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Dreams

by Langston Hughes

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Dreams have been a very important part of humanity since the dawn of time. Without dreams civilizations never would have made the advancements that they made. Dreams that expand our horizons for a better tomorrow are woven around the very fabric that makes us who we are today.

As members of STARFLEET we are no different. We adhere to a dream that since we heard it have opened up new doors and horizons to us. The "Roddenberry Dream" as we call it opened up new ways of thinking about the world around us.

To boldly go where no man has gone before" – perhaps this phrase is completely meaningless to some. However, to us, it embodies a way of thinking and a way of life that transcends hatred, prejudice and all the ills that afflict humanity today. Yes, a television show called "Star Trek" did just that.

The mission of its creator, Gene Roddenberry, was not one of fame or fortune. Roddenberry's dream was to seek out certain facets of human culture

and expose them for the entire world to see. He sought to challenge our cultural ethics as well as our individual set of moral codes. This mindset fostered an era of growth for the Star Trek franchise. People in the turbulent 1960s and 1970s enjoyed the peaceful futuristic appeal that Star Trek presented, especially the idea that in time, people would learn to work together in peaceful cooperation and end decades of war, disease, and poverty. Star Trek embodied what humanity wished to become.

However, in recent times, it has been said that the "Roddenberry Dream" is dying. That its idealistic time has passed and that this evident by how the interest of Star Trek has declined drastically in recent years culminating in the cancellation of "Enterprise". Could this be true? Where has the Roddenberry dream gone? What will the future of Region 15 and ultimately STARFLEET be? In order to answer these questions we need to explore what the "Roddenberry Dream" actually is.

What is the "Roddenberry Dream"? It's more than a television show. It's more than a happy outlook for the future. It's more than just a state of mind. The Roddenberry Dream is located in the heart. It's about caring and friendship. It's about actually practicing what we preach. It's about having a bond so close and deep that we can upset each other and yet still come back for more. It's about being there when times are tough. It's about loyalty and passion. It's about daring to be different, to think outside the box, about expanding our horizons, imagining the possibilities. Very, very powerful stuff.

The real power of Starfleet resides in each and every one of us. Starfleet may be the vehicle, but it's the "Roddenberry Dream" that is the fuel. Keep that dream alive within you and continue to expand your horizons and never underestimate the power of your dreams! Remember this Native American Prayer....

Trust your dreams.
They are sweet and beautiful.
Trust your visions.
They are soulful and powerful.
Trust your aspiration.
It is your earth-friend
And
Heaven-brother.
Trust your realization.
It is your Eternity's real Self.



SS Ian Fleming • 2004 STARFLEET Chapter of the Year

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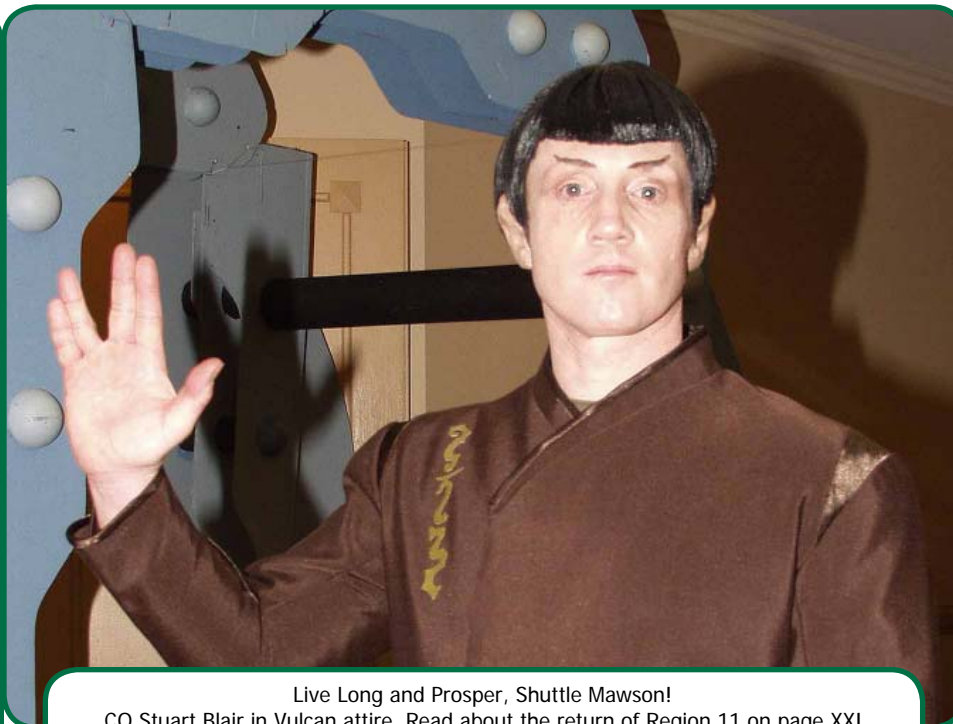
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CO Stuart Blair in Vulcan attire. Read about the return of Region 11 on page XX!



New Orleans won't let anything stop Mardi Gras!
Read Robert Suttle's report on page XX!



Commander Scott McKinley of the USS Ark Angel and crew visit the
Battleship USS Texas. See more pictures on page XX!

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REGION 5 IN ACTION AT WALKAMERICA

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On the last Saturday of April this year the members of the USS Rubicon, Shuttle Thermopylae, and Shuttle Escape Pod pulled together to help the March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Pasco Washington.

At the halfway mark a huge balloon arch was built and uniformed crew members cheered the Walkers on. Star Trek music played and noise makers could be heard

all around the arch.

Some Region Five members worked in logistics support preparing for the walk since December and worked very hard to ensure the safety of all participants during the event.

After the walk everyone met for pizza and celebrated the work and successful

walk for the March of Dimes. Much pizza was eaten and the Regional Coordinator thanked everyone.

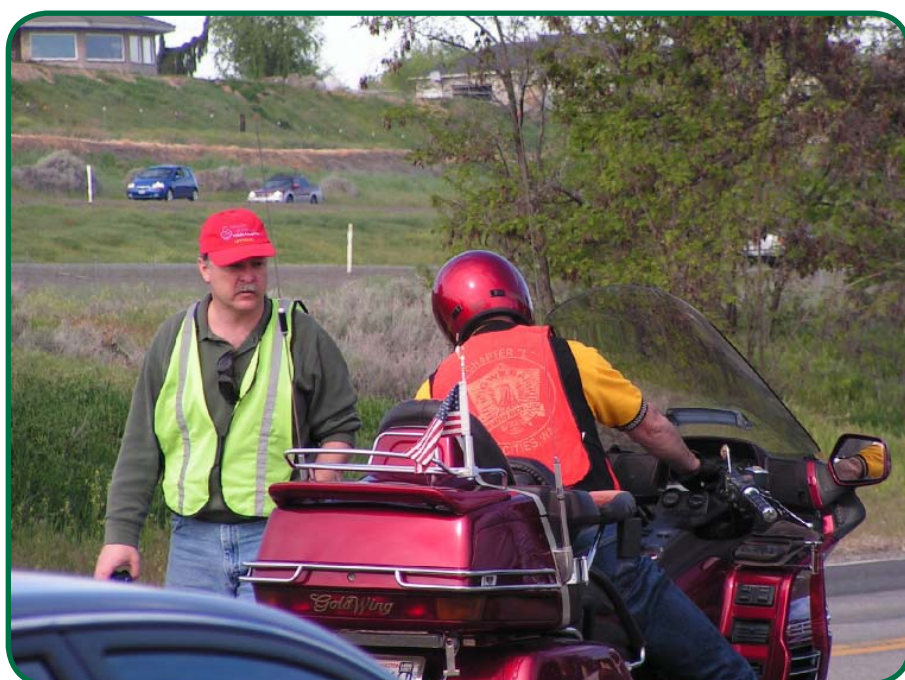
The USS Rubicon ran their monthly meeting. The celebrating continued into the evening and over to Applebee's. All in all it was a lot of fun for Region 5 and a successful walk for the March of Dimes and a great party.



Members of the USS Rubicon's Marine Strike Group salute the walkers at the halfway point.



Members of the USS Rubicon cheer on the walkers.



David Lee Kania briefs drivers on route safety.



Walkers approach the half-way point and are greeted by Region Five members.

The Science of Xenoarchaeology Part 1:

Historical Perspective, Professional Societies and Peer Reviewed Publications

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The development of any particular field of science and the establishment of a body of literature that relates to that science relies heavily upon scientific data that relates to that particular field. Medicine, for example, has relied on the collection of data on living anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and the study of disease.

Mankind has been "writing" things down for millennia. Prehistoric cave paintings depict picture representations of what mankind saw. Stone tablets in the 'ancient' world have been found with hieroglyphics and the earliest forms of writing systems.

What is fascinating, however, is the development of a body of scientific literature - in particular its origins and its development into a peer reviewed entity based on sound scientific research. To the scientific mind, it's perhaps comforting to know that the modern 'literature' finds its origins in science (whereas matters of philosophy, faith, and religion have perhaps been more developed in texts and volumes of reference rather than scientific articles).

The purpose of this essay is not to discuss the differences between science and religion (an entirely different topic, to be sure) but rather to explore the origin and history of the elements that have led to the development of a modern body of scientific literature, looking at two key elements:

- The development of professional scientific societies
- The development of a peer-reviewed scientific literature

We will explore each of these elements separately.

Professional Societies

The development of the professional society appears to be linked historically with the development of modern medicine, and most if not all the early professional societies on Earth can be traced to the modern era (by modern, we refer here to the 17th and following centuries) and in particular to the British and the Americans.

The Royal Society, established in Great Britain in 1660 in response to (among other things) the Inquisition, appears to be the oldest surviving professional/scientific/medical society of record. It origins are perhaps mired in both politics and the earliest origins of peer review (a broad topic in itself, and one we'll touch upon briefly later in this article).

Professional medical societies, however, appear to be generally the oldest surviving societies (at least on Earth, the scope of this paper is not intended to extend to other species inasmuch as the discussion of Xenoarchaeology that will follow). This phenomenon of a "professional medical society" is more or less a product of 18th and 19th century history, and the first and oldest surviving recognized medical societies are:

- The Society for Improvement of Medical Knowledge, established in 1731, which later became the Philosophical Society [1731] and later the Royal Society of Edinburgh [1783].
- The Royal College of Physicians of London, established in 1745.
- The Medical Society of New Jersey, founded in 1766, is the oldest professional society in the United States.
- The first general medical society of note in England was the Medical Society of London, founded in 1773. The origins of the Royal Society of Medicine date back to the 18th century when, throughout Europe and also in Great Britain, medical societies began to be founded with the object of bringing together physicians and surgeons in order to further scientific, professional and social communication.
Source: <http://www.rsm.ac.uk/welcom/history.htm>
- The Royal Medical Society [of Edinburgh], founded in 1779 by William Cullen (who also helped establish the Royal Society of Edinburgh) is often listed as the oldest society still in existence.
- The Massachusetts Medical Society, founded in 1781, is the oldest continuously operating medical society in the United States.
- The New York Academy of Sciences, founded in 1817.
- The Royal Astronomical Society, founded 12 January 1820.
- The British Medical Association [BMA], founded by Sir Charles Hastings (1794-1866) on 19th July 1832. 50 doctors were present to hear Hastings propose the inauguration the Association.
- The American Medical Association [AMA], founded 7 May 1847 when the delegates to the national medical convention had just approved a resolution to establish the AMA and had elected Dr. Nathaniel Chapman as its first president.

Additional source material:

Shaw AB. The Oldest Medical Societies in Great Britain. Med Hist. 1968 July; 12(3): 232-244.

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/picrender.fcgi?artid=1033825&blobtype=pdf>

History of Peer Reviewed Professional Journals

Peer review of scholars' work has existed at least since it was known as "The Inquisition of the Holy Roman and Catholic Church"; a principle task of which was to investigate "suspected novelties". Although the Inquisition's reach did not extend to protestant England at the time, The Royal Society was founded in 1660 to escape similar peer review from established University Aristotelian scholars by substituting experiment for such authority.

Source: Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peer_review#History_of_peer_review

The professional/peer-reviewed journal itself can trace its origins, like those of the professional scientific/medical societies, to the 18th and 19th centuries.

As has been previously noted, the Massachusetts Medical Society, founded in 1781, is the oldest continuously operating medical society in the United States and can be credited with the first regular professional journal:

Medical Papers, communicated to the Massachusetts Medical Society (Number 1, 1790)

Medical Communications of the Massachusetts Medical Society (v.1, 1808)

Medical communications and dissertations of the Massachusetts Medical Society (v.2, 1813)

Medical dissertations (v.3-4, 1822-1829)

Medical communications of the Massachusetts Medical Society (v.5-24, 1836-1913)

Boston Medical and Surgical Journal (v.1-197, 1828-1928)

New England Journal of Medicine (v.198-, 1928-)

Source: <http://www.scholarly-societies.org/history/1781mms.html>

The weekly New England Journal of Medicine [NEJM] is in fact listed as being continuously published since January 1812, its original contents being:

Remarks on Angina Pectoris
Some Remarks on the Morbid Effects of Dentition
Account of Bichat
Cases of Apoplexy with Dissections
A Concise View of the Results of Dr. Davy's Late Electro-Chemical Researche
Observations and Experiments on

the Treatment of Injuries Occasioned by Fire and Heated Substances
Remarks on Diseases Resembling Syphilis
Case and Dissection of a Blue Female Child
Spurred Rye
Source: <http://www.medterms.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=13487>

The Lancet, first published Oct 25, 1823 by Dr. Thomas Wakley and the British Medical Journal [BMJ], first published in 1840 as the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, are considered along with NEJM and the weekly Journal of the American Medical Association [JAMA, first published in 1883], to be one of the 'core' general medical journals still in existence.

Source: <http://www.intl.elsevierhealth.com/catalogue/title.cfm?ISBN=0080446833>
<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/weeklydoc/071003.asp>
<http://www.answers.com/topic/british-medical-journal>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Journal_of_the_American_Medical_Association

Two additional professional journals bear some consideration:

- Crelle's Journal, the oldest surviving mathematical journal [founded in 1826], is the common name for the Journal für die reine und angewandte Mathematik founded by August Leopold Crelle
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, oddly published 36 times per year, was established 9 Feb 1827.

One might also consider a number of non peer-reviewed scientific magazines for their contributions:

- Scientific American, published monthly since 28 August 1845, is the oldest continuously published magazine in the United States.
- Nature, first published 4 Nov 1869, and Science, first published 3 July 1880, are also among the oldest scientific magazines still in publication.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_American
<http://www.nature.com/nature/first/index.html>
<http://www.sciencemag.org/sciext/firstissue/>

Development of Xenoarchaeology as a scientific discipline

As with any scientific discipline, there is often a designated start point or a founding scientist that can be identified with a particular area of science. The challenge for many disciplines is the establishment of the 'first person' or the 'first paper' or the 'first idea' - it's nearly impossible, given enough thought for instance, to identify the first physician (though people like Hippocrates and Galen are often identified in this role).

Science is often the collection of ideas into rational thought. How we identify those ideas or the individual(s) responsible for those ideas can be challenging. Where's the starting point? Who was the first 'ologist' in that discipline?

Xenoarchaeology can be defined in simplest terms as the archaeological study of alien species. As described in a previous article, this may be difficult, since the science will incorporate many disciplines (Anthropology, Sociology, Archaeology, Biology/Biochemistry, Physiology, Genetics, Taxonomy/Phylogeny/Cladistics, etc.). The definition can be blurred if one bears in mind one simple thought: an 'alien' is any other (sentient) species other than your own. Therefore we're forced to ask, "Who owns the Xenosciences?" Is it Humans? Vulcans? Other aliens? All aliens? Without getting into a discussion of who constitutes an alien, the answer is "everyone" since we're all aliens in relationship to one another. This isn't the purpose of this paper; the goal is simply to define how the discipline may have come about from the Human perspective.

So who is the first (Human) Xenoarchaeologist? To answer this, we need to define a few parameters as to what might qualify one to be a Xenoarchaeologist:

- The individual would have to have visited a foreign planet or celestial body;
- The individual would have had to perform some type of field research;
- The individual would have had to taken some type of sample;
- The individual would have had to done some kind of analysis on the sample;
- or
- The individual would have had to performed some type of field research/sample collection/analysis on a sample not from Earth.

There are two possibilities here - either someone (anyone, for that matter) encounters a sample of a piece of debris which has fallen to Earth, or the individual would have had to left the confines of Earth's atmosphere and collected the sample 'out there.' The first idea is, in this researcher's opinion, nearly too impossible, since it's certain that many unidentified people have picked up rocks

that aren't from Earth. The second notion allows for a more organized identification of individuals.

The first Human in space was Yuri Gagarin [12 April 1961] but the first Human(s) to land on a foreign celestial body were Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin Jr. [20 July 1969]. Armstrong and Aldrin, as it happens, meet all the criteria described above. They landed on a foreign celestial body (in this case, Earth's moon), they collected samples and made photographs of moon rock (collection and analysis) and they performed a number of seismic and other experiments (field research). Source: <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/lunar/apollo11info.html>

This is of course a crude identification of a field xenoscientist (though a number of Apollo astronauts, Russian cosmonauts, and anyone else who's left the confines of Earth and brought back materials may qualify), and perhaps another identifier is required:

- The individual has to perform some type of field research relating to sentient alien life, i.e. an intelligent alien species.

The question is, "Who's the first Human to encounter an alien, live to tell about it, and collect some type of specimen, either living or dead?" Not counting the random encounters on Earth, alien abductions, and assorted movements of people from Earth to other planets (such as the Native Americans, Gary Seven, and others), the first identified "First Contact" with an extraterrestrial occurs in 2063, when Zephram Cochrane draws the attention of and makes contact with the Vulcan species somewhere in Montana. One can hypothesize that Cochrane, a scientist, would have recognized the importance of this event and made some attempt to begin 'field research' on Vulcans (one might imagine that would involve facilitating a medical analysis and studying the Vulcan language for starters, assuming the Vulcans hadn't already learned colloquial English).

So perhaps Dr. Cochrane is the first Human Xenoarchaeologist. That doesn't necessarily make Xenoarchaeology a defined science in 2063.

One can imagine, however, that the exchange that occurs between the Vulcans and Humans over the next century and the development of the Interspecies Exchange Program (with species like the Denobulans) would have led to a gradual development of a science surrounding alien biology, physiology, and medicine and creation of a body of literature involved with these disciplines. One can also imagine the body of literature as an extension of the existing peer reviewed literature of Earth. There's no reason to think, despite the unification of Earth, that our long-standing peer-reviewed journals, particularly those 'core' medical journals such as NEJM, BMJ, The Lancet, JAMA and others and the professional

medical and scientific societies that had existed since the 17th and 18th centuries would simply disappear. Perhaps, like the identification of Humans as the species that draws other aliens together to form the United Federation of Planets, Humankind also provided the springboard of scientific literature that allowed other species to partake in similar forms of professional and scientific research, review, and reporting. The scientific method is unlikely to be unique to the Human race, but we may have set other species to task.

The next logical event in the development of modern (24th century) peer-reviewed literature (and the development of new disciplines like Xenoarchaeology) would likely have been the establishment of new professional (and other) societies, just as occurred on Earth in the 18th and 19th centuries. The first event would certainly have been the establishment of the United Federation of Planets in 2161 and the subsequent development of Starfleet and the establishment of Starfleet Academy, its college of Medicine, and all its academic and scientific disciplines.

No one individual stands out, of course, as the premier scientist until perhaps Dr. Richard Daystrom came onto the scene in the early and mid 23rd century with the development of comptronic and duotronic computer systems. Although Daystrom was first and foremost a computer engineer, the subsequent establishment of the Daystrom Institute has become one of the founding events for the advancement of science within the Federation.

We can identify a number of individuals who certainly made significant contributions to advances in Xenobiology. many of whom are physicians first (individuals such as Doctor Phlox, Doctor Leonard McCoy, Doctor Beverly Crusher, Doctor Julian Bashir) and those members of Starfleet's Science Officer corps (Spock et.al.) but it's not until the 23rd and 24th centuries that any individual associated so specifically with Xenoarchaeology as a science can be identified. Here, we refer to Dr. Richard Korby, who is often identified as the "Pasteur of Archaeological Medicine" for his work in the mid 23rd century and to Professor Richard Galen, who is often identified as the leading archaeologist of the 24th century. It is in fact Professor Galen's discoveries into the origins of (perhaps) all humanoid life that forms the basis for the archaeological study of alien species across countless worlds and which has led to the development of most if not all of the modern theories of Common Origin of humanoid species within this galaxy.

A body of scientific literature

Developing a body of scientific literature for Xenoarchaeological studies likely involves the creation of professional societies whose focus is that particular branch of study. The Daystrom Institute,

Starfleet Academy, and other 'broad' societies of learning are good starting points for the widespread dissemination of scientific information and literature, but it's the individual societies that ultimately develop and implement scientific study in their individual areas of interest and report the results through peer-reviewed literature that enable publishers (even in the 24th century) to publish the texts and body of knowledge necessary to properly educate people in science such as it is in modern times.

Certainly, the professional societies created within nations and on individual planets would provide a vast body of knowledge on each individual species, and collectively these societies, their compiled research, and planetary libraries would serve as a starting point for future development of scientific research. It's beyond the scope of this paper to perform a complete review of each and every scientific journal from each and every planet, since this would include hundreds of thousands of volumes of information. One has to more or less accept with some level of faith that well-established journals such as NEJM, BDJ, JAMA, and Lancet are still contributing to the body of literature in the 24th century. NEJM and JAMA are, of course, both weekly publications:

- NEJM 2 volumes per year, 26 issues per volume [2005 publication includes 352(1-26) and 353(1-26)]
- JAMA 2 volumes per year, 26 issues per volume [2005 publication includes 293(1-26) and 294(1-26)]

The current [2399] volumes and numbers of both journals include:

- NEJM 1139(1-26) and 1140(1-26)
- JAMA 1080(1026) and 1081(1-26)

The body of scientific literature that is devoted specifically to Xenoarchaeology is in fact tremendously expansive and includes journals and papers from many disciplines and many planets of origin. The purpose of this paper is not to list every journal (as noted, this would be far too complex for a review paper of this nature) but the following chart describes some of the journals (published largely on Earth) that deal with the science of Xenoarchaeology, their establishment, and their publication frequency [TABLE 1]. It does not include the publications of general scientific societies such as the Daystrom Institute and Starfleet Academy College of Medicine.



TABLE 1

Journal	Abbreviation	Est	Freq	Iss/Yr	Sequence ^{1,2}
<i>Alien Medicine</i> ¹	<i>Alien Med</i>	2077-	Wkly	52	1(1-18), 2(1-26) ⁴ to 643(1-26), 644(1-26)
<i>Alien Taxonomy Journal</i>	<i>Alien Taxo J</i>	2119-	Semiann	2	1(1-2) to 280(1-2)
<i>Clinical Archaeological Medicine</i>	<i>C lin Arch Med</i>	2238-	Bimo	6	1(1-6) to 161(1-6)
<i>Clinical Xenophysiology</i>	<i>Clin Xenophys</i>	2080-	Wkly	52	1(1-52) to 319(1-52)
<i>Common Origin</i> [paper]	-	2381-	Qtly	4	1(1-4) to 18(1-4)
<i>Comparative Xenophysiology and Xenogenetics</i>	<i>Comp XPG</i>	2088-	Wkly	52	1(1-52) to 311(1-52)
<i>Cultural Xenoanthropology and Archaeology</i>	<i>Cult Xenoanth Arch</i>	2166-	Semiann	2	1(1-2) to 233(1-2)
<i>Federation Medical Journal</i> ¹	<i>Fed Med J</i>	2151-	Wkly	52	1(1-4), 2(1-26) to 495(1-26), 496(1-26)
<i>Forensic Xenoarchaeology</i>	<i>For Xenoarch</i>	2160-	Bimo	6	1(1-6) to 239(1-6)
<i>Forensic Xenodontology</i>	<i>For Xenodont</i>	2160-	Bimo	6	1(1-6) to 239(1-6)
<i>Humanoid</i> [paper] <i>Humanoid</i> [journal]	- -	2064-2163 2116-	Wkly Mo	52 12	1(1-11) to 99(1-3) 1(1-12) to 283(1-12)
<i>Journal of Clinical Xenobiology</i> ¹	<i>J Clin Xenobio</i>	2184-	Wkly	52	1(1-26), 2(1-26) to 429(1-26), 430(1-26)
<i>Journal of Xenoanthropology</i>	<i>JXanth</i>	2380-	Qtly	4	1(1-4) to 19(1-4)
<i>Journal of Xenoarchaeology</i>	<i>JXarch</i>	2338-	Mo	12	1(1-12) to 61(1-12)
<i>Journal of Xenobiochemistry</i>	<i>JXBC</i>	2079-	Wkly	52	1(1-52) to 320(1-52)
<i>Journal of Xenobiology</i>	<i>J Xenobio</i>	2077-	Wkly	52	1(1-22) ⁴ to 322(1-52)
<i>Journal of Xenogenetics</i>	<i>J Xenogen</i>	2099-	Mo	12	1(1-12) to 300(1-12)
<i>Journal of Xenophylogeny</i>	<i>JXPhy</i>	2359-	Qtly	4	1(1-4) to 40(1-4)
<i>The Xenoarchaeologist</i> [paper]	-	2381-2386	Random	NA	NA

¹ Like *NEJM* and *JAMA*, these journals are published in two volumes per year, 26 issues per volume

² Denotes Volume(number)

³ Commentary paper, did not start at beginning of year 2064, nor did journal cease publication at end of year 2163

⁴ Journal did not start at beginning of year

The majority of these journals, as can be seen, fall into one of the following categories:

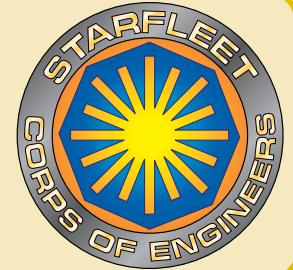
- Those associated with clinical medicine and biology, generally the older journals established in response to first contact with extraterrestrials; it is of note that the Forensic study of alien species occurs as an early science in alien biology and physiology
- Those associated with anthropological and archaeological sciences, these are generally the later journals and the newer Xenosciences
- Humanoid, it is interesting to note, began as a paper and commentary in response to the introduction of Humanity to alien species and cultures and only after nearly a century did its often pro-Human stance change, though there is a significant overlap with a peer reviewed journal of the same name.
- Common Origin remains as of 2399 the only professionally recognized non peer reviewed journal; the paper incorporates both theory and original research
- The Xenoarchaeologist

This returns us to one unanswered question which relates to the professional societ(ies) that publish these papers. This is a topic for an additional paper and will not be discussed here.



I Want a Holodeck!

GEN Mark H. Anbinder, Chief Engineer • USS Accord, R7



The quest for a better home entertainment system has led me to one inescapable conclusion — I'm shopping in the wrong century. The confusing array of choices in selecting an HDTV, a modern digital video recorder, a satellite TV provider, and a top-notch sound system just prove that what I really need is a holodeck. Never mind that it won't be invented for a good three hundred years.

It seems as though the technology that's more or less already available is just not quite all lined up yet. I can have an HDTV but not an HD-capable TiVo yet. Cable could provide local network channels, but not much else, in HDTV, or my satellite service offers lots of HD content — but I can't have my networks in HD yet. (Believe it or not, they carry them, but the FCC hasn't come up with a new

regulation to allow DISH Network to sell them to me yet.)

As I write this, I'm watching (well, more listening to) one of the unexpected gems of DISH Network's HDTV lineup, an all-concert channel called RAVE that simply carries lots of concerts in beautiful HD. Right now I'm watching last summer's Glastonbury festival. A few minutes ago, there was an old Cyndi Lauper clip to fill a few minutes following the Wallflowers concert.

The picture and sound are so good that I almost feel like I'm right at the concert, which would of course be the whole point of a holodeck! None of this 720p or 1080i nonsense for me. Can you imagine what kind of resolution a holodeck must have? Good thing video memory keeps getting

cheaper.

Yes, I recognize that as an "early adopter" I have to expect a few bumps in the road. It doesn't surprise me that it's taking some effort to pull it all together. No doubt twenty or thirty years from now, we'll be in the midst of a similar transition to a new kind of entertainment display — I don't even dare call it "television."

Maybe holography will have progressed to the point where we can fill the end of a room with big, bright images, or even 3-D shapes. I suspect the Star Trek holodeck, as we know it, is much farther off. Their blending of video, audio, force fields, and transporter technology to create a pseudo-reality that can be seen, heard, felt, and touched is, I'm confident, safely out of reach of the first half of the 21st

century. Maybe we won't have to wait until the 24th, but I'm not holding my breath. (Yes, I'd be delighted if you could say, "I told you so!" in a few decades. You read it here first.)

Another treat in the HD lineup is Universal HD, a channel that exists just to rebroadcast HDTV programs from the whole NBC Universal family of channels, which includes Bravo and Sci Fi. Yes, that means I get Battlestar Galactica in HDTV! They're a couple of months behind, and I have no way to record it (at least not in HD) yet, but maybe by the time the next season begins, all the pieces will be in place.

In the meantime, my Star Trek DVDs sure do look nice on the 42-inch screen!

FREE COMICS, REN FAIRES AND HORROR CONS...OH MY!

ADM Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, R7



With the coming of spring, several familiar events return to the area. Some of them we enjoy by ourselves, but others we are able to share with our friends on other ships in the 7th fleet. For the good ship Challenger, patrolling R7 in May began with a theme of comic books: free comic books, that is.

Our ship meeting was moved up a day and we enjoyed a lively activity of a group meeting, catching up on media and club matters and then we were off to Comic Relief to pick up our free comic books for Free Comic Book Day on May 6 and then we enjoyed a movie afterwards, "Scary Movie IV" to be exact.

The next day I represented the ship and R7 at the first of two C.H.U.D. Comic Book shows in Gloucester City, NJ which features boxes and boxes of comics all of which are no more than a dollar. Most were lower than a dollar so I walked away with a lot of comics. The next show is this fall.

Our next adventure was a week or so later at Mystic Realms' Fantasy Faire. This was the fourth of its kind and it is held in Camp Pine Hill in South NJ. More than just a Ren Faire, it features a day-long role-playing skit which attendees have the opportunity to observe or even

play along with.

Members of the Top Gun (Donna and Bob Deneteo) came and enjoyed the event for a few hours in the morning. The Challenger Away Team of Adm. Bob Vosseller, XO Flt. Capt. Mary Singleton, Security Chief Capt. Ken Dohn and our new member, a transfer from the USS Endeavor Annie, and Counselor Capt. Emily Vosseller, brought the ships together. Along with Top Gun the temporal rift to the past brought several friends from the USS Avenger (Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Commodore Todd Brugmans and their Security Chief Patrick Barnes to be specific) and USS Sovereign's Chief Engineer, Capt. Traci Giorganni.

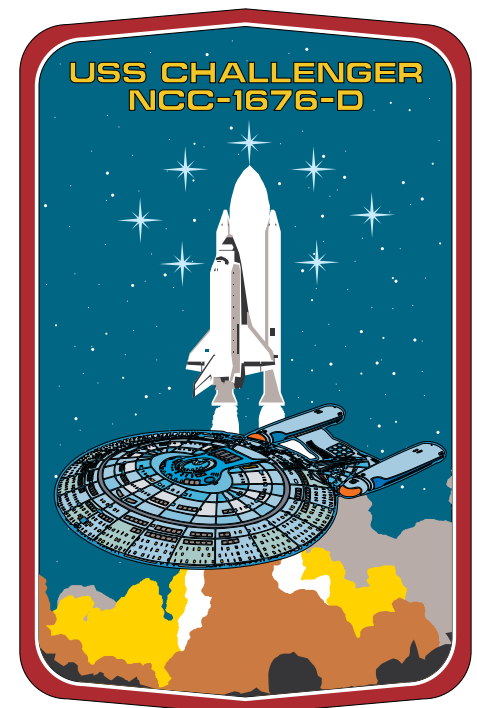
An Indian dinner at the Gagan Palace was our next adventure and then we talked in the parking lot for over an hour before we set out for our home ports. This is another tradition of our annual time trek to the fantasy faire. A fitting end to a day of Maypole dancing, role playing of vanquishing ice demons and other monsters, watching fighting demos, shopping for garb and spices and enjoying some great food.

This won't be the last voyage to the past for the Challenger and Avenger as we also plan to visit the upcoming Bonnie

Brae Scottish Celebration in central NJ on June 3.

Later in the month Starfleet had one lone representative to a really scary event - Monster Mania Con V in Cherry Hill NJ. Lance Henriksen was the top guest along with Jeffrey Combs and Tony Todd, two familiar names to ST fans. I didn't see either of them as I only visited the dealer's room on Friday and due to a little excessive heat on Saturday, skipped Saturday and Saturday night and stopped by on Sunday morning. I only managed to see a showing of Puppet Master IV or V and a movie called Near Dark. While I am a bigger sci-fi fan then horror fan, I must confess that I love attending these cons being almost as much of a fan of horror films and series as I am a sci-fi fan. The dealer's room is always awesome.

Many feel that Monster Mania is the South NJ equivalent to the famous Chiller Theatre cons held in North Jersey. I wish I could have spent more time at this con but I ran out of time and the film schedule and guests were not as appealing to me (mostly cause I've seen some of these guests and films recently). I am looking forward to Monster Mania VI coming up in August.



"VOYAGES OF THE IMAGINATION"

AN INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR JEFF AYERS

GEN Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, R7
STARFLEET Historian



Following is the interview with Jeff Ayers author of the upcoming "Voyages of the Imagination – The Star Trek Fiction Companion" which is to be released October 31st for all of your Christmas Shopping needs. Buy one for every Trekker, Trekkie, and Trek Geek on your shopping list. While is a different article for the Office of Fleet Historian, this book will be the ultimate of Star Trek History Resources, covering EVERY Trek Book put out in the last 40 years: from the early Bantam Novels, to the latest Pocket Book put out until year end 2006.

What was it about trek that captured you interest and made you a fan?

Heavy breath. "I was big on Science Fiction as a kid, and I turned on Mirror Mirror one day, and I thought that was really cool. From that point, I started watching it, and every time saw it, there was a monster, and instead of killing it, they tried to communicate with it. For example the Horta story, (Devil in the Dark), and I thought that was really cool. The place that I watched it, was on a local independent station where I grew up in Spokane. In Junior High, I got a book that listed the episodes, so I made a checklist and diligently watched them all. Except for one, the episode "For the World is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky", the night they showed it I was sick and had taken some Benedryl. It was years later before I saw it, and I had such a feeling of anti-climatic let down.

If there was an author (alive or dead) that you'd like to see write a Trek book?

Ray Bradbury, Ray Bradbury is a god, when I discovered him, he opened up the whole world of reading to me, when I was young I was sick a lot, so I ended up reading a lot. Even today he is my idol and I think he was one of the Greatest we Writers who ever lived. In addition Rod Serling was the greatest of television writers.

Is there a story out there that you'd like to see written since you've read all the books.

I can't answer that right now, as the proposal for that story is sitting on Marco's desk, and I have high hopes that this story will show up on your bookstore shelves soon.

If you were to come up with an idea for the next Trek series, what would it be?

Set after DS9 and after Voyager, another Starship, the Corps of Engineers, or Starfleet SWAT. I would also like to see it developed by JJ Abrams (of Star Trek XI, Mission Impossible 3, Lost, & Alias)

Is there a single book (verses series) that begs for a sequel?

Another Q-in-Law, the two of them together were Gold, my favorite Trek Book is Federation. Of the more recent novels, I like Articles of the Federation best.

Let me see if I can word this correctly, is there a book out there that if it wasn't trek would be considered excellent science fiction?

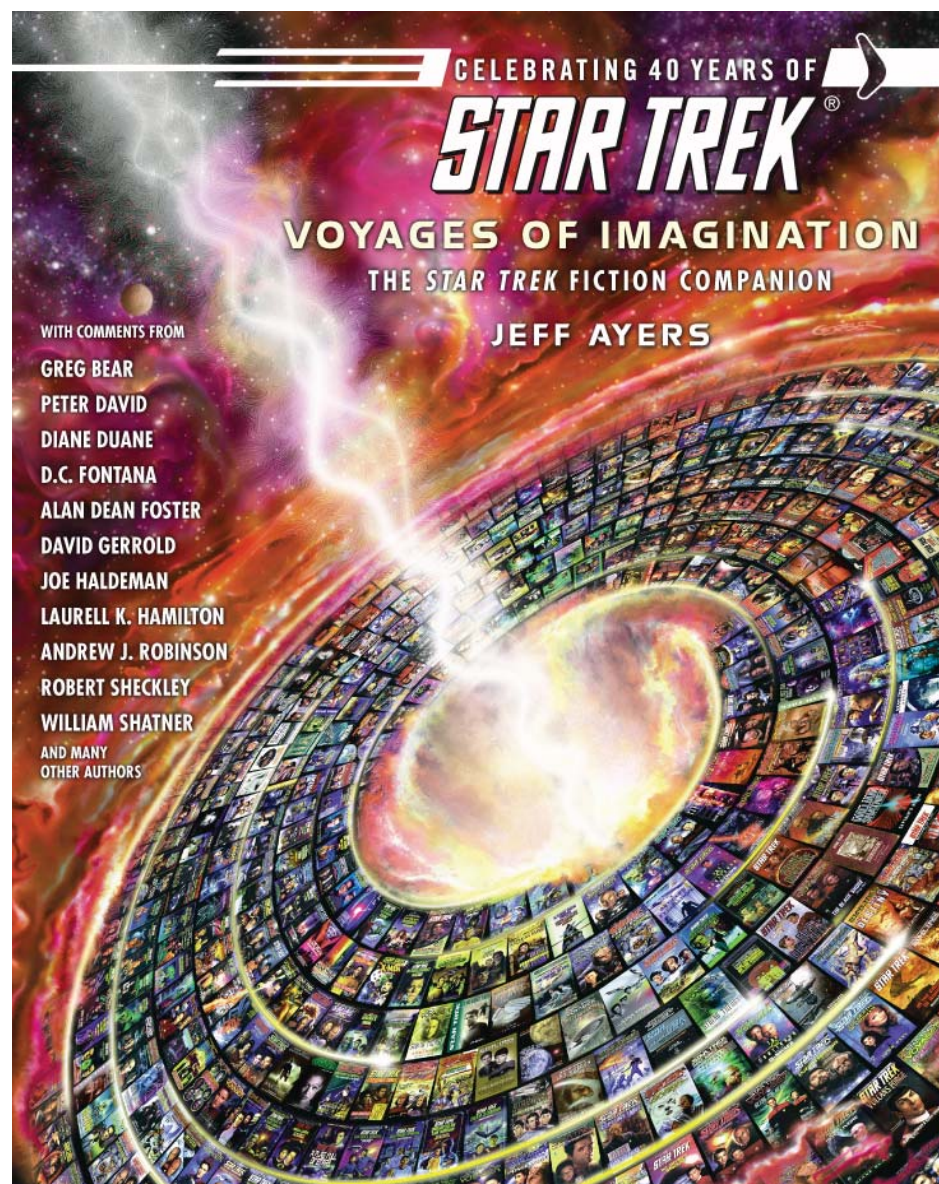
The first that comes to mind is "The Nanotek War" (Voyager Novel).

The Best Episodes of Star Trek, were not about the Science Fiction, but about the story, the trouble with TNG, they focused on Techno-speak, the better episodes were about the character, that's why ST is so good, we get to care about the characters. It is what kept me interested for 560 Books, not including the separate stories in the Anthologies. And I did 375 Interviews. There is a story in "Constellations" about a Mother trying to help her son, because his father was killed in Iraq, and the boy became virtually autistic, the only thing he would do is play with his Star Trek dolls. At first you thought this was just another Star Trek story, but in the end, it was a stand alone story with or without trek.

Why did you write this book?

I was on a Trek Bulletin Board site about Trek Books, since I was reading so many of them, a lot of talk about why some books were numbered and why some weren't, what series the books was so supposed to be, etc. And I started wondering that some one should write a book about this. I then spent several months writing a proposal, getting an agent and submitting a proposal.

And I was absolutely flabbergasted that they said yes, I was blown away and it was a big surprise. As soon as I signed the contract, I started reading, and I realized I wasn't even 20% of the way there. I would read different series, jumping from one to another. I did this so



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it would not become stale, to give each book a fair shot. Some are better than others, and you get tired of reading the same characters all the time.

The reason I was told that my proposal sold over the others, that I was the first author who wanted to speak to the authors. Not just a character encyclopedia, I wanted to get the History, why did the authors write the stories they had written, that's what got me interested and that's what interested the editors. I have had the same editor the whole time, Marco Palmieri. The book will cover EVERY novel, except for the E-Books, until the end of 2006, Marco sent the advance galleys for every book to the end of the year. I was even able to catch an editing error and helped out the publisher.

I wish to thank Mr. Ayers in granting this interview.

I remain Historically yours,

Scott A Akers

Scott A. Akers
Director
Starfleet Office of Fleet Historian

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ADM Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, R4



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MY LIFE AS A MINOR LEAGUE UMPIRE!

COL John Nelson • USS Angelfire, R17



For the past 15 years I have been working independently as an Umpire or Athletic Sports Official in Arizona. I have been assigned either as a High School and or part time Junior College official, but this season started a little different. Beginning in mid February I was contacted by the office of Minor League Baseball (a subsidiary of Major League Baseball) to gage my interest in being an umpire for spring training and extended spring training in the Phoenix, AZ area this year. Phoenix hosts several Major League Baseball teams and their Minor League players. Among these teams are the SF Giants, LA Angels, Milwaukee Brewers, Texas Rangers, Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres, Oakland Athletics, and the Chicago Cubs. This all came to pass as the regularly assigned Minor League umpires decided to walk out on strike, in protest of "low pay" (a rookie umpire makes \$70 a game in spring training. With a base salary for the short season low "A" and "rookie" leagues rounding out to approx. \$1800 to \$2200 a month) and a "modest" increase in their every day expenses (as in Per Diem).

I was very thrilled to hear that Minor League Baseball (or the MiLB) was interested in me, and I accepted the assignment. At first, I was assigned to the SF Giants camp in Scottsdale, AZ. where I umpired for the "AAA" (Fresno Grizzlies)

and "AA" (Connecticut Defenders) teams as they prepared for their regular season. After a month I was also given the LA Angels (of Anaheim of the OC, of SC of wherever else they wanted to be) and the Milwaukee Brewers. I did approx. 20 games over the normal spring training schedule and even got to see some Major League players, needing extra innings of work or on a rehab assignment from an injury.

After April 1st, I was not expecting any additional assignments, as I anticipated the MiLB umpires to report to their leagues. To my surprise, I found out that the 280 Minor League Umpires decided to go on strike, and I was called again to report to the Giants, Angels and Brewers. So far, in total, I have done over 28 games in extended spring training and have at least another month left to go. I do not know what the next month will bring, but the possibility of umpiring the Arizona Rookie League is now probable, and an assignment in the Arizona Fall League is possible as well in October.

No matter what comes of this, I have enjoyed the opportunity to showcase my skills in baseball, as an umpire. And will remember this experience for my entire life!



SAN FRANCISCO WHALE RESCUE: A STORY OF BLESSING

CAPT Susan Fox • USS Angeles, R4

If you read the front page story of the SF Chronicle on Thursday, Dec 15, 2005, you would have read about a female humpback whale who had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line (rope) wrapped around her body -- her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle

her -- a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed them gently around -- she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.



Picture Courtesy of the Marine Mammal Center and the San Francisco Chronicle



THE USS NELSON TURNS 3!

FCPT Douglas Mayo • USS Nelson, R15



Pictured from left to right are Mike Masailo, Ellen Majka, Doug Mayo, Alan Majka and Deb Kowal down in front,. Picture by Ann Mayo.

The crew of the Nelson gathered at a local park this past Memorial Day weekend, to celebrate three extremely successful and fun filled years as a commissioned ship in STARFLEET'S Region 15. In just three short years, we have established ourselves to be a dedicated, charitable, but fun loving STARFLEET chapter. Below is just a small sampling of our achievements on both an individual and chapter basis. Another achievement we are very proud of is our commitment to the Military service personal and their families through the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP).

Over the past three years we've collected,

sorted, counted, and sent in nearly \$250,000.00 dollar's worth of coupons to this very worth cause, no small feat to be sure. Though we are a relatively small chapter in STARFLEET, I am often in awe of what we as a crew have already achieved.

As the commanding officer of the Nelson since its inception, I can proudly say we are firm believer's in Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future through Star Trek, and that we can make a difference and take those steps towards the betterment of the human condition, and at the same time have fun. To the crew of the Nelson, I thank each and every one of you.

USS NELSON AND CREW AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

2002

- STARFLEET'S Shuttle Newsletter of the year
- Region 15 Shuttle of the year
- Region 15 Certificate of Achievement for all their charitable works(chapter)
- Doug Mayo - Region 15 Student of the Year

2003

- Region 15 Newsletter of the Year
- Ellen Majka (XO) - Region 15 Member of the Year
- Region 15 Charitable works award (chapter)
- Distinguished Service Award to the following crewmembers: Doug Mayo, Ann Mayo, Alan Majka, Ellen Majka, and Kathy Mullins

2004

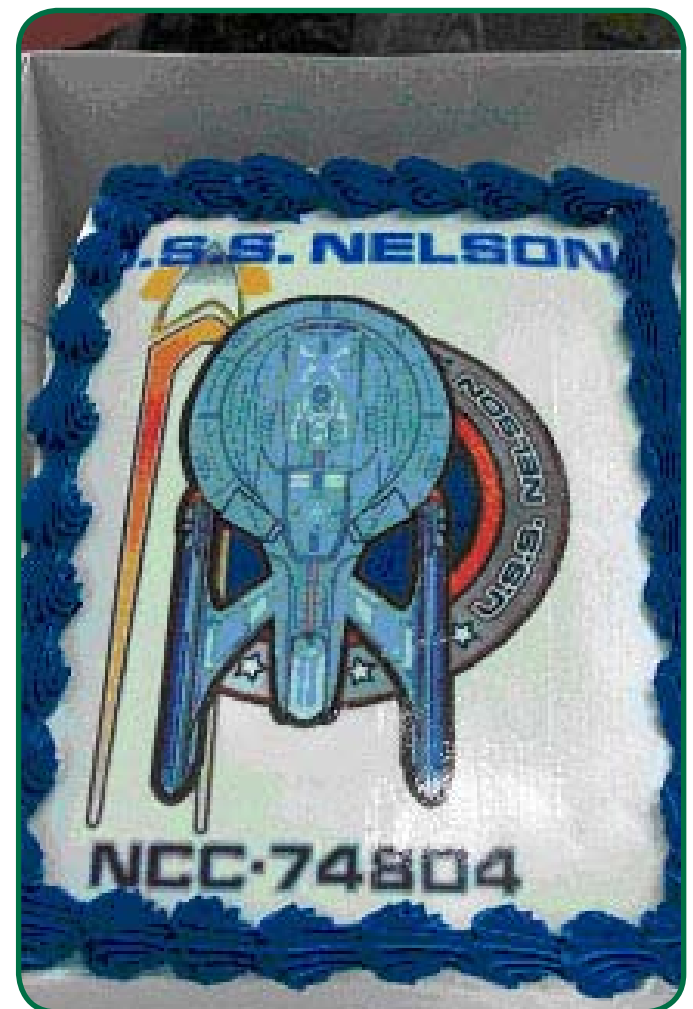
- Doug Mayo - Officer of the Year
- Doug Mayo - Region 15 member of the year
- Doug Mayo - 10 year service award
- Ellen Majka - Distinguished Service Award
- Kathy Mullins - Charitable Works Award (Individual)
- Charitable Works Award (Chapter)

2005

- Doug Mayo - Officer of the Year
- Doug Mayo - Award of Excellence
- Doug Mayo - Student of the Year (12 courses)
- Charitable Works Award (Chapter)
- Kathy Mullins - Award of Excellence
- Kathy Mullins - Charitable Individual(s) of the Year
- Ellen Majka - Distinguished Service Award
- Ann Mayo - Distinguished Service Award
- Deborah Kowal - Distinguished Service Award

2005 Marine Awards

- Kathy Mullins - Honor Guard Ribbon
- Kathy Mullins - Embassy Duty
- Meritorious Unit Commendation: 980th MSG, USS Nelson
- Kathy Mullins - Leader's Commendation
- Shield of Valor (Brigade Volunteer of the Year): Kathy Mullins, 980th "Stormriders", USS Nelson





USS HEIMDAL - 22 YEARS IN STARFLEET!

ADM Linda Smith • USS Heimdal, R1

On April 15, 2006 the USS HEIMDAL, NCC-1793 celebrated her 22nd anniversary as a Starfleet chapter. 26 people attended the celebration at a local restaurant & were entertained following dinner by magician Bob Wallin. Wallin, known locally for his unequaled magic performances, incorporated members of the Heimdal into his show. He brought individuals to the stage & enlisted their help with his magic (see photos). Wallin's presentation goes far above the usual magic show & his motto is, "Dogs do tricks; I do magic."

Throughout the evening, drawings were held for door prizes. The First Prize was a Starfleet membership won by member Kathy Beck. The private dining room of Ryan's Steakhouse was decorated with stand-ups of Star Trek characters & various Trek memorabilia. The Heimdal's

picture board sported photos of the chapter's members through the years & a second picture board greeted guests with photos of Heimdal members wearing weird glasses! The evening was spent relaxing with friends, having a good meal & enjoying special entertainment. The crew also marveled at the fact that the Heimdal has been around so long & done so many good & exciting things.

The USS Heimdal, based in Madison Heights, VA has won numerous Fleet & Region One awards & recognitions. During the past 22 years, she has launched 13 shuttles, she & her shuttles have produced 3 Region One Regional Coordinators, R/1 Vice RCs, a Starfleet ShoC Director & numerous regional RDC directors. The Heimdal's CO, Adm. Linda Smith, claims the distinction of having never missed or been late with a chapter

report in 22 years!

Throughout the Heimdal's 22-year history, she has supported many charities whose current list includes 3 animal shelters, the Salvation Army Food Pantry, the Amherst Library, UVA's Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a Social Services welfare child, a senior citizen & an Angel Tree child. She has offered monetary aid during national crises such as Hurricane Katrina. Heimdal members Carl & Bonnie Davis spent 2 weeks in Louisiana feeding the hungry & homeless last year following the disaster. The Heimdal both in 2004 & 2005 received WalMart's \$500.00 grant. This grant is made available to one local club every year for their charity involvement.

Of the Heimdal's 30 members, 17 members have been with the chapter 10

or more years. "We've become more like a family than a club," noted Willy Smith, Chief Science Officer & Second Officer. "Most of us joined because we loved Star Trek but we have members who simply enjoy all science fiction & several who joined us entirely because of the good things we do within our community."

The Heimdal's Executive Committee plans the chapter's annual activities at a January planning meeting. Remaining for 2006 are guest speakers, an Annual Crew Auction, a day on a houseboat, a dinner with food prepared from the chapter's cookbook, Taste Trek, seasonal parties, road trips & socials. "We like to think we have something for everyone. We entertain AND educate," said chapter CO Linda Smith. "I'm certain that, plus the fact that we are friends, is the reason we've lasted so long."



CO Adm Linda Smith & XO VAdm. Kenny Proehl with Capt. Archer at 22nd Anniversary Party.



Linda & Willy Smith goofing around with magic!



CO Adm Linda Smith Security Chief Carl Davis presents award to Willy Smith, 2nd Officer and Chief Science Officer.



Teresa Loving wins door prize at Heimdal's Anniversary Party.



Eric Merrill, Dee Stinson & Capt Picard at Heimdal's Anniversary dinner.



Robin Hudson assisting magician Bob Wallin.



NOTHING CANCELS MARDI GRAS!

CMDR Robert Martin Suttles • Shuttle Renaissance, R3

"Mardi Gras should not happen at all," is what a lot of people are saying in 2006. There are a lot of rumors speculation and resentment about this year's celebration of the Carnival season and of Fat Tuesday itself. As one who is a transplant to this captivating area, I could be somewhat uniquely qualified to comment on this. I have lived here since the latter part of December in 2001, and have come to love it, even through the hardships that I've endured in the interim.

Let me first start, however by dispelling the most misinformed of protests against Mardi Gras 2006. Many people feel that holding the parades and the krewe celebrations is somehow a waste of taxpayer dollars that could be better spent on levees and repairing housing; it's even been suggested that FEMA funding should be stopped due to the parades. Frankly, if in fact tax dollars had ever been spent on these parades, I would be the first to agree with that sentiment. The reality, however, is that government money has never been spent to hold the parades, beyond perhaps the regular pay for the police officers who block off the parade routes.

There are dozens of "krewes" in and around the New Orleans area which hold and fund these parades and events almost year-round. For those unfamiliar with the term, a "Krewe" is a group or organization of private citizens who organize and host the various Carnival activities in the New Orleans area (<http://www.wviaviation.com/mardigras/krewes.html>). These are the people funding these events. Beyond, of course, whatever local politicians who belong to a particular krewe may donate to them out of his/her own paycheck, there is no parade or event that I am

aware of that is funded by government dollars, even on a local level.

Now that finance has been answered, let's move on to the cultural impacts. To most of the nation, and even the world, Mardi Gras in New Orleans is just one more excuse to come down and throw up in our streets and leave trash lying everywhere. On a local level, Mardi Gras carries a much deeper significance. Even so far as to say the City was founded on it.

Jean Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville is credited with founding the city of Nouvelle Orle'ans—what we today call New Orleans—in 1718. The site, while surrounded by at least four tribes was Native-Americans, was considered to mostly uninhabitable, even to those tribes that had existed here for nearly 10,000 years. 19 years earlier, Bienville's brother had declared the area the "Pointe du Mardi Gras." The first Mardi Gras in New Orleans was celebrated at that point by bunch of drunken French sailors dancing around a campfire.

While Mardi Gras takes many forms and is celebrated in many many fashions in the years following, it is not until 1857, that it takes its present form as regional holiday. In that year the Krewe of Comus is first established, coining the very word "krewe" and beginning the tradition of floats and gala balls that will define the local celebrations through to the present day. Comus itself hit a five year lull from 1884-1889, and then the oldest Krewe rolls for the final time in 1991 due to refusal to comply and sign an ordinance dealing with anti-discrimination laws being applied to the krewes in 1992. They are said to still celebrate in a restaurant every year, however.



The celebration culminates each year with the traditional joyous meeting of the Krewes of Zulu (a predominantly African-American krewe) and Rex. The mayor traditionally grants the keys to the city for a day to King Rex, the King of Carnival. Who then declares that the next 24 hours belong to the people. Balls and Galas follow along side reveling in the streets the likes of which rival even the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Squares in New York City.

To be chosen to fulfill the roll of King Rex and his Queen (usually a debutante) is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a citizen here. The identities are traditionally kept secret until the day of the big event.

This is Mardi Gras. To every other city in America, Mardi Gras is a one day event and just one more cheap excuse to go get a little extra sloshed. To those in and around New Orleans it is a time of joy and glee. And goodness knows, after the

last six months of misery, we need it. It's a time of celebration, and of balls that would make Cinderella herself green with envy.

Was New York City denied their New Year's Eve party after the attacks of 9/11? Or was it encouraged as a way to reaffirm itself? California is constantly being shaken by earthquakes, sometimes severely but the Oscars always happen. Mardi Gras is the affirmation of New Orleans. It is the statement that we are here, and that we will always be here, and that we refuse to be miserable. In the entire history of Mardi Gras, the prestigious events of Mardi Gras have only been officially cancelled during three occasions. Those were during the American Civil War, World War I, and World War II. Honestly, while I'm sure there were no parades, no doubt during even those times, someone surely shouted "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" and threw a string of beads or two.



FIRST CONTACT UNIFORM TOPS

- ON A BUDGET!

RADM Sunnie Planthold • USS Gasparilla, R2



Feeling left out because your Chapter can't afford, or can't fit, or can't find its own ready-made \$50-\$80 uniform tops that you've seen others wear? Or would you like to have a selection of "loaner" uniform tops available, so you can slap one onto that poor unsuspecting potential recruit you've managed to lure to your Chapter meeting, so you can make him or her already feel like a member of your Crew well before an application form is whipped out?

Why not make your own First Contact uniform tops "on the cheap?" You don't need to buy fabric or a zipper. You don't even need a pattern! You do need: Charcoal gray thread, fabric scissors, a yardstick and/or measuring tape, sewing chalk (or other washable contrasting marker, e.g., pencil), and a sewing machine would be really helpful!

That was the idea of Capt. John M. Clayton, USS Jubilee (CO), when he convened a work party at the generously volunteered home of Capt. Bob Maceluch, also of the USS Jubilee. This work party was made up of the command staff of two other chapters with a long history of working and playing well together: USS Continuum, represented by FCapt. Bruce Dolan (CO) and Capt. Sandy Dolan (2O); and USS Gasparilla, represented by FCapt. Ralph Planthold (CO) and RAdm/MGen Sunnie Planthold (OIC, MSG 6-Oh!-9, the "Black Bettys").

Instead of buying fabric (which assumes you have a pattern to follow), buy two ready-made round-neck long-sleeve pullover shirts (one black, one light gray in each size you intend to make) made of cotton blend T-shirt material, at a Thrift Store near you. These can typically be had for \$2 or less each, as compared to \$11-\$12 each at retail. (Figure 1)

Spread the gray shirt out flat on a smooth surface, taking care to keep the hem even. Using a yardstick, mark a point along the upper edge of each sleeve, 6 inches from the outer end of the shoulder seam. Line up the yardstick on those two marks. Draw a straight line across. Then cut along that line as shown. (Figures 2 and 3)

Using sewing chalk and a measuring tape, mark 1-inch widths along the bottom edges, across the front and back of the yoke. Using the shoulder seam as the starting point, mark 1-inch widths on each sleeve down the front and back of the sleeve seam. (Figure 4)

With the 1-inch marks on the front of the yoke as starting points and those on the back as ending points, use charcoal gray thread to topstitch vertical straight lines to connect those points. Take care not to topstitch any of the neck; but other than that, make one continuous stitch connecting each pair of starting/ending points. (Figures 5, 6 and 7)

If possible, steam iron the gray yoke at this point. This will help the material to lie flatter when pinning and sewing it to the black pullover. Trim and discard the original finished neck of the black pullover.

Pin the front half of the gray yoke over the front of the black pullover, taking care to line the two up at the shoulders and shoulder seams. Then pin the back half of the gray yoke over the back of the black pullover. Then pin each sleeve cap of the gray yoke to the corresponding sleeve of the black pullover.

Being sure to tuck under 1/8" to 1/4" of the cut edge of the gray yoke before sewing it to the black pullover (so that the gray yoke edge will be finished), carefully sew the pinned gray yoke and the black pullover together. Then carefully sew the pinned gray sleeve cap to the sleeve of the black pullover.

Using a basting stitch, sew a single line around what remains of the neck of the black pullover. Pull and slightly gather the basting stitch so the neck of the black pullover can be easily adjusted as the finished neckline of the gray yoke is pinned to the neckline of the black pullover. Sew the two necklines together so that the black cannot be seen. (Figure 8)

Iron the shirt after completion. Go forth and have fun wearing at your Chapter's functions! (Figure 9)



Figure 1: Black pullover and grey t-shirt



Figure 2: Draw straight line across yolk, 6" out from each shoulder.



Figure 3: Cut yoke along straight line and discard lower part.

Total elapsed time to teach workers and produce the first top: 2.5 hours. Estimated time to make each additional top: 0.5 hours!



Figure 4: Mark 1-inch vertical rows on the gray yoke using sewing chalk.



Figure 5: Top-stitch front and back yoke in 1-inch vertical rows.



Figure 6: Detail of finished, cross-stitched yoke.



Figure 7: Detail of finished, cross-stitched sleeve.



Figure 7: Stitch neck of grey yoke to black pullover.



Figure 8: Detail of finished First Contact uniform top!



FRONT AND CENTER

FADM Mandi Livingston • USS Rutledge, R1 Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET!

Well, my life has changed dramatically! On April 19, I gave birth to a baby girl - Kaitlyn Marie. She is, in my opinion, absolutely adorable! I don't know why my husband and I waited so long to start a family, but we finally have, and I love being a mother! I want to thank everyone that has wished us congratulations. I'm still trying to respond to all the emails and cards. I'm still working on thank you notes for those that sent gifts. Please bear with me. Katie is keeping me busy, and we're adjusting to new schedules and demands on our time.

I'd like to thank Les Rickard for stepping up during my 6 weeks of maternity leave and serving as Acting Commander STARFLEET. I was able to take time off and know that Fleet was in good hands. Thanks also to Sal Lizard for serving as

Acting Vice Commander STARFLEET and Bob Chin for Acting CompOps Chief. Things at HQ didn't miss a beat during the staff shuffle!

We've also had a few other changes at HQ. Bob & Wendy Fillmore recognized they had increasing demands on their time due to real life and family, and hence, they stepped down as Chief of Communications and CQ Editor, respectively. It is no small task to volunteer to serve on the EC or as the CQ Editor. I want to thank them for their service to STARFLEET and for giving of themselves during the past 18 months.

Also, Jill Rayburn offered her resignation as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy due to a variety of real life circumstances. Thanks to Jill for running SFA for the past 5 months. Also, in the interim of time that we took to find new EC members, I'd

like to thank Chris Wallace for filling in as Communications Chief/CQ135 Editor and Marlene Miller as SFA 'Dant. Both were experienced EC members that helped things transition smoothly during the time of change.

STARFLEET is full of talented and willing volunteers. Hence, I'd like to welcome our two new EC members! Dixie Halber, former Chief of Communications, has offered to serve again in that position. She brings a wealth of knowledge about the job, as well as the CQ production process, to the table. So, please welcome Dixie back to the Executive Committee!

Likewise, we have a new SFA Commandant. Please welcome Wayne Lee Killough to the position. Wayne has served in SFA since 1997 in a variety of positions. He most recently served as Dean, Institute of the Arts, and in the

past served as Special Assistant to the Commandant, as well as Director and/or Creator of numerous SFA schools, just to name a few positions. He is intimately familiar with STARFLEET Academy, its operations, and its staff of volunteers.

Well, I'm going to keep it short this issue since I'm just getting back in the swing of things here at Fleet HQ. Everyone have a great summer and don't forget about IC 2006 in Philly this August!

Mandi Livingston



ADMIRALTY BOARD UPDATE

COMM Michael Klufas • USS Rubicon, R5 Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander, STARFLEET

Since January 2006, there have been a number of changes to the composition of the Executive Committee:

- Les Rickard replaced Sunny Planthold as Vice Commander, STARFLEET
- Jill Rayburn replaced Todd Brugmans as Academy Commandant
- Greg Trotter replaced Dennis Rayburn as Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET
- Michael Klufas replaced Ralph Planthold as Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander, STARFLEET
- Bob Fillmore resigned as Chief of Communications, and Wendy Fillmore resigned as Communiqué editor. Both were replaced, on an interim basis, by Chris Wallace.

Between January and mid-May 2006, the EC/AB discussed numerous matters — some including confidential personnel issues. After Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston raised questions about whether the STARFLEET Constitution specifies procedures regarding removal of sitting Executive Committee members, there was an extensive discussion on how/whether the Commander, STARFLEET can remove EC members — including the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, who is elected on the same slate as the CS — at will. Potential amendments to the

constitution that would clarify the CS's right to remove other members of the EC — subject to an override by two-thirds of the AB, according to Article 4, Section 11 of the STARFLEET Constitution. But no further action was taken on this matter.

There were numerous discussions regarding the Vessel Registration Request Application (VRR). Following a question about why the form cannot be submitted on line, all agreed that an online submission process for this form should be created. ShOC Chief Jerry Tien noted that he has written a design specification to allow this to happen, but would need time to implement it. In addition, Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston announced in early January that the \$10 VRR Fee at the time of commissioning had been eliminated.

The EC and AB were notified of possible IRS penalties regarding alleged improper filing of the annual Form 990 (STARFLEET files this as an organization exempt from paying federal income tax). The penalties — which would have totaled more than \$2200 — involved the changeover of STARFLEET's fiscal year in 2003 from a calendar-based (January 1-December 31) fiscal year to a true fiscal year calendar (July 1-June 30). The IRS rescinded the

penalties when it was determined that the fines were levied due to a clerical error, and FADM Livingston received a letter confirming this in early May.

The AB voted 14-1 to modify Section 04.04 (CHAPTER STATUS) of the STARFLEET Handbook to create a "Dry-Dock" status for chapters having difficulties. The Dry-Dock status allows an additional step before a chapter is decommissioned. Section 04.04 now reads as follows (changes in CAPS):

"STAND-BY - Should a chapter have a Commanding Officer or Executive Officer who does not have OTS and/or OCC, or has failed to follow proper reporting procedures or fall below required crew strengths for a period of 3 consecutive months (90 days), the Chief of Operations shall place them on Stand-BY. Chapters in Stand-BY status shall have sixty days (2 months) to correct the problem or they shall be moved to Dry-Docked status.

"ANY CHAPTER PLACED IN STAND-BY STATUS DUE TO CREW STRENGTH SHALL REMAIN IN STAND-BY FOR 180 DAYS (6 months), PROVIDED THE CHAPTER SHOWS A CONTINUED AND DOCUMENTABLE EFFORT TO RECRUIT MEMBERS WITH A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS EVERY SIXTY DAYS.

"DRY-DOCKED — A Dry-Docked chapter is one that has been on Stand-By status for more than sixty days without correcting the problems that placed it there. A Dry-Docked chapter has sixty additional days to correct these problems or they shall be decommissioned.

"IF A CHAPTER IS IN DRY-DOCK STATUS DUE TO BEING BELOW REQUIRED CREW STRENGTH, THE CHAPTER SHALL REMAIN IN DRY-DOCK STATUS FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS, PROVIDED THE CHAPTER SHOWS A CONTINUED AND DOCUMENTABLE EFFORT TO RECRUIT MEMBERS. THIS STATUS SHALL BE RENEWABLE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD WITH A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS EVERY SIXTY DAYS.

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

As always, should you have any questions or concerns about the matters mentioned here, please discuss them with your Regional Coordinator — who doubles as your region's representative to the Admiralty Board.



THE VICE SQUAD

GEN Les Rickard • ISS Normandy, R12
Vice Commander, STARFLEET



"Hey Y'all!" OK, that's me trying to fill in for Les.

Yep, since Mandi left for her maternity leave, I have had the honor of serving STARFLEET as the VCS "pro tempore," while Bob Chin stepped up to the role of Computer Operations Chief. And with Les away at Master At Arms School in San Antonio, Bob and I will remain in these shifted positions until he returns prior to the International Conference.

I have to tell you, the VCS seat is pretty darned comfortable to sit in but I have noticed it can get a bit warm at times. Les's job appears to be one of motivator, advisor, decision-maker and referee -- the VCS is after all, the XO of STARFLEET! Les has expressed his confidence in me and has provided me with his authority and powers to act in his stead. He also remains in contact for advice and discussion and emails sent to VCS@sfi.org are received by both of us even though the response will almost certainly be mine.

I'm not sure if Les will write the VCS article for the next edition, so I will take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to both Les and Mandi for allowing me this "glimpse" of the position and to those people under the Office of the VCS for keeping things running so smoothly.

Now, for the report.

Youth/Cadet Policy

Since I have been in this role, the EC has looked at the program that was set up for a very special subset of STARFLEET members. Whether you define them as "cadets" or "youth members," STARFLEET programs must address those special concerns and protections must be in place to ensure their safety. STARFLEET has a very real responsibility to conform to applicable laws and practices where our younger members are concerned. For, STARFLEET, the EC has to consider not just our very personal desire to see protections put in place, but also the liability to STARFLEET if we fail to do so.

Last year, Mysteri Tullis of Region 12, drove the discussion of policy development in the ECAB meeting at the International Conference. As a result, a Risk Management Committee, chaired by Chris Wallace, was formed and STARFLEET's liabilities and actions were discussed. The committee provided a document outlining their findings and recommendations to the EC. The EC took those recommendations and invited several members (including Mysteri and Chris) to hammer out a policy concerning those younger members of STARFLEET. On May 15th, the final policy was approved by the EC and awaits Mandi's signature and presentation to the

Admiralty Board for their endorsement. I would also like to thank John Adcock for his input and help in formalizing the document for presentation.

Let me address something else that has recently come to my attention. It is very important and fair that I alleviate some concerns and nullify rumors about the Cadet/Youth program of STARFLEET. Last year, after the IC, the program was suspended because of liability concerns and complaints from members in two different regions. This was the result of our concern that STARFLEET might be exposed to great potential liability by having such a program without fully exploring relevant laws and potential problems. At some point, and after questions and criticism from the membership, the program was reopened but without notice to (or input from) Robin Van Cleave and without the presence of a new STARFLEET policy concerning the program.

There are two rumors that I have recently heard concerning the youth program. One was that there were adults contacting children directly from the database and not going through their parents. This is actually a point that was brought up to the ECAB for discussion during the IC. These contacts were made from members within the regions and not by the upper level program staff. This led to a change in how data is presented by

the database and who has access to that information -- a very good and positive move within the Computer Operations department. The second rumor involved an allegation that the program director was being investigated for some form of child abuse or molestation. That is completely false and I apologize to Robin Van Cleave (who works for a Sheriff's Office) for any undue scrutiny that other member(s) of this organization may have caused. I am not aware of any problems in the administration of the program (other than someone contacting the children, directly) and thank Robin for her services to our younger members.

Fleet Resources Center Program

On May 18th, right after her work with the EC to put together the aforementioned policy, Michelle Muench stepped down as the FRC Program Director. Michelle expressed her sadness at this decision but as her health was interfering with her service, she recognized her inability to continue and acted accordingly. I want to thank Michelle for her service to STARFLEET and acknowledge her foresight in stepping down so that another could step up to take over her position.

We are going to use the opportunity of Michelle's departure to revamp the FRC program so it becomes even more of a resource for STARFLEET. This discussion will take place in the EC-Conference discussion list and will include those who currently work in the FRC program.

Well, that's it for now. Please feel free to provide me feedback at VCS@sfi.org. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you.



THE TOWAWAY ZONE

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



"Life is what happens when we're busy making other plans"
John Lennon

The balance of Fleet versus "real life" is always a precarious one when you serve on the any Executive Committee level position. That choice recently came to my Vice Chief, Laura Dugas. I very reluctantly accepted her resignation recently.

When I first came into this job and had to choose my vice I had no idea where to even begin. I might have taken other resumes for the position but from the first moment I talked with Laura I knew she was my choice. I don't know how much we talked about Operations but I mostly remember the other small talk of our first phone conversation. We seemed to connect. She seemed like a friend. Not

to sound all "Hallmark" about it, but this was why I joined Fleet in the first place, to make friends. If I was going to dive into the number three position in Fleet I wanted a friend by my side and that's what I got with Laura.

Then, at the San Antonio IC I got to meet her. She proved herself the perfect Vice as she was even able to handle and direct me after spending some time at Chris Wallace's bar. Anyone who can keep me from making a fool of myself in those circumstances deserves a medal. Thank you, Laura for your time and service to Operations. Thanks to Mike for sharing her with me.

In an effort to streamline the office of Operations a wee bit I have appointed Steve Bowers to the position of Vice Chief

and simply incorporated his current duties as Director of Chapter Care into that job. Steve has been working diligently in CCP and I expect him to bring that same dedication to his new position.

It's commissioning time again! I would like to welcome to the FLEET the following chapters:

USS Armageddon • NCC-1657
Constitution Class Starship
CPT Teresa Remaly, Commanding
City of Charter Lafayette, IN Region 1

USS Excalibur • NCC- 26517
Ambassador Class Starship
VADM Robbie Lewis, Commanding
City of Charter Magnolia, OH Region 1

Station Deep Space 12 • SFR-1024
Jupiter Class Space Station
Captain Will Hartford, Commanding
City of Charter Stillwater, OK Region 12

And with a heavy heart I wish the following former chapters the best of luck as they decommission. Hopefully, they will return again in the future.

USS Columbia • Region 1
USS Titan • Region 12
USS Arlington • Region 12

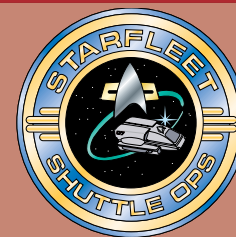
There was one minor problem with the USS Polaris in Region 12 where the chapter was decommissioned due to non-reporting and a major breakdown

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The SHUTTLEBAY

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



We had a real growth spurt in 2Q 2006. The following shuttles launched since last issue of Communique:

- Shuttle Britannic (R7) - Cmdr. Wayne Augustson, Commanding
- Shuttle Escape Pod (R5) - FCapt. David Lee Kania, Commanding
- Shuttle Mars (R1) - Comm. Peter Lutz, Commanding
- Shuttle Riverside (R6) - Cmdr. John Schulte, Commanding
- Shuttle Thermopylae (R5) - Cmdr. Cathy Fuller, Commanding
- Shuttle Tiger (R1) - Cmdr. Brad Danner, Commanding

I am also pleased to announce the return of Region 11 with the Shuttle Mawson, under the Command of Cmdr. Stuart Blair. The Mawson, which will be shuttling off of Region 7, is located in Adelaide, Australia.

Two of these shuttles bear special mentioning. First is the Riverside. It's based in Riverside, IA - the future birthplace of Capt. James T. Kirk! The other is the Mawson. If this group successfully completes the training course, we will be able to reactivate Region 11.

Besides shuttle launches, we also successfully commissioned the following chapters:

- USS Albion (R20) - Capt. Raymond Spiteri, Commanding
- USS Armageddon (R1) - Capt. Teresa Remaly, Commanding
- USS Anubis (R15) - Comm. Scott Stone, Commanding
- SS Deep Space 12 (R12) - Capt. Will Hartford, Commanding

- USS Excalibur (R1) - Adm. Robbie Lewis, Commanding
- ISS MacArthur (R2) - Capt. David Lowe, Commanding

I had the great pleasure of meeting some of these folks in person at Region One Summit in Akron OH. Well done, folks.

Speaking of growth, at Shuttle Operations Command, we are expanding our website to provide much more content to address upcoming shuttle needs. We are seeking a web designer who can maintain and expand our website. This includes the ShOC home page, DTS information center, ASDB development facility and so on. If you meet the following requirements, please apply to shoc@sfi.org.

Requirements:

- Strong knowledge of HTML, CSS and other popular web technologies - This is a mid-to-senior level position
- Reliable Internet access iV must be able to work on the pages on a continuous basis, maintain contact with ShOC HQ, iK etc.
- Possess the necessary tools for this position, i.e.
- having the software & hardware to edit the web pages Ability to work on a team as well as individually iV personality is as important as the technical skills for this position.
- Good verbal and written communication skills iV must be able to interpret written requests and transform them into working layouts

Pluses:

- Industrial experience with web site development / maintenance iV please



Jerry Tien (right), who didn't realize that Hawai'i was not part of Region 1, with Capt. Teresa Remaly (center) and Lt. Terry Remaly (left) of the newly commissioned Starship USS Armageddon at the Region One Conference.

indicate any previously published work in applicable Animation, database, PHP, Perl, MySQL, Java, e-commerce or similar programming experience - these will be helpful as we employ more dynamic content in the future BSCS or related fields

This position will report to the Director of Shuttle Operations Command.

In addition to updating our website, ShOC is also working on two projects: a shuttle marketing kit for promotional purposes, and new courses to provide more guidance to chapters in training.

If you don't mind sharing your ideas or success stories, please send them to me so I can incorporate them into the new course.

Last but not least, have you registered for STARFLEET International Conference this year? Room nights are filling up fast. Better sign up soon. We will definitely have several ships commissioning there. It should be a very exciting trip. See you in Philadelphia at IC 2006!

The Towaway Zone

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in communication. Luckily, due to cooperation between Operations, the Regional Coordinator and the CO, the Polaris was quickly returned to active status. Operations takes some of the blame for this incident and the appropriate changes have been made internally. While the rules and regulations of Fleet are there for a reason, this episode also proves that we are all only just human and we must always keep that factor a major part of any decision which we make. I want to thank Wade Hoover and Vance Watkins for working together with my office to bringing this to a mutually beneficial conclusion.

I am very happy to report that the Admiralty Board has voted on and passed the recommended changes to the Membership Handbook regarding chapter which fall under the 10 member minimum. The changes are referenced in Michael Klufas' Admiralty Board Update on page 16.

As per our usual business part of the article; the Vessel Registry is ready for downloading. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded directly at http://sfi.org/portal/modules/docmanager/index.php?current_dir=16.

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

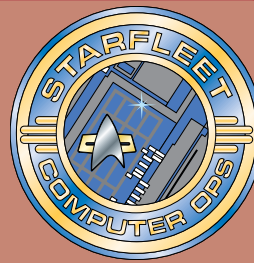
And that's how we laugh the day away in the Merry Ole' Land of Ops!



COMPOPS

VADM Sal Lizard • USS Hood, R15

Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



Acting Chief Bob Chin here,

CompOps is changing once again...and again...and again! It feels a bit strange to sit in the "center seat", even if it is only temporary while Sal is handling other duties for STARFLEET.

In the recent past, members of STARFLEET benefited from the reorganization of the Membership Processing (MP) Team. As you may know, we gave Chrissy Killian some relief and assistance with the addition of another MP group headed by Matt Ingles to share the workload. Though the target window for processing a membership and sending the packet out is within 6 - 8 weeks, much of the time, the MP Team has been able to reduce that time ... sometimes taking less than 2 - 3 weeks! Currently, Chrissy is managing the overall MP Team and the West Coast group while Matt manages the East Coast group. Not only does this coordinated, multiple group system provide better response times, but we have planned for any potential weather, natural (or other) disaster situations with the geographic separation of the two groups. That concept worked so well, we decided to try the same idea in other areas of CompOps.

Danny Potts is heading SFI Database Team and expanding the support capabilities with the formation and organization of his team. So much of STARFLEET depends on the database and the workload is so big, it is really a challenge to identify the problems, workout an appropriate and usable solution, and implement those solutions without breaking anything else in the process ... and, keeping all of the "other wheels" turning while doing that! On the SFI.ORG side, we have secured the services of Larry Barnes as the new Web Master. And, like the other positions of responsibility in CompOps, Larry has been working on organizing, planning, and building up the SFI Web Team in preparation for the migration of the existing SFI web sites to the new Portal environment and dealing with many technical changes "behind the curtain". Our much appreciated former Web Mistress, Lauren Milan, has retired from active service in CompOps ... for the foreseeable future anyway. She's even changed her name! (So she can better hide from us?). Thank you, Lauren, for the great support you have given to STARFLEET with the SFI Web Sites. We will miss your web presence and your great work on the web.

Emails should be sent to CompOps@sfi.org with "Feedback" in the subject line.

HelpDesk Team

"New is old"; or, is that "old is new"? We thought we had gotten rid of the HelpDesk by giving it to the Office of the VCS, but apparently, now that Sal is the Acting VCS, the HelpDesk is apparently coming back to CompOps. (I think its called "The Boomerang Effect!")

The current HelpDesk (HD) staff is comprised of numerous volunteers from many different departments within STARFLEET. Susan Ueffing (with her hubby, Joost) have a big job working as Ticket Expeditors by channeling the individual trouble tickets to the most appropriate volunteers who work to get the problem resolved. Then, the volunteers attempt to handle the high priority cases first. Overall, the HelpDesk receives at least 150 trouble tickets each week.

So, we are looking for a volunteer to fill a position of responsibility (the colloquial and military term is a "billet") functioning as the HelpDesk Team Administrator. The primary responsibilities would involve making sure that we keep everything working and flowing smoothly by coordinating with Susan and Joost and all of the other volunteers.

This person would need to ...

1. Have a suitable computer and appropriate computer literacy skills
2. High-speed internet access (e.g., cable, DSL, T1, etc.)
3. Check the HelpDesk [almost] daily, if not more frequently
4. Learn "who does what" in support of the HelpDesk function in STARFLEET
5. Create, chart, and maintain official document(s) on "who does what" in support of the HelpDesk function
6. Submit monthly activity and statistical reports "on time"

Major benefits include getting to know people from all key areas of STARFLEET, how the business of STARFLEET works, and the satisfaction of knowing that STARFLEET really depends on you to keep the business flowing smoothly.

Interested applicants should send their STARFLEET service resume (and any other pertinent documents) along with a 1-2 page cover letter explaining why they are interested in the position as well as how (and why) they qualify for the HelpDesk Team Administrator position. The email should be sent to CompOps@sfi.org with "HelpDesk Team Administrator" in the subject line.

Membership Processing Team

Chrissy Killian, Administrator

Membership Processing is trying something new this year. We have mentioned in previous articles we are working on providing a CD option for our membership packet instead of the paper products. This option is now a reality.

Right now, we are doing a trial to see what information members want to see on the CD, but the respond has been overwhelming; so, I believe it is here to stay. Of course, it's going to have digital versions of the hard copies of the membership packet. That is, the Vehicle Registry, the Membership Handbook, SFA application, and a membership application. They are all in PDF format and can be viewed using a free Acrobat Reader from Adobe Systems (which is included on the CD if you don't already have it). And, don't worry, the CD is only an option ... you can still get hard copies of the membership materials.

By receiving this information by CD, you will get lots of extras. We have sample exams from STARFLEET Academy (SFA), information on Promotions, Quartermaster, Recruitment, Memory Alpha, CQ's, and much more.

In order to make this CD something for the members, we are asking for input. Tell us what you get want on the CD and we will see if we can make that happen. Email your comments and suggestions to membership@sfi.org and put "CD Comments" in the subject line.

Oh, by the way, if you pay for membership with a credit card that has a name other than the one used for the membership; or, if a 3rd party is paying for the membership, you must send an email with the explanation to membership@sfi.org and authorize STARFLEET to charge the membership fee(s) to that credit card.

Emails should be sent to CompOpsMP@sfi.org with "Feedback" in the subject line.

Database Team

Danny Potts, Administrator

Greetings, Programs!

First off, allow me to introduce myself. I'm Danny Potts, and I'm the new Master Control Program (er, I mean Database Manager) for STARFLEET.

I only recently took over this posting after stepping down as the Inspector General for STARFLEET. I'm a Database Modeler/Architect with over 20 years experience writing software, and over 10 years of experience in web-based development of systems.

The Database Team is in transition at the moment. Robin Smith and Dino Gravato, though both still valued members of the team, have had real-life take up a great deal of their available time, which put me in the driver's seat pretty quickly after joining the DB team. I've recently added Ray Burkhart (of the USS Paegan) to the team, as a second Data Architect, and I'm in the process of looking for some good PHP developers to join us as well.

There are hundreds of outstanding items that people are waiting on from the DB Team, but some are more the most pressing than others. Keep an eye out for changes in our hosting company, as we look for someone that can work with us regarding Certificate issues. Also, you should soon see a few changes in the Membership Renewal pathway that address membership materials and streamlining the Credit Card process.

STARFLEET's database is a great tool, and a huge asset to STARFLEET, and I'm proud to be part of this team, and I look forward to helping make it as useful as you want it to be.

Emails should be sent to CompOpsDB@sfi.org with "Feedback" in the subject line.

Web Team

Larry Barnes, Administrator

Greetings!

I've been asked to put a few words together for this issue of the CQ and tell you all a little bit about SFI.ORG! Well first of all, I am your new webmaster! After a long evaluation process, I was chosen to be the "official" webmaster and also be the lead in a team of web developers. SFI.ORG will no longer be maintained by a single person, but rather a small team of people who will each have a focus of responsibility. This web team consists of 4 people including myself.

The first of the team members is Mike Dugas, who is very knowledgeable in the programming and coding area. Dave Lowe has great experience in various portal systems and will provide great support in general site updates and maintenance. Peter Christian comes to the web team as a very talented graphic artist, and will be contributing many great aesthetic upgrades to SFI.ORG.

I'd also like to thank my predecessor, Lauren Milan. Lauren did such an outstanding job with SFI.ORG and because of that, it's been a wonderful and seamless transition. I've given Lauren and open invitation to come back and

join the web team if she ever desires.

SFI.ORG has evolved into many different beasts over the years. In recent years, it's been run and organized using a portal system called "Xoops". Xoops is a free and open source community based portal system that is supposed to make posting and accessing information much easier than just creating a ton of static html pages. In the past few years, we've

taken great advantage of this feature and SFI.ORG has grown into a site that has literally hundreds of pages that are updated weekly and sometimes daily. Having a diverse system like this has become both a curse and a godsend. In one respect, it makes it very easy to do updates and post information with little effort. In the other respect, the site tends to get so much information and so much content that it begins to become

difficult to reasonably find the things you are looking for. With this in mind, the web team have been discussing different aspects and strategies to improve the usability of SFI.ORG.

After much discussion, it was decided to move away from Xoops and onto another more robust portal system. The SFI web team is currently developing a new SFI.ORG website, and we hope to launch

it just before this years International Conference. This new site will greatly improve the organization and structure of the site as well as make it much easier to browse and even do refined searches for the content you're looking for. Look for a site launch sometime in late July of this year!

Emails should be sent to Webmaster@sfi.org with "Feedback" in the subject line.



A BOY AND HIS DOG

ADM Chris Wallace • USS Rubicon, R5 / USS Jaguar, R7
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET Pro Tempore
Editor and Publisher, STARFLEET Communiqué



Ni haou ma!

Welcome to issue 135 of the STARFLEET Communiqué. Mandi and Les asked me to come out of retirement for a month to put this issue together and keep an eye on STARFLEET Communications.

It's been about six years since I last edited a CQ, but like riding a bike, I guess you never really forget. Fortunately, Wendy Fillmore left me some solid templates

which helped make things much easier.

Since I'm here only for this issue, I decided to keep the tweaks and the changes to the minimum to allow incoming layout editor Neal Fisher a free hand to make whatever changes he sees fit. All of the lists and vanity e-mails are pointing to Dixie and Neal and I will make sure any submissions that were not able to be run this issue will be forwarded.

A special shout-out and welcome to the newest chapters and shuttle in the FLEET. I used to attend the Foster's Formula One Grand Prix of Australia in Adelaide, so it's nice to see a new shuttle in that lovely area. I remember fondly the week-long parties and friendly locals as the F1 circus wound down for another year.

Before I return to tending bar at Kokaua Kiki's on the USS Jaguar, I'll be opening our latest franchise in Philadelphia at

the PHL Embassy Suites Hotel. I hope to see many of you at our Grand Opening Happy Weekend Special August 4-6th.
niko niko



THE BIG MONEY

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



Greetings from the CFO!

Here is the Income and Expense Report for the calendar year of 2005 to show what the EC has done with the money each member has entrusted to us.

We set up the procedure to have all income come thru the main STARFLEET Account so we can make sure we have an accurate track of income and expenses. We keep the majority of the money in a savings account to earn interest that we use to help fund the scholarship donations program. However in looking at the income and expenses, we want to compare Membership due with what we spent on giving our members their membership packages and general expenses. Compare STARFLEET Quartermaster income and expenses with each other. We basically sell items in QM at cost to our members. Same way with SFA and SFMC income & expenses to compare with each other, you will see notes at the end of each report of items purchased in 2005 but not paid until 2006, or adjustments.

Our first problem is we do not have an accurate count of how many membership packages were sent out in 2005. We have started keeping a log of new and renewals as they are processed for 2006. The best I can do is go by the beginning TRID number processed minus the last one I did in 2005, which is 2072. We had some duplicates and put 47 on hold as not paid in 2005. So for this project I have used the number of 2000 as the number of membership packages done in 2005.

When we look at the Income and Expense Report for 2005 we see that a total of \$38,976.37 in income was received from Membership Dues so that would average \$19.49 per single or family membership for these 2000 memberships done.

If we look at all the things that the member gets for their dues, we show that we spent \$36,795.06 or an average of \$18.40 per membership package in 2005. Some of the key parts of this breakdown to:

Membership Package:

\$ 2.35	Printing
\$2.92	Postage
\$0.41	Postage equipment rent
\$0.65	Certificates
\$0.44	Supplies
\$6.77	Total

Other items:

\$4.90	CQ Newsletter
\$0.88	Cost to process Credit Card/PayPal payments
\$1.75	Equipment Costs
\$0.20	IC Awards and flags
\$1.17	Deposit for IC 06 Hotel
\$2.73	Office Supplies
\$18.40	Total expenses per membership package

For Quartermaster we show income as \$4158.50 and expenses paid plus estimate for last batch of shirts at \$4754.33 with most Polo shirts in STARFLEET Royal Blue in stock and some, purple, burgundy and black too.

For the STARFLEET Academy Fund when we began the year with \$1784.97 balance. We did 4 scholarships of \$500 each but only 3 have been cashed. As to the fourth one, we have sent twice to the school and the check has come back that the member is not a student at that school. We have added Interest of \$294.73 and scholarship donations when membership dues were paid of \$645 leaving a balance of \$1220.81 at the end of year.

For STARFLEET Marines we began the year with a \$620.12 balance. We have had income from QM sales of \$1140.54, expenses of QM supplies and web hosting of \$2523.36 leave a balance of \$342.86 however SFMC also has a supply of Red and Black Polo shirts in stock.

In service to Fleet.



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

RADM Wayne Killough, Jr. • USS Royal Sovereign, R12
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



Hello, and welcome to another issue of the CQ. I hope this issue finds each and every one of you well. As this is my first issue as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy, please bear with me to make sure everything is accurate and all of the necessary information is given. We have had an exciting 60 days! During that time, we have seen numerous additions to Staff, additions/modification to Colleges/Schools, and other exciting changes! Read on to find out more.

I would like to start off by telling you a little bit about your new Commandant. I have been a member of SFI since March, 1996. During that time, I have helped launch/support multiple chapters in Region 3 (where I started my Fleet adventure) and Region 12 (where I have been for many years now). I have served at the Regional level here in Region 12 in multiple positions, including Missouri Sector Correspondent for the UFP Today,

Awards Director, and Interim Vice-Regional Coordinator. At the Brigade level, I have previously served as 1st Battalion Officer-in-Charge, Brigade Training Officer, and Brigade Officer-in-Charge.

I have been a part of STARFLEET Academy since 1997, when I was chosen as Assistant Director of the College of Medicine, under then Director Kevin West. In 1998, I was appointed by Commandant Mandi Livingston (Herrmann at that time) to be the Director of the College of Medicine, after Kevin West resigned. I served as the Academy Special Assistant under Commandant Marlene Miller, and am the creator (and former Director) of the College of Mythological Studies. Commandant Scott Akers appointed me at the Dean of the Institute of the Arts, where I have served ever since.

At the International Conference of 2001

(in Kansas City), I was bestowed one of the greatest honors of this organization: I was named Member of the Year. At the following year's IC, I was named Officer of the Year (Sword of Honor) within the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

I have chosen two extremely dependable (and extremely knowledgeable) officers as my Vice-Commandants. Serving as Vice-Commandant – Administration is Admiral Carol Thompson. Carol will be responsible for working directly with the Institute Deans and the College/School Directors for reporting and daily operations. Serving as Vice-Commandant – Support Services is Vice Admiral Greg Staylor. Greg will be responsible for the support departments within STARFLEET Academy (Scholarships, Course Development, Electronic Services, Arts & Graphics, etc.). Please join me in welcoming both of these fine officers to their new appointments.

Carol, Greg, and I have been working non-stop on some much needed enhancements to the Academy. We have put ourselves on a tight schedule to accomplish strict goals between now and IC. Please keep an eye on the Academy... because there are some changes on the horizon!

Wayne Killough



INCOMMING MESSAGE

RADM Dixie Halber • USS Flying Fox, R7
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET



Greetings STARFLEET. I just wanted to take a moment to say honored I am to be back in the position of Chief of Communications. My thanks to Mandi for giving me this opportunity. I'd also say thanks to Chris Wallace for filling in for a couple of months and knocking out the CQ and of course to Bob and

Wendy Fillmore for tackling this job for a year and a half. It's a tough and time consuming one.

Not a lot new to report as I'm just settling in to the position. I've a lot of plans for the office and I'll be revealing those as we go along. One thing I can hint at for

sure though, watch the Fleet website, www.sfi.org around the beginning of July. There will be something new to see. But that's all I'm saying for now.

I'm just starting the search for new CQ staff. Neal Fisher has agreed to handle layout for us but I still need editors and

writers as well as good layout people to help out. If you're interested please let me know at comm@sfi.org.

That's all for this time, I'll see you in the next CQ!



MEET YOUR FLEET (STAFF)

BDR Martin Lessem • USS Asimov, R7
Chief of Staff to the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET



Hello to all of you reading this article. CompOps figured we would do something a little different this time, and that is that I am writing the article this go around. At Sal's request, I am here to tell you a little about who I am and what I do within CompOps.

Basically, my job is to make sure that the Staff knows what is expected of them and that they have the resources with which to do their jobs. This includes contacting

other departments at times to make sure that resources and information gets shared across departments. This also includes fielding such requests in reverse. STARFLEET Computer Operations covers not only Membership Processing, but also the Database and Web administration of STARFLEET. To that end, we help with password resets, membership questions, CO's and Members questions about the Database and any number of other small things.

The other part of my job is to act, in a small sense as a buffer, or rather, traffic cop. I make sure that CompOps Problems are taken care of quickly and efficiently and by the right people. It doesn't make sense to, for example, complain to the Webmaster when the Database doesn't work. True, they both use the web, but the two different people manage them and to expedite the problem it helps if the complaint goes either to the right

person, or straight to myself, who will pass it on to the right direction.

In addition, I keep our fearless leader, of CompOps, sane. Kind of hard for a nut like me, but it works.

At the end of the day I am here to serve the members, and with that said, feel free to contact me with any problems, concerns and questions about CompOps.



ACADEMY NEWS FOR JUNE

ADM Marlene Miller • USS Renegade, R1
Director, Officer's Command College



Hello Everyone! As always, Starfleet Academy is evolving even as we speak. These past few months have seen quite a few changes, including naming new a Dean, new Directors, opening previously closed schools, and developing a completely new way to take Academy courses (via the FAC). Add to this, the opening a couple of brand new schools which are sure to become some of your favorites. Read on to see what's new!

INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ESPIONAGE

Admiral Carol Thompson,
Director CIM & Deputy in charge of mundane tasks.

Does your bookshelf contain more Spy Novels than your local library? Are your favorite Star Trek episodes about Section 31, the Obsidian Order, and the Tal'Shiar? Does your DVD collection contain more than 10 Spy movies? Do you have aspirations to work for the CIA?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then the Institute of Intelligence and Espionage (IOIE) is for you!

The College of Intelligence Operations (CIO) is all about real-life intelligence and espionage: History, Methods, Tools, and Training. The courses in this college give you an in-depth look at the CIA and introduce you to Intelligence organizations around the world.

The College of Intelligence in Star Trek (CIT) explores Intelligence Operations within the Star Trek Universe. Starfleet Intelligence, Section 31, the Obsidian Order, and the Tal'Shiar are just some of the organizations you will be introduced to in both print and in the televised episodes.

The College of Intelligence in Media (CIM) covers the Spy Game as portrayed in Movies, on Television, and in Print. British and American-made series and films, some of them real classics from the Cold War, will be offered. Oh, and of COURSE there will be a whole school devoted to America's favorite spy: James Bond! The School of Bond, James Bond is pending, so keep checking back.

The College of Military Intelligence (CIM) is a future project that will cover all aspects of Intelligence in the Armed Forces. There's more to be revealed later on.

The Institute is headed by Glen Diebold, who many of you know from the College of Survival Studies. He is Commanding

Officer of the USS Niagara in Buffalo, New York.

You will see some familiar and some new names among the directors in this Institute: Glen Diebold from Region 7, Carol Thompson from Region 10, and Jay Hurd and Mike Morrow from Region 12.

Behind the scenes are numerous writers and beta-testers without whom this Institute could not be possible. Thank you, every one of you!

FULLY AUTOMATED COURSES (FAC)

Vice Admiral Greg Staylor
Creator Fully Automated Courses
IMS Dean - Security School Director
Director@SFA-Security.com

As you probably already know, Starfleet Academy is continuously on the move and working to improve access for our students. One of the most recent improvements is especially for those of you who have internet access.

As a result of many hours and time devoted to the project I am pleased to announce that the first of the Fully Automated Courses (FAC) is now available at STARFLEET Academy.

This first FAC is called the "Star Trek: The Original Series Rank Recognition Course". It has an Extremely Low difficulty level and can be completed in about 10 to 30 minutes. It is a fun course that is meant to introduce STARFLEET members to how the Fully Automated Courses will work.

This program will be the "Warp Speed" solution to taking courses at the Academy. The Fully Automated Course (FAC) program allows students to be in control of each step of the process. You never have to wait for the course Director to e-mail packets, score your exams, or send you certificates. This program does it automatically!

At the Fully Automated Courses, you will be able to register, view and/or download the course manual, complete the course examination and have a customized diploma presented to you to print or save to a file. You'll also be given the option to print out a copy of your answers for your files.

Probably best of all, after you complete the exam and once you hit the "Submit" key, you'll have your results within seconds! It's fully automated, and entirely online!!!

A comprehensive report will be sent to the course Director, with the results

entered into the Starfleet Database.

Once you log on to the FAC site, you'll only need to read the instructions and information carefully to ensure you use the relatively easy-to-use program, properly.

Future FAC are under development, but we wanted to wait for some feedback on this first course before adding others.

All of you can help work out the "bugs" by logging onto the FAC site and completing the course. We ask that you report any comments or problems to Greg.

Not all Academy courses easily lend themselves to the FAC method. Some courses with essay questions will still need to be personally scored by Directors. but Greg's working on getting them into the system as well.

If you're interested and would like to try the new course log on to:
<http://www.sfa-security.com/sfa-security/basiccourses/tosrankcourse/index.html>

HOWDY FROM YOUR NEW SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR!

Rear Admiral Sam Black
Director, STARFLEET Scholarship Program

Let me begin with just a few words of introduction for those of you who don't know me. I have been a high school educator for 10 years with the opportunity to have contact with hundreds of students who have gone off to college literally from coast to coast. This is a program that has always been very important to me and one I have considered to have the potential to springboard this organization into greater arenas.

I have a number of ideas to bring to this program, some of which you will be learning about as the year progresses, but, first and foremost, we have free money to give to some well-deserving members out there.

Before we can make those awards, we need applications!!!! The application process is a fairly simple one. Visit <http://academy.sfi.org/student/scholarship.shtml> and download the application. If the latest edition of the application has not yet made it there, drop me an e-mail and I'll ship one your way personally! Get your recommendations, essay, and application to me in any one of the listed manners in the application. This page also lists the available scholarships and describes to whom each is geared.

Where do the moneys for these scholarships come from, you may ask? From you, the membership! That brings me to part two of this introductory letter. We can't give scholarships without funds. We are always in need of donations. The more we have donated, the more awards we can make. I am issuing a triple challenge to the entire fleet: to the individual, ship, and region out there that raise and donate the most to the scholarship fund by July 1st, we have a prize pool full of items each and every collector would cherish, ripe for the winning. Set up a lemonade stand. Have a car wash. Host a garage sale. Whatever it takes, raise those funds and support those members out there continuing their education. If each ship in the fleet raises just \$10 US, we would have almost \$2500 right off the bat.

And, that is just the beginning. I have great plans for this jewel in STARFLEET's crown and hope you are there as a part of it with me. Please feel free to contact me at samblack@gmail.com or via the surface mail address below with any questions you might have.

Sam Black
2112 56th Street
Lubbock, TX 79412

STARFLEET ACADEMY: NEW FACES AND NEW SCHOOLS

Admiral Carol Thompson

Scott Anderson and Jay Hurd joined the Graphics Support team. Both men bring considerable talents to the table.

February saw the creation of the Institute of Intelligence and Espionage. Early in its planning stages, Glen Diebold emerged as the Dean of this new Institute. Within the IOIE Carol Thompson took on the Directorship of the College of Intelligence in the Media (CIM), Jay Hurd assumed directorship of the College of Intelligence in Star Trek (CIT), and Glen Diebold took the Directorship of the College of Intelligence Operations (CIO).

The Institute of Intelligence and Espionage opened the doors to the members of Starfleet, Int'l. Within an hour of it appearing on the website, the IOIE received its first student!

In the Institute of Science Fiction, newly revamped Stargate SG1 courses opened under the directorship of Dean Rogers.

Truman Temple took over the Marine Unit Readiness Program with new incentives for Marine Unit Participation.

In May, the long-vacant position of Dean of the Institute of Leadership Studies (ILS) was filled by Ron Novak.

The School of Accessibility reopened with Dana Marshall at the helm.

Jeff Salamon took over the directorship of the School of Online Chat.

Sam Black took over the job of Scholarship Director.

The Institute of Military Studies saw Greg Staylor return as Dean. Greg has developed a fully-automated exam, grading and diploma program for students who want their results right away. It is expected that more directors will take advantage of the new program.

Jay Hurd took on the position of Director of Starship Operations.

Mike Morrow joined the College of Intelligence in Trek as an Assistant Director. He will be administering the newly formed School of Intelligence Analysis in Star Trek (SAT.)

For those of you with Internet Access, please log on to the Starfleet Academy WebSite at: <http://academy.sfi.org/>

Here you can:

- Take a Tour of the Academy with popular Links
- Read the Academy Mission
- Contact Academy Staff
- Learn of Opening Positions
- Sample exams such as Trek Humor; Alien Species; Vulcan Academy of

Science and many more. You can also see samples of Course Diplomas.

- Access Course Development Guidelines for those who have an idea for a new course
- Purchase Vouchers
- Print Application Forms
- Shop at the Academy Store
- Access the vast Course Catalog
- Check out the latest Academy News, and
- Access Student Services
- How to get a replacement SFA Diploma/Certificate;
- View a List of SFA Graduates;
- Access the SFA Stores - Both the SFA Café Press and Carolyn Donner's embroidered shirts and other Academy merchandise;
- Learn about SFA Scholarships;
- Learn about the SFA Red Squadron:

what it is, and how you can achieve the honor

If you don't have an internet access, you can contact Starfleet Academy via surface mail. Please see the current address in the Starfleet Directory in later pages of this CQ.

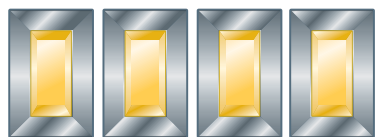
Come and join us at Starfleet Academy—truly the Jewel in Starfleet's Crown!

Mauden J Miller

STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

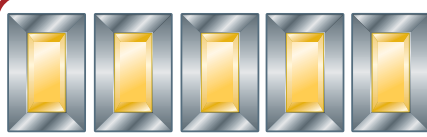
BDR Deborah Malotte, STARFLEET Director of Promotions • USS Normandy, R12

Congratulations to the following officers:



**Captain
Colonel**

Matt Ingles



**Fleet Captain
Brigadier**

Tracy Isquith
Bob Chin
J. Eric Davis
Dean Andre Rogers
Ron Novak



**Commodore
Brigadier General**

Bob McCann
Garrick Eppinger
Corey Grant
Darlene Harper
Steve Harper



**Vice Admiral
Lieutenant General**

Garrick Halverson

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 require that the nominee has the minimum TiG. In recognition of Extraordinary Service or Outstanding Performance of Duty, six 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



STARFLEET ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

ADM Marlene Miller • USS Renegade, R1
STARFLEET Annual Campaign Co-Director

The sweetest sound of all is the sound of praise.

By Helen Pawlowski

We three have been trying for about a year to make that sound – to praise what we appreciate by reading what you report each month. We made our first recognition at the International Conference in San Antonio last year, by publicly praising eight ships throughout the 'Fleet that had made a difference in their community. One ship gathered books to create a library for a nursing home that had none. I have first-hand knowledge of what it's like to be in that situation. I spent two weeks in a nursing home after heart surgery several years ago, and personally know how a book can shorten the long hours between Physical Therapy (P.T.) and meals. Another ship was (and still is) conducting a food pantry from the CO's home – Feeding the Community.

All of the ships recognized gave their time and attention to their community, and in so doing, created good press for STARFLEET. Consider the Monthly Status Reports. We have praised Salvation Army Bell Ringers, highway and other clean-up crews, participants in various walks or runs for charities, blood drives – actions of a few reaching out to many. We have also tried to recognize the ways ships are having fun – movie nights, cook-outs, inter-ship gathering. But... We need more. We need to hear from YOU – ideas that cost nothing but your time. Ideas we can share – that show the community that we are THERE and we're not just a bunch of geeks who play at being in space.

If you do something – highway trash pick-up for an example, take pictures. Write a short blurb explaining your activity, send it to us and we'll see that it gets submitted to the CQ staff. That's not all we want – we want you to come up with new ideas – for fun, for involvement, for favorable recognition.

We need to advertise ourselves. Good deeds and favorable interaction with the community is one way. Getting into the news – you know, the throw-away papers they pitch on your lawn – is another. Just be sure that you are a visible group. Wear ship or STARFLEET shirts or uniforms. That's how I got into STARFLEET. A bunch of people in "Monster Maroons" kept showing up at local conventions and caught her eye. They looked so sharp and presentable I thought they were part of the show. When one of their number approached me and asked if I was

interested in joining a Star Trek fan club, I was more than ready to say "YES!"

I'd like to throw out an idea right here – "Adopt" an elderly or disabled person. Keep an eye on them – perhaps offer to pick up a loaf of bread or a quart of milk when you shop. Check on their welfare. The reason I mention this is because of a story that appeared on St. Louis TV. One of the worst hail storms in history hit a section of the city, causing property damage – especially to auto dealers. Baseball sized hail pelted the area.

A diabetic – subject to diabetic shock – was sitting in a chair on her patio. She was actually in a diabetic shock and didn't react when the storm struck. A neighbor, looking out her window, noticed that the woman wasn't responding to the storm, grabbed her husband and ran next door. By dragging the unconscious woman into her house and alerting medical assistance, they saved her life. It doesn't take much to be a hero.

There's just one more thing I'd like to say – at the IC 2005 we were asked to increase STARFLEET membership by 10%. In the 70s there was a movement called "Each one Teach One". I'd like to borrow that idea and say, "Each one REACH One". If each one of us interested and recruited just ONE person, we could double our membership. Don't assume that a membership committee will do the job – be a membership committee of one!

GO GET 'EM!!

You can reach the Annual Campaign at the following addresses:

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Marlene Miller
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marlene@cboss.com

And now we're happy to present the chapter activities which we've chosen to feature in this CQ. These were taken primarily from the March and April 2006 MSRs. Keep up the EXCELLENT work!

Region 1

SHUTTLE INDEPENDENCE went on several away missions including touring an old mill and historical area in the Smokey Mountain National Park and visiting the Llama farm at Walnut Ridge. USS ALARIC conducted an away team to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC. They are also sponsoring a Captain's Day Art Contest organized by the Alaric's Recreation Officer. USS APPOTATTOX recruited at a museum in Danville, VA and as a result, have acquired some new members. USS ASGARD went on an away mission to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. and to a casino in Wheeling, WV. USS COLUMBUS collected canned goods for a charity drive. USS GALLIFREY attended VULKON Science Fiction Convention and volunteered to work duty shifts at the STARFLEET recruiting table during the entire weekend. Two members won "BEST OF SHOW" in the costume contest and not to be outdone, other crewmembers won ribbons and autographs for their efforts. Several crewmates were photographed with 'Trek celebrities. The crew attended the R1 Summit where Fleet Captain T.B. Heffner and Lt. A.E. Heffner conducted a 50-minute panel entitled "Special Research, Paranormal Investigations". They presented their professional experience on how to begin such a department, how to investigate paranormal activities, and how to present gathered evidence from their previous cases through the years. USS HEIMDAL held their 22nd Anniversary Party. Aside from conducting a drawing for a free STARFLEET membership, won by member Kathy Beck, they were entertained by a local magician. They held a bake sale consisting of baked goods made from recipes from HEIMDAL's cookbook "Taste Trek" which they offer for sale. USS HORNET member Carolyn Peters went to Mississippi with a group from her church, to assist Katrina victims. USS INTREPID had an away team attend Vulkon in Cleveland. USS JAMESTOWN crew was busy with away teams, picnics, casino nights and a March of Dimes Walk America. USS JURASSIC had a very busy crew. Several members attended R1 Summit in Akron, Ohio. Sharon Russell cut her hair (11") and donated it to "Locks of Love" which takes hair and makes wigs for cancer patients, primarily children. Members volunteer their time and donate blood at the local Red Cross Blood Center. Ongoing Afghan Project as well as making baby blankets, booties and beanies is going strong. USS KITTY HAWK had a yard sale to benefit the Women's Center of Wake County. Crew

members saw a news article on CBS news, showing a girl who is losing her sight riding her horse across Mississippi to raise money for the libraries on the coast who lost all their books as a result of hurricane Katrina. They immediately started collecting books for the libraries and will deliver them to Gulfport. So far they have 600+ with hopes of a total around 1,000. This will be an ongoing project with more books being donated later this year. USS LAGRANGE, USS LIBERATOR and USS RENEGADE crew helped host the R1 Summit in Akron, Ohio. USS MAELSTROM crew volunteers with local Science Center and collects coupons for the Starfleet Overseas Coupon Project (OCP). USS OHIO helped man the STARFLEET recruiting table at Vulkon. USS PIDE OF SCOTLAND crew donated goods to Goodwill and "God's Kitchen" soup kitchen. Members attended R1 Summit. USS RENEGADE away team attended Vulkon and co-hosted the R1 Summit in Akron. Member attended the Holocaust Remembrance Day at local Jewish Community Center. Crew donated items to Angels for Animals Flea Market and Veterans of Foreign Wars rummage sale and is sending 2 more boxes to our Troops in Iraq. USS STAR LEAGUE away team to Kennedy Space Center.

Region 2

ISS MacARTHUR crew participated in Plant City's Relay for Life, collected funds for TBAN (Tampa Bay Aids Network). USS GASPARILLA attended Tampa Bay Renaissance Festival. USS HAISE crew completed several painting projects for Community Stewpot Teen Center. USS MYRDDIN participated in ACS Relay for Life.

Region 3

USS ARK ANGEL had an away team at the Fort Worth Zoo. USS AURORA VULCANUS crew enjoyed Easter and Passover. USS MAVERICK served per-Easter dinner at the station's charity, The Ronald McDonald House. Forty-five families of some pretty sick kids had the comforts of a home-cooked holiday meal. USS BEXAR crew members participated in the Susan Koman Race for the Cure (breast cancer) in San Antonio. This marks the 40th anniversary of Star Trek and the crew has pledged to continue to promote its philosophy, ideals and spirit through their deeds. Ongoing project is collecting stuffed animals for the EMS Trauma Buddy program. The stuffed animals will be given to the San Antonio chapter of the American Red Cross who shares them with the San Antonio Fire and Police departments. USS FIREBIRD assists with the Harris County Pets. USS

JOAN OF ARC held an Easter egg hunt for the residents of Ronald McDonald House. Crew participated for the 12th year in a row, in the KEDT Auction and Pledge drive. Uniforms were worn. USS REGULATOR crew attended Region 3 Zoo Trip.

USS TEJAS crew continues collecting pennies for the "Mile of Pennies", and coupons for the OCP. They're also contributing to the Humane Society and First Step. Newspapers are donated to the Wichita County Humane Society and aluminum cans for the Warbarger County Humane Society as well as for the Wichita County Humane Society.

Region 4

USS BATTLEBORN held a garage sale fundraiser for March of Dimes and participated in the March of Dimes walk. USS ANGELFIRE hosted its 1st First Aid and CPR class. USS CENTURION collected pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald House. USS EAGLE crew had a field trip to Santa Cruz. USS ONIZUKA crew had away trips to the Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo Zoo, Cadillac Ranch and the Pioneer-Plains Museum. USS STORMBRINGER attended Star Fest 2006 where they hosted a recruitment party. They netted two new members to STARFLEET.

Region 5

SHUTTLE THERMOPYLAE was launched. Crew attended the Walk America rally in Kennewick, WA. SS GREY WOLF crew held SciFi nights and camped out in a member's horse arena under the stars. USS CRUSADER attended Campbell House Tour which is a turn-of-the 20th century mansion, and the Cheney Cowles Museum which is next door. USS DESTINY crew took part in the McMennamins UFO parade and festival in McMinnville, OR. USS RUBICON crewmembers and R5 RC attended the launch of the SHUTTLE THERMOPYLAE in Seattle WA. Participated in the March of Dimes Walk America.

Region 6

USS IMPERIUM crew went to see a planetarium showing of "Hubble Vision". USS SAINT GEORGE is collecting coupons for OCP, donating blood and doing community service. USS THUNDERCHILD crew celebrates their 14th anniversary in Custer, S.D.

Region 7

ISS LEXINGTON MSG 714 continues to supply the Overseas Coupon Program Naval Station Rota Spain, with \$1,000 in coupons per month. ISS PHILADELPHIA crew participated in Annual Chili Cook-off (YUM!!). USS ALBANY went bowling and attended an event at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. USS ASCENSION crew attended Mosquito Con '06 in NJ. CO attended USS ADAMANT meeting. USS AVENGER raised a glass of bloodwine in memory of Ann Marie Reilly. USS CHALLENGER crew member made a significant contribution to the pull tab collection for kidney dialysis. USS FLYING FOX members taking courses in Starfleet Academy, and took an away trip to the

Philadelphia Zoo. USS INFERNO had a cook-out, attended Camp Dover Peace Conference. USS JAGUAR crewmember is taking courses in Starfleet Academy. USS JUSTICE was invited by the Trenton Computer Festival to share a table with the USS AVENGER crew. USS MATRIX crew is working on RPG Handbook. USS NIAGARA away team attended Vulkan in Cleveland, OH and R1 Summit in Akron, OH. The crew voted to approve the local Cancer Research Hospital as their ship's charity. USS NORTHSTAR launched new mission as Region 7's newest Correy Chapter. USS OSIRIS crew attended the NORTHSTAR's recommissioning as a Correy Chapter. Crew took shore leave to attend a movie. USS TOP GUN crew visited the Air & Space Museum in Washington, DC.

Region 9

USS EUROPE crew members are very active in the Starfleet Academy.

Region 10

SHUTTLE BONDAR crew continues to hold a weekly "Meat Raffle" which raises funds for charity.

Region 12

SHUTTLE CHIAGO crew is collecting items for donation to the Cell Phones for Soldiers organization. USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA is here and having fun! USS CELT hosting and attending R12 Summit. USS CLAYMORE crew continues to work on Operation Iraqi Children Project. USS DISCOVERY crew helped staff ShowMeCon IV and had two away missions to a new nearby winery. USS DRAGONSTRIKE crew began collecting food and clothing for the local food pantries and homeless shelters, as well as continuing collecting pop tabs for local Ronald McDonald House for Cancer. USS HEXUM crew is continuing to recycle and collecting stamps. Attended and helped at ShowMeCon. Crewmember donated much-needed and requested paper goods to support Brim Shire, a camp for the disabled and special needs youth which is the charity pick of ShowMeCon. USS JEANNETTE MADDOX crew had an away mission to see Ice Age 2. They raised \$1,100 at Bowl for Kids Sake benefit Big Brothers and Sisters. USS MORNING STAR crew sent several hundred dollars in OCP to adopted base in Sigonella, Italy. Crew donated many hours to charity volunteering including hospital work, street feeding (fed 120), donating food and clothing to the Salvation Army, clipping stamps and BC UPCs, recycling for Food for the Poor, caring for the aged dog / preparing food to help an elderly neighbor, and collecting and delivering to Ronald McDonald House their quarterly total of aluminum tabs. A total so far, for 2006 is 365 lbs! USS PHOENIX crew is finalizing "Earth Day" booth. USS SUNFLOWER crew continues clipping coupons which is the crew's main project. Sent 9 packages of food, gloves, socks, books and letters from children to an Army base in Iraq for as many soldiers it can accommodate.

Region 13

USS BANTING crew members went bowling. USS HADFIELD had a general meeting with Star Trek UNO as the activity of choice. USS WHITE STAR members attended PenguiCon 3.0.

Region 15

SS IAN FLEMING crew attended the R15 Summit held in Seabrook, NH. A fantastic time was had by all! "Every year we do this and it provides us all with a feeling of friendship and togetherness like no other." USS ANIBIS crew gathered for Easter dinner. Attended R15 Summit and was officially commissioned as a STARFLEET starship. Ops Jack Eaton presented a bottle of champagne for our 1st anniversary party. USS ATLANTIS attended R15 Summit. USS AVALON crew volunteers time and distributes donated goods to the AVALON Food Bank which officially reopened in a new location. Food is distributed every Sunday from 11 am - 2 pm. EMERGENCY food is distributed on an "as needed" basis any day of the week to needy families. Bulk food pick up from the distribution warehouse for Southern Maine. The Bonny Eagle High School Quest Club which is sponsored by the AVALON meets weekly. Members attended a gaming night fundraiser benefiting the Wayside Food Program which helps stock the AVALON Food Pantry. USS HOOD attended R15 Summit. Crew members were recognized for 10 and 15 year service. USS KASIMAR is working on building a wheelchair ramp at the home of one of their crew. USS NELSON crew attended R15 Summit and donated plenty of items to donate to this year's charity. Thus far, their OCP totals for 2006 are well over 46K. USS O'BANNON crew had a Movie Matinee. \$250 was donated to a local Walkathon. The crew attended R15 Summit where "good times with old friends were had by all". They were joined by a member of the USS ARES to play Star Wars RPG.

Region 17

SHUTTLE TOMAHAWK members attended StarFest in Denver, with members of the USS OMEGA GLORY, USS PIONEER,

USS TIBURON and USS ANASAZI. USS ALIOTH crew participated in the March of Dimes Walk American for the 20th year in a row! Crew was "thanked and told that it was great to have volunteers that could be trusted with duties of a more serious nature." USS ANASAZI attended StarFest with above chapters and had a "very enjoyable weekend". USS MOONTYPE production continues at Utopia Planitia shipyards with the building of model of the MOONTYPE. Plans are underway to have the ship model unveiled for people to touch and see at a meeting which will be held at the American Council of The Blind National Convention. Excerpts from episodes of the various Star Trek series will promote discussion of how they portray an idealistic future and how they reflect current perspectives of disability and how others perceive and interact with the disabled. Crew member attended the StarFest Science Fiction media Convention in Denver. They recruited two visually impaired science fiction fans. USS OMEGA GLORY crew attended StarFest 2006. They attended Tae Kwon Do classes, a Cave Rescue Seminar, NWS Weather Spotter Class and went hiking. USS TIBURON continues to work on many community service and region projects. Members continue to be active not only TIBURON events but also in activities of other Regional chapters. Attended StarFest 2006. USS WIND SPIRIT had a "wonderful and windy" annual anniversary picnic at the Bear Creek Park in Colorado Springs.

Region 20

ISS SARATOGA crew held a social event for St. George's Day which was attended by members of a local Star Gate organization. SHUTTLE BRITANNIA crew member is attending Starfleet Academy.

And that's it this time, from our very active... very Fun, Friendship and Fellowship oriented crews! Keep up the great work and submit PICTURES to the CQ Staff! Share the fun.

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RDC Science Panel



Mirror Mirror Universe On The Wall...



Beautiful, alluring, irresistible Orion Slave Girl! (Played by Janice Graham)



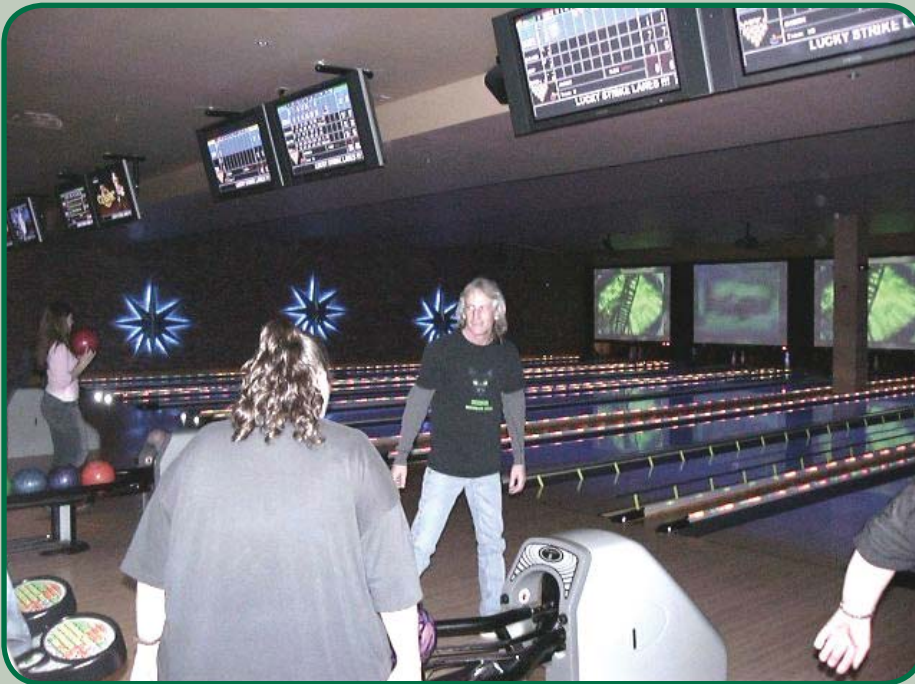
John H. Glenn display at the NASA Glenn Research Center Visitor Center.



ARDC and RDC Sciences of Region One.

USS INFERNO BOWLING NIGHT!

Pictures By Larry French



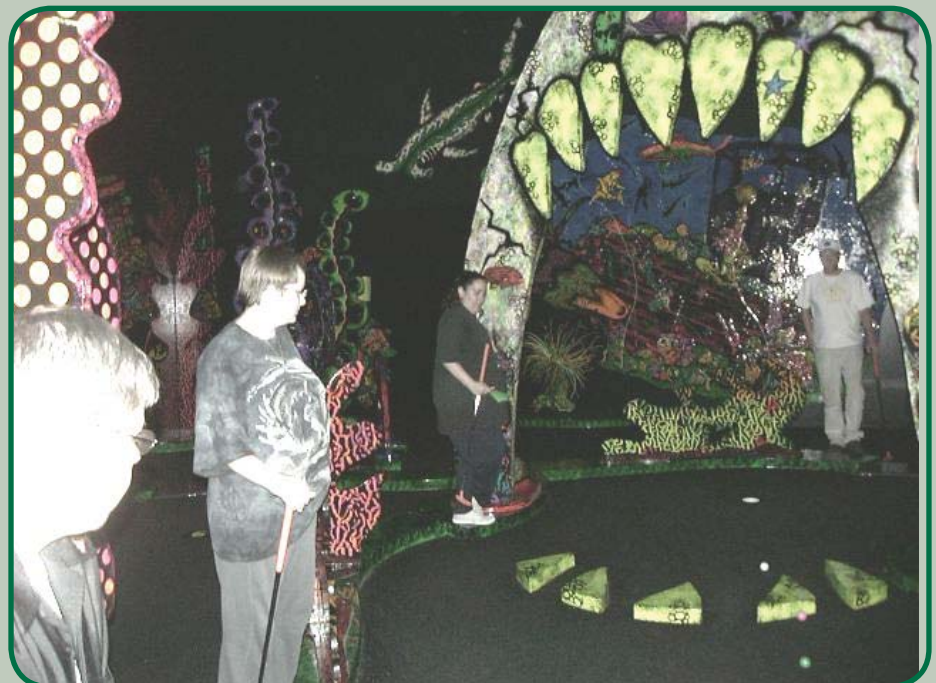
Captain Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French) and Reserve Member James Kindler.



LT Jeff Jones bowls as ICV Heghnach member betaj K'Tarra (Amber Thompson) and LT Baral K'oveD (Jim McClure) watches.



Captain Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French), LT Jeff Jones, LT Baral K'oveD (Jim McClure), and ICV Heghnach member betaj K'Tarra (Amber Thompson) playing miniature golf.



Captain Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK (Debbie French), LT Jeff Jones, and ICV Heghnach member betaj K'Tarra (Amber Thompson) watches as LT Baral K'oveD (Jim McClure) putts.

THE USS ARK ANGEL (FR-1889) AND FRIENDS VISIT THE USS TEXAS (BB-35)

COMM Jeffrey A. Webb • USS Ark Angel, R3



0550, 6 June 1944 - The quiet morning is broken by the thundering report of ten fourteen-inch cannons, firing from the United States Battleship Texas, BB-35. Seventy men crew each of her five main turrets, sporting the massive cannons whose operation requires the presence of a 1,400lb shell and four 80lb bags of powder. It is at this moment that the dichotomy of the old world and the new that typified The Great War of 1914-1918 lived on in USS Texas - a battle veteran of what had become known as the First World War hurling her fury toward the French coast in the Second. For each massive shell fired, men manually handled the shells with the help of hoist and tray equipment. The powder bags were heaved by muscle power onto the loading tray, and two men per cannon wielded a wooden ramrod to shove the 320lbs of powder into the cannon breech. Like their ancestors aboard the ships-of-the-line in the Age of Sail, once the exertion of the loaders was finished, the gunners placed a primer in the cannon. Unlike the loose-powder primers of Trafalgar, this was a device not unlike a shotgun shell- the Bluejacket's Manual of 1917 even identifies it as having been made by Winchester! Primer placed, the gunners rush to train the gun toward its target, this time employing the technological aids of electricity and hydraulic power. The massive gun tubes laid, the trigger was pulled- but the cannons waited patiently for the electrical signal from the ship's gyroscope far below them to let them know that the USS Texas had reached the roll and pitch computed as zero for the aiming calculations, which were done with a mechanical-electric Mk 51 Gun Director in the fighting top more than a hundred and ten feet above the waterline. With a unique combination of muscle, sweat, electricity and powder, the USS Texas began to bark 14" shells at Pointe Du Hoe until 0624, by which time two hundred and fifty-five of the massive shells had pounded the German gun emplacements.

1800, 13 May 2006 - The crew of the USS Ark Angel, joined by some of our friends from the SS Freedom Three and USS Rhyanna, stood in the shadow of the trees on the San Jacinto battleground awaiting our time to board the USS Texas. I must admit that although I've stepped onto her decks on more than one occasion, there was a sense of excitement on this trip not previously felt. Perhaps it's because I'm older; perhaps because I know more about where this vessel had been, what she and her crew had done. It reminds me of my last visit, before which I had spoken of the impending



trip to my great grandfather, who as a coxswain of a landing craft aboard the USS Napa in 1945. When I mentioned the Texas, he told me he had seen her off Iwo Jima, and again off Okinawa, and as her cannons fired at the beaches the heat wave of the shells headed for the island targets could be felt on the back of one's neck as one waited for the flag to drop - the signal to gun the engine and head for the beach. Papa's stories seem more vivid now that I've completed more of my studies toward my degree in history, and even more so as I catch a glimpse of the radar turning slowly atop the foremast over the trees. We cannot see the Texas from where we're standing thanks to a ridge that runs next to her slip, and the location of the restroom and gift shop building. We met our guide, Chuck Moore, an Air Force veteran and volunteer aboard the USS Texas for 19.5 years. The 342nd Regiment falls into formation, with SGM Tony Walker forming the troops for COL Randi Spears. There's a quick reminder of the proper protocol for boarding a Navy vessel. Chuck explains the process of saluting the officer of the deck and requesting permission to board. We've been over this bit of protocol before we even left home, in anticipation of this moment. The time to board has come, and SGM Walker follows the Regiment out to join the Fleet personnel in our route march, laden with sleeping gear, to the vessel.

As we emerged from the tree canopy, the superstructure of the USS Texas towers above us like a skyline. Her Measure 21 blue paint gave her an air of majesty

fitting for the only Battleship anywhere in the world that had survived both World Wars. In the Second World War, she had participated in Europe, Africa and the Pacific. This deep blue party dress the lady had donned was the same she had worn off Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. As we trudge up the gangway, I can see more than one crewmember marveling at the size of the vessel, the grandeur of her massive main battery, the belligerent beauty of her myriad anti-aircraft weapons still pointing skyward, as if to ward off anyone who would do her visitors harm. At the brow stood a Battleship Texas Volunteer wearing the crowns of a Second Class Boatswain's Mate. I watched with pride as the crew each saluted smartly and requested permission to come aboard. Once we had all boarded the vessel, we walked across her pine decks, dodging between anti-aircraft batteries, around capstans, and under the massive guns of number three turret, until we stood on a relatively open area of the deck just forward to the mainmast on the starboard side. At this point, the 342nd Regiment fell into formation once again, and all hands straightened to attention as SGM Walker, SSGT Matthew Wabindato and LCPL Cody Wyatt ran the STARFLEET colors up the mainmast. The azure and silver of the Fleet flag looked as if it were entangled in the rigging, when with a snap it unfurled itself and began to billow. Our salute dropped and we went below to the rooms that would be our berths for the night aboard the ship. The first thing most of us noted was the steep incline of the ladderways down into the second deck. The ship was warm, with

the humidity in the bayou air making it seem warmer still. It was a relief to enter Casemate 10, former home of a 5" gun battery and currently home to the males of the overnight stay, to find it air-conditioned. This I assure you is a new development since the Texas became a museum. Our ladies were packed off to the Officers Wardroom. Women, you see, get to sleep in Officer's Country aboard the USS Texas while the men stick to the enlisted spaces. Women are also never, ever asked to stand firewatch, so ladies, make sure to sign up for our return trip. They'll treat you right royal.

Our tour began just outside Casemate 10, with a briefing on the cafeteria. USS Texas put to sea in 1914 with one of the first all-electric kitchens anywhere. This was a definite innovation since parts of the US on dry land had not yet been reached with electricity. We found that there was no crew mess, you ate where you slept. To demonstrate, Chuck showed us a crew space where the bunks were folded up and a table and benches set up for the crew. He then pointed to an overhead rack- and there were the same table and benches, folded up and hanging from the ceiling! Each group of crewmen folded their bunks, set up their tables and ate. For most of the ship's life, a mess steward brought the food in metal serving pans, but for the last two years of service the Texas had a cafeteria line port and starboard, making the feeding of over 1,800 enlisted crew a whole lot easier! Catching the eye of our esteemed Deputy Commandant of the SFMC, BGN Aaron Murphy, were the two 80-gallon coffee urns. Since the US Navy was (theoretically) a 'dry' Navy, a cup of Joe was the next best thing. 80 gallons of coffee could almost hold BGN Murphy over until lunch...Chuck told us the phrase "cup of Joe" actually came from the US Navy's banishment of alcohol, which came at the behest of Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy. Hence a 'cup of Joe'.

We moved aft of the cafeteria and crossed the ship to port, and found ourselves in the Marine spaces. The Marine company of the USS Texas had their bunks in an area open to the main passageway fore and aft on the port side. The First Sergeant had his own office with a bed of his own - no bunkmates. Our SFMC members were distracted a bit by the display of M-1 Garand rifles from WWII. Moving forward, we entered Officer's Country and were treated to a view of an 'average' officer's stateroom. Folks the room was only deep enough for the bunk to fit, with drawers etc. under it for the

storage of clothing and uniforms. There was a bookshelf over the bed, and a desk with a chair. A sink and mirror completed the room. Not exactly Captain Picard's quarters, or even Captain Archer's. We are told that the occupant of this room from 1943-1945 is still living, and that he visits the ship yearly. The volunteer staff unlocked the room for him and allow him to arrange it any way he wishes.

The Dental Office was next on the tour. Mr. Moore tells us this is almost the last place a crewman wanted to be at sea. The dentist had to have a VERY steady hand indeed! Most of the things you see in a modern dentist office were here, albeit older versions. The chair, sink and X-ray machine were all 1940s vintage. It was quite something to see! Down the corridor was the disbursing office - the Bank of the USS Texas. Sailors were paid here, and the ship's funds, used to secure supplies at foreign ports, was stored here as well. The USS Texas had over a million dollars on hand for such purposes - this back in the time when a Seaman First Class made \$66 a month. The General Storekeeper's office was next, with the canteen just aft. These offices were the ship's general store, where all manner of goods could be purchased, from shoe polish to reading material. Inboard of the canteen was a favorite stop of the WWII sailor- the soda fountain! A vintage Coca Cola fountain stands here, and every day the crew would make ice cream from a powdered mix. A dime got you a serving in a paper cup - and everyone had to wait in line, Captain or Seaman! One story about a soda fountain on a flagship had two young Ensigns trying to pull rank to get their ice cream, and told by an angry Admiral Halsey, who was ahead of them in line with the enlisted crew, that they'd just have to wait their turn like everyone else.

Moving aft, we were shown more crew spaces. Everywhere on the first two decks that wasn't Officer's Country seemed to have bunks, usually four high.

USS Texas Volunteer Chuck Moore Shows Off His Ship



Some lucky crew, who slept in their work spaces, sometimes got twin or three-high bunks. All the bunks folded up, and nearby were always the tiny lockers into which every item a sailor owned had to be fit. Clothing had to be folded quite neatly if everything was going to get in there- and perhaps there would be space for a book. The ship's laundry was our next stop, where we learned that the uniform of the day for laundry personnel was shorts and shoes- it was HOT! For \$0.25 the crew could have their laundry done and if this seems trivial, perhaps it's good to note what Chuck told us about the ship having this facility. Before the USS Texas, and her sister the New York, US ships hadn't actually had laundry facilities. Crewmen washed their uniforms in a bucket, or whatever was handy. Damp, not quite clean clothing was the norm, and the inclusion of the laundry actually prompted the Captain to write the Secretary of the Navy to praise the laundry facility - it cut down on crewmen on the sick list!

Almost completely to the fantail now, we see the crew's washroom - and the water still works! The ship volunteers wash up here in the same place the sailors did when the ship was in service. Showers were a very different affair than what we're used to, since it was important to conserve fresh water. Get wet, lather up, and get washed off. Aft of the washroom was the Water Closet, or head. The toilets were trough-like affairs with wooden seats affixed to them. Salt water ran the length of these troughs constantly, and Chuck tells us a common practical joke was to light some toilet paper and drop it in the trough, to give a hot bottom to those seated downflow from the culprit! Next, on to the Clipping Room. This room housed crewmen who spent their time placing 20mm and 40mm anti-aircraft ammunition into magazines for the feeding of the AA guns. Dull work, and quickly used up if the ship went into action- since the cannons could fire 160 rounds in a minute!



The Marines of the 342ND MSG

Now down we go to the Third Deck, where we see the Brig. Boy does THIS look like an unpleasant place to stay. You didn't get a chair, or a bed- or 'facilities'. You got a bucket, and if the Master at Arms liked you, maybe a mattress. The cells were tiny, with no lights inside them, and a solid steel door with some ventilation holes. One sailor was put in here for fifteen days for stealing Fig Newton's! Talk about harsh punishment... Many of the spaces on this deck are unfinished, so down, down we go into the engineering spaces. The USS Texas had triple-expansion reciprocating steam engines, and the gearheads among us had a field day when they realized the 83" circular piece of metal we were looking at was the cylinder head! SSGT Wabindato was heard to comment "This thing's got a Hemi!" Each of the two three-story engines was a steam-powered marvel, producing 28,100 horsepower. That's 67 1/2 2006 Mustang GTs, for the car enthusiasts out there. At top speed the USS Texas could make 22.5 knots- over 25 miles per hour, which was a pretty good clip for a nearly 600-foot long ship. The engine spaces show us why it's so important to secure funding for the upkeep of this floating museum. Pump hoses snake far below us into the inner bottom, fighting to keep her dry despite several hull breeches. The engines themselves, National Engineering Historic Landmarks and the largest of their kind ever mounted in a US Battleship, are in need of attention. Rust is the eternal enemy, and it is here that we first get a real idea of what it will take to preserve this ship for future generations. In the North Atlantic, the average temperature in here was 89 degrees. Imagine what it was like in the South Pacific!

After the engine room tour, its snack time and a short movie shot in the 1930s aboard the USS Texas. We see what life was like for a sailor in the post-WWI and Pre-WWII eras. Sports, hard

work, inspections, et al. Even aircraft operations. The USS Texas was the first US Navy vessel of any kind to launch an aircraft in 1919. Talk about history! We bedded down in Casemate 10, and LTJG John Halliday and his wife Frida got a special treat the 342nd would have relished- sleeping in the Marine space! CAPT Jess Naumann joined them later as the rest of the males fought to sleep in the warm, cramped bunks. One thing is for sure - next time, I'll take Mister Halliday's advice and get a top bunk! Every time CAPT Butch Sthele of the USS Rhyanna rolled over, I got his elbow in my gut! Those bunks were close. My XO, CMDR Scott McKinlay, had a much easier time on the upper bunk. We took turns standing fire watch, with my shift being shared with LT Gary Augenstein, whose US Air Force training in the 80s all came back to him. I gotta say I was unprepared for a formal report on the state of the crew when I awoke at 0540 to relieve him. The Battleship volunteers woke the crew with yells of "Reveille, reveille, reveille!" and the rattling of cans full of bolts. I'm glad I was up and dressed. Time for breakfast, and the topside tour.

The USS Ark Angel crew fell into formation and saluted proudly as our Color Guard raised the national color over the ship to the strains of the National Anthem. The Texas Shoot-Out occurred, where we had two crews each man a 3" anti-aircraft gun and see which was faster in training their gun on target. CMDR Lloyd Bates and CR Robin Grace manned the gun for the Fleet, while LCPL Jessie Hench and PVT Sarah Jones manned a gun for The Regiment. It was a close thing, but the Fleet outgunned the Marines. Lots of training in order to fix this on the next trip, says SGM Walker. Up the superstructure to the Navigation Bridge. Once inside, the crew called out a hearty "Captain on the Bridge!" as I entered. So pleased with

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myself was I, that I walked right over and placed my hand on the helm- a definite no-no according to our tour guide! Down on the deck went I, knocking out pushups to pay for my transgression. Even a Commodore can rate disciplinary PT when he screws up. From the Bridge we got to see the Captain's cabin. The Captain alone among the crew of the Texas had his own galley- and a bathtub! No Navy showers for the Skipper, if he so chose. The Captain's dining room was furnished with original items, including a conference table, chairs, a roll-top desk, sofa, and electric fan with a decorative "USN" medallion in the center. A beautiful model of the ship sat in the center of the table. We are told that just a few years earlier, the ceiling of this compartment had been compromised by rust, and water had damaged the entire room. Sadly, a beautiful hand-painted map of everywhere the Texas had steamed has been lost to time, all but about a quarter

of the original artwork. So much history, it's sad that it all cannot be restored.

Chuck takes us inside the Number One Turret to see how the big boys play. Now, the rest of the ship save the sleeping spaces had been HOT, but this was like a sauna. LTJG Halliday commented that we needed to throw some water on the rocks. We got a great explanation of how the guns fired, as mentioned at the beginning of this article. It was humbling to stand next to these great cannons, now silenced, and imagine what it must have been like when the ship was in action...

Now we get to see some of the equipment the crew used. CMDR McKinlay tries on the "XO" helmet, and LCPL Hensch wears something that looks like an Imperial Gunner's helmet from Star Wars. It's not too far from the truth: this oversized "Brain Bucket" was used to allow the anti-aircraft

turret directors to wear headphones and a voice-powered telephone rig. LCDR Reed Bates is surprised when Chuck picks up a 5" shell, telling us the 65-pound shell is quite heavy, but then tosses it casually to her. Turns out this was a prop cast for the filming of Pearl Harbor! Down to the Wardroom, where we marvel at the ship's silver service, and the resplendent settings at which the officers ate - a far cry from the folding tables and cafeteria lines of the crew! Once more into formation, and we receive our "graduation" diplomas. The men are Old Salts, and the women Battleship Sailors. Now it's time to gather gear and report offboard. CMDR McKinlay is appointed Officer of the Deck, and we must all salute and ask his permission to leave the ship. I guess my salute wasn't snappy enough, I was denied- along with COL Spears and SGM Walker. We had to try again. And again. Guess who's not getting a very good efficiency report this tour...

What have I left out...nearly everything! So much went on this weekend, it'd take an entire issue of Communiqué to even scratch the surface. What I can say is that we had a great time, stopped at a lot of Whataburgers, and even survived a vehicular casualty. We're going back. And in addition, we're planning overnight trips to the carrier USS Lexington, the destroyer escort USS Stewart, and the submarine USS Cavalla. Come join us if you can! And don't forget the other wonderful museum ships all around the country- and the world! HMS Victory, USS Missouri, USS Pampanito, IJN Mikasa... Check out the USS Olympia this year at IC! And if you can, please donate to the upkeep of these wonderful pieces of history- not just for their contribution to military history, but for their naval and maritime histories as well!



STARFLEET SOCIETY

Birthdays

1-Jun, R-01 - USS Jamestown, Schreck, Jason (27)
 2-Jun, R-02 - USS Draco, Whatley, Jimmy (41)
 2-Jun, R-07 - USS Archer, Milan, Lauren (31)
 5-Jun, R-10 - USS Crystal Star, Eddy, Leah M (78)
 6-Jun, R-07 - USS Accord, Anbinder, Mark H (39)
 7-Jun, R-01 - SS Nikola Tesla, Rayburn, Jill (39)
 9-Jun, R-07 - USS Northstar, Goldberg, Gordon Lloyd (42)
 12-Jun, R-01 - USS Hell's Fury, Torres, Robert (38)
 14-Jun, R-07 - USS Edinburgh, Rosenberg, Chuck (42)
 15-Jun, R-05 - USS Rubicon, Wallace, Chris (36)
 15-Jun, R-04 - USS Stormbringer, Reinholz, Monika (26)
 17-Jun, R-07 - USS Asimov, Lessem, Martin A (29)
 17-Jun, R-07 - USS Flying Fox, Avery, Raven (11)
 18-Jun, R-06 - USS Saint George, Webster, Tom (39)
 21-Jun, R-02 - USS Dauntless, Fields, Nancy (66)
 23-Jun, R-17 - USS Mir, Kern Jr, Philip "Jack" (54)
 26-Jun, R-12 - USS Dragonstrike, Orem Maye

Anniversaries

2-Jun, R-12 - USS Morning Star, Carl B. O'Daniel and Larry W. Jones (35)
 2-Jun, R-02 - USS Spiritwalker, Self, John W and Jeanette (51)
 7-Jun, R-02 - USS Spiritwalker, Magann, Colin and Lindie (9)
 19-Jun, R-12 - USS Dragonstrike, DuBose, John and Norma (3)
 24-Jun, R-02 - ISS Macarthur, Ryan, David and Leslie (16)

Chapter Anniversaries

2-Jun, R-01 - USS Hornet, Charlotte, North Carolina (19)
 2-Jun, R-04 - USS Peacekeeper, Visalia, California (12)
 4-Jun, R-03 - SS Freedom III, Euless, Texas (13)
 4-Jun, R-12 - USS Hellfire & Brimstone, Topeka, Kansas (8)
 4-Jun, R-15 - USS Avalon, Standish, Maine (5)
 5-Jun, R-01 - USS Normandy, (Correspondence) (7)
 5-Jun, R-04 - ISS Pegasus, Las Vegas, Nevada (10)
 5-Jun, R-15 - USS Kasimar, Bangor, Maine (2)
 10-Jun, R-03 - USS Lone Star, Lubbock, Texas (11)
 10-Jun, R-03 - USS Victory, San Antonio, Texas (11)
 11-Jun, R-02 - USS Triumph, Davie, Florida (16)
 13-Jun, R-01 - Shuttle Odin's Fury, Orlando, Florida (1)
 14-Jun, R-07 - USS Osiris, New York, New York (10)
 16-Jun, R-01 - USS Starward Fury, Fayetteville, North Carolina (16)
 17-Jun, R-13 - USS Maquis, Livonia, Michigan (5)
 21-Jun, R-07 - USS Avenger, North Brunswick, New Jersey (21)
 23-Jun, R-01 - USS Wasp, Bristol, Virginia (16)
 23-Jun, R-07 - USS DeBraak, Dover, Delaware (3)
 24-Jun, R-04 - Shuttle Albion, London, UK (1)
 26-Jun, R-17 - Shuttle Aztec, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1)
 27-Jun, R-07 - USS Albany, Guilderland, New York (16)



WHERE'S THE BEEF? IT'S AT THE SHUTTLE BONDAR'S MEAT RAFFLE!

CAPT Loreleigh Graves • Shuttle Bondar, R10

Captain Loreleigh Graves here, reporting in from Shuttle Bondar in Region 10.

On March 18 / 06, Shuttle Bondar embarked on a new mission called "Meat Raffle", an adventure to raise funds for

the two local charities supported by this chapter.

Each and every Saturday for the next year, Shuttle Bondar's crew will be found at the Chase River Arms Pub in Nanaimo, working a "Meat Raffle" from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. where they sell tickets and raffle off packages of fresh cuts of meat.

The returns from this endeavor are far more refreshing and profitable than any other fund raiser this club has ever tried. The unbelievable response from the public and the respect shown for our club and its efforts to assist charity is beyond anything we have ever encountered before.

Comments to the effect of "Hey, Trekkies aren't all kooks! They're real people helping real people!" amuse us as it is a remark that we, ourselves have often lightly tossed into conversations as we attempt to explain who we are and what we are attempting to do for our little corner of humanity. Maybe that should be our new motto. Must take that one to the crew for a vote!



The crew of the Shuttlecraft Bondar man the Meat Raffle table. Counter-clockwise from left: LTJG Cody Lannon, CMDR Robert Olson, CMDR Greg Fogden, CAPT Loreleigh Graves.



G'DAY FROM DOWN UNDER!

CMDR Stuart Blair • Shuttle Mawson, R11



May 15, 2006 in Adelaide, South Australia, saw the official launch of the Shuttle Mawson NCC 74918.

Currently docked in Region 7 onboard the USS Matrix, the Mawson is currently on its nine month journey preparing to launch its own starship in Region 11.

"This is a very exciting time indeed," says Shuttle Mawson Commander, Stuart Blair.

"Our current recruiting drive at the time of print sees the Crew Roster at 35".

The Shuttle Mawson takes its name from the great South Australian Antarctic Explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson. (There is a Bio on Sir Douglas Mawson on the Shuttle Mawson website, www.shuttlemawson.com).

The Shuttle Mawson logo has been designed by Conceptual Artist for Star Trek, Mr John Eaves "We thank John for the great design and we are pleased to announce that John will be designing our Starship, which is going to look pretty special indeed".

VADM and Commanding Officer of the USS Matrix (Mothership for the Shuttle) says "The USS Matrix is both proud and excited to be the Mothership for the Shuttle Mawson, not only because it is great to have a new Shuttle launch, but because this marks the re-opening of Region 11 for Starfleet - a most significant event for SFI.

And some opening it is! The Mawson is off to a great start, with several Convention activities as well as a rapidly growing crew list! They are showing great enthusiasm, energy and creativity and their enthusiasm is spreading throughout Australia. We look forward to assisting the Mawson during their Shuttle phase as well as serving them when they attain full Chapter status".

The Shuttle Mawson has a busy recruiting schedule in 2006 as its Commander has been asked to curate an exhibition of Sci-Fi Memorabilia at the South Australian Museum as part of National Science week, Aug 12 to 19, 2006.

Stuart says "Around 26,000 people turned out for my last exhibition in 2004 over the 7 days with activities as diverse as lessons in Conversational Klingon, costumed tours of the Exhibition and a Sci Fi Film festival featuring Classic 50s and 60s Sci-Fi films.

Our other Major event for 2006 will be our very own Region 11 conference and Sci Fi Convention.

Saturday November 4 and Sunday November 5 will see "The Ultimate Sci-Fi Weekend" in Adelaide, South Australia as the Shuttle Mawson Crew will organise a Star Trek and Stargate Convention followed by the Region 11 Conference.

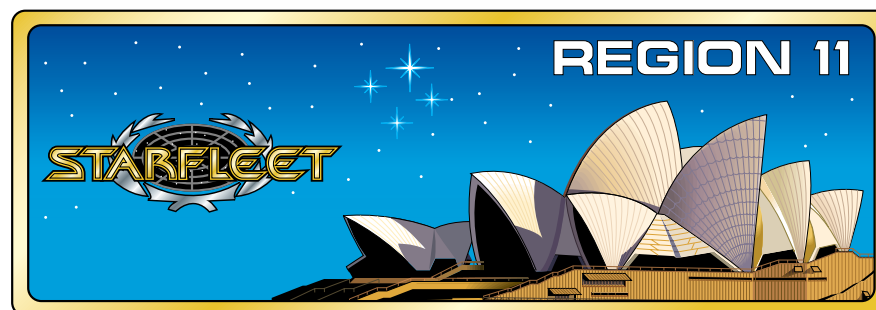
Actors from SG1 and Stargate Atlantis and Star Trek (TNG) will be live on stage.

"This will be our major recruiting offensive for 2006 and beyond," says Commander Blair. "All delegates attending the Region conference will receive a ticket to the Sci-Fi Convention as part of their Conference package making this the Ultimate Sci-Fi weekend for fans."

ADM Bob Vosseller, CO of the USS Challenger says, "I think it's fantastic. Fandom is a very diverse thing and Starfleet is certainly a great example of international fandom. Just as our world seems to be getting smaller with our online communications, Starfleet is

moving forward with its responsibility and ability to become more of a global community of fans. Having an Australian Shuttlecraft off a ship in Region 7 connects us to not only a different region, but a region in another corner of the world and that is fantastic. This Shuttle has shown us the excitement of what it was like to first form. The excitement of a young crew that are willing to try all kinds of things. They remind us old dogs (I celebrate 24 years in Starfleet,

18 of them as Commanding Officer of my Chapter on July 12, 2006) of what it was like when we're younger and when we experienced fun on the Chapter level for the first time. Shuttle Mawson may be a great distance away, but in some ways, they aren't that far at all. G'day Guy's and good job, may your journey be a long and enjoyable one.



Members of the Shuttlecraft Mawson



AWAY MISSION REPORT: WEEKEND ON RISA-THE R1 SUMMIT

CAPT Tom Pawelczak • USS Niagara, R7

The Weekend on Risa finally arrived! Way back in 2005, at the Vulkon Convention in Cleveland, our Region 1 friend, Ruth Green, extended a special invitation to the crew of the Niagara to attend the R1 Summit sponsored by the USS Renegade, Liberator, and LaGrange. And now, not only had it arrived, it was over. And what a weekend it was!

FCapt Glen and Lt Ruth took the Captain's Yacht while Lt. Joanne and I followed up in my runabout. We met in Erie for a nice sit down lunch at the "Eat'n'Park" just off the 90. I recommend this restaurant if you're traveling that way as the food is good and reasonably priced. And the rest rooms (at least the Men's-haven't checked out the Ladies personally-tried to peek but....) are clean and well stocked. Also, gas prices are MUCH lower outside NY State. In Pennsylvania, they were probably about 15-20 cents cheaper and in Ohio, a whooping 25-30 cents!

Arriving at the Fairlawn Hilton, we found our rooms to be extremely comfortable. Having followed Ruth Green's advice, I booked a Jacuzzi Suite for not much more than a standard room. King size bed, Jacuzzi, living room, kitchen (yep! Kitchen with full electric range, full size refrigerator, dishes dishwasher, the whole 9 yards!), two TV's. Thought I'd never get our Ruth to leave but when I asked her to go grocery shopping and to cook, she decided she really didn't want to stay with me.

Friday night was opening ceremonies and set up. FCapt Glen and I were not only there as representatives of the Niagara but also representatives of Starfleet Academy. Commandant Jill Rayburn was supposed to attend but cancelled out at the last minute due to her real-life work. Vice Commandant Marlene Miller was also supposed to be in attendance but hadn't showed as yet. When Glen and I asked about her, as she had told both of us she'd be there, we found that no one even knew what she looked like! Apparently Marlene is a "ghost" often supposed to be at a con, summit, or conference but never around. Because her name kept coming up, someone got the idea of making a contest out of it, the "Who's Marlene Miller" ID contest. Friday night, at the ceremonies, our Joanne was asked to stand along with several other women when the committee asked if she was in attendance. So when the question was posed, about 6 women, and I think one guy, stood up! Well, Marlene was not among them. Now Glen and I are getting a little nervous, how are we going to carry off representing the Academy? We

know that Glen's Institute of Espionage and Intelligence is coming on line and we know how his College of Survival Studies is progressing so we figure we can wing it. In the meantime it was BEACH PARTY TIME!

Being Risa, there was a little Orion Slave girl there to greet us. Now I don't want to start rumors but...there was something about FCapt Glen, the Orion slave girl (portrayed by FCapt Janice Graham of the Renegade) and a lei. Hmmm, what was our good Captain up to? And Lt. Joanne! Well, the sign said "Clothing Optional" and she was getting right into the swing of things.

Friday night was also a thrill for Glen and I in another way. We finally met Adm. Helen Pawlowski, a spry 87 yr young woman who really got us interested in SFA. We had corresponded with Helen by both email and snail mail for several years now but had never met her. What a trip! She was telling jokes and carrying on like she was 20! I hope I'm half as active when I'm here age. Heck! I wish I was half as active now. Helen was there with her daughter Terry.

Saturday morning Glen and I met for breakfast and went over things. We still weren't sure what we were going to do regarding SFA, Marlene still hadn't arrived. Glen went off to the Dealer's Room where the SFA table was set up. He was passing out information on the Academy in general and his courses in particular along with administering on-site OTS exams for those who needed it for promotion. That's our Glen, busy-busy. Myself, I was off to a massage. Man oh Man, I was in my glory! King size bed, in room Jacuzzi and a massage. Doesn't get much better than this! Along the way, I met up with Helen and Terry and let in on a secret, Terry wasn't Terry. Helen doesn't HAVE a daughter Terry but she does have a son by that name. "Terry" was really Marlene in stealth mode! She let me in on it as she was having an impromptu staffing meeting with Dean/Directors Glen, Ron Novak and Scott Anderson and myself, a lowly "staffer", to fill us in on the latest happenings in the Academy. But I was sworn to secrecy. Meanwhile our Ruth and Joanne commandeered the Captain's Yacht and decided to explore the Akron, Ohio quadrant. They should have taken their Starfleet Star Charts with them. Now we know why neither are ship's navigators. They left around 11AM and returned around 7PM, having made it half way back to Buffalo before realizing they were going in the wrong direction! A slight exaggeration but not

by much. They actually did get lost.

As part of the Summit, the Marines put on a "Jail and Bail" fundraiser for charity. SFMC Maj. Keith Styblo drafted me and later Glen, to assist him in making "arrests". As I am a SFMCR Colonel of Military Police, I had no problem. Additionally, it was quickly learned that Glen and I were retired Corrections Officers. I think that was when Glen wanted to strip search the female inmates (see Ruth, go get lost and forget Glen's lunch!). A check for \$262 was presented to Summit Chair Ruth (as opposed to "our" Ruth) for charity from this event. I'm happy I could be of help.

Also on Saturday I attended two panels, the first being on the paranormal. FCapt Thomas Heffner put on a very informational presentation. Tom and his crew really ARE ghost hunters just like on the Sci-Fi channel. They do actual investigations of alleged hauntings. After the panel, Tom and I talked some with me telling him of some of my own experiences. I won't go into those here but some of you know what I'm talking about. Tom promised that if they do any investigations within a reasonable driving distance of Buffalo, the Niagara will be invited. Additionally, his family is planning a trip to Niagara Falls later this summer and he would like to meet "us".

The other panel was on the SFA presented by Glen and FCapt Ron Novak. Ron was both recently promoted and made Dean of the Institute of Leadership. Attendees felt free to voice their opinions about the Academy, mostly good, while Marlene, still in Stealth mode, took notes. Ron also presented a certificate of completion to Suzanne Mowers who took the on-site OTS exam administered by Glen.

Saturday night there was a charity auction and I "bought" myself an Orion Slave Girl! I was high bidder on a dance with Janice. Only thing was, she was no longer green. The auction got spirited at times and made \$1,028 for charity. And I did get my dance with Janice. Unlike last year's TT dance, I didn't close this one down. Getting old I guess. I later heard that while it was to end at 2AM, it actually went on to 4!

Sunday morning was a slow starter. We had a leisurely breakfast, enjoying a chat with Helen and Marlene, who was now out of stealth mode. Glen and Ruth attended services provided by the Summit while Joanne and I cleaned up our table and packed our belongings. We attended the closing ceremonies where various awards and certificates were given out to attendees. There was even a drawing for gas cards. Five names were drawn out of a "hat" and I was one of the lucky winners! A welcome surprise with the cost of gas these days. Joanne and I talked about this on the way home. With the distance many of our members and friends travel for our Anniversary dinner, we think gas cards would be an ideal door prize. We'll be presenting this idea formally at a later ship's meeting.

All in all, this had to be the BEST convention ever! Everyone from Region 1 was "family" and welcomed us with open arms. As my on-line friend Ann Arnold of Region 13 says, "The best people have SCC numbers." It was great to finally put faces on people whose names I've only known.

Ruth Green and her staff did an OUTSTANDING job. I'll bet Ruth sleeps for a week. And one of these days, I will have the dance with her that I had promised her.

Admirals Sunnie Planthold and Helen Pawlowski rattle some cages in the R1 Summit Charity Jail.





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STATE OF THE CORPS

BGEN John Roberts • USS Anasazi, R17
Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps



Greetings Marines!

Bank Account Information

We started the month of March with a balance of \$588.58. We had deposits in the amount of \$136.70 and no withdrawals. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$725.28 at the end of March.

We started the month of April with a balance of \$725.28. We had deposits in the amount of \$130.58 (which reflects a deduction of \$4.82 for PayPal fees) and withdrawals in the amount of \$303.00 for ribbon reorder. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$552.86 at the end of April.

COTRACOM Named

MGN Joost Ueffing has been appointed the new Commanding Officer, Training and Doctrine Command (COTRACOM). Joost has many great ideas and plans for TRACOM in the near future. If you have any questions, Joost can be reached at tracom@sfi-sfmc.org.

SGM/SFMC Named

SGM Marie Wilson has been appointed to the post of SGM/SFMC. Marie can be reached at sgm-sfmc@sfi-sfmc.org.

Commandant's Advisory Group

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

I would like to welcome Matias Alvarez as the new representative for the 17th Brigade. With Mr. Alvarez' appointment, the current Advisory Group now has the following members:

Brigade Representatives

1st Brigade: Tony Lopes
4th Brigade: James Monroe
7th Brigade: Mike Smith
10th Brigade: Paul Reid
12th Brigade: Carolyn Zimdahl
17th Brigade: Matias Alvarez

Past Commandants

J. T. Trent
Scott A. Akers
Les Rickard
Wade Olson

General Staff Members

John Roberts
Aaron Murphy
Linda Olson
Wade Hoover
Joost Ueffing
Marie Wilson

International Muster

Coming up in August is the STARFLEET International Conference and SFMC International Muster. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there and chatting with you about your SFMC. This is your chance to meet the members of the General Staff and sit down and talk with us and your fellow marines to talk about what you are getting and what you want to get out of the SFMC and your SFI membership.

The International Muster is also our chance to recognize the outstanding marines we have in the SFMC. In order to do this, we need your help.

Please make sure you participate and nominate Marines and Units for your Brigade's Valor awards so that we get the maximum number of qualified marines for consideration of the SFMC Honor Awards. If you have any questions about the Honor Awards process, please contact the Deputy Commandant, Aaron Murphy, at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org

Manual Updates

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 the Deputy Commandant know. We will also be sending out more information on this as we work towards completion of the project and its ultimate release.

What do YOU want from the SFMC?

We have announced several changes and plans for the SFMC over the last 15 months. Generally, these have been well received. However, the members of the General Staff have received very little feedback about what you, the members, would like to see from the SFMC General Staff. If you have ideas you think we should take a look at, please let us know. You can reach the members of the General Staff as follows:

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SFMC Deputy Commandant: depdant@sfi-sfmc.org
Sergeant Major, SFMC: sgm-sfmc@sfi-sfmc.org
Commanding Officer, Forces Command: forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org
Commanding Officer, Training and Doctrine Command: tracom@sfi-sfmc.org
Commanding Officer, Information Command: infocom@sfi-sfmc.org

Remember, we are here to serve you and your needs. We can't do that without your input. Help us make the SFMC even better.

Until my next report, I remain in Service to the Corps,

John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC



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FORCECOM REPORT

BGEN Linda Olson • USS Relentless, R2
Commander, Forces Command



Brigade Strength

Brigade Number	Active / Reserve / Total
1st Brigade	23 18 41
2nd Brigade	68 12 80
3rd Brigade	61 25 86
4th Brigade	52 25 77
5th Brigade	11 18 29
6th Brigade	03 09 12
7th Brigade	30 64 94
9th Brigade	12 04 16
10th Brigade	04 04 08
12th Brigade	34 62 96
14th Brigade	01 00 01
15th Brigade	17 14 31
17th Brigade	19 00 19
20th Brigade	10 04 14
Total Corps	345 259 604

Marine Strike Groups Activated this Period:

401st, 404th, 977th, 987th MEU, 825th, 380th

Marine Stirke Groups Deactivated this Period:

144th, 007th, 832nd

Recruits

Anthony Flynt, Kathrine Flynt, Kyle Flynt, Amber Flynt, Chance Flynt, Shane Flynt, Linda Patton, Allen Hunter, Theodor Pool, Kelly Jenkins Hanssen, Colin Fischer, Corey Grant, Jessica Robert, Michael D. Anderson

Discharges

Samuel Ruby, Gary Ruby, Elenore Claasen, Jeff Lester, Chris Nix, Scott Sherwood, Douglas Poynor, Bonne Higginson, Mike Higginson, Michael Pope, Catherine

Temple, Lionel Smith. Little John Marcus, Peggy Salyer, Daniell Mitchell, Christopher Bayonet, Christopher Esquibel, Arnold Splan Jr., Micah Schmidt, Troy Nichols, James Kerr

Awards Issued

Academic Excellence Award

Rey Cordero, Tracy Lilly, Truman Temple, John Roberts

Cross of Valor

Shaughn O'Connor 2nd BDE, Craig Martin 5th BDE

Sword of Valor

William Duane 2nd BDE, Arlene Garrison 5th BDE

Shield of Valor

Shaughn O'Connor 2nd BDE, Rick Ervans 5th BDE

Legion of Valor

669th 2nd BDE, 565th 5th BDE

Star of Valor

Rick Ervans 5th BDE

Brigade Achievement

Nadine Romero 5th BDE

Great Barrier Expedition

Sunnie Planthold, Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Steven Rosbury, Jennifer Rosbury, Mary Ann Morris, Larry Morris, Pat Malone, Glenn Goldman, James Brunton, Shaughn O'Connor, Don Mayer, D J Allen, Rebecca L. Self, Adam Smith, Norman

DeRoux, Stephen Idell, Craig Martin, Michael Martin, Chris Wallace, Les Rickard, Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn

Embassy Duty

Sunnie Planthold, Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Steven Rosbury, Jennifer Rosbury, Mary Ann Morris, Larry Morris, Pat Malone, Glenn Goldman, Nancy O'Shields, Shaughn O'Connor, Les Rickard, Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn, DJ Allen, Rebecca Self, Adam Smith, Norman DeRoux, Stephen Idell, Craig Martin, Michael Martin, Steve Eizenberg, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Russell Garrison, Joel Housworth, David Kania, Tom King, Michael Marquart, Nate Martin, Patrick McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Bobby Robbins Jr, Chris Wallace

Marine Honor Guard

Larry Morris, Mary Ann Morris, Pat Malone, Linda Olson, Steve Eizenberg, Arlene Garrison, Russell Garrison, Tom King, Michael Marquart

20th Anniversary (Marines on roster in Anniversary year, who have not been mentioned before)

William Duane, William Mock, Brandon Moore, Deborah Duane, Don Meyer, Eileen Jones, Kelly Meyer, Shaughn O'Connor

Good Conduct

Truman Temple, John Roberts, Mike Dethlefs, Dave Reustle, Earl Beighley, Craig Cheairs, Susn Cerame, Ross Donaldson, Rich Eseke, David Cerame

Leaders Commendation

Steve Eizenberg, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Christine Jordan, Michael Marquart, Nate Martin, Lea Morgan

Comet

John Roberts

Silver Nebula

John Roberts

Joint Service Award

Adam Smith, Norman DeRoux, Stephen Idell, Craig Martin, Michael Martin, Steven Eizenberg, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Patrick Garrison, Russell Garrison, Joel Housworth, David Kania, McKenzie Lee Kania, Tom King, Michael Marquart, Nate Martin, Patrick McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Bobby Robbins Jr, Jena Robbins, Chris Wallace

Brigade Muster

Adam Smith, Norman DeRoux, Stephen Idell, Craig Martin, Michael Martin, Steven Eizenberg, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Patrick Garrison, Russell Garrison, Joel Housworth, David Kania, McKenzie Lee Kania, Tom King, Michael Marquart, Nate Martin, Patrick McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Bobby Robbins Jr, Jena Robbins, Chris Wallace, Sunnie Planthold, Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Steven Rosbury, Jennifer Rosbury, Mary Ann Morris, Larry Morris, Pat Malone, Glenn Goldman, James Brunton, Shaughn O'Connor, Don Mayer, D J Allen, Rebecca L. Self, Fred McCarthy

SFMC QUARTERMASTER REPORT

BGEN Linda Olson • USS Relentless, R2
SFMC Quartermaster

The office of SFMC Quartermaster is happy to report that business has picked up since the website has been established. From January 1, 2006 to April 1, 2006 we shipped 9 individual orders. The total of these orders is \$373.70. The total sales at the 2nd Brigade Muster was \$132.65 and six of these orders used our new Paypal option. Postage and handling charges for these orders totaled \$27.75

The breakdown on items sold is as follows:

- 6 sets collar brass
- 19 patches
- 3 polo shirts
- 1 t-shirt
- 161 ribbons

Marines please remember that the quartermaster's office also has the ribbon bar exchange program. If you are in need of a ribbon bar to display your awards, contact me at ST_Dragonlady@msn.com with the size bar you need. If we have it in stock we will send it to you for a small postage charge and a promise to send us any bars you have outgrown. Most of what we have on hand are the smaller sizes.

Currently the stock of our regular patches is nearly depleted. However, we still have a dozen of the special order patches at the same price, \$6 each. These patches are a one time only deal and when they are gone they are gone. I am currently working on getting a new order of our

regular patches and will let you know when they arrive.

The Quartermaster presence will be at the 1st Brigade Muster in May. It will be a very limited amount of merchandise, but if you wish to purchase something that is not available there, please contact me and we will be happy to process your order.

Now is the time to get your fruit salad updated for the International Muster in Philidelphia this August. And no well dressed Marine should be without the proper Collar Brass. Ribbons are .85 each and a set of 3 pins (one for each collar and one for the beret) runs \$21.00.

If you need other items to complete your uniform contact me and I will do my best to direct you to the proper place to obtain the items.



NEWS FROM ACROSS THE POND

SGM Marie Wilson • USS Saratoga, R20
Sergeant Major of the SFMC

Well, here we are, my first report to CQ as Sergeant Major of the SFMC. I would like to take the time to thank SGM Scott Grant for his service to the Corps, he has been an inspiration. It is an honour to be able to serve the Corps in this position, and I hope to continue the proud traditions laid down by my predecessor's. It is a time-worn truth that the noncommissioned officer is the "backbone" of the Marines. The noncommissioned officer has been and still is the "first line leader" who exerts the greatest single leadership influence within their unit. This leader is the one to whom Marines turn to. This leader is the vital link between the commander and the Marine. This leader, the noncommissioned officer, is the one who gets the job done.

NCO Reporting

We are looking at the possibility of perhaps including NCOIC information, and a NCO section within MSG/BDE reports, etc. I hope it may actively encourage not only NCO reporting, but also encourage Units and Brigade's to assign, and work with a NCOIC. I would like to keep the singular NCO report form for the standalone NCO to report on their activities, should they wish, for which I am in the process of trying to put together report guidelines for... For the time being, those NCO's

wishing to send a report, I have copies of the current NCO report form, available in a Word Document, Text Format, and PDF.

I'll set a date of the 20th of each odd numbered month for individual NCO reports. I will stress, they are not compulsory, but if you do report it would help give me a much better idea of what the SFMC NCO's are up to. I am also happy to receive copies of any reports NCO's send to other Office's.

Warrant Officer Listserv

There has been much debate over the idea of a list for WO, (and those interested in the WO grade).

Yes, WO's, in our case, are effectively Senior, (high-ranking) NCO's, which is also the case in most countries. Although, I believe in the US those at the Chief Warrant Officer level are in fact commissioned officers. However, WO's are undoubtedly the least studied and least understood of the three main groups of military personnel. (NCO, WO, and Commissioned Officer).

The customs, privileges and courtesies afforded to those granted the WO grade vary from country to country. Although

the SFMC is primarily based on the USMC, they are new to the SFMC, and each member, be they from the UK like myself, Canada, like Clayton Hobbs, the US like Scott Grant, and many other countries that our members hail from, we all bring a new intake on the WO grade.

The idea behind the WO list is not just a specific group for all our new and future WO's, it is also a place where those interested in the WO grade can discuss this least understood section of our military. Yes, I'm sure you could argue that such a discussion could take place on the NCO list, as the WO is, in our case, considered an NCO, but taking in the whole picture they are a more specialized section of the NCO Corps. A separate list will allow those interesting solely in WO's to join a discussion group dedicated to this group of personnel.

No one has to join the new WO list, it is just an additional resource open to those interested. In time, I hope, both the NCO Corps, including our WO's, will grow, as will the memberships of both enlisted lists. There is no harm in expanding our resources available to members, and I hope it may increase the interest in the NCO Corps....

And with that said, I am pleased to say that WO-1 Terrence Seidel has set up a WO list for those wishing to join. To subscribe visit

http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/wo_sfmc/

Or, send a mail to wo_sfmc-subscribe@yahoo.com

I will be looking at an alternative host for this list, as Yahoo groups is not the most secure, but for now, the resource is available.

NCO Newsletter

I have spoken to a few Marine's about putting together an NCO newsletter, primarily with information of interest to the Enlisted member, details of NCO programs and resources available, etc.. Hopefully the newsletter will be of interest to both sides of the house, Fleet and Marine, Officer and NCO... Highlighting and promoting the NCO side of the coin. I have yet to work out the details, ie publication dates, content, even name... Therefore, if anyone has ideas, suggestions, or is interested in writing for this publication, please get in touch.

WHAT'S HOT WITH THE USS INFERNO?

CAPT Larry D. French • USS Inferno, R7



This is Brigadier K'moghJIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) again with news about what the infamous USS Inferno has been doing and is planning to do.

In February, we managed to have a meeting of nearly every active member. At the meeting was discussed all of our upcoming projects and events, including volunteering at/ participating in several charitable events, the camping trip, all of our upcoming conventions, and many other items. On 26 FEB, most of us attended a showing of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire at the cheap theatres in the South Hills. We had ten people show up, which is a far cry from our origins where on average only three people would attend a gathering.

In March, the USS INFERNO had a light fare of going bowling and putt-putt golf at Pittsburgh Mills mall. The INFERNO won one game and was totally destroyed by the ICV HEGHNACH in the other. Afterward, the Captain left, and the remaining crew played putt-putt golf in an indoor, glow-in-the-dark course. On March 11th -12th, we had eight crewmembers and one ICV HEGHNACH member participate in the Pittsburgh Toy Show (www.pittsburghtoyshow.com) at the Monroeville Expo Mart. A special photo-filled article will appear in CQ136.

The crew had a cookout/meeting on April 2nd, the XO conducted the Scouting For Food drive, and six members of the crew attended the Camp Dover Peace Conference with three members of the

ICV HEGHNACH while House Ki'RK had a dozen and a half in attendance. Everyone that went had a good time and none went away dissatisfied. It was the fifteenth annual conference, but unfortunately, it was their last conference. The conference organizer has decided to retire and pass the torch to the organizers of Maquis Gras.

We are planning another Camping Trip (Not an official Wilderness Challenge) for July 14-16 at Cooks Forest, PA. Anyone in STARFLEET is welcome to attend. Let the Captain or XO know if you are interested in attending.

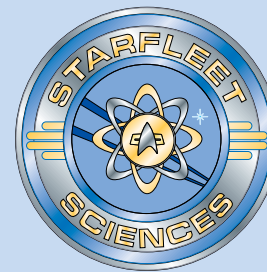
On July 29th - 30th, we are planning to do the Pittsburgh Toy Show at the Monroeville Expo Mart. Bill Dee Williams

(Lando) from Star Wars, Richard Kiel ("JAWS") from the James Bond films, and Vanessa Branch (Giselle from Pirates of the Caribbean, adult Naomi Wildman from ST: Voyager, episodes of Lost, and the Orbit Gum girl) will be the guest stars.

The USS Inferno's sister ships, the ICV Heghnach and RS Hecate will be attending the 11th Anniversary of Maquis Gras at the Hampton Inn of Valparaiso, Indiana. The guests will be Ethan Phillips (Neelix) and Chase Masterson (Leeta) on October 6th thru 8th. Check out <http://www.mavfiresword.com> for details. I hope to see a large contingent of Maquis and House Ki'RK there.

REGION ONE SCIENCES AT THE RISA SUMMIT

RADM Richard Heim • USS Alaric, R1
Director, FDC Sciences • R1 RDC Sciences



This year's Region One Summit was "A Weekend on Risa", convened at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton Hotel in Akron, Ohio. The Summit was held May 19-21, 2006, but I arrived a couple days early to explore this strange planet on my own. Some of my Vulcan associates had informed me that there were some interesting scientific facilities to examine, in spite of the planet's reputation for carnality, so I was looking forward to some fascinating adventures.

On Thursday, May 18, I took a shuttlecraft north to Cleveland and spent the entire day surrounded by fossils and bio-displays and astronautics and . . . children! The first facility I visited was the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, located at 1 Wade Oval Drive in University Circle. This science museum has displays for Federation visitors of all ages, from cadets to adults. Topics span many fields of science, from the solar system to spectroscopy, volcanism to glaciology, early human habitation to wildlife from many continents, and cave crystals, soil science, rocks and minerals. You can stand on one exhibit that simulates what an earthquake would feel like. They have dinosaurs (the fossilized variety), as well as live animals in the outdoor Wildlife Center and Woods Garden, including bobcats, river otters, hawks, eagles, and native plants of Ohio. In the lower level is a Natural History and Ecology section with plant, bird, insect, reptile, amphibian, and mammal displays unique to Ohio, as well as a Science Resource Center which contains abundant reference material for teachers. They also have classrooms where children are taught the wonders of science, and every classroom was full when I visited! The museum store offered merchandise for both children and adults. This is a wonderful museum with lots to see, and it was packed while I was there! Further information can be obtained online at:

<http://www.cmnh.org/>

Next I visited the Great Lakes Science Center at 601 Erieside Avenue. This science museum is geared for children, although adults can enjoy the exhibits as well. The first thing I saw when I entered the facility was a sea of children, gathered together and partaking of the noon tradition known as lunch! Since I was receiving signals from my own stomach as well, I headed directly for the Promenade Café. The Great Lakes Science Center has tons of interactive computer displays, including the Great Lakes Situation Room comprised of rows of computer stations where students can learn about a variety of science

phenomena ranging from astronomy to biology to weather and others. The Space Shuttle Landing Simulator and the MIDI exhibits were especially popular. I loved making electronic MIDI music using the laser harp and electronic drums, and so did lots of the kids! Principles of physics and electronics are taught with the interactive displays on energy vs. power (capacitors), Ohms Law, transformer, pedal (bicycle) generator, and Van de Graaff Generator. They have displays on technology, biotechnology, and genetic engineering. In the Great Lakes Climate Change section, I especially liked the Atmosphere Turbulent Orb, which is a huge globe you can spin to simulate the atmospheric eddies on earth (those mid-latitude cyclonic storms we call blizzards in the winter!). The Great Lakes Biodiversity, Ecosystem, and Pollution section educates children about acid rain, the greenhouse effect, and the 4 R's: Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, and Refuse. The Science Store offered merchandise primarily for children. More information can be found at:

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

The third stop on my away mission was the NASA Glenn Research Center next to the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on State Road 17 (Brookpark Road). Being a federal government organization, security was tight at this facility, and only U.S. citizens are allowed on the grounds. The Visitor Center was small compared to the other two science museums, but it was chock full of astronautic exhibits. A Vulcan would have a field day in this serious science center! There are discussions of the technology of aeronautics and space flight, of manned space exploration from Project Mercury to the Space Shuttle missions, and space probe exploration of the planets. The discussion of the Scientific Process and how NASA applies it to solve problems was especially well done. They have great displays on the solar system, interactive computer displays on the Space Shuttle and Exploring Limits in Microgravity, and an actual Moon rock retrieved during the Apollo 15 mission. And, of course, there is a section devoted to Ohio's own hero, John Glenn. The small gift shop has some excellent merchandise. More information can be found online at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/about/visitgrc.html>

On Friday morning I explored the shops of the Akron suburbs of Risa, expending a few credits here and there. On the way I determined to take a shortcut on Sand Run Parkway and discovered the

delightful Sand Run Metropolitan Park with its beautiful trees, hiking trails, and streams. By late afternoon, as STARFLEET personnel began to gather at the Summit, the crew of the Shuttle Armageddon and I engaged in a game of Seafarers of Catan, a wonderful game of commerce and exploration. The Opening Ceremonies and Kokimo Beach Party were fun. My Vulcan blood turned red with passion at the sight of a beautiful green Orion Slave Girl Friday night! Even though I can't dance, I enjoyed watching the dancers at both the Friday and Saturday evening festivities.

Saturday I put on my Vulcan ears and devoted myself to RDC work. At the General Session I gave a Region One Sciences report which included announcing the winners of the annual sciences awards. During 2005, as RDC Sciences I received Chief Science Officer reports from 8 ships, of which 5 CSOs qualified to receive the Albert Einstein Award for regular submissions:

Capt. Dennis Relyea, USS Alaric
Capt. Debbie Airtrip, USS Appomattox
FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade
CPO Karolyn Wojtowicz, USS Tycho
Lt.Cmdr. Cyndi jo Ashby, USS Wasp

The winners of the other two awards are nominated and voted upon by the region's CSOs. The winner of the Steven R. Hawking Award for original submission is:

Lt.Cmdr. Cyndi jo Ashby, USS Wasp

There were 4 nominees for the Galileo Award for Chief Science Officer of the Year (Adm. Willy Smith, USS Heimdal; Capt. Jeff Davis, USS Indiana; FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade; CPO Karolyn Wojtowicz, USS Tycho). The winner of this year's Galileo Award is:

FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade

Please join me in congratulating these fine officers! Additional information about Region One Sciences can be obtained by writing to: Region One Sciences, P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28805, emailing me at alaricrh@sprynet.com, or visiting our web site at:

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

In my capacity as R/1 Sciences RDC and USS Alaric Commanding Officer, I would like to mention these other awards announced during the General Session: the USS Tycho's Karolyn Wojtowicz (Special Sciences Program Award) and

the USS Alaric's Dennis Relyea (Alien Ambassador Corps Commendation). Although they weren't announced at the Summit, the following two Alaric members also received regional awards this month: Ensign Rachael Carlson (Region One Commendation) and Lt.jg. Nathan Brown (Region One Meritorious Service Award). And I was quite surprised at the General Session when I received the RDC of Excellence award for Regional Department Chief of the Year!

At the Sciences RDC panel Saturday afternoon, we had 12 participants. We went around the table introducing ourselves and our interests after I reviewed Region One Sciences administrative issues, and then we opened the panel to questions. Before we knew it, the hour was up. Thanks to Karen Berenberg for donating the door prize!

After my panel I was able to attend Emily Dockery's excellent character development writing panel and Janice Graham's fun Trek Trivia contest. At the trivia adventure, a mysterious woman I hadn't seen before struck up an enlightened conversation about the series of Vulcan Academy of Sciences Graduate Profile articles I had written for the CQ several years ago. I thought she was just a member who had read and enjoyed the articles, and we had a delightful discussion. Only later that evening during the auction did I realize who she actually was. The Risa Summit marked the first STARFLEET function that long time member Adm. Marlene Miller could attend, so a theme at the Summit was to guess who she was. As fate would have it, I was chosen to be the one to identify the mysterious Marlene. If only I could remember names and faces --- I couldn't remember what she looked like having seen her just a few hours before! But Marlene was eventually unveiled, and I thoroughly enjoyed her company!

There were two Alaric crewmembers at Risa, and in our twin Mirror Universe uniforms Saturday night we tried our best to bring an aura of sensuality to the Summit, but this is a family function, after all! I enjoyed the costume contest (especially the wonderful Wonder Woman!), and the panels, and the official activities, and the hotel was great. I only wish Summit attendance had been bigger.

Next year's Summit in Richmond, Virginia, will have a James Bond 007 theme. I'm looking forward to helping out with a gaming room and science activities. Until then, focus on the fun, and Live Long and Prosper!

"TELEPORTATION: THE IMPOSSIBLE LEAP"

A REVIEW OF THE BOOK BY DAVID DARLING

CMDR Michele Hart • ISS MacArthur, R2

Greetings, Federation Officers!

They said it was impossible...

Looks like teleportation may be a fact about the same time Archer would have taken the Enterprise off for adventure, mid-2100s.

Teleportation will work through the same miracle that will give us quantum computers a couple of decades down the road from now. It involves a process called ENTANGLEMENT. This is when two particles are created at the same time by the same source, are joined together by a jolt of electricity, and they ENTANGLE. When the particles are split up, no matter how far apart they are, millions of light-years apart, what happens to one also happens to the other. They are forever linked.

(Sounds like love to me!)

This means that we can entangle two particles, then separate them. One becomes the source for the information, the other its destination. And these two particles will continue to share information forever. Einstein called entanglement "spooky action at a distance".

The coolest part? We've learned how to take advantage of this amazing process already.

How will this equal teleportation? Well, this is how they think that it will work. And I'll explain in elaborate Feddy language.

The Enterprise will have a teleport station that contains storage tanks for matter and a dang strong quantum computer. The Away Team will step onto the teleport pad. The computer will take notes on their bodies, where every cell belongs and to whom. When the Go button is pushed, the teleport is going to break down the bodies of the Away Team, and put all that matter into a storage tank. The machine will then send the INFORMATION to the planet's teleport station, where matter from the destination tanks will be reassembled into the Away Team using the information sent.

Sounds both groovy and bizarre.

We are on the road to it now. We are already doing this with photons, and creating laser beam clones, which is creating a light particle and cloning it like a copy machine. Not much stands in the way of teleportation. Really, Dr. Darling says we'll need that quantum computer to hold such a massive amount of

information. The information of a human body will take a humongous amount of storage in a computer, since we have 1028th atoms in our bodies (that's a LOT of zeros), and we aren't there yet. Still, a quantum computer can handle that part, so it's just a matter of time before we build the machine that can make it happen. And we are making incredible strides every month.

And, sadly, it won't work exactly like ST. We'll NOT be able to travel to new worlds like this right off the bat. There will need to be a teleport station at the destination end of the trek. Shame. Do you remember the movie, The Fly? How about the Halloween episode of The Simpsons when Homer bought the teleport booths? Two teleport pods.

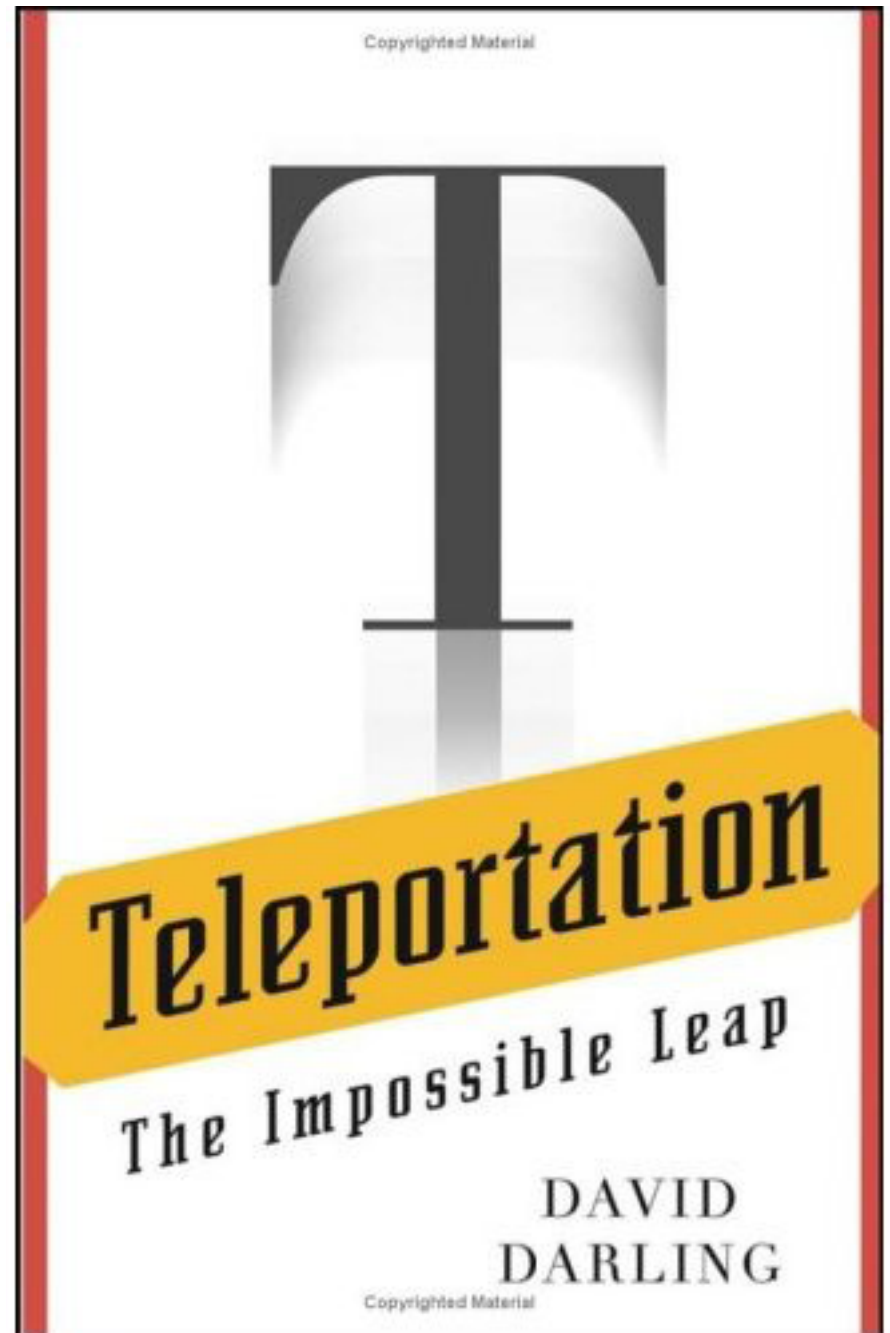
Another roadblock ... We've got to learn what the human soul is. That sounds more difficult than the information storage!

We may find that we can only send dead things, as in freight, stuff, and junk. No people, no living things. But that's not carved in asteroid yet. So far, the door's wide open to make teleportation a go. Our grandkids might be hopping all over this planet!

And there will be all kinds of new things, like, a felony charge for illegal interplanetary trafficking. Day trips to the moon! Sure would help our gas crisis!

It'll be a whole new world...

I haven't read a science book in the last ten years I loved like I enjoyed this one. No, that's not the impossible part. If you like science, but can't get a good grasp of physics, even though you want to, this book will be a dream come true for you. Dr. Darling explains it all so that a lot of people will understand. Where was he in MY physics classes? A gifted teacher, for sure. Go out and buy this book. You'll like it and learn more than you'd ever thought you could understand.



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S.F.M.C. Mecha Council
And MCAPT Paul Williams
Present

THE 1st ANNUAL STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL BATTLETECH/ MECHWARRIOR COMPETITION



Competition Rules

Participants must be a member in good standing of Starfleet International. Contest Begins January 1, 2006 and ends at the International Conference August 6, 2006.

Contestants are required to present proof of participation, through written and/or photographic communication, all submissions will be verified through the event organizer.

Contestants will build points from participating in various Sanctioned and non Sanctioned Battletech / Mechwarrior miniatures gaming. The top 3 contestants at the close of the Contest will win great prizes. Contestants are responsible for costs for shipping, taxes, and customs fees.

Points are awarded as follows:

General (non-tournament) Gaming -1 Point

Organize a Game -2 points

Participate in a Sanctioned Tournament -3 Points

Run a Starfleet Summit or IC Battletech/Mechwarrior Panel -4 Points

Place in the Top 3 at a Sanctioned Tournament -5 Points

Organize a Tournament or game at a Convention -10 Points

Additionally bonus points are awarded for recruiting new members -5 points.

Representing SFMC at Conventions and Sanctioned Battletech Events -5 Points.

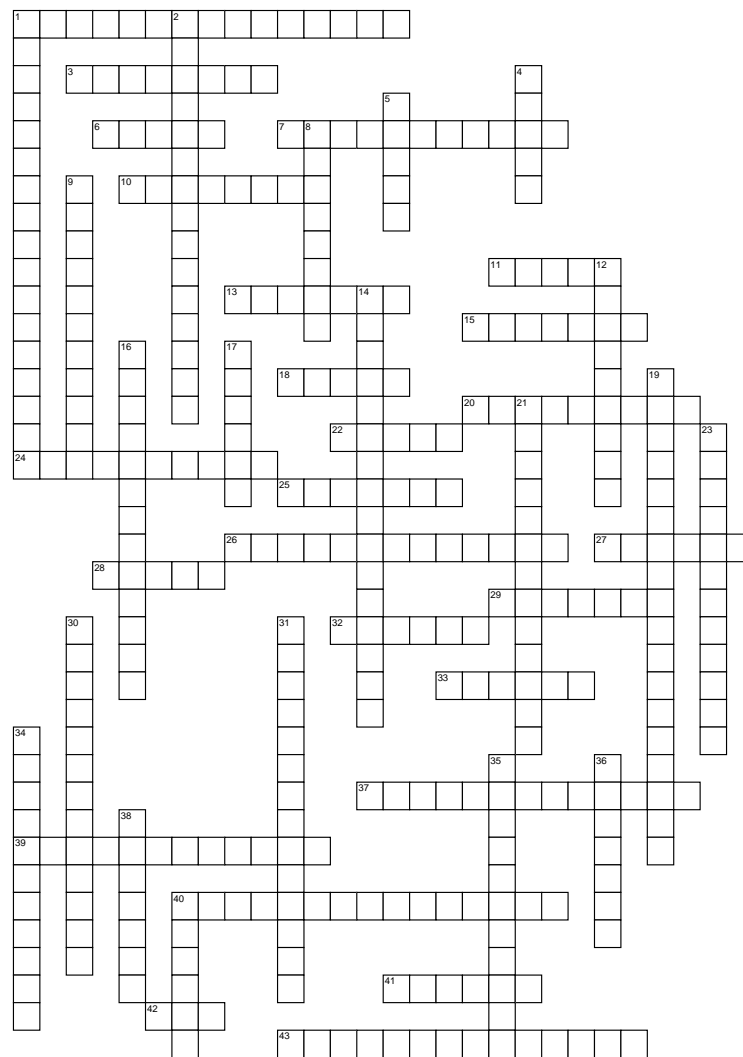
Sanctioned Events are events ran by the FanPro Commandos, or the MechWarrior Battlemasters demo teams

Sponsored by Wizkids Games, Troll and Toad Games, Hairy Tarantula Games, Paul Williams and Joe Dorffener Jr.



Voyager Actors List

Match the actor to their part/person



Darry Lewis Jennings

ACROSS

- 1 Starfleet Lieutenant who contacted Voyager in the Delta Quadrant
- 3 Robert Beltran
- 6 Romulan subcommander on the T'Met
- 7 Robert Duncan McNeill
- 10 Ensign Tabor(Maquis)
- 11 Created the Omega molecule in the Delta Quadrant
- 13 A long time Talaxian friend to Neelix
- 15 Member of the Maquis
- 18 Combined Neelix and Tuvok
- 20 Risan - Nyrian Operative
- 22 David Lee Smith
- 24 Samantha Wildman
- 25 Kurtwood Smith - Krenim Scientist
- 26 Genevieve Bujold
- 27 Sister to Neelix
- 28 Bobby Burns - From the Mari Homeworld
- 29 Arturis
- 32 Nancy Youngblut - Nyrian
- 33 A Talaxian Communications master
- 37 Naomi Wildman
- 39 Brooke Stephens
- 40 Admiral Bullock-species 8472
- 41 Ethan Phillips
- 42 Don McManus
- 43 Master of a Malon waste vessel

DOWN

- 1 B'Elanna Torres
- 2 John Rhys-Davies
- 4 Wayne PERÉ - From the Mari Homeworld
- 5 Sivani scientist
- 8 Garrett Wang
- 9 Engaged to marry Capt. Janeway
- 12 Ensign Brooks
- 14 Father of Tom Paris
- 16 CEO of Chronowex
- 17 Chuck Magnus - Ramuran national
- 19 Same clue as 39
- 21 Seska
- 23 Kes
- 30 Roxann Biggs
- 31 Kate Mulgrew
- 34 Annika Hansen
- 35 Jeri Ryan
- 36 Groundskeeper at Starfleet Academy
- 38 Tuvok
- 40 Jeanett Miller - From the Mari Homeworld



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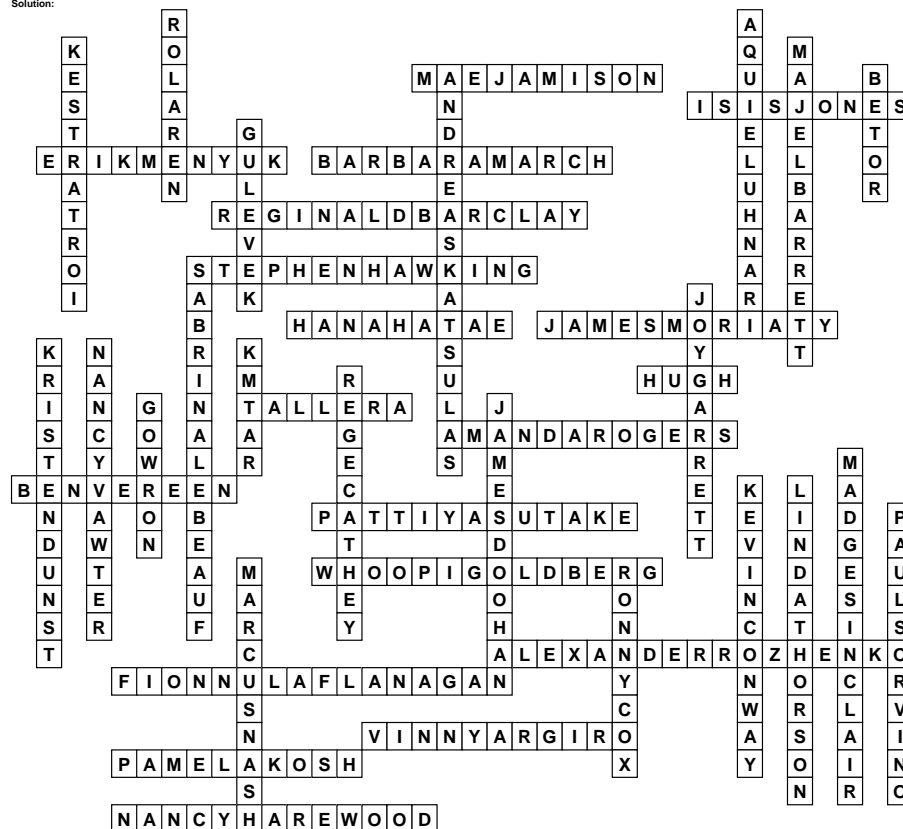


ISSUE 134 PUZZLE SOLUTION

Next Generation Actors List

Match the actor to their part in the show

Solution:



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: Colin Palin, Bailey J. Ketchum, Kevin Ellingson, Sal Lizard, Daniel Armstrong, Alisha Polkowsky, Ed Dravecky, RA Winans, David Kloempken, Aaron Murphy, Katie Rash, Chris Jones, David White, Karl Berkner, Chris Edmond, Toren Atkinson, Laura Inglis, Stacy Gonzales, Andy Wheeler, Rick Hernandez, David Cuatt, Kimm Antell, Joe Castro, Sharon Sullivan, and Joe Sakamoto

Alabama

Oct 22 Con*Stellation XXV, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.con-stellation.org/constell@con-stellation.org> Guests: David Drake, Stephen Hickman, Theresa Mather, Glen Cook

Arizona

Sep 1-4 CopperCon 26, Tempe, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/cu26@coppercon.org> Guests: Marc Zicree

Sep 23-24 Phoenix Cactus Comicon, Mesa, Arizona; Info: 401 E. Dunbar Dr #45, Tempe, AZ 85282 Ph: 602-697-4007 <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/matt@phoenixcomicon.com> Guests: Terry Austin, Josh Blaylock, Bret Blevins, Johnny Yong Bosch, Mike Bullock, Amanda Conner, Shannon Denton, Ron Garney, Justin Gray, Raven Gregory, M. Alice LeGrow, Marat Mychaels, Jimmy Palmiotti, Brian Pulido, Steve Rude, Billy Tan

Oct 13-15 Hexacon 16, Tempe, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 Ph: 623-773-1816 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/hex16@hexacon.org>

California

Aug 2-4 Summer ConQuest, Burbank, California; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-389-3433 <http://www.avalongamecon.com/nwindex.html>

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Aug 4-6 Costume College, Van Nuys, California; Info: 2148 S. Fremont Ave. Box 24, Alhambra, CA 91803 <http://www.costumecollege.org/cocoregistrar@aol.com>

Aug 4-6 Anime Overdose, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 64267, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-4267 <http://www.animeod.com/matthew.clark@sync-ent.com>

Aug 23-27 L.A.con IV (The 64th World Science Fiction Convention), Anaheim, California; Info: c/o S.C.I.F.I., Inc., PO Box 8442, Van Nuys CA 91409 <http://www.laconiv.com/info@laconiv.org> Guests: Connie Willis, James Gurney, Howard DeVore, Frankie Thomas

Aug 26 San Jose Super Toy Show, San Jose, California; Info: 532 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128 Ph: 408-298-1709 <http://www.timetunneltoys.com/toyshow.html> ttunnel@concentric.net

Aug 26-27 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Sep 1-4 ConQuest SF, Burlingame, California; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-389-3433 <http://www.avalongamecon.com/avindex.html>

Sep 8-10 Creation, Sacramento, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Sep 29-Oct 1 Conjecture 5, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 927388, San Diego, CA 92192-7388 <http://www.conjecture.org/Guests:HollyLisle>

Oct 6-8 SiliCon 2006, San Jose, California; Info: 1009 E. Capitol Expressway #415, San Jose, California 95121-2415 <http://siliconventions.com/info@siliconventions.com>

Oct 13-15 Be Scared, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 742, Ashland, OR 97520 Ph: 724-456-2407 <http://www.boosterevents.com/info@boosterevents.com>

Oct 14-15 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Colorado

Oct 6-8 Nan Desu Kan, Denver, Colorado; Info: 1552 Monroe St, Denver CO, 80206-1850 <http://www.ndkdenver.org/ndkreg@gmail.com>

Oct 27-29 MileHiCon 38, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/lindanel@ix.netcom.com> Guests: Judith Reeves-Stevens, Garfield Reeves-Stevens, Mark Ferrari

Delaware

Oct 6-8 Intercon Mid-Atlantic, New Castle, Delaware; Info: 809 Bayridge Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 <http://www.larpaweb.org/intercon/stephanie@vialarp.org>

Florida

Oct 21-23 Bardcon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 66319, Newport, MI 48166 <http://www.bardcon.org/storybyrd@cfl.rr.com>

Oct 27-29 Necronomicon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://stonehill.org/necro.htm> RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Guests: Verner Vinge, Harry Turtledove Benefits: Kids & Canines

Georgia

Sep 1-4 Dragon*Con, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/dragoncon@dragoncon.org>

Sep 22-24 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/info@awa-con.com> Guests: Luci Christian, Lauren Goodnight, Sasha Paysinger, Monica Rial, Amy Howard Wilson, Carl Gustav Horn, Neil Nadelman, David Williams

Idaho

Aug 4-6 Fandemonium, Nampa, Idaho; Info: PO Box 701, Middleton, ID 83644 Ph: 208-284-3858 <http://www.fandemonium.org/borneo@fandemonium.org> Guests: Aaron Leach, Dave Britton, Reed Hawker, Lucas Hutson, Brian Fullmer, Alex Thatcher

Illinois

Aug 3-6 Wizard World Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/chicago.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

Aug 11-13 Vividcon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 1624 E. Virginia, Stillwater OK 74075 <http://www.vividcon.com/llama.lucy@gmail.com>

Aug 25-27 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Sep 8-10 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Sep 24 Toy Con, Bridgeview, Illinois; Info: 14437 South Campbell Ave., Posen IL. 60469 Ph: 708-363-3612 <http://toycontoyshow.homestead.com/>

Sep 29-Oct 1 FlatCon, Bloomington, Illinois; Info: PO Box 109, Minier, IL 61759-0109 <http://www.flatcon.com/flatcon@flatcon.com>

Oct 5-8 Archon 30, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 636-326-3026 <http://www.archonstl.org/info@archonstl.org> Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Romas Kukalis, Billy West, Hex Games, Jan Howard, Robin Wayne Bailey, Vic Milán

Indiana

Aug 10-13 Gen Con Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave Suite #100, Seattle, WA, 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencon.com/events@gencon.com>

Iowa

Aug 4-6 Anime Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: 308 E. Burlington St. PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 <http://www.animeiowa.com/info@animeiowa.com> Guests: Stephen Bennet, Rob Mungle, Lea Hernandez, Kyle Hebert, Carrie Savage

Oct 13-15 Icon 31, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: 308 E. Burlington St. PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 Ph: 319-337-9098 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/icon@mindbridge.org> Guests: C.S. Friedman, Larry Price

Kentucky

Aug 11-13 ConGlomeration, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 32095, Louisville, KY. 40232-2095 <http://www.conglomeration.org/cochair@conglomeration.org>

Maryland

Aug 4-6 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 3470 Olney Laytonsville Rd #165, Olney MD, 20832 <http://www.otakon.com/info@otakon.com>

Aug 11-13 Horrorfind Weekend, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 9722 Groffs Mill Drive, #109, Owings Mills Maryland 21117 <http://www.horrorfindweekend.com/convention@horrorfind.com>

CONVENTION LISTINGS

Sep 14-17 Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Aberdeen, Maryland; Info: PO Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 <http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com/mmargrajr@hotmail.com> Guests: Barry Morse, Marta Kristen, David Hedison, Conrad Brooks, Kenny Miller, Ed Hulse, Terry Salomonson, J.C. Henderson, Charlie Summers, Jack French, Michael Hayde, Gregory William Mank, Martin Grams Jr, Jim Cox

Oct 7 Gaithersburg Antique & Collectible Extravaganza, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Info: PO Box 2026, Gaithersburg, MD 20886 Ph: 301-216-0876 <http://www.johnsonshows.com/ljohnsonshows@aol.com>

Oct 20-22 Capclave, Silver Spring, Maryland; Info: 7113 Wayne Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-1734 <http://www.capclave.org/info@capclave.org>

Massachusetts

Oct 6-8 Wizard World Boston, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/boston.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

Oct 7-15 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 436, Belmont, MA 02478 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/vparadise@gmail.com> Guests: Debra Doyle, Laura J. Mixon, James D. Macdonald, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Steven Gould

Michigan

Aug 20 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>

Sep 17 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>

Oct 6-8 Conclave 31, Romulus, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/conclave@conclavesf.org> Guests: Catherine Asaro, Voltaire, Emerald Rose, Rene Gobeyn, Carol Gobeyn

Minnesota

Aug 11-13 Diversicon 14, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://www.diversicon.org/info@diversicon.org> Guests: Kelly Link, Bryan Thao

Sep 29-Oct 1 Arcana 36, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/>

rekal/ EHeideman@dhzone.com Guests: David G. Hartwell

Nevada

Aug 17-20 Creation, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

New Jersey

Aug 19-20 Super Mega Show, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 453, Oradell, NJ 07649 Ph: 201-261-4982 <http://www.supermegashow.com/heroes@optonline.net>

Aug 25-26 New Jersey/New York Entertainment Card Show, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: 623 Eagle Rock Ave #337, West Orange, NJ 07052 Ph: 201-207-0583 http://www.deescards1.com/convention_info.htm deescards1@yahoo.com

Sep 26-Oct 1 Creation, Secaucus, New Jersey; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Oct 6-7 Philly Non-Sport Card Show, Mount Laurel, New Jersey; Info: 10220 Calera Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 Ph: 215-637-5744 <http://www.reightersshows.com/frank@reightersshows.com>

Oct 20-22 Ubercon VIII, Meadowlands, New Jersey; Info: 14924 Bushy Park Road, Woodbine, MD 21797 Ph: 866-UBERCON <http://www.ubercon.com/kevin@ubercon.com> Guests: Michael A. Stackpole, Bernie Hou, Bryan J. Prindiville, Chris Moreno, CJ Henderson, Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Erica Henderson, Jason Porcino, Jennie Breeden, Keith R. A. DeCandido, Lee Cherolis, Onezumi, Patrick Thomas, Pete Abrams, Phil Kahn, Radbu, Rich Burlew, Rob Balder, Rob Granito, T Campbell, Thousand Hats Productions

New Mexico

Aug 18-20 Bubonicon 38, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://bubonicon.home.att.net/bubonicon@att.net> Guests: Ben Bova

New York

Sep 16-17 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>

Oct 6-8 Albacon, Albany, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/registration@albacon.org> Guests: Peter David, Omar Rayyan

Oct 6-8 Council of Five Nations 29, Albany, New York; Info: 1700 Western Ave. #512, Albany, NY, 12203 Ph: 518-464-1977 <http://www.swa-gaming.org/dave@swa-gaming.org>

North Carolina

Aug 13 Charlotte ComiCon, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: 206 Main Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715 Ph: 803-547-3995 <http://davescomicsonline.com/Scripts/coninfo.asp> dave@davescomicsonline.com

North Dakota

Oct 13-15 ValleyCon 32, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 Ph: 701-232-8722 <http://www.valleycon.com/conchairs@valleycon.com> Guests: William Shatner, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood, Janny Wurtz, Don Maitz, Rowena Benefits: Children's Hospital at MeritCare; YWCA; Big Brother Big Sister; Literacy Coalition; Recording for Blind & Dyslexic

Ohio

Aug 3-6 Pulpcon 35, Dayton, Ohio; Info: PO Box 90424, Dayton, OH 45490-0424 <http://www.pulpcon.org/mary@pulpcon.org>

Sep 28-Oct 1 Buckeye Game Fest VII, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 340491, Columbus, OH 43234 <http://www.buckeyegamefest.org/buckeyegamefest.htm>

Oct 6-8 Context 18, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-868-8366 <http://www.contextsf.org/contextsf@yahoo.com> Guests: Maureen McHugh, Tim Waggoner

Oct 6-8 Cinema Wasteland, Strongsville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/zombies@cinemawasteland.com> Guests: Betsy Palmer

Oct 20-22 Ohio Valley Filk Fest 22, Dublin, Ohio; Info: 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-4913 <http://www.ovff.org/ovff@ovff.org>

Oklahoma

Aug 4-7 Mythcon XXXVII, Norman, Oklahoma; Info: PO Box 320486, San Francisco, CA 94132-0486 Ph: 405-325-1918 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon37.html> jbcroft@ou.edu Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Amy H. Sturgis

Oregon

Sep 2-4 Kumoricon, Portland, Oregon; Info: 960 Anderson Ln #1, Springfield, OR 97477 <http://www.kumoricon.org/>

Pennsylvania

Aug 4-6 STARFLEET International Conference 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 801-B Anderson Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. <http://www.ic2006.org/registration@ic2006.org>

Oct 28 Zenkaikon, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Info: 301 Heights Lane, 41 F, Feasterville, PA 19053 <http://www.zenkaikon.com/zenkaikon@gmail.com>

Tennessee

Sep 1-3 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 190512, Saint Louis, MO 63119-6512 <http://www.mephitfurmeet.org/> Guests: Jodi Tong

Oct 6-8 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee; Info: 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659 Ph: 423-753-2171 <http://www.storytellingfestival.net/info@storytellingcenter.net>

Oct 27-29 HallowCon, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 395 Stancil Rd., Rossville, GA 30741 <http://www.hallowcon.com/hallowcon@vei.net>

Texas

Aug 11-13 Armadillocon 28, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-6259 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/dillochair@armadillocon.org> Guests: Julie Czerneda, Diana Gill, Grant Kruger, Esther Friesner, James P. Hogan

Sep 1-4 AnimeFEST, Dallas, Texas; Info: 1631 Dorchester Dr, Suite 110, Plano, TX 75075 Ph: 972-569-8995 <http://www.AnimeFEST.org> info@animefest.org

Sep 22-24 FenCon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Info: PO Box 560576, The Colony, TX 75056-0576 <http://www.fencon.org/info@fencon.org> Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Heather Alexander, Judith Ward, Jim Butcher, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Leslie Fish, Rachel Caine

Oct 28-29 Dallas Comic Con, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 292066, Lewisville TX 75029 Ph: 972-420-8639 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/ben@hollywoodexpo.com>

Utah

Sep 22-24 Mountain-Con II, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: 3972 West 2550 South, Taylor, UT, 84401-9007 <http://www.mountaincon.org/info@mountaincon.org> Guests: Walter Koenig, Richard Hatch

Washington

Aug 25-27 Penny Arcade Expo, Bellevue, Washington; Info: 12317 15th Avenue NE, Suite 108, Seattle, WA 98125 <http://www.penny-arcade.com/pax/mikef@penny-arcade.com>

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Aug 25-27 Dragonflight, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/>

Sep 8-10 PlanetXpo, Seattle, Washington; Info: 27499 Riverview Center Blvd, Bonita Springs FL 34134 Ph: 239-498-7821 <http://www.planetxpo.com/> info@planetxpo.com Guests: Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Grace Lee Whitney, Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis, Tim Russ, Alan Ruck, Buzz Aldrin, Alan Bean, Greg Bear, David Brin, Tracy Torme, Rod Roddenberry, Lawrence Krauss, Majel Roddenberry, Michael David Ward, Marc B. Lee

Sep 22-24 Foolscap VIII, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461 <http://www.foolscapcon.org/> chair@foolscapcon.org

Oct 13-14 Sci-Fan Show, Lynnwood, Washington; Info: 19332 60th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Ph: 425-670-0454 <http://www.galaxyhobby.com/scifan.htm> info@galaxyhobby.com

Oct 13-15 Anglicon, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA. 98125 Ph: 206-789-BRIT <http://www.anglicon.com/> AngliconInfo@yahoo.com

Wisconsin

Aug 25-27 JVL-Con VIII, Janesville, Wisconsin; Info: 1316 Monterey Lane, Janesville, WI. 53545 Ph: 608-305-5525 <http://www.si-fi-nut.com/jvl-con.html> JVLCON@aol.com

Australia

Victoria

Aug 4-6 Continuum 4, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: GPO Box 603, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia <http://www.continuum.org.au/> info@continuum.org.au Guests: Shaun Tan

Sep 24 2006: A Melbourne Odyssey, 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: Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood

Canada

British Columbia

Sep 25-27 H.P. Lovecraft's Birthday Party, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 302-1015 West 13th Ave Vancouver BC V6H 1N1 Canada <http://www.vancouvergamingguild.com> thickets@uniserve.com

Oct 6-8 V Con 31, Burnaby, British Columbia; Info: #209-2166 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6K 2A4, Canada <http://www.v-con.ca/> Guests: Barbara Hambly, Lynne Taylor Fahnestalk, Randy McCharles

Oct 17-22 Vancouver International Writers Festival, Granville Island, British Columbia; Info: 202-1398 Cartwright St, Vancouver BC, V6H 4B7 Ph: 604-681-6330 <http://www.writersfest.bc.ca/> viwf@writersfest.bc.ca

Quebec

Oct 13-15 Con*Cept, Montreal, Quebec; Info: Box 196, Ste. Julie, QC, J3E1X6 <http://www.conceptsf.ca/> conceptsff@conceptsf.ca Guests: Steve Bacic

Finland

Aug 18-20 Finncon, Helsinki, ; Info: Taimistontie 4 b A 4, 00380 Helsinki, Finland <http://www.finncon.org/> info@finncon.org Guests: Justina Robson, Jeff VanderMeer, Risto Isomäki

Germany

Oct 6-8 Galileo7, Düsseldorf, ; Info: c/o Broadcast IT Services GmbH, Am Knill 6, D-22147 Hamburg Ph: +49 40 64892306 <http://www.galileo7.de/> info@galileo7.de Guests: Marc Alaimo, Jeffrey Combs, Casey Biggs, Vaughn Armstrong, Richard Herd, Ron B. Moore, Steve Rankin, William Jones, Robert O'Reilly, JG Hertzler

United Kingdom

England

Aug 7-13 Gatecon, Cheltenham, England; Info: Meadows, Aggs Lane, Gotherington, Cheltenham, Glos., GL52 9EU Ph: +44 870 811 2084 <http://www.gatecon.com/> kathryn.rogers@gatecon.com Guests: Colin Cunningham, Teryl Rothery, Corin Nemec, Steve Bacic, Rainbow Sun Francks, Thomasina Gibson

Aug 13-14 Memorabilia, Birmingham, England; Info: Unit 3, Jephson Court, Tancred Close, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 3RZ, ENGLAND Ph: +44 0870 2248615 <http://www.memorabilia.co.uk/> lee.guest@memorabilia.co.uk

Aug 18-21 Discworld Convention 2006, Hinckley, England; Info: PO Box 102, Royston, Herts., SG8 7ZJ, UK Ph: +44 (0) 7092 394940 <http://www.dwcon.org/> info@dwcon.org Guests: Terry Pratchett, Stephen Briggs, Bernard Pearson, Trevor Truran, Colin Smythe, Ian Stewart, Jack Cohen, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood, David Langford, Lionel Fanthorpe

Aug 25-27 Robin of Sherwood Legend 2006, Nottinghamshire, England; Info: 41 Roseheath, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2NG, UK <http://www.roslegend.co.uk> roslegend@ntlworld.com

Sep 1-3 Festival of Fantastic Films, Manchester, England; Info: 95 Meadowgate Road, Salford, Manchester M6 8EN, England Ph: +44 (0)161 707-3747 <http://www.fantastic-films.com/festival/>

fantastic-films.com/festival/ Gil@manchesterfantasticfilms.co.uk

Sep 8-10 Reunion 4, Leicester, England; Info: Flat 3 Blighwood, 57 Surrey Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 1HF, England Ph: +44 070 9281 2101 <http://www.sfball.com/> info@sfball.com Guests: Richard Arnold Benefits: Rainbow's Childrens Hospice, Loughborough

Sep 22-24 Dimension Jump 13, Peterborough, England; Info: PO Box 35, Hitchin, SG4 9XZ, United Kingdom http://www.reddwarffanclub.com/dimension_jump.asp dj@reddwarffanclub.com

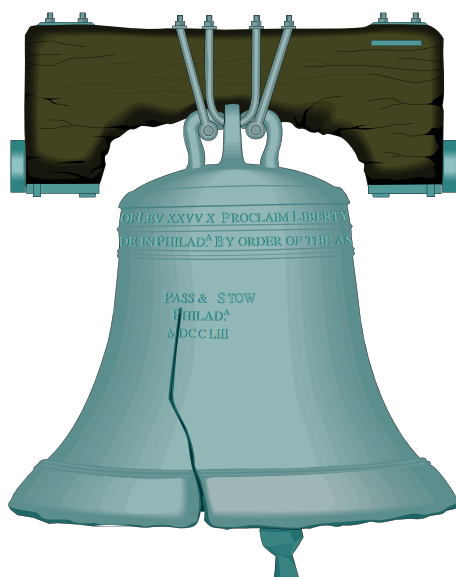
Oct 20-23 Cult TV, Norfolk, England; Info: PO Box 1701, Wolverhampton, WV4 4WT, United Kingdom Ph: +44 01733-205009 <http://www.cult.tv> festival@cult.tv Guests: Antonio Fargas, John Schuck, Elisabeth Sladen, Jean Marsh, Richard Wilson, Terry Carter, Herb Jefferson Jr, Ronald B Moore, Stefan Arnglim, Terry Molloy, Brian Croucher, Johnny Byrne, Mike Trim, John Ainsworth, Jim Mortimore Benefits: Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders)

Northern Ireland

Aug 4-6 Mecon, Belfast, Northern Ireland; Info: 99 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6SP <http://www.mecon.org.uk/> meconbelfast@yahoo.co.uk Guests: Diane Duane, Ian McDonald, Peter Morwood, Ian Watson

Wales

Aug 13 PM2006, Portmeirion, Wales; Info: "Number Six" Windmill Walk, Sutton, ELY, Cambs, CB6 2NH, England <http://www.theunmutual.co.uk/> info@theunmutual.co.uk Guests: Jane Mellow, Robert Fairclough Benefits: Hope House Children's Hospices



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Region One

USS Pride of Scotland

Held thunder party for Thunder over Louisville, the kick off of the Kentucky Derby Season. Donated goods to Good Will and "Gods Kitchen" Soup kitchen charity. Assisting R1 Summit behind the scenes with donations of goods for auction, and other support. Working on launching a 3rd Shuttle. Working on Commissioning our first shuttle. The Schultz Cadets are both active in extracurricular activities. Nate has begun martial arts training in karate, and Heidi is advancing in her gymnastics training. She is very excited that they moved her up to train with the "big girls" - she's a natural! Adriane has been the busiest out of the household this past month, however. First, she donated 14 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. She loves her new do, and I'm sure someone else will be loving the wig that they make from her donation just as much. Adriane also volunteered her time during the Great Steamboat Race, working with children in a craft demo and workshop for the Louisville Center For the Arts. And to top it all off, she was awarded the blue ribbon for her entry in the Iroquois Mayfair's first annual baking competition. The proceeds from the sale of her cake benefited the Little Loomhouse Foundation in Louisville. All that while 6 months pregnant! Karen Berenberg delivered the Sunday Service and gave a panel on Morale at the R1 Summit. The POS' MSG, the 198th won Unit of the Year for the second year in a row in the 1st Brigade Valor Awards. The Sword of Scotland's own OIC, Tony Lopes won Leader of the Year in the 1st Brigade Valor Awards. The POS' First Shuttle commissioned at R1 Summit, now is USS Armageddon. Launched third Shuttle, Shuttle Mars shortly after R1 Summit. Hosted party at R1 Summit had attendees from all over R1 including Acting VCS and ShOC Chief. Invented new drink with the help of Alien Actor Bill Blair, called Alien Ale, nice flavor, should ask us about one next time you visit the POS. Preparing to visit USS Reprisal in June. Preparing to Visit Region 18 in the beginning of June.

USS Gallifrey

Members attended the VULKON Science Fiction Convention and volunteered to work duty shifts at the STARFLEET Recruiting Table during the entire weekend. Members of the Gallifrey ran the table and oversaw the recruiting efforts. Many of the crew of the Gallifrey

also won ribbons and trophies for their art work in the VULKON Art Competition and Show. The Gallifrey crew began working with a professional model designer and builder on a project to build the model of the U.S.S. Gallifrey, to be completed hopefully by next year before VULKON.

USS Star League

Finished review of Ship Operations manual-revisions to be made and new manuals issued. Away mission by 4 crew members to Kennedy Space Center for Star League's 15th commissioning anniversary.

USS Jurassic

Several members are preparing to attend the Region One Summit in Akron, OH in May. The ship is also preparing to work with the annual Field Day Amateur Radio activities coming in June at the CO's home.

USS Jamestown

Col Michael Romero and Cpl Ashley Herron were married at the Fort Monroe Chapel on April 22nd. Away Teams attended the IKV Bat'Leth's meeting and March of Dimes Walk America. Processed and shipped its latest shipment of coupons to its overseas base Schweinurt, Germany. At 12 Noon James Winsley successfully completed his solo flight in a Cessna C-172 at the Daytona Beach Airport, Daytona Beach, FL. Away Team to the Starship Farragut fan created Star Trek Episode film shot. USS Jamestown and IKV Bat'Leth members portrayed original series Klingons.

USS Rutledge

Fiction writing continues. CO Mandi Livingston gave birth to a baby girl on 4/19/06 - Kaitlyn Marie Livingston.

USS LaGrange

Great fun at Region One Summit; shuttle Cuyahoga ready for Memorial Day Parade. Article about it and Lagrange to be printed in Stow Sentry newspaper.

USS Armageddon

We have started the Marine's 110th MSG unit for Indiana. We had our May meeting with a cook-out and gaming.

USS Heimdal

Meeting was "Outer Starship Hull Inspection!" 11 members gathered at Security Chief Carl Davis' home for the event. Carl has a professional rock climbing wall & members climbed the wall wearing helmets & harnesses

(outer hull inspection) while those who did not wish to climb, "beamed down to the planet" to locate materials to patch the hull. This consisted of going into the woods & locating articles hidden there using a GPS locator system & latitude / longitude directions given to us by Carl. Everyone had a wonderful time. Following refreshments, a brief meeting was held. Planning picnic / swimming meeting for June. Lining up excellent guest speaker for Sept. Committee working on Annual Crew Auction for Aug. Four members attended the R/1 Summit in Akron, OH. Chapter received a unit award for exceptional service. Received Thank You notes from Salvation Army for chapter donations in response to call for help from SA to support the Food Pantry during a difficult several months.

USS Ronald E. McNair

We added five new members to our roster. First Annual McNair Fun Trek held, USS Starleague joined us and their Ass't CMO won the mini golf trophy. McNair members went on an away mission to a Housefilk.

USS Columbus

Planned for and attended MARCON. Voted to fund table at UN festival in November. Welcomed two new chapter members. Collected signatures on a get-well banner presented to Eugene Roddenberry for his mother, Majel Barrett. Also collected signatures on a banner for US troops stationed abroad.

USS Arizona

Leaving for 2nd year of "Hot Rod Power Tour on Sunday 5/28. It starts on 6/3 in Kissimmee and ends June 10 in Elizabethtown, NJ.

USS Ohio

Members went to Free Comic Day at a local comic shop. Four members (three for the first time) went to the Region One Summit. We all had a great time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. We went to see the movie "X-Men 3" then went to an Akron Aeros (Cleveland Indians AAA team) baseball game, which was also attended by members of the USS Lagrange and a local Klingon ship. Unfortunately they lost.

USS Dragon's Fury

Members of the Dragons Fury (formerly Hells Fury) attended Region One Summit in Ohio, where the USS Hells Fury became the USS Dragons Fury.

On 4 May 2006, LtJG Christine Anderson and MAJ Scott Anderson went to Washington D.C. for the National Day of prayer along with some of their Church family and friends, there we enjoyed the Smithsonian Institutes various museums as well as the Capitol Building, Library of Congress, Supreme Court and various memorials throughout the area. PO3 Nicholson challenged the Klingon, Bill Blair, to personal combat and was subsequently invited to join a Klingon House in Columbus Ohio, more details as they come in. Also at the Region 1 Summit PO3 James Nicholson has made a decision to join the SFMC and so from this point on will be known by the rank of Corporal. LTJG Christine Anderson and MAJ Scott Anderson also went on an away mission to the holosuites and saw the movie X-Men: The Last Stand on the 26th of May.

Region Two

USS Hephaestus

The Spring Cookout was a huge success! One of our best crowds ever, and the Texas Hold'em Fundraiser was a smashing success, as we raised \$100 for the chapter treasury. The chapter elected RAdm Danny Potts as Commanding Officer in the month of April. Danny's first official task was to appoint Captain Pat Hicks to the position of First Officer.

USS Gasparilla

Attended the Tampa Bay Renaissance Festival. Met Alvin Dozier, Shuttle Andromeda CO, working there.

USS Odyssey

Walk for life with Zone 4 Mississippi ships earned \$130.00. Planning for shore leave with fellow Mississippi chapters.

USS Haise

Crew completed several painting projects for Community Stewpot Teen Center. Preparations are underway to assist the local planetarium with Space Day. Crew spent a fun afternoon playing Glow Golf at the mall. Some crew members will travel to Hattiesburg to assist the USS Dark Phoenix with their commitment at the Walk for Life. Crew members traveled to Hattiesburg to assist the USS Dark Phoenix with their participation in the American Cancer Society's Walk for Life. Nine crewmembers trekked to the Rainwater Observatory at French Camp Academy for a night of stargazing and "camping out" on site. We saw very clearly Saturn

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and its rings as well as Jupiter and four of its moons, among other celestial sights. We had a great time around the campfire with fellowship, indepth discussion of the ship/region/SFI for those that were not familiar with the other levels of SFI and what they do, hotdogs, s'mores and lots more food. The ship made a financial contribution to the observatory's building fund. A number of the crew attended the movies "The DaVinci Code" and "X-Men" together. Planning continues for Space Day in July and some other fun activities in June.

USS Relentless

Adopt-A-Road drive scheduled, Design for USS Relentless Banner finalized. Added recruiting too Spotlight Magazine & Local Community Corkboard in Hometown News. Added TV/Radio to recruiting efforts.

USS Jubilee

Participated in Montgomery Arthritis walk with USS New Hope.

USS New Hope

Several meetings took place during the month of May, as well as our main meeting on May 25 to discuss new t-shirts for both the marines and the ship side. Had a guest at the meeting that was in STARFLEET some 20 years ago and has moved to the area. Gaming was talked about and a new game produced by Michael Alpert was shown and many members will be contributing to this new project.

USS Guardian

Crewmembers started planning a trip to Las Vegas early next year to visit the Star Trek Experience. Chapter website (www.ussguardian.com) has been re-activated. Activity was going to see the latest X-Men movie (X-Men: The Last Stand).

USS Paegan

We had 19 people attend our monthly meeting, our best showing in recent memory.

Region Three

USS Regulator

Finalizing TOS Uniforms for 40th Anniversary TOS Celebration at Summit in June. Trying to keep fun things going along with business. Several members of the Regulator attended Region 3 Zoo Trip.

SS Maverick

The Maverick had an away team mission to a local winery for the tour and tasting. We served pre-Easter dinner at our station's charity, the Ronald McDonald House. The best thing that happened this month, though, was the return from Iraq of one of our members, Starfleet LTJG Brian Franks. This was his 3 tour overseas with the Naval Reserves. We had our very first ever Anniversary Dinner followed by champagne, awards, and promotions! One of our members graduated from high school this month and will go on to the college level, another of our members attended field training (basic training) for the Air Force, and still another competed for state honors in choir.

USS Bexar

'The Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure' in San Antonio was held on April 1, 2006. We are especially committed to help this foundation because two crewmembers lost their wives to breast cancer and a family member of a member is a cancer survivor. We continue to collect stuffed animals for the EMS Trauma Buddy program.

USS Trinity River

Game Day April 4th and great success. On April 8 and 15 members of the group got together to help put badges together for the April Dallas Comicon. Attending the Midnight movie of Young Frankenstein at the Dallas Inwood theater after an enjoyable supper at Bennigans. Members attended Region Three Zoo day. Members volunteered for the Dallas Comicon held April 29th and 30th. Making plans to attend the summit.

USS Lone Star

Guest speaker from Lubbock Chamber of Commerce on topic of be a tourist in your own backyard at local meeting. Visited two local museums and planetarium. Hosted Easter egg hunt and party for children at local victims of domestic violence shelter. Later in the day helped with Easter games for residents of four group homes.

USS Victory

Regular chapter meeting on May 12. Participated in KEDT alive TV auction May 13 in Corpus Christi by answering phones. Chapter held anniversary party on May 28. Vice Commander, STARFLEET in attendance. Past and present Victory leadership toasted ten years of the chapter's successes and existence.

USS Joan of Arc

We had two meetings to complete & participate in the Local PBS teleauction for the 12th year in row to raise operating funds for KEDT. Two members collected & donated 3.5 pounds of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald house, this years charity. At the second meeting, we celebrated four birthdays with cake and cards; and finally had an away mission to San Antonio to help the USS Victory celebrate it's 10th anniversary.

Region Four

USS Stormbringer

Chapter was well represented at StarFest 2006, with members coming in from California, Arizona, Utah and across Colorado. Chapter also held a recruitment party at StarFest 2006 that netted us 2 new members to STARFLEET and a keg of Guinness. We promoted the Guinness. Chapter participated in OPUScon in May helping to run the horror and film rooms. Members donated the use of two projectors from Stormbringer Films for the "Dusk Til Dawn Horrorthon". Two new members were recruited for the chapter at this event. Chapter's film unit, Stormbringer Films, began production of its next feature titled "Red Shirt Diaries". The CO went to the annual JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) open house that is held every May at the Caltech campus in Pasadena, CA. He hung out with a few of the local Angeles crewmembers. We saw a full scale replica of the Cassini Satellite, many booths on the latest technology, and even the DSN (Deep Space Network) control center, where they are currently monitoring all the deployed robots and satellites, including the Spirit and Opportunity rovers. This event was, and always has been, free and open to the public.

USS PeaceKeeper

Discussed new way to do recruitment. Had our first visitor to our irc chat for R1.

USS Angelfire

USS Angelfire hosted it's first 1st Aid and CPR class this past month. 12 members recieved important information on updated life saving techniques and rescue breathing for adults, adolesents, and infants. Several children of Angelfire members did easter related games and hit a "Bunny" Pinata for candy and prizes.

USS Angeles

11th anniversary party at the Hollywood

Entertainment Museum, annual trek to the Lancaster Poppy Fields and Poppy Festival.

USS William O'Darby

Continue work with local ST clubs on several joint events work on Cadet program. Planning for summer event CARE package to member in Iraq, with 101st Abn Div paintball event where team played. New Crew member born on the 9th of May 06 to the West Family. Continued work with other local ST clubs on joint efforts.

ISS Pegasus

Collected another 50000 pop top for the Ronald McDonald house. Total is about 350,000 Two bikes were given to the school for prizes in a raffle of some kind.

Region Five

USS Destiny

The USS Destiny has just recently become the Mother Ship to the shuttle "Escape Pod" located in the Richland, Washington. May celebrates the USS Destiny's 12th year in "STARFLEET". Attended McMenamins UFO Parade/Festival with IKV T'Mar and IKV Raptor. Will repay the favor of their visit at the Super Saturday event north of Seattle.

USS Rubicon

The USS Rubicon along with the RC and his wife, attended the launch of the Shuttle Thermopylae in Seattle at Norwescon April 15. Our other major project this month was the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. We are looking forward to celebrating our MSG's 5th anniversary next month on the 13th. We have our annual involvement with Ye Merrie Greenwood Faire coming up in June.

USS Crusader

For our April activity, went to the Campbell House tour. We also went to the Cheney Cowles Museum that is next door to the mansion. We were dazzled by the Model T car association display in the parking lot. The owners and their families were dressed in period costume. Inside the museum, see were entertained by a presentation of the "swing" dance of the 30's. We also saw the history of driving, from a tiller-driven early car up thru the 50's. There were also displays of typical clothing from each period. On May 7th, three from our ship took part in the Bloomsday Race. It is a 7 1/2 mile trek for international runners, as well as for us poor souls who walk the

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course. On May 13th, we participated in the Letter Carriers' Food Drive that benefited the Second Harvest Food Bank in Spokane. We spent the hours unloading food stuffs from the postal trucks and putting them in the huge cartons in the trailer of an 18 wheeler. The postal workers at the South Regal Post Office were treated to a barbeque, and so were we. We had great fun! The activity for May 27th was for us to see the new X-Men movie as a group. Seven of us went and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Region Six

USS Imperium

Went to see Planetarium showing of "Hubble Vision" at MSUM campus. Had pizza lunch and went to premiere of X Men 3. Will be doing picnic and barbeque several times this summer by ourselves and with other area SciFi clubs. Some members will be going to SciFi convention in Minneapolis in July. Away mission planned for July 8th for fishing and/or tubing down river in Fergus Falls, MN.

USS Czar ak

Recruiting new people and new blood, and or new ideas to make things new to get people interested in doing more or doing things. This month we have had several medical things going on.

USS Thunderchild

The crew of the Thunderchild meet at Elk Canyon Sports Pub & Grill in Custer, S.D. for our 14th Anniversary Party and meeting.

USS Saint George

Preparing to launch Shuttle Riverside, getting ready for R6 summit, Convergence and Demicon.

Region Seven

USS Jaguar

Scott Akers completed twelve SFA courses as a beta-tester. He also finished seventh in the monthly STARFLEET Online Trivia Contest. Gloria Hanson has been taking FAA ground school in anticipation of beginning flying lessons soon.

USS Top Gun

The TG got back to its space roots by visiting the Air & Space Museum in DC. We have discussed a SFI team for the Relay for Life race next month along with a Skating party for June and the Air Show for May.

USS Niagara

An away team of 4 attended the Volkon convention in Cleveland. Approved the use of the ships charity account to provide a donation to the local Cancer research hospital. Promotional items were also approved by the crew to be used to spread the word about Starfleet and the Niagara to place we go. Organization of an away team mission to the region 1 summit in Akron was finalized with a 4 member team attending at the invitation of its coordinator.

USS Flying Fox

Members attended an IC meeting, prepared for Relay for Life activity and continued to participate in Starfleet Academy. Members were nominated for region 7 awards. Memebbers took a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. Members held a meeting, attended Monstermania and attended an IC meeting. Planned upcoming picnic. Raven planned her second radio show.

USS Adamant

Held USS Adamant Cantina (& Movie) Night in Conshohocken PA.

USS Northstar

The Northstar held a party to lauch our new mission as Region 7's newest Correy Chapter.

USS Accord

Members learned how to paint pottery.

USS Challenger

Our ship meeting was moved up a day and we enjoyed a lively activity of a group meeting, catching up on media and club matters and then we were off to Comic Relief our local comic book store to pick up our free comic books for Free Comic Book Day on May 6 and then we enjoyed a movie afterwards - "Scary Movie IV" to be exact. The next day the CO represented the ship and enjoyed the first of two C.H.U.D. Comic Book shows in Gloucester City NJ which features boxes and boxes of comics all of which are no more than a dollar. Most were lower than a dollar so I walked away with a lot of comics. The next show is this fall. Later in the month we attended Mystic Realms Fantasy Faire IV with several friends from the USS Avenger and USS Sovereign's chief engineer, Capt. Traci Giorganni. Two members of the Top Gun also made it to the faire early in the day. An Indian dinner at the Gagan Palace was our next adventure and then we talked in the parking lot for

over an hour before we set out for our home ports. The next weekend was Monster Mania Con V in Cherry Hill. While I am a bigger sci-fi fan then horror fan, I must confess that I love attending these cons. It is the South Jersey version of Chiller Theatre held which is held in North Jersey. An Away Team of four went and saw X:Men III on Friday of Memorial Day weekend. That same weekend we had an Away Team of four attended the Ocean Township Founder's Day and several of us also enjoyed a party after that event for our communications officer Dorothy Rose who graduated college earlier in the week.

USS Osiris

The Osiris will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its formation with a night on the town starting with dinner at Dave and Buster's Restaurant in NYC, 42nd Street locale, possibly a movie and finishing off back in Osiris territory for the end of the evening cake and coffee.

USS Asimov

We're getting ready for Shore Leave and our CO is working on a Private Pilot's License. So far, he has 11.7 hours and 25 successful landings.

USS Highlander

Revised by-laws await final vote, plans complete for annual non-meeting picnic. Capt Gerry Sylvester and Capt Fred Parsons were married 5/27/06. We celebrated 10 years as a commissioned chapter in STARFLEET 5/18/06.

USS Matrix

Targlets being given out to the crew; Targ Obedience training has commenced. XO formed a committee to write an RPG manual. Shuttle Mawson successfully launched in Region 11.

USS Albany

Six members watched the Binghamton Mets beat the New Hampshire Fisher Cats 3-2 in baseball. Six members attended the MS walk this year at the Saratoga Race track. Two members worked the bagel counter, two members worked the rest stop, and the other two walked in the walk. The weather was fantastic! Seven members attended miniature golf at Glenville Mini-Sportsplex in Scotia. Overseas coupon project - The set of coupons mailed was \$682.85 for a YTD total of \$9,058.75.

USS Inferno

In May, we had two projects. May 6-7, 13-14 was our Pittsburgh Race For The Cure Project. (<http://www.pittsburghraceforthe cure.org/index.html>). We had at least one to three members volunteering each day and three walking the race this year on May 14th. This is our biggest project of the year. K'moghjIH volunteered 25 hours for this project alone. Jeff Jones and Ksimka volunteered almost 15 hours. On May 20th, David Ferber, K'moghjIH, and Ksimka walked the 3K for the Walk For A Healthy Community starting down at Station Square. We have completed our selection of Command Staff Officers with Baral K'oveD (Jim McClure being selected as Intelligence Officer and Christopher Hindman being selected as Finance Officer or Bursar.

USS Thor

Crew helped staff the Anime Mid Atlantic convention.

Region Nine

USS Europe

Crew is active in a daily trivia contest. Several online games are played, including Army Commander, Gatewars and OGame. R9 forum got a new LCARS-style skin.

USS Vanguard

On Line Gaming continues. On May 28, two members participated in a Star Trek 2E constructed CCG Tournament TOC (Territorial Open Championship), resulting in a 5th place and 8th place. Members went to the New Star Con on May 14th.

Region Twelve

USS Bortas

Five crew members attended Region 12 Summit in Fayetteville, Arkansas, where we received several ship awards. During the Summit, a party was held by the crew members to introduce Region 12 Summit 2007, "Shaken, Not Stirred", which will be hosted by our ship and held in Urbana, IL.

USS Umiak

Getting ready for Ren-Fair this summer.

USS Sunflower

Sent 9 packages of food, gloves, socks, books, and letters from children, all this went to an Army base in Iraq for as many soldiers that it can acomadate.

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USS Hexum

Our recycling and stamp collection activities continue. We're looking at hosting an International food fest tentatively near the end of June in Dupo. It will be called "Picnic at the end of the Universe." The USS Hexum had a great time at ShowMeCon. We're hosting an International food fest June 25th at the Dupo Park Pavilion called "Picnic at the end of the Universe." We expect participants from Starfleet, United Federation of Planets, Klingons and other organizations. There will be games and other fun activities.

USS Jeannette Maddox

Raised \$1100 at Bowl for Kids Sake for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Attended the Region 12 Summit. Away mission to see MI:3.

USS Discovery

The USS Discovery helped staff ShowMeCon IV, with Guest of Honor Peter David. We also had two away missions to a new winery nearby.

USS Dragonstrike

Crew has begun to collect food and clothing for the local food pantries and homeless shelter as well as continuing collecting pull tabs for local Ronald McDonald House for Cancer.

USS Horizon

Members attended a Harlem Globetrotters exhibition game and contributed over \$8000 to OCP.

USS Nomad

CO Trotter chose the frying pan instead of the fire.

USS Chesapeake

Members preparing to attend Phoney Con.

Region Thirteen

USS White Star

Members attended Penguicon 3.0. Readers group remains active.

Region Fifteen

USS Nelson

The Nelson celebrated its 3rd anniversary as a commissioned ship at May's monthly meeting. A good number of the crew met at Look Park in Northampton MA for a picnic, which included a picture cake with the Nelson's logo on it. Chapter certificates of achievement were handed out to Ellen & Alan Makja, Ann Mayo, Deb & William Kowal, Kathy Mullins for their continual efforts towards the Nelson's charitable causes

SS Ian Fleming

Attended the Region 15 Summit held in Seabrook NH on April 29th & 30th. Attended the Region 15 Bowling tournament on Saturday June 27th with members of the USS Nelson and USS Darwin.

USS Ares

Celebrated XO's Birthday in Las Vegas with members of the Ares, Darwin, and UNIT. We went to the museum of science along with members of UNIT to see the Star Wars exhibit. The month finished off with the annual Region 15 summit. This was an amazing time.

USS O'Bannon

The USS O'Bannon donated \$250 to MS Walkathon while the CO & XO did the walking duties (6k). The crew discussed the possibility of re-starting a marine unit aboard the O'Bannon. The crew got together at Kandy Provenchers Bar & Casino for a night of "friendly" poker. The O'Bannon

collected \$479 and 4 team members participated in the 6 mile March of Dimes walk. May was "Movie Madness" month for the O'Bannon as the crew saw Mission Impossible 3, The Da Vinci Code and X-Men: The Last Stand. The crew assembled at the Hillview Putt-putt range for a round. XO Kandy Provencher took top honors. The team then headed out for ice cream.

USS Galaxy

Attended Boston science museum Star Wars exhibit and Anime Boston convention.

USS Darwin

This month the USS Darwin had a wonderful time enjoying the sun at a local park flying kites. Member Ruth Forrand hand sculpted 10 table top horgones, a two foot tall horgones wall mask, and grew 10 plants for the centerpieces to go with the horgones at the R15 Summit.

Region Seventeen

USS Pioneer

Members attended the Starfest and OpusCon conventions, visited the Clive Cussler Museum, the Denver Zoo and the Denver Aquarium, and participated in LaserTag games.

USS Moontype

Production continues at Utopia Planitia shipyards with the building of our model of our ship. Final plans have been completed for our Annual Meeting at the American Council of the Blind National Convention to be held this year in Jacksonville, Florida on Thursday, July 13, 2006. During the next two months we plan to work on our video presentation, the newsletter, email listserv, our new logo, yearly awards, promotional literature and

SFI renewal Forms to be produced in Braille and large print.

USS Alioth

Participated in March of Dimes Walk America for the 20th year in a row.

USS Tiburon

The Tiburon continues to work on many community service and regional projects. Members attending StarFest Denver's largest Sci-Fi Con, at the Con members attending the Federation Ball, sponsored by the USS Pioneer & Omega Glory, they also attending the USS Anasazi's Saturday Night Feddy Party.

USS Anasazi

Crew attended Starfest in Denver with crew from the Shuttle Tomahawk. Held Memorial BBQ and trip to Zoo and bio-park. Currently planning for 5th Anniversary party and IC in August.

USS Wind Spirit

We had a wonderful and windy annual anniversary picnic at the Bear Creek Park in Colorado Springs. We plan to have a recruiting drive at the local flea market as well as raising money for charity by selling items that will be donated by some of our members.

Region Twenty

USS Albion

We commissioned on 14/April/2006 and had an online commissioning party on 22/April/2006.



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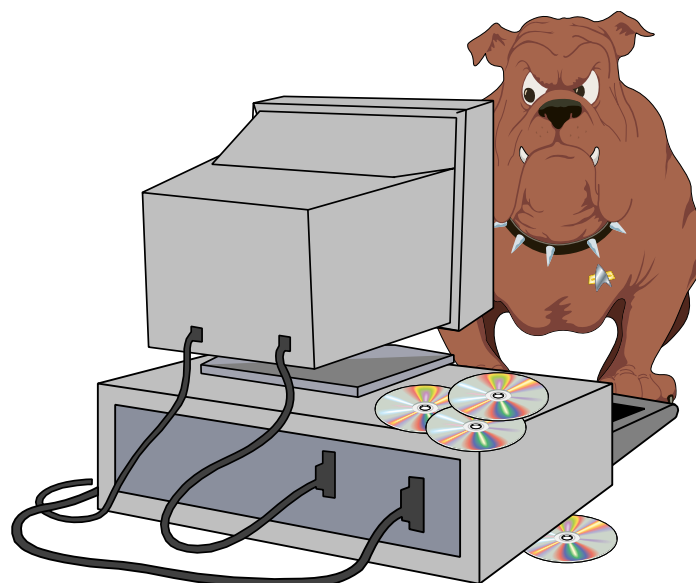
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