http://www.marcon.org/> marchair@cshellsweb.com

www.marcon.org/ marchair@cshellsweb.com Guests: George R.R. Martin, Jody Lee, Chris Kramer, BJ Mitias, Dave Hayman, Judith Hayman, Steve Lee, Bill Roper

Jun 28-Jul 2 **Origins**, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 280 North High Street, Suite 230, Columbus, Ohio 43215 <http://www.originsgames.com/CustServ@GAMA.org>

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 Benefits: Make A Wish

Jun 2-4 **Wizard World Philly**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/philly.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

Jun 15-18 **Anthrocon**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 476, Malvern, PA 19355 <http://www.anthrocon.org/> Guests: Scott Shaw

Jun 23-25 **Monster Bash**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 643, Latrobe, PA 15650 Ph: 724-532-5226 <http://www.creepyclassics.com/bash.html> Guests: Bert I. Gordon, Herbert Strock, Susan Gordon, Kenny Miller, Forrest J Ackerman, Cortlandt Hull, Billy Cardille, Michael Thomas, Ron Chamberlain, Kyra Schon, William Max Miller, Don Reese, Leonard Kohl, Richard Valley, Tom Amorosi, Lorraine Bush, David Nelson, Patient Creatures, Bill Hinzman

Tennessee

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

Jun 23-25 **Hypericon II**, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: 6001 Old Hickory Blvd. Apt 411, Hermitage, TN 3707 <http://www.hypericon.info/> hypericon@gmail.com

Jun 24-25 **Adventure Con**, Knoxville, Tennessee; Info: 1623 Montvale RD, Maryville, TN. 37803 <http://www.adventurecon.com> eraser@chartertn.net

Texas

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

Apr 29-30 **Dallas Comic Con**, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 292066, Lewisville TX 75029 Ph: 972-420-8639 <http://www.scifexpo.com/> ben@hollywoodexpo.com

Jun 9-11 **A-Kon 17**, Dallas, Texas; Info: 3352 Broadway Blvd., # 470, Garland, TX 75043 <http://www.a-kon.com/> regquestions@a-kon.com

Jun 23-25 **Apollo Con**, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 541822, Houston, TX 77254 <http://www.apollocon.org/> Guests: Alain Viesca, Tim Miller

Utah

May 26-28 **CONduit XVI**, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: PO Box 11745, Salt Lake City UT 84147-0745 <http://conduit.sfcon.org/CONduit/> Guests: Bob Eggleton, L. E. Modesitt Jr.

Virginia

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

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

Jun 16-18 **Anime Mid-Atlantic**, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO Box 2636, Glen Allen, VA 23060 <http://www.animemidatlantic.com/> animemidatlantic@yahoo.com Guests: Kristine Sa, Johnny Bosch, Michael Coleman, Greg Ayres, Doug Smith, Team Draconia, Robert DeJesus, Robert V Aldrich, Austell Callwood, Keith Burgess

Washington

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

Jun 2-4 **ConCom Con 13**, Cle Elum, Washington; Info: PO Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111 <http://www.swoc.org/ccubed/> genecon@hotmail.com

Jun 22-29 **Seatrek**, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029-7122 Ph: 800-FAN-TREK <http://www.scifi-cruises.com/> Guests: Armin Shimerman, Claudia Christian, Dean Haglund

Wisconsin

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

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

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

May 6 **Ego Con**, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 5065, Wausau, WI 54402 Ph: 715-298-1640 <http://www.geocities.com/newfod2020/> egocon_ego_con@hotmail.com

May 26-29 **WisCon 30**, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/> concom@sf3.org Guests: Jane Yolen, Kate Wilhelm

Australia

Australian Capital Territory

Jun 9-12 **Conflux 3**, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Info: PO Box 903, Belconnen, ACT 2616 Ph: +61-2-6241-3211 <http://www.conflux.org.au> info@conflux.org.au Guests: Ellen Datlow, Sir Arthur C. Clarke, Kate Forsyth, Sara Douglass, Jackie French, Nick Stathopoulos, Greg Bridges, Les Petersen

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Queensland

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

South Australia

May 6 **Terra Nova Three**, Adelaide, South Australia; Info: PO Box 13419, Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +61 08 8396 2517 <http://www.terra-novaevents.com/> ticket_sales@ufpofsa.org

Victoria

Apr 8 **First Contact Conventions**, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: 2 Ardmore St, Mitcham, Vic, 3132, Australia Ph: +61 03 9873 0231 <http://www.firstcontactconventions.com.au> info@firstcontactconventions.com.au Guests: Herb Jefferson Jr

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

Canada

British Columbia

May 26-27 **Con Fu**, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 302-1015 13th Ave W, Vancouver BC, B6H 1N1 <http://www.vancouvergamingguild.com/thickets@uniserve.com>

Manitoba

May 19-21 **Keycon 23**, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6,

CANADA <http://www.keycon.org/> website@keycon.org Guests: Ruth Thompson, Barron Vangor Toth

Ontario

Apr 29 **TransformersCon**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 87 Hadeland Avenue Hamilton ON L9C 6X8 <http://www.transformerscon.com/> tfcon@mountaincable.net Guests: Joe Ng, Alex Milne

May 5-7 **Corflu**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 148 Howland Ave., Toronto, ON, CANADA, M5R 3B5 Ph: 416-516-3571 <http://www.corflu.org/> asfi@eol.ca

May 26-28 **Anime North**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/> info@animenorth.com

Jun 16-18 **Gaylaxicon**, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 1206-44 Dunfield Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4S 2H2 Canada <http://www.gaylaxicon.gaylacticnetwork.org/2006/> gaylaxicon2006@gaylaxians.org Guests: Richard Arnold, Michael Rowe

Jun 23-25 **C-ACE**, Ottawa, Ontario; Info: 181 Bank Street, PO Box 71091, Ottawa, ON K2P 2L9 <http://www.c-ace.org/> registration@c-ace.org Guests: Julie E. Czerneda, Mark Oakley

Quebec

Jun 24-Jul 1 **Cruisetrek**, Montreal, Quebec; Info: 23852 Pacific Coast Highway #385, Malibu, CA 90265 Ph: 310-456-7544 <http://members.aol.com/cruisetrek/> cruisetrek@aol.com

Germany

May 19-21 **Federation Con 15**, Bonn, ; Info: Schisslerstr. 4, D-86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49 821 219 1936 <http://www.fedcon.de/> db@stce.de Guests: Avery Brooks, Jonathan Frakes, Gates McFadden, George Takei, Cirroc Lofton, Teryl Rothery, Menina Fortunato, Manny Coto, Tim Brazeal, Alexandra Velten, Dr. Rainer Nagel, Marc B. Lee

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 Guests: Clare Kramer

United Kingdom

England

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

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>

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> maggyolnfc@yahoo.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 Guests: Diana Muldar, Mira Furlan, Carl Weathers, LeVar Burton

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

May 12-14 **Starfury**, London, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> Guests: J. August Richards, Amy Acker, Adrienne Wilkinson, Christian Kane, Sophia Miles

May 13-14 **Comic Expo**, Bristol, England; Info: 230 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8ZN, United Kingdom Ph: +44(0) 117 924 4655 <http://www.comicexpo.net/> comicexpo@fsmail.net

Jun 9-11 **Wolf Events**, London, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.com/> wolfevents@aol.com Guests: Greg Grunberg

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

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

FORCE COLONEL Adam J. "Maccabee" Bernay, "The MSR-Rabbi" • USS Gallant, R4
Abylly Assisted by Padawan Learner T'Anna Kirk

I hope you all had a wonderful Chanukah... and if you happen to celebrate that other holiday that involves a tree and big old guy in a red suit, I hope that was good too... ;-)

So many wonderful chapters participating in great programs like Project Angel Tree to help others, that I thought I'd give you all a congratulatory NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI up here...

Well, it's really hot in here, because my aged father would prefer to live on the surface of the sun than here on Earth, but I hope the rest of you stay all nice and bundled up till next issue... now I need to go to the fridge and get some ice-cold lemonade. While I'm doing that, enjoy these MSR Summaries!

Region 1

ISS Reprisal NCC-1896
Church Hill, Tennessee
Events held include a star-watch & bonfire and a Christmas Party

Shuttle Armageddon NCC-S8812/01
Lafayette, Indiana
The crew participated in gaming & a pizza dinner at our monthly meeting. We also met

in December for Christmas cookie baking and gaming.

Shuttle Dark Star NCC-63545
Summerville, South Carolina
Website completed, continuing updates. www.usdarkstar.com.

Shuttle Deliverance NX-06
Louisville, Kentucky
Participated in the United Kentucky Toys for Tots Campaign, the Boars Head Festival, the Buffalo NY Christmas Carnival, and a fund drive to help a family during the holidays.

Shuttle Excalibur NCC-1721/06
Magnolia, Ohio
CO & XO attended MidOhioCon. Looking into a STARFLEET Ohio regional recruiting table next year. Working on "Knightly News", our first shuttle newsletter. Attended PBS phone telethon & "Narnia" movie outing with USS Ohio members.

Shuttle Independence NCC-75006
Fall Branch, Tennessee
Still working on chapter documents; constitution has been approved. The 176th MSG was activated & is now online.

Shuttle Odin s Fury NCC-52131
Orlando, Florida
Crew had 1st official meeting. Topics discussed included the formation of the by-laws/ handbook, and also the possible direction of the chapter.

SS Benu SFR-119
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Participated in the Gatlinburg Christmas Parade. 4 movie nights; we went to see Harry Potter, Narnia, King Kong, and Aeon Flux.

SS Nikola Tesla NCC-SS005
Radcliff, Kentucky
Away team to Vulkan. Took part in Christmas activities.

USS Aeon NCC-75022
Memphis, Tennessee
Crew gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving in November and in December a Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange.

USS Alaric NCC-503
Asheville, North Carolina
Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Held this year's Christmas Party Dinner at TGIF restaurant.

USS Appomattox NCC-75001
Appomattox, Virginia
We had a covered dish dinner & played 'Dirty Santa'. Swapped names for Secret Pal for Jan. meeting. Participated in Angel Tree.

USS Aries NCC-71806-B
Johnson City, Tennessee
Attended Christmas parade in Gatlinburg along with Benu Station and USS Banshee.

USS Arizona NCC-71839
Alliance, Ohio
Our Adopt A Family gave a single mother with 2 daughters a Christmas they never would have. We had various restaurants & other businesses donate gift certificates. We also gave a toy item & outfit for all 3 kids.

USS Asgard NCC-724028
Lancaster, Ohio
Crewmembers attended a gaming convention, saw the new Harry Potter Movie, had Thanksgiving together, attended the funeral of an associate member, and attended holiday parties, among other events.

USS Athena NCC-51896
Oak Hill, Virginia
Members has a Harry Potter movie outing, started and Adopt a Tribble campaign and held a

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craft show to raise money for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund, and had a great New Year's Eve party.

USS Banshee NCC-74916
Maryville, Tennessee

Movie outings included "Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire", "Chicken Little," "Yours, Mine & Ours," "Narnia," and "King Kong." Members took shore leave in Washington State to visit former home Jimmy Doohan.

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A
Thomasville, North Carolina
Held ships Christmas party and went to see new Harry Potter Movie.

USS Charleston NCC-71813
Charleston, South Carolina
Movie Runs to see "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" and "Narnia," and a movie night where "Nemesis" was the prime attraction. We also had our 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Movie Marathon. This year, we concentrated on "Star Wars."

USS Chesapeake NCC-1887
Glen Allen, Virginia
Went to Maymont Park for the annual Victorian Christmas Celebration; we had the yule log bonfire again this year! Had our annual party with a potluck luncheon & gift exchange, was lots of fun & Kris called in from Colorado!

USS Columbus NCC-74670
Columbus, Ohio
UN Festival was fun. Mystery party fundraiser was successful. Went out for Holiday party to Noodles restaurant after meeting.

USS Commonwealth NCC-74670
Richmond, Virginia
Members rang bells for the Salvation Army on Nov. 12th.

USS Dark Wolf NCC-75002
Kingsport, Tennessee
We were planning an away mission to the Mixed Martial Arts Fight until the Tennessee Boxing Commission shut it down.

USS Dominator NCC-18076
North Charleston, South Carolina
Still collecting coupons & trying to keep as active as possible. Had chapter get together for Christmas & New Years.

USS Gallifrey NCC-81631
Elryia, Ohio
The ship held SCI FI Nights on Fridays and RPG on Saturdays and Sundays. The crew attended the premier of "The Legend of Zorro," with a Command Cadet coming in full Zorro costume, to the delight of the other patrons.

USS Heimdal NCC-1793
Madison Heights, Virginia
Sales of chapter cookbook going extremely well. Money given to various departments who will be purchasing gifts for our adopted senior citizen & Angel Tree child for Christmas. December Meeting was Annual Christmas Party / Covered Dish Dinner.

USS Hells Fury NCC-74304
Fairmont, West Virginia
XO attended a medieval faire in Fresno CA (his home town) and talked to a comic store owner & got permission to put recruiting flyers at the business.

USS Hornet NCC-1714-D
Charlotte, North Carolina
Packed 27 shoeboxes for the Christmas Child program. Afterwards, we went out for lunch at

The Loop, a new restaurant for us. We had our regular Hornet Night Out, at Sir Edmond Halley's English Public House.

USS Indiana NCC-79158
Louisville, Kentucky
The crew & friends met for an informal Christmas gathering at the RAM Restaurant in downtown Indianapolis.

USS Jamestown NCC-1843-D
Newport News, Virginia
Members attended the IKV Bat'Leth Anniversary Dinner at Cheers in Newport News. Held Meeting at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton. Processed & shipped our latest batch of coupons to our over seas bases. This makes our total Year to date \$102,404.46.

USS Jurassic NCC-3500
Hammersville, Ohio
We donated to the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, 2 blanket, beanie, bootie sets, 3 beanie bootie sets, & 1 beanie; and to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Georgetown, Ohio, 8 dolls, 4 teddy bears, 1 crib blanket, 2 baby blankets & 1 Afghan.

USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659
Raleigh, North Carolina
December meeting had good showing and many went to dinner together after the meeting.

USS Lagrange NCC-3916-B
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Exhibition Tree for ACH Festival sold on the first night and was featured in the Akron Beacon Journal.

USS Liberator NCC-75008
Akron, Ohio
Members participated in nline meetings and role-playing, and working on the web site and regional summit 2006. Members gave to Toys for Tots & Salvation Army, and Special Operations delivered a TV to a family in need on Christmas Eve.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A
Norfolk, Virginia
A social was held in December at Ruby Tuesday.

USS Maelstrom NCC-74218
Tyner, North Carolina
Members attended IKV Bat'leth Anniversary Dinner and held a holiday gathering at a crewmember's home.

USS Normandy NCC-36000
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Crew took shore leave to spend time with families during the holiday season.

USS North Carolina NCC-75019
Hickory, North Carolina
Members attended Carolina Renaissance Festival with local KAG group, held a raffle for a Combination DVD/VCR player, went to see Harry Potter 4, and held a Ship's Christmas Party.

USS Powhatan NCC-1967-A
Chesapeake, Virginia
We held our annual Christmas Party; member of the Gallifrey attended as well. We went to see the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia," which was also attended by the CO & XO of the Shuttle Excalibur. Afterwards we all answered phones at the local PBS station's telethon.

USS Pride of Scotland NCC-S8812
Louisville, Kentucky
Donated Magazines to local hospital. Members visited the Kentucky Aviation Museum; saw Kentucky Governor Ernie "Boom Boom" Fletcher's

F4 Phantom. Donated canned goods to local church. Adopted a Katrina Family for Christmas, donating money & goods for a displaced family from Hurricane Katrina now living in Louisville.

USS Providence NCC-71796
Cedar Grove, Tennessee
We delivered food items to our adopt-a-family on November 21 for Thanksgiving. In December, we had our Christmas/Anniversary Party and delivered our gifts to our Adopt-A-Family.

USS Renegade NCC-2547
Youngstown, Ohio
An away team attended a Potterthon at a member's home before going to see the new Harry Potter; other away teams saw "The Legend of Zorro," "Narnia," and "King Kong." We worked on the Dark Xmas convention in mid-November. A donation was made to Oprah's Angel Network to help with relief efforts, too.

USS Ronald E. McNair NCC-61809
Columbia, South Carolina
McNair members donated money, foodstuffs and clothing for the Hurricane relief effort. Pop tops for Ronald McDonald House still being collected, started the saving of box tops for education to benefit a local school located on Ft. Jackson Army post in Columbia, SC. collection of donations of gifts for the Veterans at the nursing home at the local V.A. Medical Center.

USS Rutledge NCC-74215
Ladson, South Carolina
Operation: Eagle work continues. See operationeagle.org for more information. Chaplain continues to contribute to Region 01 Online Weekly Cyberspace Newsletter-FRIDAY FUNNIES established by Region 01 Morale Officer.

USS Star League NCC-2101
Waynesboro, South Carolina
In November, we had a bowling competition, males vs. females (males won 2 out of 3 games). In December, we wrapped gifts at Borders Books, raising \$50 for Golden Harvest food bank.

USS Star Runner NCC-74222
Taylors, South Carolina
The chapter sent care packages to the troops overseas, and held a game night and Christmas and New Years parties.

USS Starward Fury NCC-2122
Spring Lake, North Carolina
Fury Feast, Christmas, and New Years' parties were held at CO's house. Members enjoyed nights of good food, and laughter.

USS Tristar NCC-71829
Knoxville, Tennessee
Christmas Party held on 12/1. Will be taking a break in January. Regular meeting will resume in February.

USS Tycho NCC-59325
Martin, Ohio
We went to the University of Toledo & took a look through the university's telescope. The meeting concluded with a trip to a local eatery for socializing.

USS Yaeger NCC-61893
Bluefield, West Virginia
November Game Day was largest ever, with more than 20 area children & adults in attendance. Group decided to apply matching funds from the chapter treasury to bolster Christmas Charities, as local charities have been sorely depleted by hurricane relief. As a result, \$600 was raised for toy purchases & food donations.

USS Yorktown NCC-1704-A
Catawba, South Carolina
Capt. Joe Swoe held the Christmas Party at his home on Dec. 11.

Region 2

Shuttle Andromeda NCC-74692/02
Tampa, Florida
Members went to Vulkan in Orlando to help with Regional Recruitment. We are getting ready for Fleet Day at the Kennedy Space Center and to help raise money for the Museum of Science & Industry's new Planetarium.

Shuttle MacArthur NCC-71708
Tampa, Florida
Members attended the 10 anniversary Party of the USS Victorious, and also Vulcon Orlando to assist with recruiting.

SS Dark Silence Station NCC-007
Florence, Alabama
Members attended the first NovaCon We had our annual Christmas party, and played Munchkin.

USS Blackstar NCC-75003
Miami, Florida
Members attended Vulkan in Orlando. A Starfleet R2 meeting took place there. At this meeting, we donated \$50 to the James Doohan Scholarship fund in memory of a late member, Benjamin Feld. We also supplied a requested American flag for display at the Starfleet recruiting table.

USS Continuum NCC-71821
Milton, Florida
We attended Vulkan in Orlando and we went to see the new Harry Potter film. Members from the USS Gasparilla, USS Dark Phoenix, USS Jubilee & the USS Relentless joined us at the Ship Anniversary/Christmas party in December.

USS Dark Phoenix NCC-74920
Leaksville, Mississippi
Members played host for members of the Continuum and the Rayburns in a Pre-Volkon dinner, and also attended the USS Haise movie night for Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire.

USS Dauntless NCC-74214
Orange Park, Florida
The crew went on away missions to the movies and a museum. The 698th SFMC MSG constituted on the Dauntless. <http://riders-msg.tripod.com/>

USS DaVinci NCC-74671
Columbus, Georgia
The 4th Game & Hobby Expo at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center was very successful. The DaVinci had a membership drive table set up right by the main entrance, and we helped out the folks running the expo by assisting with security.

USS Draco NCC-78501
Cullman, Alabama
Members attended the new Harry Potter film, went to see Narnia, attended Yule celebrations, also attended the USS Hephaestus' Christmas party.

USS Drakenfire NCC-71822
Odenville, Alabama
On the Odenville end, a group of us went on our usual trips. Some of these trips were to a movie, to a flea market, and out to eat. The group is continuing to work on one of our ongoing puzzles. On the Decatur End and on the Georgia end, the various folks are pretty well holding their own.

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USS Gasparilla NCC-74400
Brandon, Florida

Helped CO's family move to new apartment.
Attended Zone 4's annual Babel Conference & chapter auctions in Hattiesburg, MS.
Attended USS Continuum's anniversary & Christmas Party and USS Haise's "Star Wars Movie Marathon" & Christmas gift exchange.

USS Guardian NCC-26244
Cocoa, Florida

Crewmembers participated in activities at the Vulkan in Orlando on 12-13 November 2005.
Later in the month, the crew held our pre-Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday season dinner.

USS Haise NCC-74664
Jackson, Mississippi

Annual Anti-Turkey Pizza Party held Sunday, 11/27. Members also enjoyed a Christmas party/Star Wars movie marathon (all 6) with supper, breakfast and Secret Santa gift exchange.

USS Hephaestus NCC-2004
Graysville, Alabama

Raised \$90 in a Texas Hold'im tournament with the money going to the R2 Charity.

USS Jubilee NCC-57299

Mobile, Alabama

Members attended the USS Continuum Christmas party.

USS Myrddin NCC-72172

Dunedin, Florida

The crew attended Vulkan in Orlando where we celebrated our 7th anniversary as a club. The Captain also held his annual Saturday after Thanksgiving feast for the crew.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: CO's, take note! ;-)

USS New Hope NCC-50335
Montgomery, Alabama

Went out to a celebration dinner for the third year of USS New Hope being around; went to the XO Jan Sleigh's House, watched Star Trek Bloopers and several other Dragon Con videos.

USS Odyssey NCC-454-A
Hattieburg, Mississippi

We hosted 16 members from the four Mississippi ships at the 15th Babel meeting.

USS Okatoma NCC-74695
Collins, Mississippi

Members attended the annual zone meeting of all clubs in Mississippi Dec 3. All 4 clubs were there, plus the SFI VCS and her Chief of Staff.

USS Paegan NCC-1755
Lake Mary, Florida

In November, we had our monthly meeting, followed by a nice long game of Space Munchkin. In December, we had our 2nd Annual A Very Trekkie Christmas Party attended by 14 people representing 3 different ships.

USS Relentless NCC-81001
Palm Bay, Florida

In November, we held our General Meeting at Vulkan Orlando and celebrated T-Day at Disney. In December, we went to see the opening of Narnia and welcomed the VCS and her family at Epcot Center.

USS Republic NCC-1371
Dunwoody, Georgia

Had our meeting, discussed plans for upcoming Holiday parties.

USS Rogue Phoenix NCC-75005
Savannah, Georgia

Members supported Oatland Island's & the ADA's Walk on the Wildside for Diabetes, Oatland Island's annual Cane Grinding & Craft Festival, worked at the SKC Dog Show to raise Club Funds, and held our Christmas Party/Club meeting/Game night/Sleep over at Rivers End Campground.

USS Spiritwalker NCC-31097
Decatur, Georgia

Movie get-togethers included: "Kingdom of Heaven", "Christmas with the Kranks", "The Skeleton Key", "Crash", Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy", "The Polar Express", "The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe", "The Exorcism of Emily Rose", "Left Behind", Monty Python & the Holy Grail", "Syriana", "Backdraft", and "Batman Begins".

USS Trident NCC-74692
Jensen Beach, Florida

Away Teams saw 'Harry Potter,' "King Kong," "Narnia," and "The Producers," and attended the New Year's Eve fireworks show at Jensen Beach.

USS Triumph NCC-26228
Dania, Florida

We sent off \$6124.74 to the Overseas Coupon Program. Projects that continue are Aluminum recycle, OCP, COH.

USS Wernher von Braun NCC-72069
Madison, Alabama

Members provided Security for NovaCon and worked the STARFLEET recruiting table with members from other chapters.

Region 3

Shuttle Rahxephon NCC-72709
Carville, Louisiana

Dec meeting was on the 10th where we met at the reopened Clearview Mall in Metairie, talked about the new year, the Rahxephon's future, & was intended on seeing Narnia. We gave away over 1,000 free DVD's, 100 T-shirts, 48 stuff animals & \$25.00 gift cards that were donated by the USS Northern Lights in California.

SS Freedom III SS-001
Euleess, Texas

Report Filed No activity listed

SS Maverick SFR-301
Lubbock, Texas

November was busy for us with serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, our monthly meeting, and a movie night. We also participated in the Region 3 Game Day. We also had a wonderful Christmas season with meetings, get-togethers, and of course our Christmas party.

USS Ark Angel NCC-1889
Georgetown, Texas

Hosted Region 3 Game Day; in the evening we hosted our annual change of command ceremony, a banquet, & a charity auction. The entire event raised \$639.85 for the Austin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

USS Aurora Vulcanus NCC-1888
Houston, Texas

Mailed almost \$2200 in coupons to our base in Japan. Also donated to Toys for Tots and Salvation Army. Our Marine Unit 321 has started the paperwork for the Marine Unit Readiness Program.

USS Bexar NCC-71718
San Antonio, Texas

The crew participated in Alamo Heights Holiday Parade, benefiting the Elf Louise Christmas Project. The parade entries needed to be illuminated and decorated, So we decorated and

used AC/DC inverters which Amy provided & glow sticks which we put all over the vehicle.

USS Firebird NCC-74919
Houston, Texas

Smashing Christmas Party, donation of 18 toys to Toys for Tots campaign, individuals were engaged in R&R with family on shore leave.

USS Gunslinger NCC-6019
El Paso, Texas

Members held a Thanksgiving get-together and Marine training (Lazer Tag).

USS Intangible NCC-65421
Bryan, Texas

This will be the final MSR for the USS Intangible, it has come time to say goodbye... As captain I have resigned & have turned over everything to the XO Bill Ashley. I am too involved with Local Homeland Security issues to function as captain anymore. Unfortunately Bill Ashley has moved to California & has resigned. Other members have left. Due to this, it is time to decommission the USS Intangible effective 31 December 2005.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: While the ship may have been Intangible, they made a tangible contribution to STARFLEET, and they will be missed.

USS Joan of Arc NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, Texas

We had our regular three meetings with 2 crewmembers celebrating their birthdays at the 2nd meeting, and we held our annual Christmas Party on Dec17:05 at IHOP.

USS Laredo NCC-03
Laredo, Texas

Members held monthly meetings and our annual Christmas party.

USS Lone Star NCC-73628
Lubbock, Texas

Members attended the USS Arc Angel's Change of Command ceremony & dinner, 3rd Brigade Fall Muster, and REGION 3 Game Day in Round Rock, Texas; we also prepared & served dinner @ local Ronald McDonald House.

USS Palo Duro NCC-61914
Amarillo, Texas

We had our 9th Annual Christmas/New Year's Party. We also cooked a meal for the residents of the local Ronald McDonald House. Afterwards we went to see the new Harry Potter movie.

USS Panther City NCC-74917
Benbrook, Texas

None; Report filed

USS Regulator NCC-73337
Weatherford, Texas

Attended Region 3 Game Day/ 3rd BDE Fall Muster. Held 1st Annual Regulator Christmas Party.

USS Rhyanna NCC-1892
Marble Falls, Texas

Members attended and worked at Region 3 Game Day and volunteered at the Round Rock Food Pantry.

USS SpiritWolf NCC-74300
Houston, Texas

Several crew members gathered for our ship's Annual Holiday Celebration.

SS Tau`ri NCC-51007
Justin, Texas

Members of the Tau'ri went to see The Legend of Zorro.

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

Crewmembers attended the Region 3 Game Day & Marine Muster. PO2 Shelia Parriet won the Admiral Brad Pence Platinum Latinum (Texas Hold Em Tournament). Crew assisted Marine group in collecting toys for the Toys for Tots & distributed them to the Reserve Marines.

USS Trinity River NCC-6425
Dallas, Texas

The crew held a game night, a movie night, and a Christmas party. Several members attended the New Years Eve party hosted by Dallas Sci Fi Club ORAC.

USS Victory NCC-74208
San Antonio, Texas

Regular chapter meeting. Special gaming night on Friday November 25. Chapter meeting & annual Christmas party. Great turnout! New Year's celebrations at various locations.

Region 4

ISS Pegasus NCC-9755
Las Vegas, Nevada

Pop Tops broke 200,000. Shuttle Silver Moon is a GO! The Empire has grown again!! Black dog !!

Shuttle Albion NCC-74213/3
London, United Kingdom

We held an MSN meeting on Saturday 03-11-2005 where we discussed preparation for our commissioning and did a little more planning for our forthcoming news letter "The Griffins Tail"

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

Collected 23 toys & donated them to USMC's Toys for Tots program. Some of the crew attended the new Harry Potter movie. We collected non-perishable food items and donated them to a local food bank. The crew went to see "Narnia".

SS Cascade Station NCC-SS003
Redding, California

Cascade Station was awarded the bid for the 2006 Region 4 Conference, & is in the process of looking into changing dates primarily due to the amount of private E-mails received concerning the scheduling so close to a religious holiday (& we also later found out that's the same weekend as the biannual Air Show, so hotel's gonna be packed, & nobody will want to be @ the meetings anyhow!)

SS K Ehleyr NCC-009
Las Vegas, Nevada

Thanksgiving dinner/meeting at Memphis Championship Bar-B-Queue.

USS Angeles NCC-71840
Los Angeles, California

Assembled packages for the Any Soldier Program, attended Michael Piller's memorial service, saw the premiere of Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire, hosted a room party at LOSCON, attended Victorian Christmas at the Banning Residence Museum, and held a Winter Holiday Party.

USS Angelfire NCC-75025
Glendale, California

We participated in a run for the local John C. Lincon food bank for the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to the efforts of all members we as a chapter donated over 200lbs of food & sundries for the charity.

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USS Augusta Ada NCC-55011

Campbell, California

Discussions of space sciences; Treknese in everyday life reports - Hurricane Katrina cleanup by engineering.

USS Centurion NCC-74801

San Bernardino, California

Ship's crew marched in San Bernardino YMCA Christmas parade, was awarded trophy. Submitted articles & photos to R4 newsletter. Donated 9000 soda tabs to Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

USS Dragons Cub NCC-81003

Bakersfield, California

Coffee to the troops again & will be continuing it monthly now. This time it went to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, Echo Co., Unit 73180. We are choosing a different unit each time, so if anyone has someone over in Iraq let my ship know. Sent out Christmas cards to a list of people that receive very few or none; most are developmentally disabled or shut-ins. We are going to follow up with birthday and other holiday cards to these people.

USS Eagle NCC-1719

Fremont, California

Members attended an SG-1 & Farscape convention, also held computer training courses and movie night. Crew exchanged Christmas gifts and gathered for New Year's party.

USS Gallant NCC-4890

Fresno, California

No October meeting due to Region 4 Conference. Members of crew attended R4 Conference in L.A., so we had our October meeting and 1 year anniversary party In November. Special guest Boyd Harmon, CO of USS Stormbringer, was present!

USS Northern Lights NCC-27001

San Jose, California

XO Glenn Martin & Helmsman Celeste Miller joined Eagle CO (& ShOC) Jerry Tien in entertaining U.S.S. Angeles crewmember Jim Van Over during his short visit to the Northern Sector on Veterans' Day. The quartet of Region 4 folks enjoyed dinner and IDIC camaraderie at the Applebee's in Hayward.

USS Onizuka NCC-71815

Chico, California

New website address at <http://www.geocities.com/ussonizuka/> Met with members of Cascade Station for Christmas Gift Exchange in Chico.

USS PeaceKeeper NCC-73200

Visalia, California

Hosted a Poker Tourny raising \$50 for the Peacekeeper. The Peacekeeper is changing to a Correy Chapter at this time. We will still meet locally & invite chapters from all over R4 to join us for poker nights as fundraisers. Our last regular meeting was a Christmas Dinner at a local Italian Diner along with our Klingon Gift Exchange.

USS Stormbringer NCC-74213

Riverside, California

Chapter held Chrismahanukwanzakah Party. Chapter held 1st ever New Years Eve party with a formal black tie theme & 37 people showed up to help bring in the new year in classic Stormbringer Fashion. Our CO, Boyd Harmon traveled from LA to Denver just to attend the festivities.

USS William O Darby NCC-12474

Grand Terrace, California

Working with other local ST Clubs on combined activities. Cadet program underway

Region 5

USS Crusader NCC-74711

Otis Orchard, Washington

We held a fund raiser to raise money to buy presents for the family we are sponsoring for Christmas thru the Wishing Star Foundation. For our Thanksgiving party, we had a sit-down dinner with turkey & all the trimmings. Each of the crewmembers provided a delicacy or 2.

USS Destiny NCC-97301

Salem, Oregon

More details are being worked over for the next year's "Region 5 Mini Golf Challenge" at Bullwinkles in Wilsonville.

USS Rubicon NCC-71816

Richland, Washington

Crewmembers attended viewings of Chronicles of Narnia & King Kong. Our Marines along with some of our Fleet crew participated in our annual Toys for Tots drive for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Region 6

USS Czar ak NCC-1798-A

Richfield, Minnesota

We held our monthly meeting, attended Valleycon, and attended All Club Holiday party.

USS Fox River NCC-81002

Neenah, Wisconsin

Planning Holiday Potluck & collecting supplies for Animal Shelters.

USS Imperium NCC-2125

Fargo, North Dakota

Did public TV pledge drive. Harry Potter, Narnia, & King Kong movie premier gatherings w/local SciFi club. Christmas & New Year's parties were also well attended.

USS Saint George NCC-63541

Slater, Minnesota

XO is working with the Riverside local paper to help possibly recruit members for SFI and maybe work on them starting a chapter in "The Future Birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk."

USS Thunderchild NCC-3122

Belle Fourche, South Dakota

In November, the crew watched the Muppet show DVD and participated in a Thanksgiving potluck. In December, we had Christmas treats and played "Wheel of Trek" for the gift exchange.

Region 7

ISS Kerberos NCC-74929

Newark, New Jersey

Paintball, IC meetings, and various online activities. Additionally, we've been participating more so online with our parent chapter in helping other newer ISS chapters in SFI get more info as well as having all get involved in a new fan-fiction storyline.

ISS Lexington NCC-1703-C

West New York, New Jersey

Bowling Event, great time had by all. Holiday charity efforts in full swing. Helping other Mirror Universe shuttles in other regions with moral support & materials. New online larp underway. Senior staff attended wake for Comm. Edgar Torres.

ISS Philadelphia NCC-75639

Swedesboro, New Jersey

(NOTE: Formerly USS Archer)

Due to a death in the CO's family, the Archer & Challenger decided to cancel the Holiday Cookie Exchange. Members from Archer are planning to attend the January IC2006 meeting and Farpoint in February.

USS Accord NCC-1842

Ithaca, New York

Crew went out for a Meal & A Mission to Lights on the Lake in Syracuse with dinner at Kitty Hoynes, an Irish Pub.

USS Adamant NCC-3029

Hatfield, Pennsylvania

Members gathered to celebrate the birthdays of several members, including the CO, who are Scorpios; and also joined the Ascension crew to celebrate their 15th anniversary.

USS Albany NCC-587

Scotia, New York

Members attended "Caroling in the Caves" at Howe Caverns, four bowling nights, and an outing to the Soccer Hall of Fame.

USS Alpha Centauri NCC-71812

Camp Springs, Maryland

Held annual New Year's Eve party on Dec 31.

USS Ari NCC-1723

Buffalo, New York

Away missions for movies: Zathua; Narnia: Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe.

USS Ascension NCC-2520

Allentown, Pennsylvania

The Ascension celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a dinner held @ the Candlelight Inn in Bethlehem. Guests attended from the Sovereign, Flying Fox, Avenger, Starlord & Adamant.

USS Asimov NCC-1647

Paoli, Pennsylvania

The USS Asimov had a fun month. We picked up a model of our ship from "The Collective" & the last day of the month/year, we got together at the house of our XO to ring in the New Year. It was a good evening and we all had a great deal of fun!

USS Avenger NCC-1860

Linden, New Jersey

Members attended Edgar Torres' wake, a Star Wars marathon and the Region 7 Holiday Party. The Marines collected toys for the Toys for Tots program. Work on the "AvengerPedia" (encyclopedia of Avenger fiction) continues.

USS Challenger NCC-1676-D

Toms River, New Jersey

Members took part in paintball event with USS Starlord & ISS Kerebus on Thanksgiving weekend. We have decided to eliminate (as a test) ship dues & will require only SF membership, except in cases of new members who will pay a first-time membership fee.

USS DeBraak NCC-63543

Dover, Delaware

Members saw pre-opening of the Harry Potty & the Goblet of Fire.

USS Dragon Star NCC-52135

Walden, New York

Nov. was the movie month. We held 2 all day movie marathons; the 1st was the 6 movie series Star Wars & the 2nd was the 3 movie extended series Lord of the Rings. We also went to see Harry Potter Year 4.

USS Edinburgh NCC-77930

Glen Burnie, Maryland

Members celebrated the holidays in their individual ways.

USS Flying Fox NCC-3116

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Members took a trip to the USS New Jersey, and attended the Ascension's 15th anniversary party and the Region 7 Holiday party.

USS Highlander NCC-10530

Randallstown, Maryland

Ship busy working with the CO on wedding plans.

USS Inferno NCC-15202

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Beach Bash Reunion was November 10-14 & everyone had a blast. For more information, visit the Beach Bash website: <http://beachbash.chaouwempire.org/>. At the Annual USS Inferno Christmas Party we had an excellent meal, our meeting, some games, and watched some of the Steeler game.

USS Justice NCC-556

Florham Park, New Jersey

In the final stages of our third video "Tales of the 7th Fleet." Plans in the works for Battletech against the Osiris.

USS Matrix NCC-72296

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

The Matrix held it's annual CO elections in December. VADM Joe Hoolihan was elected for his 7th term as CO. Also in December, Lt(jg)Greg Prest transfer in from USS Maat. In January, the RPG "Borg & Beans" will be starting up again now that the holidays are over.

USS Niagara NCC-75634

Cheektowaga, New York

The ship's eBay project made strides. Ship started publication of the newsletter in pdf format and sent it electronically to the members. Also, members attend Lord of the Rings presentation in Rochester, NY.

USS Osiris NCC-3092

Bronx, New York

We had our 10th annual Thanksgiving get together & we had some special guests: Ariel Vitali & his fiancée Terry visit us from the USS Firebird in Texas.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: The above was from the final MSR filed by Commodore Edgar Torres, who passed away in late December. He will be missed; may his memory be an inspiration to us all.

USS Sovereign NCC-75000

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chapter co-hosted the regional holiday party.

USS Starlord NCC-74225

Aberdeen, New Jersey

The crew enjoyed five Gaming Nights, paintball event with the Challenger and Kerberos, a D&D game with the Lexington, and a New Year's Eve party.

USS Thor NCC-2549-A

Baltimore, Maryland

The whole ships complement is gearing up for the upcoming Katsucon 12 anime convention, including attending to the guests of honor and collecting donations for charity.

USS Top Gun NCC-75029

Oxon Hill, Maryland

Harry Potter movie event November 16th. In December, we had a meeting at Arundel Mills Mall and of course celebrating the holidays!

Region 9

Shuttle Star Saber NCC-74212

APO, Ehningen, Germany

The crew enjoyed online Gaming, relaxing in the sauna, and the cold weather outside. Played online games & talked about Star Trek.

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USS Europe NCC-74668

Lisbon, Spain

Members participated in a blood drive. Daily trivia is still going great (although he CO has won for four months in a row :-). A new activity is being developed by the CO, called Star Trek Survivor.

USS Vanguard NCC-75026

Laakdal, Belgium

On Line Gaming Continues. Members participated in two Star Trek 2E Constructed CCG Tournaments, taking 1st and 4th Places in one (a World Qualifier) and 6th and 7th Places in another.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: Congratulations to the Vanguard on blazing a trail on the CCG circuit!

Region 10

Shuttle Bondar NCC-74669

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

A Christmas Pot Luck Brunch was held on Sunday Dec. 4, '05 in 10 Forward, located in the home of Captain Loreleigh Graves for crew & invited guests. JoAnn Dundas, representative for the Loaves & Fishes Charity was in attendance along with The Bondar crew.

USS Crystal Star NCC-1160

Eagle River, Alaska

In November we had a movie party to watch Star Wars III. Pillow lead a team in her annual Gift wrapping for the Red Cross, This Year She collected over \$5600 for disaster relief. Members of the Crystal Star also signed up as bone marrow donors.

USS Majestic NCC-78601

Victoria, British Columbia

The crew enjoyed the annual Christmas Dinner at the CO's quarters.

USS Sol NCC-1733

Fairbanks, Alaska

In November, the crew gathered to watch the DS9 Episode "Beyond the Farthest Star," talk, & eat. In December, we gathered to watch Galaxy Quest & exchange gifts.

Region 12

Shuttle Foe Hammer

NCC-72292/1

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Got together with friends on the Claymore. Also making plans for our Commissioning/ Claymore Anniversary party in February.

Shuttle Rosen NCC-3143/1

Royal, Arkansas

Members opened their home to a family from Louisiana for Thanksgiving. We are currently RPGing on line. The games are currently our regular meetings.

Shuttle Ultimatum NCC-10534

Springfield, Missouri

Members went to the Harry Potter movie and held a New Year's Eve Party.

USS Arlington NCC-2375

Boonville, Missouri

Members attended the R12 Holiday party and worked on recruiting.

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva NCC-4101

Wildwood, Missouri

Our members remain very active across the country at the local, regional, and national levels-including significant charity work & donations, far-reaching community service projects, increased reuse & recycling events, as well as giving back directly to our own communities through area

blood drives, CPR certification/recertification & donation of food & clothing.

USS Bortas NCC-74211

Urbana, Illinois

Members enjoyed a dinner party/game & movie night and provided security & operations at the ChambanaCon 35 sci-fi convention.

USS Celt NCC-75018

Elkins, Arkansas

Held meetings at Jim's Razorback Pizza in Fayetteville; Chad Manen, last president of the now-defunct U of A Star Trek Fan Club, was a guest.

USS Claymore NCC-72292

Midwest City, Oklahoma

Adopted a family of seven for the holidays, members provided a full Thanksgiving dinner for that family and also brought them Christmas gifts. Claymore youth gathered food for the local food pantry and also worked on the dinner line also local homeless shelter.

USS Dragonstrike NCC-74305

Oswego, Kansas

The Dragonstrike held it's annual Christmas party on 12/10, gift exchanged & the crew distributed the collected stuffed animals to area Fire & Police departments.

USS Hexum NCC-2199

Belleville, Illinois

Members joined the USS Discovery crew for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner @ Rigazzi's Restaurant in St Louis and collected canned goods for the food pantry distribution center.

USS Jeannette Maddox NCC-14514

Wichita, Kansas

Approved new Ships uniform. Post meeting Away mission to see Chicken Little. Additional Away Missions to see Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire and The Chronicles of Narnia. Manned the Salvation Army Angel tree two nights this Christmass Season and ran ship fundraiser of wrapping gifts at local bookstore.

USS Marko Ramius NCC-23103

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Regular meetings, had dinner meeting at Logan's steakhouse. Donated Thanksgiving Dinner & weeks grocery to 2 needy families.

USS Morning Star NCC-4126

Lawton, Oklahoma

Usual charity contributions of Campbell's labels, BC UPC's, Stampede stamps, several hundred \$ in OCP, large quantity of pull-tabs for RMHC, recycling for Food for the Poor. Fed hot meal to 127 on 0511.16. Donated 4 lg. bags of Thanksgiving food to Salvation Army for holiday food boxes--enough to feed 4 good-sized families.

USS Nomad NCC-78500

Tecumseh, Oklahoma

Operation Turkey Snarf successfully completed.

USS Phoenix NCC-2155

Columbia, Missouri

Finished charity Christmas Basket event, had a group movie outing to "Harry Potter & The Goblet Of Fire" on 2005-12-3

USS Royal Sovereign NCC-72201

Leavenworth, Kansas

Crew donated to local USMC Toys-for-Tots drive. Also held monthly Happy Hour gathering with crew of USS Arlington & viewed the premier of Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire followed by buffalo steaks at a local steakhouse.

USS Sunflower NCC-74679

Augusta, Kansas

Collecting & clipping coupons as always, our main project. USS Sunflower assisted the local Lions Club selling Christmas trees.

USS Thunderbird NCC-71845

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Away mission to the aquarium in Jinx, OK.

USS Troubadour NCC-1201

St. Louis, Missouri

Ongoing projects: Contributing cancelled stamps to the Veterans Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona ; Recycling paper, aluminum & plastic jug; Making 'granny' squares for the Humane Society (Kitty Squares); Knitting caps for chemo patients.

USS William Wallace NCC-2555

Joplin, Missouri

The Brown family went to Region 2 for 2 weeks of well-deserved R&R. Also had a nice dinner & chat with Danny and Denby Potts in Birmingham, AL. No news on recruiting new members in Springfield for a Shuttle.

Region 13

USS Banting NCC-17220

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Banting members attended a play where our own Lt. Paul Bell had the Lead playing Oscar Madison in the Odd Couple. In December, the Banting held its anniversary dinner.

USS Empress NCC-15025-A

Sterling Heights, Michigan

Crew worked at the Detroit Science Center for the opening of the Space exhibit and donated over \$1200.00 in gifts & money this season.

USS Hadfield NCC-75020

Georgetown, Ontario, Canada

Members attended the White Star Anniversary, an outing for supper and to Woodbine Race track, and a showing of Star Wars III.

USS Jaguar NCC-74750

Pembroke, Ontario, Canada

Lots of updating of the Jaguar pages. Added a Library Link which links to articles written by Jag members. Other pages were tweaked & the tweaking continues! Participation in the SFMC Reading Challenge is still going strong.

USS Maquis NCC-74309

South Lyon, Michigan

Things have been a bit quiet lately, with everyone back in the work mode for the up & coming holiday season.

USS Pathfinder NCC-2121

Northville, Michigan

Between the Chief Science Officer/XO and the CO, computers have logged a total of approximately 1616 days of CPU time and completed 652 packets from the SETI@home project.

USS Sinclair NCC-74209

Waterford, Michigan

Annual meeting held as well as CO/XO elections. Christmas party was held, as well as a new years eve party.

USS White Star NCC-71012

Port Huron, Michigan

Held Anniversary Party and Christmas party. Meeting day & time have changed for the new year.

Region 14

USS Magellan NCC-72014

Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada

The usual. It is still very calm.

Region 15

Shuttle Anubis NCC-586

Swampscott, Massachusetts

Members attended United Fan Con, where they ran a recruiting table. On Thanksgiving, our XO & CMO opened their home to some of the crew in the "local" area for a fine Thanksgiving dinner.

Shuttle Menahga NCC-3100

Beverly, Massachusetts

In our efforts to work closely together, The Shuttle Anubis & ourselves have formed Task Force Hippocrates. With the Menahga working on changing our role to a medical vessel and the Anubis being a combat ship, this seemed a fun way to allow both crews to write joint fiction since we sport several writers between the crews.

SS Ian Fleming SFR-1501

Newburyport, Massachusetts

Members of the crew attended United Fan Con. Starting on Friday night we all met for karaoke as is our custom. Members also attended the Region 15 Christmas Party.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: Gotta love a crew that does karaoke together! Oh, Captain...

USS Ares NCC-26291

Boston, Massachusetts

After months of prep, and what seemed like an eternity of waiting, United Fan Con was here. We helped with security, the charity auction, ran panels, helped with registration, and filled in wherever we were needed. With UFC under our belts we moved to the next event of the month which was the release of Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire. Finally, we hit the R15 Holiday Party.

USS Avalon NCC-74914

Standish, Maine

Avalon members trekked to New Hampshire for the R15 Holiday Party. The Avalon Holiday Party was held The Merry Manor Best Western "Governors Restaurant". Good eats, music, karaoke, Yankee gift swap.

USS Darwin NCC-1166

Brockton, Massachusetts

This month the USS Darwin put their shoulder to the grind stone to help out the folks @ United FanCon. We worked at everything from doing paper work to running last min runs for equipment. The show was a huge success in part to the amazing VIP guest Leonard Nimoy who wowed the con goers.

USS Galaxy NCC-70637

Springfield, Massachusetts

Members attended UFC in November and the Marines did Toys for Tots.

USS Hood NCC-1707

North Chelmsford, **Massachusetts**

United Fan Con designated as the alternative to this month's General Meeting.

USS Kasimar NCC-1784

Bangor, Maine

The MP Team met to put together membership packets for STARFLEET. The Kasimar's MP Team has been given the task of designing the new 2006 STARFLEET membership certificate. The Crew helped out the Salvation Army by manning the main entrance to the Bangor Mall for Bell Ringing and the same time manning the Angel Tree booth inside the mall.

USS Nelson NCC-74804

Northampton, Massachusetts

November meeting took place at the UFC.

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There was no meeting in December due to scheduled surgeries & Christmas holidays. Our total donations towards the Overseas Coupon Program for the year 2005 were \$137,540.14.

USS O'Bannon NCC-5372

Sanford, Maine

Our busy holiday season included Coats for Kids, collections for the York County Homeless Shelter, the Kennebunk Animal Shelter and Toys for Tots. On November 19, crewmembers got their holiday shopping going with the Official X-Mas Shopping Jump Start Day, a trip together to the Fox Run Mall and then some lunch.

Region 17

Shuttle Aztec NCC-62001/02

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Members got together to watch Monday Night Football, attended USS Anasazi Meetings and New Year's Eve Celebration, and participated in an area Toys-For-Tots drive.

Shuttle Tomahawk NCC-62001/3

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Members attended Albuquerque Holiday Parties and helped out with Toys-For-Tots

USS Alioth NCC-72383

Orem/Provo, Utah

The crew took on the roles of 1959 characters for "Murder on the Grill" in the yearly murder

mystery party. Money collected at our Sub for Santa yard sale went to providing gifts for 2 little girls. After our dinner & gift exchange, the members delivered 2 huge Christmas stockings stuffed with toys & clothes.

USS Anasazi NCC-62001

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Assisted 898 MSG with the 1st of 2 annual Toys for Tots Drives (collected about \$1400 in donations of toys & cash so far). Crew is continuing to support in every way possible our 2 shuttles & planning continues for the Region Summit to be held in Albuquerque in March.

USS Arc Royal NCC-63546

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Crew held Ship's anniversary party.

USS Carson NCC-0592-A

Farmington, New Mexico

Have a huge box of coupons waiting for funds to mail overseas, other than that, not a thing. Still trying to figure out when and how to get at home internet access, otherwise still using the free library access, which is limited.

USS Mir NCC-73281

Las Cruces, New Mexico

In November, the Crew played Glow Golf and had dinner afterwards. In December, the Crew gathered for Annual Awards Banquet and

Christmas Party.

USS Moontype NCC-9493

Fort Collins, Colorado

Plans are underway for the handbook to be made available in Braille, Large Print, on tape and Computer Disc. The communications Department is working closely with one of our members who will assist us in producing the newsletter in various audio formats. The Command Staff attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the USS Pioneer, where we won first place for our costumes which depicted the light blue "JELLYFISH" alien creatures of Farpoint Station.

USS Omega Glory NCC-26917

Denver, Colorado

Activities included the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving at the Zoo; having Thanksgiving Dinner as a crew; Front Range and Colorado Grottoes Meetings; hiking Mount Falcon; repairing the bridge at Breezeway Cave; Bicycle Aurora meeting; two GURPS Gaming Days; and Christmas Eve and New Years Eve parties.

USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D

Denver, Colorado

The crew enjoyed many activities, including our Tenth Anniversary Party, a tour of Hammond Candy Factory, Thanksgiving Dinner & Movie

Marathon, and a Laser Quest outing.

NOTE FROM THE MSR-RABBI: Congratulations on your tenth anniversary, and here's to ten more!

USS Tiburon NCC-74220

Denver, Colorado

Members attended the USS Pioneer's 10th Anniversary Party. Members of the Tiburon gathered for "A Tiburon Thanksgiving" Members gathered for dinner conversation & fun. Also, we have added some new community service projects with the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, the Colorado Humane Society, & the Denver Zoo.

USS Wind Spirit NCC-14110

Colorado Springs, Colorado

The crew enjoyed another fun holiday banquet on 17 December. As a table gift, each crew member received a STNG communicator to wear.

Region 20

ISS Saratoga NCC-20

Stevenage, Herts, United Kingdom

The USS Britannia merged with the Shuttle Saratoga and formed the ISS Saratoga and designed Saratoga Uniforms to reflect Mirror Universe identity. The crew continued planning for the CNYC Party (Christmas, New Year, Commissioning), on the 14th of January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STARFLEET IC 2006 is fast approaching and as your Fundraising Chair, I am going to tell you how you can be a part of our very special program book.

What's so special about it, you ask? Besides being a souvenir of the event, it is also special because it will reference two very special events; the 40th anniversary of Star Trek and the birthday of Benjamin Franklin!

How can you be a part of it? Well, decide what size ad you'd like to run. It can be for your ship, your region, a personal message or a business. I am accepting business card size, 1/4 page, 1/2 page and full page ads.. Send a camera ready ad to me at fundraising@ic2206.org.

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Can I get an ad for free? Well actually you can, if you want to join our ad exchange program. If you place an ad in your Summit/Conference Booklet advertising IC 2006, we will run an equal ad for your Summit/Conference for 2007 in our program book

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Any other questions can be sent to me at fundraising@ic2006.org.

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Region 6 Summit in the Islands

June 16-18, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Bloomington I-35, 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431-2369. Hotel rates ate \$79 per night (plus tax). Phone: 952-884-8211 and mention STARFLEET Region 6 for the convention rate. Activities will include a Friday night mixer, general session (with awards presentation) on Saturday morning, round table discussions Saturday afternoon, and optional banquet Saturday evening. Summit registration (including lunch!) is \$25.00. The optional banquet is an additional \$25. For more information: email radmlinda@aol.com; snail mail to Region 6 Summit, Post Office Box 23321, Richfield, MN 55423-0321, or point your browser to <http://www.skypoint.com/%7edavidk50/06Summit/>

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Are you a "Black Sheep?" Are you hard to get along with? Are you a difficult personality? Don't work well with others? Have you been kicked off of other ships in the Fleet because of a "bad attitude?" Then the Shuttle MacArthur is the ship for you! We are a correspondence chapter of STARFLEET. We have weekly meetings on IRC, an interactive website, and a love of all things Trek and Science Fiction. If you are looking for something different, please check out: <http://www.issmacarthur.com> info@issmacarthur.com



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STARFLEET DAILY TRIVIA CONTEST 2006

FCAPT Mike Vermoesen, CO

USS Europe, R9

Are you a Star Trek Guru? Do you think you know everything about the life of James T. Kirk, or whatever happened to the USS Voyager on stardate 48038.5? If so, why don't you join our Trivia game? Test your knowledge against some of the best minds in the universe, uh, I mean STARFLEET!

Point your browser to:

<http://my.funtrivia.com/tournament/STARFLEETs-Trivia-Challenge-44170.htm> and sign up.

The contest will consist of 10 Star Trek questions and new questions will appear each day. Try to answer questions quickly, because the quizzes are timed. The best cumulative scores at the end of the month go into the hall of fame.

Each 2 months I will try to send in the cumulative scores for the CQ and we will also be handing out an award for the best 3 contestants.

So why don't you give it a try?

Hope to see you there!

Do starship specs make you happy in a special way?

Then you may wish to embark on a new project. The Akira Class Technical Manual (<http://akiracla.net>) is seeking authors and contributors online in a Wiki format. Exchange specs, pictures, diagrams and theories about this ingenious starship class with others like yourself. Contact Dave Lowe at co@issmacarthur.com for more information.

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USS GALLANT BROUGHT THE JOY OF THE SEASON TO THE SUFFERING

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On December 16, 2005, the crew of the USS GALLANT brought some joy to the families of children spending the holidays being cared for at Children's Hospital of Central California. These families, staying at the Ronald McDonald House of the Central Valley, in Madera, California, spend most of their days visiting their ailing children in the Intensive and Critical Care Units of the hospital. Around 6pm, they head back to the Ronald McDonald House for a bite of dinner – which they generally make themselves in kitchens provided for them – try to relax for a couple of hours, and then either go to bed or go back for another brief visit before visiting hours finally end.

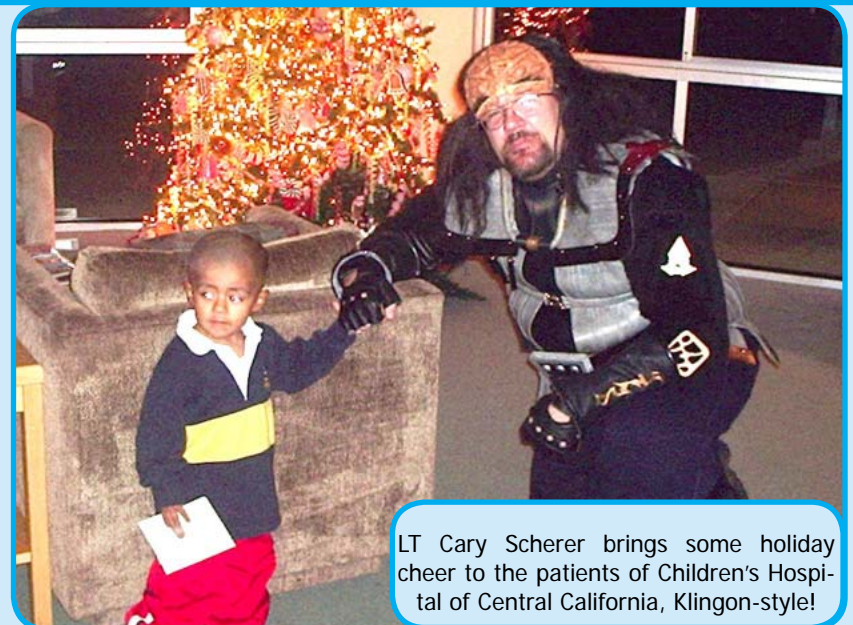
On this particular Friday night, however, they were greeted with a surprise when they arrived at the House – STARFLEET officers, a Klingon warrior, dinner ready for them (sandwiches, chips, snack pastries, and soda), and a showing of STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY in the common area “living room”. Dinner – donated by two businesses from nearby Fresno, California (Savory Sandwiches and a local Vons store) – was much appreciated, and these families were

able to relax and enjoy dinner without the bother of preparation.

Sometime during the evening, a three-year-old boy being treated for cancer arrived with his mother in the common area... and although he knew no English (and certainly no Klingonese) and therefore could not communicate with him, he was fascinated with the tall Klingon warrior, who knelt down to the child's level and communicated on a level that has nothing to do with height and everything to do with love. (See attached picture.)

House Marketing Director Pedro Santana was ecstatic about the visit, and invited the GALLANT back whenever they wished to return. More visits – including possible future dinner-and-a-movie nights – are being planned. But for now, the memories of that cool night in mid-December shine as bright in our memories as the beautifully decorated trees that decorated the Ronald McDonald House of Central California.

EPILOGUE: This report was delayed for a sad reason. The picture, taken by Mr. Santana, was not included in the House's newsletter or forwarded to me until recently for a sad reason: the dear child



LT Cary Scherer brings some holiday cheer to the patients of Children's Hospital of Central California, Klingon-style!

pictured has taken a turn for the worse. He was diagnosed with two more tumors and has been sent to Stanford for treatment beyond the capacity of Children's Hospital of Central California to provide. Mr. Santana told me the boy's mother asked to be remembered to us in thanks for the dinner and movie night, and stated that, “This is the reason why we appreciate

organizations like yours that touch the lives of others” and that he would keep us posted.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: If any readers of this article believe in the power of God to heal, please send up a prayer for a complete healing for our very young friend.