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-Neal

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The Relationship With STARFLEET: A matter of context and perspective

By: Rear Admiral David E. Klingman - Unassigned

It comes as no great surprise to many of you, with whom I've already spoken, that I plan to leave STARFLEET as a member when my current membership expires [in February 2007, in case anyone is counting]. As a result, this will be my last column in the Communiqué, and I wanted to leave you with some thoughts on the relationship people can or do have with the fan organization, as I see them from my perspective.

The title of this article suggests that the relationship we have with STARFLEET (and as I see it, with each other as members) is the result of nothing more than the context of our relationship and level of involvement and our individual perspective and point of view. Certainly, how we interact at the various levels of the organization should and does differ - how a member of a local chapter perceives and is perceived by the fan club is very different than how a member of the Executive Committee or Admiralty Board interacts and is perceived. Responsibilities, and with them stressors, are different.

Without going into details of how I think the relationships are, I simply want to speak about the relationship I've had with the organization and the people from my point of view. Because it's the only point of view I've had for the 9 years I've been a member.

I've served in some capacity on the regional and at the "fleet" level in a variety of relatively unimportant positions during my time as a member. I don't have any illusions about this. I've never made the organization run more smoothly, I've never had any financial responsibility, and though I've contributed [most notably in my columns here in the Communiqué] it's nothing that STARFLEET couldn't have done without.

Still, I've seen both sides of the fence, and I've seen the relationships work, such as they did when I worked on the 1999 International Conference as part of the team that saw that through, and I've seen relationships not work, such as when I was the Section Representative for the Carolinas and I witness chapters and individuals not want to work with each other and experienced the frustration of a disconnect between my expectations and the expectations of the people and groups I was supposed to help coordinate. In the end, the personal responsibility level is/was mine, since I was the person overseeing that function. I lived, I learned, and everyone has since moved on.

Ultimately, I can say that I've had a rich experience in STARFLEET. I've participated as a member of three chapters, all very different in their dynamics and perspectives - one was a meeting chapter whose dynamic was regular and physical proximity and contact; another was a primarily electronic chapter that doesn't exist anymore, but nevertheless made contributions on a regional and "fleet" level that are still [I think] felt today; and the current chapter to which I belong is I think a mix of the two, composed of people who have participated in all aspects of STARFLEET for a long time, and is made of people who know their way around the organization.

Unfortunately, from my point of view, all three of those chapters [and the organization as a whole] had or have lost perspective on what's important about our involvement in the fan club - each other. One chapter no longer exists, so I can't say much more about it. The other two chapters I believe have taken very different paths to what I think is the ultimate ignorance of the members on their chapter - the first suffers (like many

other chapters) from a case of "localitis" and a lack of interest in the fan club as a whole, and as a result their members either have no interest or no knowledge about what goes on in the fan club as a whole. The other chapter is filled with people who are passionate about their involvement in STARFLEET, so much so that I think they have blinders on when it comes to their members and everyone else in STARFLEET that doesn't have the same desires or goals. No one likes to hear this criticism (certainly not the people involved, and I'm sure if you're reading this you know who you are), particularly in a public forum such as the club newsletter, but in this case I think the people involved do (or at least should) know how I feel [at least I hope they do, and perhaps speaking about this in a public forum CAN be a good thing]. In the end, it has shaped how I feel about the organization, not the people, because I think of everyone involved as 'good people' who simply don't see things the way I do. And that's fine, it's what makes us unique and ultimately creates perspective in the first place.

So it's taken me 9 years to figure two things out:

- what I wanted (and still want) as a member of the fan club

- what my point of view is and what role I can play in the organization

What I've learned [and this pertains to life in general, not just STARFLEET]:

I think there has to be a level of mutual value, for both the participant and the organization. An example of this is my participation as a member of the American Dental Association [ADA], which I recently renewed after NOT being a member while I was in private practice. The ADA's "usefulness" to the dental profession is primarily as a lobby organization on behalf of dentists, and while I was in private practice I never really saw the benefits, nor did I read their journal. As a result, my perspective was to not pay \$260 a year for membership. Being a military Dentist (now), and seeing the benefits to me in terms of professional credentials, health benefits, salary benefits and so forth, and so I'm a member once again. Though it may sound crass, I see STARFLEET similarly and have to ask myself "What am I paying \$15 for? Academy courses? The Membership Handbook? The Communiqué?" I don't read any of the materials [it may seem shocking, but even though I write for it, I don't read the Communiqué since I get all the information often-times first hand through electronic channels] and I don't take courses at SFA anymore. So from a financial perspective, there's no reason for me to be a member.

The other major reason to be a member - I think - is the sense of community with STARFLEET, and this is what drew me to the organization initially back in 1997, after I had a chance to see what it had to offer. Somewhere along the line, however, the politics and even more so the corporate dynamic superceded the community [for me, at least], which led me to frustration and, as many of you know, as much trouble as I seemed to be able to make for myself. I'm ultimately the one responsible for my actions, and this is true for everyone in STARFLEET [actually, everyone "period"] and I have come to the conclusion that my level of self-control, as good as I like to think it may be, just isn't enough for me to continue the relationship with STARFLEET.

Lastly, we are what we feel. Despite what anyone tells us (and there are lots of people who feel the need to tell us what we feel in life), you can't ever tell someone how they feel or how they do or don't hurt



or what they do or don't believe. Unfortunately, there are a lot of opinions tossed around. STARFLEET, because of our mutual involvement, seems to simply be a nexus for those opinions and it sometimes becomes difficult to determine what's opinion, what's fact, and what'd simply being manipulated to serve a purpose.

So what do I feel? Well, the pat answer seems to have always been boiled down for the member as "frustration and disenfranchisement" but for me it's come to be simply that I don't feel important and the fan club just doesn't matter to me anymore. I know that sounds conceited and cold-hearted (and yes disenfranchised), but it should be the goal of the fan club or any organization or any part thereof to make its members feel important and needed and part of the community. The community for me has disappeared. I'm not sure where or when, but it's just not there anymore. I say this not to gripe, but to motivate everyone to think, particularly those people who have volunteered to lead the organization, about what's important. Is the Communiqué important? Of course. We pay to receive it. Is the Membership Handbook important? Certainly, same reason. Is STARFLEET Academy important? Yes, it's part of the fun and we all learn something.

What's most important? Each and every member. No more or no less than any other member. That means the insults, comments, condescending attitudes, judgments about people who may be irritating, socially inept, or just otherwise stupid [sometimes through no fault of their own] diminish each and every person to whom they're directed. I also think the same comments diminish the people who make them [and I wonder sometimes if the commentators realize this]. I'm not standing on a soap box here. I've made my share of derogatory comments about many people and made judgments about many more, both in STARFLEET and in life. I just hope that I've made

at least an effort, whether successful or not, to make up for those errors in judgment. Only the people on the receiving end know for sure how they feel about it and whether they took my apologies as sincere.

I encourage you all to make up your minds individually what your relationship is with each other and with STARFLEET or any other club or organization to which you belong, and consider what you say and what you do and the consequences and results of your words and actions. We should never have to see people leave an organization because of personal differences or things that were said. The reality is that it happens anyway, and often no one seems to do anything about it. But never be afraid to speak your mind if you can do so tactfully, never feel you have to be a recipient of something you feel isn't right, and never feel guilty about knowing when to say "this is enough" [even if you're told otherwise].

I challenge you to do something about it, for the sake of the people around you, for STARFLEET, and for yourselves.

I'll see you in the virtual world. Don't be strangers.

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Pittsburgh Toy Show

By: Brigadier General K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) - USS Inferno - Region 7



Greetings, STARFLEET,

This is Brigadier K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) again with news about the Pittsburgh Toy Shows that the infamous USS Inferno had participated in.

On March 11th -12th, we had eight crewmembers and one ICV HEGHNACH exclusive member participate in the Pittsburgh Toy Show at the Monroeville Expo Mart. Walter Koenig (Chekov), Erin Moran (Joanie from Happy Days), Conrad Brooks (B-movie King), and Vanessa Branch (Giselle from Pirates of the Caribbean, adult Naomi Wildman from ST: Voyager, episodes of Lost, and the Orbit Gum girl) were the guest stars. The 501st Legion Garrison Carida had a large contingent there beside our table. Near the end of the show, we had the USS Hell's Fury from Region 1 stop by for a visit and dinner.

On July 29th – 30th, we had six crewmembers from the USS Inferno, four officers/five cadets from the USS Dragon's Fury, and one ICV HEGHNACH exclusive member participate in the Pittsburgh Toy Show at the Monroeville Expo Mart. Billy Dee Williams ("Lando" from Star Wars), Richard Kiehl ("Jaws" from the James Bond 007 Films & Happy Gilmore!), and Vanessa Branch ("Giselle" from Pirates of the Caribbean, adult "Naomi Wildman" from ST: Voyager, episodes of Lost, and the Orbit Gum girl) were the guest stars. The 501st Legion Garrison Carida had a large contingent there in the atrium next to Billy Dee Williams.

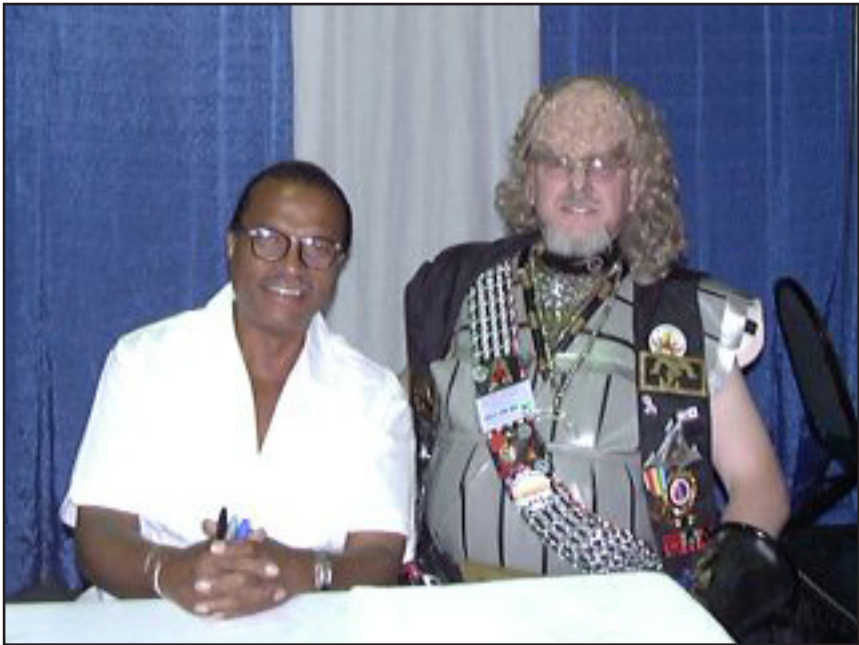
On December 2nd-3rd, we are planning to do the Pittsburgh Toy Show at the Monroeville Expo Mart. Verne Troyer ("Mini-Me" from Austin Powers), Dirk Benedict ("Starbuck" from the Battlestar Galactica and "Face" from the A-Team), and Bruno Sammartino (Wrestling Legend) will be the guest stars. The 501st Legion Garrison Carida also plans to attend this event again.



Walter "Chekov" Koenig & LtJG Baral



Vanessa Branch & 1LT Salopek



Billy Dee Williams and BDR K'moghjIH



Beverly J. Stefl being promoted to Ensign by her son, BDR K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK

For More information on the Pittsburgh Toy Shows visit:
<http://www.pittsburghtoyshow.com>



STAR TREK's 40th Anniversary at the Seattle Science Fiction Museum

By: Lieutenant JG - Shuttle Thermopylae - Region 5

On Friday Sept. 8th 2006, the best three day Star Trek anniversary party got underway at Seattle's Science Fiction Museum located next to the Experience Music Project(EMP) in the Seattle Center. With appearances by Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Jonathon Frakes, Grace Lee Whitney, Marina Sirtis, Tim Russ, Alan Ruck, JG Hertzler, Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, John Billingsley, Garret Wang and many more Star Trek personalities, Star Trek fans had quite a treat. Fans had the opportunity to collect autographs and get their picture taken with their star of choice in a reproduction of Captain Kirk's chair on the original series Enterprise. The Captain's chair was made by Shuttle Thermopylae's own Lt. Commander Todd Sturgeon.

Friday night, stars of Star Trek shows and movies mingled with fans in a gala celebration in the top of the Space Needle. On Saturday night another celebration with dinner and an awards ceremony was held in the Space Needle. Both nights everyone had a stellar experience sharing food, drinks and fun close to the stars high above Seattle.

There were many things to see all during the event. There was a dealer's room full of ST toys, collectables, and photos available for purchase. Some of the dealers were in Star Trek uniforms or full Klingon dress. Michael David Ward and William Stout had art on display and for sale. Commodore Keith Marshall of the Shuttle Daniel Soule set up his full sized transporter model outside the photo ops and autograph signing room. A Science Fiction Museum admission came with convention membership and the real Captain's chair. Capt. Kirk sat on was on display with a blue uniform shirt and other props from the original series in the museum.

For three days the Sky Church of the Sci Fi Museum was filled with fans listening to panel discussions, previewing trailers to a new Star Trek movie "Of Gods and Men," and watching an episode of "New



Shuttle Thermopylae Meeting on 08/20/2006. From left to right, top to bottom:
LCDR Peter Christian, LT Ed Mattison, CDR John Christian, MAJ Joseph Fuller, COMM Keith Marshall, CDR Tod Sturgeon
ENS Prasith Kim-Aun, LCDR Rose Mattison, CDR Cathey Fuller, ENS VickyJeanne Sheppard, CAPT Dana Marshall

Voyages." Seattle's own Klingon Diplomatic Corp. performed just before the closing ceremonies. The closing ceremonies included a radio play about auditions for a new Capt. Kirk performed by many

of the stars. George Takei (that rhymes with toupee), John Billingsley and all the rest made a great show.

Throughout the event Shuttle Thermopylae's crew provided additional support to the organizers

wherever needed from the airport to the Sci Fi Museum security. The support crew was dressed in bright red polo shirts and Master of ceremonies, Marcus B. Lee announced a special thank you to "the red shirts" at the end of the closing ceremony.



Being Human

What are we up against, and what can we bring to the challenge?

It was at the end of a recent Voyager Night. About a dozen members of the Northstar had gathered to watch the latest episode of their favorite TV show. Once again, the crew of television's most amazing

ship had triumphed against amazing odds. The show closed, and a crew member turned to the rest of us and said, with a tinge of disgust: "You know, it bothers me! Again and again they come up against overwhelming technology, and they always escape with 'a bent paperclip and a hair.'" In other words, some timely little improvisation gets them out of the scrape.

I understand the crewman's objection, but I don't agree with it. Perhaps you'll recall a scene in one show of the original series episodes, "Who Mourns For Adonis." Kirk and his crew are trapped on a planet by a powerful being who claims to be the original god Apollo from ancient Greece. He's going to keep them there, as his worshipers. A female crewmember falls in love with Apollo, and is to be made into his goddess-consort. In one of the most moving moments in the entire Star Trek oeuvre, Kirk speaks charismatically to the woman, showing her that the one thing as they explore the galaxy and encounter vastness and strangeness that she has to hold onto is her essence, her humanness. She sees this, returns to her duty, her humanity and her ship, rejects godhood, and helps the crew escape.

In future times, as we extend out into space, chances are that we will inevitably come up against beings and organizations and technology of overwhelming force. In a galaxy this big, how could we not?

When happens then, when our "big guns" (or the future equivalent) won't save us? All we'll have is our very human ability to improvise and invent. It's easy to blast your way out of a situation with enough high-tech wizardry, but give me a shipmate that can get out of a jam by improvising with "a bent paperclip and a hair," that's the fellow I'll want by my side when

our survival is at stake. That's the inventiveness that humans do. It's what we bring with us as we venture into the vast darkness.

Chances are that won't always work. Indeed, it won't even usually work: you hear, in passing, about the many ships that never return from deadly encounters. But just as inevitably, if only as a "chances are" statistical probability, some will come through consistently enough that they will be like stepping stones through the galaxy.

The makers of this Star Trek have chosen to show us such a ship, one that keeps on getting through. There's nothing wrong or unrealistic about that. The basis of our most of the world's literature is about the ones who successfully "get through." That's the way that humans structure stories. And those stories have a very practical consequence, they energize our will to keep on venturing outward and improvising all the way!



The Khai Tam Checks In



The USS Khai Tam announces a new CO and XO. XO Merri Whitake and CO Richard Graham smile for the camera.

USS Justice and 40 Years of TREK

By: Captain Eugene R. Hendricks - USS Justice - Region 7



On September 23, 2006, the USS Justice hosted a gala event at the Morris County Library. This event was not only to celebrate Star Trek's 40th Anniversary, but also to show the club's newest episode of the fan series "Tales of the Seventh Fleet" (TotSF). Many people were on hand, including several from various Region 7 ships and CJ Henderson, author of the "Encyclopedia of Science Fiction Movies."

The event started with the screening of "The Man Trap", which I haven't seen in quite a long time. We had a smallish crowd for this one, but there were a variety of people there, including several kids. One thing I didn't realize, until Tom Hendricks (no relation) pointed it out to me, was that Spock gets a head injury in the episode. McCoy bandages him with a small, white square that adheres to his head. We copied this, subconsciously, for something in "A Touch of Home" (ATOH).

After that we had a Trivia contest. I had Mike Stein's trivia game and I asked questions about TOS. We had people line up and if they got the question right we gave them a raffle ticket. People were encouraged to get back in line after they answered a question to get more tickets. One of the best parts was this kid who was so enthusiastic but didn't know the answers.

His dad snuck up and gave whispered in his ear to give him the answer, which happened to be Spock. So, every time the kid came up I managed to ask him a question where the answer was Spock.

After the questions, we raffled off the prizes, including a game of Trek Uno, a Delta Flyer Christmas ornament, a Justice polo, a pair of Justice hats and several ATOH t-shirts. I made sure that everyone that participated at least got something.

We then moved on to "The Doomsday Machine" and lunch. The pizzas arrived and we all ate our fill (along with the snacks that had been out all morning). Since we had so much we invited the library staff to come and get some food as well. I should note that the staff of the library was extremely gracious and accommodating for our group. We couldn't have asked for a better venue.

This was followed by Admiral Alex Rosenzweig doing the presentations from the Avenger's celebration the previous week. These covered not only the history of the franchise, but its effect on popular culture and presence in the media. I must say, the presentations were great and Alex did a wonderful job of going over everything.

The guest panel was up next and Beryl Washington and Sonny Wright of the USS Sovereign were kind enough to join us. There were several good questions from the audience, mainly dealing with the state of Science Fiction today, and we went on for about an hour with it. During this time, the crowd steadily built up. Many people from the morning were still there, but we added a lot more.

Once the panel was over, we cut and served the cake. I was glad I cut the pieces small, because it went very quickly. And, after the cake was served, it was time for the TotSF episodes to start.

"Return to Doomsday" went over well. We got several laughs in the right places. We had a little trouble with the "Upgrade" DVD, but luckily Scott J. Berkenbush (one of our extras) had his Ubercon edition in his car, so we used that (after showing the 40th Anniversary Tribute Maria Fricke had brought with her as an intermission piece). ATOH was up next and I think that had the best response. Probably because it was the one that no one had seen yet. The biggest laugh happened when Woods and Stein exchanged their looks at the end. It was quite fun. We wrapped up with a TotSF Q&A, which mainly when to technical aspects of the production.

We did a whirl-wind clean-up and were out of the library by 5. We did hang around in the parking lot for about another half an hour talking with each other, CJ Henderson and the Daily Record reporter. We also decided that it had been a long enough day and canceled the planned meeting afterwards.

All in all, I think it was a tremendous success. We had to have had over 60 people there, with everyone coming in and out. Having both rooms was a blessing, too. People were able to go over to the conference room and talk or play games and just get away from the madness in the main room. It could not have gone better and I want to thank everyone that was there for making sure it went so smoothly. This really was a team effort and we came through spectacularly. Thank you to our friends at the Sovereign and Avenger for coming and showing their support. What Kahn said with irony, I say with conviction, "We are all one big, happy Fleet."

For those that have not seen "Tales of the Seventh Fleet", or would like more information on it, please visit our websites at <http://www.ussjustice.org> and <http://www.totsf.com>.

USS Victory's Award Winning Gumbo

By: Fleet Captain Steven Gordon - USS Victory - Region 3



The USS Victory, is still on patrols in the Southern Sector of Region Three, being the "Gallop'n' Gourmets of the Galaxy." This report is partially sponsored by the Rajun' Cajun' Gourmet Gumbo Stuff.

Well, as the title would suggest, the Victory crew took part in the 26th Annual Medina Lake (Texas) Cajun Festival. It is a yearly one-day event held in Lakehills/ Medina Lake, just north of San Antonio, on the fourth

Saturday of September every year. This year turned out to be one of our best. The gumbo, as always, was lovingly prepared by the Executive Officer COMM Sharon Lambert. She prepared, over the course of three months, fifteen gallons of chicken and sausage gumbo. We took the gumbo, rice and all the equipment needed to heat and serve up to the festival, and took away the third place (amateur, chicken and sausage) trophy! The credit goes to Sharon, who has made the

gumbo for not only CF, but for the IC Hospitality suite in Birmingham, and for other events. Sharon was raised in Baton Rouge Louisiana, and has a great knowledge of Cajun cooking, specializing in gumbo. So, our self-professed "Gumbo Queen" (actually, the title of "STARFLEET's Gumbo Queen" was bestowed by former CS Michael Malotte) came through again for us. As the name suggests, CajunFest is everything Louisiana, including bands from Louisiana, and

authentic foods and music from the swampland. The Cajun-Creole way of life is celebrated every year in Medina Lake, and last year, as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina, was mostly scaled back because the bands simply could not get here to Texas. So local talent was brought in, and the Fest went on. All in all, the festival was again a success, and the Victory will participate next year, but just assisting in the kitchen.

The Resurgence of Region Eleven Continues...

By: Fleet Captain Steven Gordon - USS Southern Cross - Region 11



It has just been announced that another new Chapter-in-training is about to have its initial launch in Region 11.

This will even further extend the resurgence of STARFLEET activity in the Southern Hemisphere and bring more attention and prominence to the benefits of belonging to our organization.

Under command of CO, Bruce O'Brien and XO, Wayne Smith (previously the Chief Operations

Officer and Chief Engineering Officer of the Shuttle Mawson, the other chapter-in-training in R11) the USS Southern Cross (NCC63550) will focus on providing a dedicated Correspondence Chapter, to satisfy the needs of those regional members who are unable, or have no desire, to join a meeting-type chapter.

Current crew status prior to first commissioning, stands at 7 with a 50/50 Australian/New Zealand split – a truly international beginning.

Commanding Officer Bruce O'Brien says, "because of the huge area that the region covers and the fact that Region 11 actually encompasses up to four or five different countries, the need for correspondence chapters becomes critically important if we are to attract new members to the fold and to satisfy their needs."

The USS Southern Cross re-commissions the name that has been synonymous to the region since the first launching of a Miranda –class vessel bearing the same name in 1981.

We can expect to hear a lot more from this new chapter – and we wish them well and every great success for the future.

The Southern Cross can be contacted through their "under construction" website at www.uss-southerncross.com or by emailing the CO at co_southerncross@yahoo.com

Where Does the Time Go?

By: Admiral Bob Vosseller - USS Challenger - Region 7



Where does the time go?
Another wonderful STARFLEET wedding!
By Adm. Bob Vosseller USS Challenger

Where does the time go? It seems just yesterday that little Jeffery Victor was just making his first visit to a USS Challenger event with him mom, Julia.

On the weekend of Sept. 16th members of the USS Challenger had the privilege of witnessing the happy nuptials of Jeffrey and Laura Konrad. Jeff is a long time member of the Challenger who served as Asst. Medical Chief for many years. He currently serves as our Engineering Chief. Jeff was not even a teenager when the USS Challenger hosted the very first R7 Conference back in 1993 but he did a superior job as Conference Chairman in 2005. I ask again, where does the time go?

Laura Konrad, who many may remember more as Lauren Milan, has held many STARFLEET positions over the years and was a section chief on the USS

Avenger. She was the CO of the USS Archer and is currently Challenger's Science Chief. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Hawaii and the wedding was nothing less than spectacular.

Challenger member (and my wife) Counselor Emily Vosseller had the special honor of serving as the Matron of Honor. The ceremony and reception were held in Mount Olive, New Jersey. Jeff and Laura are truly a "STARFLEET" couple having been introduced to each other through Challenger with a little Cupid like assistance from XO Mary Francen and Emily Vosseller, and I think I helped things along as well. Of course Mary and Emily met their respective

husbands through STARFLEET as well so it set a good precedence.

The food was incredible and the DJ was equally great. The best man's speech was priceless and I think people will remember Jeff and I singing to Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" for a long time. Whether that is a good thing or not is a matter of opinion.

We wish the happy couple all the best as their new life begins together.



What has 35 access portals, 50 equal sections, weighs 1700 lbs., requires a full-size pick-up to transport it, and a fork-lift plus two strong men to load and unload it? Give up? OK--35 50lb. containers of cake mix, that's what.

Strange things happen on the USS Morning Star, like finding the above cargo temporarily in our custody. Well, we are a Medical Transport, and, while cake mix hardly qualifies as medicine, a bit of a sweet treat can certainly boost morale and thus improve general health for most folks, at least. So off we went, with our strange commodity in the cargo bay.

How did we come by it, you may ask? Well, it was "stuck in a truck," so to speak. When delivery was refused somewhere south of our sector border, and then shuttled to our home port in Lawton, it was off-loaded into the storage warehouse of a local recycler with whom the Star had done mutually

beneficial business for years. That business was to help provide food, shelter, and medicine via Food for the Poor. So, the owner contacted the Star, and then LTCDR O'Daniel and I went down to load, transport, and unload the mighty mixes at the local Food Bank. Once the initial problem of what to do with our unusual offering was solved via an emergency staff meeting, it was unloaded, gratefully acknowledged, and documented.

By now the outside temperature was nearing 100 degrees, as was the temperature inside the vehicle, since it was of a vintage that lacked environmental controls. So, basking in the glow of a good deed well done (as well as the summer heat), we went off to our quarters for some cooler air, some liquid refreshment, and reflection on our odd adventure. It's surprising what can be accomplished by a couple of aged officers in a vintage vehicle when motivated by the ideals of STARFLEET.

Morning Star Adventure

By: Admiral Sherry Newell - USS Morning Star - Region 12



MorningStar1.jpg – ADM Sherry Newell poses with a transport vehicle.



Greetings from OPERATION:EAGLE Headquarters, In organizing the 2006 Holiday season volunteer efforts of OPERATION:EAGLE, I weighed some rather unique opportunities in volunteerism available. I considered a solitary focus on continuing the EAGLES WARMTH PROJECT providing sweats and socks to the wounded soldiers at the Balad ,Iraq United States Theatre Field Hospital which has seen incredible success. I am deeply grateful for the participation of Region 1 and STARFLEET members across the Fleet for their support prayers and participation in supporting the troops and their families over the years. Your friendship inspires me to press onward.

I also considered uniting with the Commandant of the SFMC and their primary holiday season volunteer effort, Toys for Tots sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. However as I weighed the possibilities, and prayed for guidance in doing so a rather unexpected turn-of-events transpired.

I received correspondence from Iraq from a former STARFLEET member from Region 1. He had dared to follow his dreams and went to Hollywood to establish himself as an actor and dues paying member of

the Screen Actors Guild. He founded a company that provides military and military related actors for television and motion picture productions. He and members of his company have provided extras and even starred in television and theatrical productions. He himself appeared in recent years in some of the most well-known action movies including The Rock and Air Force One. He also starred in the past in episodes of Deep Space Nine episode, Babylon Five and Space Above and Beyond.

Yet, this person went on to not only join the military, but chose to stay in as he pursued his dreams and rose through the ranks to that of Major, United States Army. Today he is in Iraq with, as he says: "some of the finest people I have ever had the privilege to serve alongside with." He is in Civil Affairs with a Military Police Brigade of the United States Army. On his own he hands out toys to Iraqi children and Iraqi families. This promotes good relations between the United States troops and the local populace. The local populace in turn have showed where the Improvised Explosive Devices are located and also resulted in critical information about insurgent/terrorist activities, which in turn saves lives, not just of Americans but of Iraqi innocents as well.

The 2006 Toys For The Troops Project is designated therefore as this upcoming Christmas/Hanukah season's volunteer campaign of the OPERATION: EAGLE effort and is herewith announced and sponsored by Region 01 Starship USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215 in conjunction with the Office of STARFLEET R1 RDC Chaplains and Counselors. Its aim and objective is to help provide Toys for Major Kristian Sorensen and the Civil Affairs Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the United States Army 16th Military Police Brigade.

Its focus is to help save the lives of American and coalition soldiers and civilians in Iraq and help prevent troops of the United States Military from being wounded, as well as help prevent innocent children and citizens of the nation of Iraq from being wounded. It's as simple as that.

So if you want a practical and meaningful way to demonstrate that you and your chapter support our troops and the Iraqi people they interact with on a day to day basis, and you want to help save lives, consider participating in the 2006 Toys for the Troops Project a truly humanitarian volunteer endeavor.

In closing, as Director of OPERATION:EAGLE and a Chaplain of the Christian faith, my only request is to please do not send any toy soldiers or war-toys or toy guns or toy weapons. Rather consider sending soccer balls or basketballs or baseballs and baseball gloves or any of a thousand other toys available in your local toy department.

If you would like to participate and you can help the 2006 Toys for the Troops effort, then please contact me by email, US Mail or phone call. I will relay the APO Mailing Address of Major Sorensen. You can then purchase the toy of choice and mail it off directly to Major Sorensen.

Major Kristian Sorensen and the Officers and Enlisted personnel of the 16th Military Police Brigade,(Airborne) United States Army will be most grateful and appreciative for Your Participation.

That's it! Thanks STARFLEET for your kind participation! I sincerely wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season in 2006!



Where should I begin? From the beginning sounds good!

Back in 1992, I happened to talk with Cindy Krell from a Florida STARFLEET chapter, and she helped me get into STARFLEET. She gave me valuable information, even though I was not in her region to start a shuttle. Afterwards, I started the shuttle Sentinel in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was the first shuttle in the state. We had 25 fleet members and over 200 closet trekkers. As we grew we began having monthly meetings, attending conventions like Tex-trek in Arlington, Texas and we were getting coverage in the local media. Unfortunately, I was forced to leave due to my military service and my Executive Office, Daniel Friesen, took over the shuttle. They later changed the name and recommissioned.

I moved to sunny San Diego California, where I linked up with the USS Miramar and became the special operations officer. Also during this time I met a sci-fi dealer and with his help, traveled the west coast attending all sci-fi and trek conventions. This allowed me to get to know quite a few Trek and sci-fi stars, agents, and dealers. Once again it came time for me to move, this time to Ucon Idaho, where yes I joined the USS Liberator, one of the oldest ships in the fleet, where again I was special operations officer and helped this ship grow.

Then it happened, I got a divorce, which threw my life in turmoil for six years. During this time I moved to Texas, and started the shuttle Lancelot. I also attended meetings on the USS Cheyenne, as this was my mothership in the beginning. I moved again

back to Louisiana where there was no STARFLEET presence anymore, so I tried again with the Shuttle Barksdale. Then the military called again and I was off to Iraq. When I returned I first moved back to Texas, but the Army decided I should head back to Louisiana, and I was sent to New Orleans. After living there for over two years, I decided it was time to rediscover STARFLEET and start a shuttle once again. I rejoined Fleet in October, talked to Chell in region 03 and found an Executive Officer in CDR Robert Suttles. We recruited enough fleet members and started a shuttle on our mothership's birthday, July 04 2005. We called our shuttle the Rahxephon which means "fine tuning of the world." Then it happened Hurricane Katrina came through New Orleans followed shortly by Rite hitting Texas. We lost several members post Katrina. Robert and

I stood together and started recruiting, meeting and planning until finally on July 04 2006 our shuttle, now renamed the Renaissance, since it is a new beginning, got commissioned as a full starship at the Region 03 Summit.

After 23 years I have finally come full circle to commissioning my first ship, and I'm not through yet. Soon another shuttle will form in Baton Rouge and already small away teams are forming in other cities in Louisiana. To all that has supported us in our endeavors I say thank you.

Toys For Troops Project

By: Rear Admiral Bill Herrmann - USS Rutledge - Region 1

Full Circle

By: Captain Beau Thacker - USS Renaissance - Region 3

Detecting Planetary Systems - Then and Now

By: Rear Admiral Richard Heim - USS Alaric - Director, Fleet Resource Center - Sciences



Greetings from STARFLEET Sciences! In this issue of the *Communiqué*, I'd like to review how astronomers detect planets orbiting other stars, and do it in a way that's different from articles I've done before. But first, here is a brief description of the Sciences Fleet Resource Center.

As we say on our web site, the mission of STARFLEET Sciences is simple: to serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. In doing so, we hope to enhance interest in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education whenever possible. We have abundant science resources on our website

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>

including links to real-world science web pages, photographs, educational materials, and science museums worldwide. Our Regional Science Contacts page is updated with the latest information provided to us by the Science RDC's across 'Fleet. We have two e-mail lists; an administrative list (SFI-FDC-Science) and a fun info list (Science-Lab). Anyone with an interest in science, both real world and as depicted in Star Trek, is invited to join. My email address is: AlaricRH@charter.net. If you aren't connected to the web, we can be reached by land mail at: Starfleet Sciences, P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802 USA.

The International Astronomical Union recently revised the definition of planetary bodies. A planet now is defined as a celestial body that (a) is in orbit around the Sun, (b) has sufficient mass for its self-gravity to overcome rigid body forces so that it assumes a hydrostatic equilibrium (nearly round) shape, and (c) has cleared the neighborhood around its orbit. As a result, our solar system now has eight planets. Pluto is now in a new category called "dwarf planets", joining the asteroid Ceres, 2003 UB313 (an icy object nicknamed Xena orbiting beyond Pluto), and Charon (Pluto's largest moon).

But what about planets orbiting other stars? According to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_stars_with_confirmed_extrasolar_planets), more than 200 extrasolar planets have been detected in the last 20 or so years – 48 in multiple planet systems, 150 in single planet systems, 4 orbiting pulsars, 1 orbiting a brown dwarf, and 2 free floating. Almost none of these planets can be observed directly. If the planet orbits its star at a relatively large distance, the star is relatively cool, and the planet is relatively warm, then the infrared radiation emitted by the planet might be detectable amidst the visible glare of its star.

Just how do astronomers detect extrasolar planets? To answer this question, I was able to tap into a temporal rift and acquire the visual/audio log of a starship from the 23rd century. The following is a transcription of an educational session from that log that discussed the topic.

---- AUTOLOG, U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, STARDATE 3694.3 ----
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Ensign Tom Thacker entered the briefing room with his usual sanctimonious flare. Already seated at the table were ensigns Roberto Odarezno and Dwight Fugherouea, who were engaged in light banter about the ship and the crew and the reason they were gathering here.

"Hey, Tommy boy," Fugherouea said, motioning to a chair beside him, "come on in and join the fun!"

Thacker sat himself down in the chair with a grunt. He had had his fill of learning at the Academy and now had wanted to start getting some real experience aboard the Enterprise, not attend any more science classes. "Where's Lenermann?," he barked impatiently.

As if in response, the door opened with a hiss and an attractive woman entered the room. Ensign Kara Lenermann took a seat apart from the other three, nodding respectfully in greeting.

Thacker turned to Fugherouea and, tossing his head in Lenermann's direction, intoned, "Cold as a Vulcan."

Fugherouea's eyes widened. Following his stare, Thacker swung around to see Commander Spock standing in the doorway. "I didn't hear the door close!" Fugherouea whispered in glee at his comrade's embarrassment. "Did you?"

Spock surveyed the four Starfleet Academy graduates seated at the table in front of him. Smart, young, and eager to explore the universe, just like all new ensigns. And so emotional. Typical humans. He sighed.

"All of you have taken the Academy courses in astronomy, astrophysics, geophysics, warp theory and subspace dynamics," Spock began, "as well as ship systems and operations. As you know, this is one of several orientation sessions to bridge the gap between what you learned in Starfleet Academy and performing your duties aboard a Federation starship. I am one of several instructors you will have. My specialty is science." He paused. "Let's start with the basics. You are several light years from an unexplored planetary system. The captain has asked you for an assessment of the planets in that system. How do you gather that information?"

Odarezno's hand shot up. "Mister Odarezno," Spock acknowledged.

"I'd use the long-range sensors, sir," Odarezno said.

"Why not use the short-range sensors?," Spock asked.

"Because they operate in the electromagnetic spectrum," he replied. "Owing to the limiting factor prescribed by the speed of light, the photonic information that they detect would be of little use at light years distance."

"Little use?," Spock asked.

"I mean the information they detect would be several years old, out of date, not current, sir." Odarezno had become enamored by Spock the first time he had heard of him. The farm boy followed the officer's career, dreamed of exploring space as he studied the stars on many cold country nights. And now that his dream was coming true, now that he was face to face with the science officer whom he adored, Odarezno

felt uneasy. The Vulcan's utter lack of emotion was discomforting.

"What advantage do long range sensors have over short range sensors?," Spock continued, his emotionless eyes boring into the ensign.

"Uh, um," Odarezno stammered.

"Sir!," Lenermann exclaimed, hand raised.

Spock turned his gaze toward Lenermann.

"Unlike short range sensors which operate in the electromagnetic spectrum," she said, "long range sensors utilize subspace and operate in the tachyonic spectrum. Operating at subspace tachyonic frequencies allows us to get information that is current because subspace communications utilize gravitonic wavicles traveling at much greater speeds than photons."

Spock nodded in approval.

Thacker leaned toward Fugherouea. "They quote from Starfleet Dynamics 101 and 107 really well," he whispered, low enough that he thought Spock couldn't hear. "Anyone can memorize that stuff!"

The Vulcan turned his gaze toward the young ensign. "Then perhaps, Mister Thacker, you would like to answer a question that requires some thought?"

Obviously, Thacker gulped, his whisper wasn't low enough! "Um, yes sir."

"Explain, in relativistic terms, how gravitonic wavicles deliver their information."

Thacker squirmed in his seat, marshalling his thoughts, a few beads of sweat dotting his forehead. "We're waiting, Mister Thacker," Spock said. "Speed is of the essence."

Fugherouea raised his hand. "Mister Spock, may I?" Spock nodded. "In order to detect planets in distant solar systems, the long range sensors tap into spacetime. Planets have mass and, hence, gravity. The gravity of the planets and star distort or curve spacetime around them, putting dimples in the spacetime matrix."

"This distortion is detected by the long range sensors," Thacker interrupted.

Fugherouea grinned. "May I finish, Tommy boy?"

"I can take it from here," Thacker responded, eyes narrowing. "The distortion propagates along the lines of the spacetime matrix at tachyonic speeds. We can detect the magnitude of the dimples and translate that into a planetary mass. Other characteristics such as the delta, phase, and refractive properties of the dimple, the tachyonic emission analysis, and gravitational pulse analysis, tell us details about the planet's motion around the star and its other characteristics." He felt especially proud of himself.

"Very good," Spock said, but he wasn't entirely satisfied with the young ensign's performance. "Now, tell me how planetary systems in other stars are detected by a pre-warp civilization."

"Huh?" Thacker asked.

"How did earthmen of, say, the late 20th and early 21st centuries detect planets in other solar systems?"

Thacker stared back at the Vulcan. "Um, that, sir, wasn't covered in any of the Academy courses."

"Hey, Tommy," Fugherouea responded, "it was if you took the history classes!"

"Okay," Thacker fumed. "Alright." Back to basic astronomy, he thought. "Planets are very dim compared to the light emitted by the star they orbit. Usually, planets emit in the infrared wavelengths or reflect the visible light emitted by their star. Light from a planet would be washed out by the light from its star. So the only way they could be detected by ancient 20th century man was indirectly. A star is not located at the exact center of a solar system. Even though the star is much more massive than any planets orbiting it, the planets still exert a gravitational pull on the star, so the star and its planets all orbit around their mutual center of mass." Thacker's eyes narrowed. "This center of mass, Mister Spock, is called the barycenter." He said it almost defiantly, as if defending his honor. "Over a long enough time, the star will appear to move in a tiny circular or elliptical orbit in relation to the background stars in its neighborhood. And this method, Mister Spock, is what's called astrometry, the branch of astronomy that deals with the positions of stars, their distances and movements."

Spock had lived with humans long enough to recognize the emotion. He arched his eyebrow. "You have redeemed yourself, Mister Thacker," he said. "Why could this method not be used until the late 20th century?"

Lenermann's hand shot up. "Because the changes in the star's position are so small that ground-based telescopes couldn't detect it owing to the distortion effect of the earth's atmosphere." Remembering a report on space instruments she had written in third grade, Lenermann added, "Detection of planets in other solar systems really took off with the Hubble Space Telescope, which was put into Earth orbit in 1990 and repaired in 1993. In fact, Hubble enabled astronomers of that time, for the first time, to image the disks of dust surrounding stars. These circumstellar disks are the source of the dust that eventually form planets. They quickly calculated that more than 15 percent of sunlike stars in the neighborhood of Earth had circumstellar disks. It was an important advance in astronomy at the time."

Spock nodded. "Astrometry works for solar systems whose plane of the ecliptic lies perpendicular to the line of sight of the observer." He scanned the room. "How are planets detected if the solar system is observed edge-on?"

"Sir!" Odarezno exclaimed. "Since they couldn't rely on the motion of the star against the stellar background, they looked at other characteristics of the star, its light. Specifically, shifts in the star's spectral lines due to the Doppler effect. As the star moves toward the observer in its orbit around the barycenter, its spectral lines are shifted toward the blue end of the spectrum because the wavelength of its light decreases. As the star moves away from the observer in its orbit around the barycenter, its spectral lines are redshifted because the wavelength increases. A star whose spectral lines experience a regular blueshift/redshift pattern probably would have a planet orbiting it."

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"Correct," Spock said. "That is the radial velocity method of detecting a planet. What is another method of detecting an edge-on solar system?"

The puzzled ensigns all glanced at each other. Lenermann finally said, "Sir, could it be if the planet crosses directly in front of the star's disk, it decreases the visual brightness, the intensity of the light detected from the star?"

"Yes," Spock replied, "that is the transit method."

"But how can the transit method work? Isn't a planet too small to block out any significant amount of a star's light?"

"In most cases that would be true," Spock said. "The method is best used for star systems close to the observer, where the planetary orbits are perfectly

aligned to the observer, and for planets that orbit close to their parent star."

"It should also give us information about the planet's atmosphere," Fugherouea added. "When the planet transits the star, light from the star passes through the upper atmosphere of the planet. The gases in the atmosphere will impose their own spectral absorption lines upon the star's spectrum, telling us which elements are in the planet's atmosphere." He gave a wink to the other ensigns.

"Mister Fugherouea," Spock said, looking squarely at the young man, "how could 20th century man detect planets orbiting pulsars?"

"Well," Fugherouea began, "a pulsar is a neutron star. The remains of a supernova. They're called pulsars because they emit radio waves at regular intervals as

they rotate." He chuckled. "People could even set their clocks by the pulsations! Now, if a planet is orbiting one, its effect on the pulsar's motion would affect the timing of the pulses. In fact, these measurements are so precise that this method gave them the capability of detecting really small planets."

"Planets the size of Earth?" Spock asked.

"Yes sir. Even smaller."

"Planets that could support advanced civilizations?"

Thacker snorted. "No! The pulsar's high energy radiation would be so intense that life as we know it couldn't survive in that solar system!" He quickly appended, "Sir."

"Life as we know it," Spock repeated. "It would be wise to remember those words. Life has many forms in the galaxy, and is extremely versatile."

---- TRANSCRIPTION ENDS ----

Wow! Listening in on a science class held aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise! That was so cool, wasn't it? I needed help in preparing the transcription, so I utilized the following resources:

Starfleet Academy Training Command Press, 2291: *Starfleet Dynamics, 25th Anniversary Edition*. Printed in Canada.

"Extrasolar Planet". http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extrasolar_planet

STARBASE INDY THE ELEVENTH GENERATION

Beaming in to this year's Starbase Indy will be the female security chief from Capt. Picard's Enterprise, the top-gun Viper pilot in Galactica's fleet, and a Jaffa rebel leader and warrior from Stargate SG-1. Convention action runs Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 24-26, in the Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis.

Starbase Indy is a fan-run convention in its 11th year. At the convention, attendees have multiple opportunities to interact with the stars. In addition, the laid-back atmosphere and varied programming provide a perfect opportunity to meet old friends or to build new friendships that will last a lifetime.

The guest lineup for Starbase Indy: The 11th Generation includes Denise Crosby, Katee Sackhoff, Christopher Judge, Gary Jones, Alexis Cruz, Manny Coto, Gary Graham, Dean Haglund, Deborah Downey, David Reddick and Tim Brazeal. For more information and to register, go to www.starbaseindy.com.

Other events include the masquerade, tentatively set for 8 p.m. Friday; Dinner with the Stars on Saturday night; and a special surprise performance featuring most of the guests on Sunday. Other activities include gaming, a CSI workshop, and programs on astronomy. Starbase Indy also supports two charities: Cats Haven, a no-kill shelter for cats and kittens; and

the Children's Bureau, helping care for Indiana's children who have no other options. The Marines will deploy at Starbase Indy for a Toys for Tots drive.

Denise Crosby played Lt. Tasha Yar, the original security officer on Capt. Picard's Enterprise in Star Trek: The Next Generation. She later returned to play Tasha's daughter Sela, a half-Romulan officer who bedeviled her mother's shipmates. She also produced and hosted the documentaries "Trekkies" and Trekkies 2" about the Star Trek fan phenomenon.

Katee Sackhoff, who plays Starbuck on the new Battlestar Galactica, will make her only U.S. convention appearance in 2006 at Starbase Indy. Her Starbuck is not your stereotypical female. The cigar-smoking, card-playing Starbuck is bold, bucks authority and disobeys orders when she believes she's right. Katee will be at opening ceremonies Friday, will be on stage Saturday and will attend the Saturday night Dinner with the Stars.

Christopher Judge plays Teal'c, the foe-turned-friend of the Stargate SG-1 team. Teal'c is a Jaffa of strength, honor and loyalty who chose to fight the Goa'uld, powerful beings who demanded worship as gods and who tyrannized his people. As a stranger in a strange land, he also offers a bemused opinion of the human condition. Christopher will be at the Saturday night Dinner with the Stars and will be at the convention Sunday.

Manny Coto, who was one of the executive producers and writers during the final season of Enterprise, brought a refreshing outlook and a steady hand on the helm. He resolved several story continuity issues and brought the Vulcans back from a devious and disagreeable reputation to a race that would be governed by logic and honor by Spock's time. He is now executive producer and writer of the Emmy-winning show 24 on the Fox network.

Gary Graham played one of those disagreeable Vulcans on Enterprise in the early seasons as Ambassador Soval. He later saw the logic of assisting Captain Archer and Earthers and aided in the founding of the Federation. Gary is also known to science fiction fans as the policeman on Alien Nation, Detective Matt Sikes, who learned to empathize with the spotted-headed aliens stranded on earth.

Gary Jones has been the quiet but steady presence of Master Sgt. Walter Harriman in the control room of the Stargate since season one. He's the officer who dials in locations for the Stargate teams' missions and monitors incoming activity. Dean Haglund and Gary will do their Kirk vs. Spock comedy routine during the Saturday night Dinner with the Stars.

Alexis Cruz played Skaara in the movie Stargate and the series Stargate SG-1. Col. Jack O'Neill took a liking to the alien youth who aided his team against the Goa'uld and regarded him almost as a son.

Skaara later was invaded by a Goa'uld symbiote and turned against the SG-1 team.

Dean Haglund played Langly, one of The Lone Gunmen on The X-Files. The Lone Gunmen were computer geeks, hired to do jobs the X-files agents wouldn't. The Lone Gunmen later had their own show for one season. Dean will do an X-Files improvisation on Friday.

Tim Brazeal, founder of TrekUnited, is back again this year with the latest news in the Trek world. Brazeal founded the "Save Enterprise" movement, which had remarkable success in gaining fan backing and donations to save the series.

Deborah Downey appeared in "The Way to Eden" in the original Star Trek series. She played one of the space hippies in that episode and joined Mr. Spock for a jam session.

And back as emcee this year is David Reddick, best known to StarTrek.com fans as the cartoonist for the weekly series "The Trek Life." David spent six years as the state and national award-winning cartoonist for The Herald Bulletin in Anderson, Ind. He then joined the staff of Paws Inc., where he writes and draws cartoons at Jim Davis' Garfield studio. His work has been distributed nationally by Scripps Howard News Service.



The USS Challenger enjoys a lot of international outings. We love Indian restaurants, once held a picnic during a warm February in front of a Scottish market and usually attend the annual Greek Festival in Toms River New Jersey, our home base. This year was no exception. St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River has held this event for over 30 years. It features a wide variety of Greek food, Greek dancing,

Greek art, and this year it also featured a whole selection of vendors and children's games.

Our science section member Annie Slonski attended the event for the first time. We enjoyed the food but there was no Greek dancing going on at the time. I got to see the new area of vending tables and kid's games, nice idea and well past due. The event has evolved a lot over

the years and the crowds grow larger each year. This was the first year that we used the free shuttle bus service, which provided transport from nearby Ocean County College. We were at the festival for almost two hours, which this year was probably long enough. As always the turnout was incredible and it benefited the church. My wife, Counselor Emily, bought another Greek cookbook so I'm already looking

forward to her cooking ups some Greek dishes and some sweet desserts.

We must be getting old because we all needed naps in between that event and the birthday dinner at Charlie Brown's in Toms River for Annie and her mom Ethel. We all had a great time there too and made up for our shortened trip at the Festival with a very long evening at Charlie Brown's in Silverton. Avenger XO Todd Burgmans came down to visit Annie and the rest of us and added to the evening as always.

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By: Donna Christenberry - Starbase indy

It's All Greek to Us

By: Admiral Bob Vosseller - USS Challenger - Region 7



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A Look Inside Region One Sciences

By: Rear Admiral Richard Heim - USS Alaric - Director, Fleet Resource Center - Sciences



With 60 chapters and over 850 members, Region 1 is STARFLEET's largest region. We have a vigorous Regional Division Program consisting of about a dozen programs, including Alien Ambassador Corps, Chaplain/Counselor, Communications, Computer Operations, Engineering, Health Sciences/Medical, Operations, Publication Officer, Recruiting, Region Accessibility Resources, Sciences, and Security. Additional information about the region's programs can be found at <http://www.regionone.net/R1/>

I'll be focusing on Sciences in this report.

Region 1 Sciences serves as an information resource for the Chief Science Officers of Region 1 ships, shuttles, and stations. Each spring we give out annual Sciences Division Awards. The Steven R. Hawking Award for Original Article and the Galileo Award for Chief Science Officer of the Year are selected by vote of the region's Chief Science Officers. The Albert Einstein Award for Regular Article Submission is presented to the CSOs who report to me regularly. We have an online handbook which provides ideas for science activities which can be conducted by the CSOs. The handbook can be accessed at the following web page:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Sci2.htm#handbook>

Our main web site is:

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

I'm also the Director of the Fleet Resource Center for Sciences. We have a huge listing of science web pages, educational activities, museums (some with away team reports), and pictures, plus a plethora of science news items, all available to anyone who is interested in science. STARFLEET Sciences' web resources can be accessed at

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>

Our email address is: AlaricRH@charter.net. If you don't have internet access, we can be reached via land mail at: Region One Sciences, P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC.

Each month I send an RDC report to the RDC Program Director, Commodore Ruth Green. Among the things I include in the report is a list of the reports I receive from the region's Chief Science Officers. In this issue of the Communiqué, I'm including excerpts and information from the CSO reports to give you an idea of some of the science activities that are going on in the region.

The USS Ohio CSO, Lt. Cmdr. Janet Wagoner, reported on a July 22 joint away team by 15 crewmembers of 4 ships -- USS Ohio, USS Columbus, USS Renegade, and USS Indiana. They toured the Star Wars Exhibit ("Where Science Meets Imagination") and COSI museum in Columbus, Ohio. From her report: "The Star Wars exhibit had 2 main themed areas: Robots and People--it had many of the robots and droids of Star Wars with real world robotics that is used in medicine. There were a few costumes which I was personally disappointed with. I really was hoping to see more costuming. The Second section, Getting Around--explores transportation like Luke's Landspeeder, Sebulba's podracer and many other props. Throughout the exhibit, there were hands on experiments from building a magnetically levitating vehicle, building a robot and seeing if you can make a pair of robotic legs walk. My CO and myself tried our hands at being Jawas. Our mission was to collect water, store it and keep away from the Sand People. It didn't take long to figure out being a little Jawa, you had to keep moving! The computer game at the end showed us a perfect score to compare to ours. We were off a few points at the end of the game but we got our water stored after only 5 raids. Not bad. After viewing the exhibit and "playing", we all met in the cafe for a quick lunch. The rest of the afternoon, we explored COSI. This museum was very hands on and mostly geared towards kids. I did explore the Ocean section with its water canyons and Progress with its look back in time. After our full day of touring, we headed out to the Spaghetti Warehouse for supper. We all had a wonderful time and I hope we can all get together again." This is a wonderful example of a joint ship exploration of an area science museum! In August the USS Ohio recruited at a local library during the library's open house, and in September away teams were planned on the 14th to a Leonard Nimoy lecture at E.J. Thomas Center in Akron, on the 16th to the Yankee Peddler, and on the 23rd to a local observatory.

USS Renegade CSO, FCapt. Janice Graham, a member of the joint away team, added that the Star Wars Exhibit has "many interactive displays, one of which is to create a Moisture Farm on Tattooine. We thought it was ironically funny when Erik (who is blind) got the best score! Kari and Erik bravely ventured where no one has gone: she reserved a wheelchair and Erik pushed it--yep. Amazing. She guided him with voice and a nudge here and there. (They happily tried everything; she read all the displays to him.)" The Renegade's Science Department also participated in a successful Bat-a-thon on July 8, and an away team saw the movie X-Men 3. On August 23 the ship took 3 cadets on an away mission back to the COSI Museum. One member submitted entries

to the Canfield Fair in Canfield, Ohio and received four First Place and one Third Place awards for craft entries, and a Second Place award for miniature acrylic paintings in fine arts. The Renegade also was planning to attend the Leonard Nimoy lecture in Akron.

Lt. Dawn Jenkins (CSO, USS Jurassic) has nearly completed work on the new Starfleet Page at Astra's Star Gate, her personal web site. Earlier in July, she released the first cut on Astra's SFI page (<http://www.astras-stargate.com/starfleet.html>). Dawn asks, "If you do visit and have some comments, please sign in the Log Book and leave your mark." She adds: "Please mention my new feature, What's Up, Ron?, because I will be adding some Astronomy Lessons from the Star Geezer. In addition, I am hoping to put up my first version of the Stellar Cartography flash gallery that teaches about light at various wavelengths before this weekend is over. The first version will be fairly rudimentary--I want to finish the site update ... that means re-doing the Observer's Page and the Space Explorer's Page." Dawn and fellow crewmember Nancy were preparing to speak on NASA's new launch system and space exploration plans at the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association (the title of their talk is ARES: Launching a New Era in Space Exploration).

Aboard the USS Heimdal (nice ship name!), the crew has started a project in which each department head has a display at each meeting to show the membership what the department is doing and what the goals are for the department. Also, if there is anything that the department has participated in or has sponsored, this is a good time to gather new recruits. CSO Adm. Willy Smith reported that the Science Display Board was a huge success and he gained two new members with a possibility of 2 more joining by next month. "I was given time enough to explain what my department is all about," Willy explained, "and the structure system and I even told of the Science list that you have. Interest is growing. I was proud that Bonnie Davie (Chief Botanist) brought a special Orchid that she has been working on for our display." The ship's Science Dept. played a major role in the Heimdal's recent Annual Crew Auction as 2 members made a database with every item listed and kept up with who bought what and had a 'receipt' ready for each person when they picked up their items. Almost 150 items were donated from local merchants.

The CSOs of the USS Alaric (FCapt. Dennis Relyea) and USS Appomattox (Capt. Debbie Artrip) reported on personal happenings with science department personnel aboard their ships. Sciences was well represented at the Alaric's August 26 open house,

Alaricon! 2006. The Alaric has started a program wherein, at each meeting, a member gives a report on a subject of his or her choice. Cmdr. Nathan Brown started the program with a report on the next Star Trek movie; upcoming reports will include the history of spaceflight and global warming. Dennis also noted that he received the Starfleet Region One Good Conduct Award for five or more years of loyal service, and he accepted the position of Alaric XO. Sounds like Dennis is slipping into the role Mr. Spock had on the original Enterprise -- XO and CSO -- except Dennis is a Ferengi, not a Vulcan!

The USS Pride of Scotland Science Officer (RAdm Karen Berenberg) has submitted an article for the upcoming ship's newsletter edition, and conducted an away team to a "home" for retired racehorses ("Old Friends at Dream Chase Farm") the weekend of August 26. Karen has also been submitting reports on her summer trip to Mexico, which include a wealth of cultural info.

Lt. Cmdr. Cyndi Jo Ashby (CSO of the USS Wasp) reported on the July 16 Discovery Channel special, "Global Warming: What You Need To Know, With Tom Brokaw."

USS Ronald E. McNair CO and CSO Pam Michaud included in her report an article on organic molecules in deep space, and a wonderful Space Shuttle Quiz, which she found at Space.com.

Cmdr. Barbara Slater, acting CO of the USS Charleston, forwarded several very interesting science reports, including a skywatching report on the constellation Scorpius (including Antares, one of my favorite stars!), the Moon, and the planets Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, and Venus; a report on the CALIPSO (Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation) spacecraft, which was returning never-before-seen images of clouds and aerosols, tiny particles suspended in the earth's atmosphere; an earth science research report ("Tiny Tremors May Be Linked To Larger Quakes"); and a report on the International Astronomical Union's redefinition of planetary bodies.

I want to thank each and every one of these fine officers for reporting! The strength of any regional department can be traced back to the interest and involvement of 'Fleet's members in its activities.

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Orion and Star Trek

By: Rear Admiral Dave Pitts - USS Stormbringer - Region 4

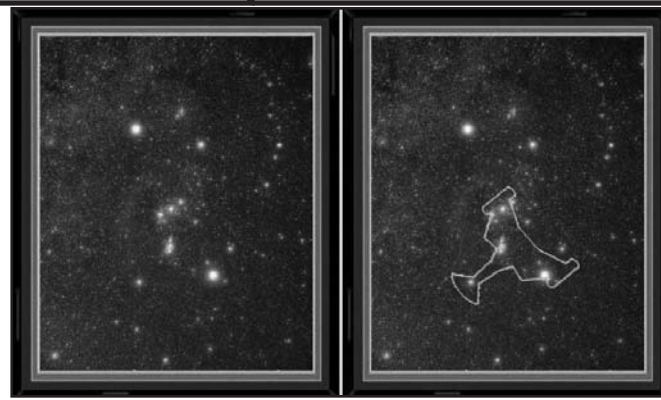


Here we have the Constellation Orion. It should be noted to Star Trek Fans in general, and Klingon fans in particular, that Orion's Belt when combined with neighboring stars forms the outline of a Klingon D7 Battlecruiser quite distinctly. I noticed this in 1996 after watching several Star Trek shows back to back and then later doing some star gazing out in the countryside. It was a really clear night and the image was quite vivid.

Orion's Belt forms the right nacelle and the stars are named from the front to back as follows; Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka. The star Rigel illuminates the front of the left nacelle while the star Saiph serves as the bridge. There are several other stars such as Theta-1 and the Orion Nebula which make up the front where the command boom attaches to the main superstructure. In reality, it is Orion's Belt and sword.

This is Kahless's Battle Cruiser in the sky. On patrol for all eternity!

QAPLA and HAPPY 40th Anniversary Star Trek!



The constellation Orion (Photo courtesy NASA)



From the Office of Fleet Historian
GEN Scott A. Akers

Intro

Greetings STARFLEET. It is with great pride and pleasure that General Scott A. Akers and I announce the relaunch of the Office of Fleet Historian. General Akers, after a promotion and new office in his mundane job, has found that real life has settled down enough that he can devote more time to his duties as director of the Office of Fleet Historian. He has a renewed vigor for the position and has great new plan for the coming years. With that, I'll let General Akers explain his vision for the office.

History of the OFH

Thank you Commodore Halber, ok Boys and Girls and whatever gender Gumby may be, let us start as I always do, with a little bit of a history lesson. The first kernel of the OFH began shortly after I joined STARFLEET in April of 1988. The then Shuttle Program had only been in effect for a couple of years, and it intrigued me as an amateur genealogist the similarities that could be derived between a family tree and the reach back of Chapter to Shuttle to Mothership and so on and so on. So I started gathering information on what chapters shuttled off which Motherships, and what chapters those motherships shuttled off. Then the STARFLEET Marine Corps grabbed my attention and most of my free time for the next eleven years. However, after my tenure as Commandant of the SFMC was complete (ergo I got fired), my interest in that genealogy was re-awakened and I began a multi-year project to track every active chapter's roots back to the progenitor chapter of STARFLEET. In the process, I found that that USS Enterprise initially under the command of Captain John Bradbury was the birth of what eventually became STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association. I also found quite by accident that John Bradbury lived about ten minutes away from where I was living in Texas at that time (1998). I had lunch with John and managed to convince him to come to the 1998 International Conference which fortunately was being held in Lubbock, Texas that year. Thus became the birth of the Office of Fleet Historian as proclaimed by Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith at that International Conference. Following years found the OFH presenting new projects at each of the IC's to include 1999-Charlotte the Seventeen Wall Charts detailing the genealogy of every active chapter back to the Alpha Chapter. 2000-Burlington the display of every CQ every published and sent to the membership as well as seventeen of the STARFLEET Communications newsletter the predecessor to the CQ. 2001-Kansas City the wall posters which included a timeline of the history of Space Exploration – Science Fiction – Star Trek and STARFLEET from 1966 to 2001. 2002 – the distribution of CQ 76 to all those attention, this being

noteworthy as that issue had only been distributed to HQ Staff and Regional Coordinators back in 1996. Sadly 2003 and 2004 saw a decrease in OFH activities as I was serving as the Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy, a task that demanding 98% of my free time. 2005 also saw me in semi-retirement though some work was done on the CQ rebuild process, which brings us to today September 2006.

Re-launch

With permission of and in consultation with Commodore Halber the Chief of Communications for STARFLEET, we are closing the hatches of the Office of Fleet Historian for about twenty seconds, throwing a lot of fresh paint on the bulkheads and reopening a newly renovated and reinvigorated Office of Fleet Historian (see we are using teal paint instead of aqua, its all new and improved). What this means for the rest of you is that we are going to expand our staff and hopefully our services to the membership, the chapters, the regions and to all of STARFLEET in general. This will encompass four areas: Recruiting a new and expanded staff, the Major Ongoing Projects – detailed below, Additional Ongoing Projects – also detailed below, and Major New Projects – you guessed it, detailed below.

Staff

First to expand the Office of Fleet Historian, and to do all of the projects on a continual and timely basis, I will need help. I cannot do it myself, and when I've tried, I have not been able to keep up in a timely manner. Therefore I need to recruit for the following position.

Web Guru: Following in the award winning footsteps of Lauren Milan and the now CQ editor Neal Fischer, the OFH needs someone who knows Web Design at an advanced level, you will see why below. Also someone with an eye to the aesthetic, no-one enjoys going to a boring staid website, especially when the subject matter is History. As we try to bring the History of STARFLEET alive, to make studying it an exciting endeavor, we need a website that makes that possible.

Regional Correspondents: This will be a staffer of the OFH who will work on collecting, collating and writing histories on each region. While they are not on the Regional Staff, they should be willing to help out the chapters, staff and the RC of the region they are assigned. If the RC would like them to serve as the Regional Historian, it will be up to the specific correspondent if they want to fill both positions.

From the Office of Fleet Historian

By: General Scott A. Akers - USS Jaguar - Region 7

Transcriptionists: The rank and file workers of the OFH, these sturdy individual will take either photocopy or pdf printouts of pages from old CQs, transcribe them in either a word.doc (or equivalent) or .txt file and send them back. They do not have to worry about formatting or fonts or any other such concerns. However letter by letter exactness even misspelled words, bad grammar, etc MUST be duplicated in this process.

Any STARFLEET members interested please send an email to the OFH's Volunteer Coordinator Susan Ueffing at: susan.ueffing@gmail.com, or feel free to contact me at either historian@sfi.org or my personal address scott@chunone.org. Send a note to Susan on what you feel is your relevant experience both mundane and fleet wise, and we'll contact you, and put you to work as soon as possible. For those who have worked for the OFH in the past, please drop us a line if you are still interested, remind us what you have done and we'll put you to work too.

Major Ongoing Projects

The Office of Fleet Historian has three major ongoing projects, worked on over the years the pages concerning them are in need of some level of repair and update as they are out of date ranging from weeks to years.

CQ Rebuilds: We are currently working on CQ 59, CQ's 60-76, and 79 on have either been rebuilt or their electronic masters have already been preserved. Our goal over the next few years is to complete every CQ back to number Negative One (ask me about that sometime) and then work on the "STARFLEET Communications" newsletters until all of those have been rebuilt. After they are rebuilt in a desktop publishing program, we then use Adobe Acrobat to pdf the documents, then they are put up on the SFI website for distribution. Commodore Halber will speak later of a move to make these rebuilds accessible only to STARFLEET members, so indeed Membership Has Privileges.

Fleet Genealogy: As mentioned above in 1999, the OFH created posted ranging from three foot by three foot and three foot by eight foot for each region, listing every active chapter in the region and its ancestry, these will be updated using newer software, and with plans to put an image of each ship to represent the chapter indicated.

Prose History of STARFLEET: A rewrite of the currently emplaced History, to include the last few administrations as well as corrections brought forward by members and past members. As Regions write their own histories, we will make room for those to be show on the OFH website.

Additional Ongoing Projects

In addition to the above major projects. We have several other projects that interest members. These include "The History of Space Exploration", a "Photo-file of Fleet Leaders", and the "Evolution of Starship Designs", as well projects on request by regions, chapters and members of STARFLEET.

New Projects

For the next ten months the OFH will be taking on two major, huge, gargantuan projects which it is believed will both excite the membership, and take STARFLEET to a new level of maturity.

The Fleet Wiki: Lately there has been much discussion on creating some form of Website to have the histories for the individual chapters. One person even suggested we use Wikipedia itself, with others warning of the dangers of doing so. So what has been decided was to create our own Chapter History Wiki on the OFH Website. We will create a page for each chapter that is password protected so that only the OFH Staff, and the chapter Commanding Officer or their designate will have access to create or update the appropriate pages.

The 2007 IC Yearbook CD: This project will have CD's created for every chapter, with additional ones for sale to help underwrite the OFH website costs, AND a free additional CD for every attendee at the IC. Each CD will have the History of STARFLEET, the additional data from the membership CD, and a page for every Chapter, Region and EC Department of STARFLEET. Once completed we can update the Yearbook portion of the CD every year.

Closing

Well that's it my friends, please continue to enjoy the services provided by the OFH, and keep giving us more tasks to perform, research is life for a historian. If you have comments, if you have suggestions, if you have outraged denunciations feel free to write me. AND!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Send in those applications, lets share the fun, the work, and the kudos.



<http://www.ussjustice.org/tales7thfleet.htm>

My Trek to Christie's

By: Captain Cheri Rosen - USS Adamant - Region 7



"We're going to view the auction pieces, want to come along?"

I remember reading that email and wondering at first just what my captain Mary Ann Pugliese was talking about.

I think my reply was a very verbose, "Huh?"

And then it was all explained to me.

Once upon a time, there was a TV. show called Star Trek. It existed during a time when science fiction was nearly a non-entity on TV. The folks who produced it at Paramount Studios made many really cool things for the show, to give it a futuristic feel. Then when the show was unjustly cancelled, all those really cool things were sent into the great storage system in the sky or in this case, somewhere in California.

Many years passed, and further generations of Star Trek came and went. And every time it went, more items were stashed into this really big storage facility. In went pieces of bridge sets, specially designed fake weaponry, Trek-like furniture and furnishings, costumes and uniforms and models used for special effect imagery. All these items, stored for years and years in the great storage system in the sky.

Until one day, some snot nosed, weasel in Paramount accounting saw this really big bill, for a really big storage system, somewhere in California, and it was determined that in order to pay for 3rd homes on the Riviera, weekly Botox injections, and faux fur jackets for cainine pets, they would need to trash the items stored in this big storage system and pocket the accumulating fees.

Fortunately for Trek Fans everywhere, two lone voices called out.... "NO! WAIT! NOT THE TRASH HEAP! THIS IS TREK STUFF! LET US SAVE IT!"

And they did.
And it was good.
REALLY GOOD.

So, here we were, on a Saturday afternoon, in the car, driving to New Jersey to take the NY Waterways ferry into Manhattan, to go to Christie's auction house to see what we could see.

We consisted of past and present STARFLEET members: Cheri Rosen, Jim & MaryAnn Pugliese, and Jane Mosquera.

Cameras in hand, we first went under Rockefeller Center, where there were three sections of roped off items for folks to drool over. And drool we did.

Model ships, Klingon furnishings, Next Generation Uniforms, Sick bay couches, our cameras flashed a mile a minute.

All of a sudden I see a familiar pair! It was Pam and Vaughn McDonald formerly of the USS Thagard. They were on their way to see a Broadway show, but the call of Trek pulled them away, at least before

it was time for them to head back to claim their seats.

Much hugging and more photos ensued.

The Christie's folks looked on, bewildered. Just not understanding why it was important to us to take multiple photos of the same ship, that looks sorta like the other ship, which really resembled the third ship, and so on.

The older Christie's employees seemed shocked that folks would shell out \$90 for two tickets and two thick color photo books (part one and part two) of all the items presented to auction. They also couldn't wrap their minds around the fact that we really didn't want to be behind the ropes. We wanted in, to touch, nay, smell, the items, before they were dispersed like dandelion seeds on the wind, to all four corners of the Earth.

After at least an hour underneath Rockefeller Center, we grasped our tickets and headed across the street to the Christie's auction house proper.

We prepared to be somber, and refined. If tea had been served, our pinkies would indeed have been raised. We were entering the exclusive Christie's of New York.

All pretenses were immediately shattered when we entered the door and found ourselves in a room of wall to wall authentic Trek outfits. Some set apart on mannequins, others nonchalantly residing on the rack. On the rack. With tags stating which show, and often which major/minor actor wore it. Underneath the uniforms and dresses were the boots or shoes that accompanied, and often the jewelry or head gear.

I think I can fit the waist circumference of Gates McFadden, or Marina Sirtis in my hands. Barbie becomes bullemic looking at some of these wardrobe sizes. But I digress....

You see, not only were all the costumes there, but, they were not behind glass, not even behind velvety ropes. You could actually touch them! You could slide your hand across garments that once housed our favorite Trek actors! And since this is a family magazine, I'll leave it at that, but suffice it to say one of our fellow Trek friends left that room with a rather large, dreamy smile across her face....

In fact, I discovered inside a pocket of the Enterprise jumpsuit formerly belonging to Tucker, a mock phaser that someone forgot to remove, and I held it quite reverently! While the clothing was entirely touchable, the weaponry was not, so this was quite the find!

Another thing that we discovered, was that photos were not permitted inside of Christie's auction house. And they meant it. No way. No how. And don't ask again or you're going to your room NO.

Suddenly, a lot of folks' camera cell phones started "vibrating." An amazing coincidence, wouldn't you say? ::click whirr::

Um, stop trying to inhale the buttons on that movie trek uniform because this place closes at 7pm and this room leads to another which leads to another, which lead to another, and finally another.

Rooms of Trek stuff.

Just sitting there.

Begging to be touched. (NO!)
Begging to be photographed. (NO!)
::click, whirr::
Begging to be stolen. (Alas, no.....)

Apparently, there were all sorts of gigantic poster sized Trek prints on the hallway wall, and even a side room dedicated to scripts, and costume calls with makeup/hair pages outlining what each actor needed, with swatches of clothing pinned to the pages, as well as blueprints, schematics, and other paper items from the show.

And, even though I went through the exhibit more than five times, I never noticed any of those, for down at the end of the corridor she sat.

The Enterprise.

In all her magnificent glory.

Yes, I think angels were playing or some such.

Surrounding the signature ship was furniture from the series and the movies. Ten foward items, including tables and chairs. Bottles that might once have contained Romulan Ale, and likely handled routinely by Whoopi Goldberg.

That room led to the model room, including the front of an actual shuttle craft, and three sides of a Borg cube.

I think Starfleet HQ was made out of Popsicle sticks or some such. Jim was fairly certain he could recreate it with a few purchases at Michael's (craft store) and Home Depot (Hardware store) and a couple of coats of paint.

It was then that I fell in love with a nebula.

Granted, they generally don't hang on the wall, and it would be more familiar to most as the forming nebula in the opening credits of Next Gen, but for me, it was love. A huge adoration with an estimated price tag to match. I never did find out what it sold for, but I shall miss my nebula friend. ::sniff::

Fortunately the docking station distracted me from my nebula longings, when upon closer examination I discovered an old time transistor AM radio inside, and a set of jumper cables and a few boxes with metallic beaded pull cords.

I so wanted to touch.

Oh and speaking of Barbie, Ken's equivalent made a presence inside one of the model ships. This ship included spare call numbers/letters so they could pretend it was a slew of different ships, but we know the truth... they were all piloted by Astronaut Kennish.

I think the guards were onto me, but because I got them laughing, they left me mostly alone. Fortunately they also immediately believed me when there was a loud crash in the room my friends and I were standing in.

"NOT US" we chorused, holding our hands up to prove that it was the other guy in the room, who decided he needed to find out how heavy the model ship was.

OOOOPSIE.

Apparently it was heavier than he thought.

Picard and Janeway's ready rooms were in the same room, and a certain person familiar to me grew weary for a wary few seconds and needed to sit and recuperate for a fraction of a minute, while I coincidentally got a phone call on my camera phone. Amazing, eh?

I got one of the Christie's experts to open some of the cabinets for me, so I could closer examine a book that had random text inserted inside it upside down. I also looked at some trays, some china, oh and this little flute like instrument that one Jean Luc played a tune on, once upon an episode.

Yeah, that one!

There was a recreated bridge set of the original series that was made for one of the other series, complete with the original classic uniforms that had been worn by the classic actors classically.

Velvet ropes and a no-nonsense, 'I'm onto you trek guys," security guard blocked our path to the promised land. However, it pays to know folks in high places, (you really couldn't get higher than the folks who BROUGHT the collection to Christie's NYC), and the next thing we knew... we were....

pause for a moment of reverency

yes.

Nuff said.

It seemed that going through the exhibit five times wasn't enough, so many of our group returned the next day. Loretta and her friend did not make it the second day, neither did Jane, but we did meet up with Brigid and Richard of PA.

Our reception this time, at Christie's, was one of open arms.

"You're back!" exclaimed one of the stiff and proper Christie's staff, who had never been spoken to before, let alone chatted with. She hugged me

Every time I went through, I spotted something new.

Including all the in-jokes put onto paneling, and display units. Names of cast and crew, inserted everywhere. Random accolades to other SF&F shows, inserted into the directory on the Promenade of DS9. It's nice to know that Spacely Sprockets was still a smart stock option. Even stickers were placed on items giving the mock appearance of sober authenticity, until you actually read one and realized that while it may have started out real official like, it generally ended with things like "I thought I saw a puddy tat! I did! I did!"

It was about this time that I got the younger Christie's employees to leave their posts and follow me around the displays, showing them all the funny stuff that I had deciphered.

Skipping was involved, it is true.

Oh if only I could actually attend the auction, I thought with a sigh, but alas all the bidding slots were filled up long ago.

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And Now for Something Completely Different...

By: Rear Admiral David E. Klingman - Unassigned

Seeing my tangible despair, I was directed to the sign up tables, where, with just a major credit card number and an estimated amount of money I was interested in spending, I was placed upon the golden waiting list.

On a lark, I signed up, as did some of my friends.

A few days later, I was called and offered two seats for all three days of the auction. Just me, my friends were not called. I think that my tangible despair must have permeated the waiting list, causing my application to rise to the top. Just a theory, mind you, fueled by dilithium crystal vapors, or some such.

And, of course, the grandest irony of the whole thing, was that I was not able to go.

I transferred my seats to Jim and MaryAnn, and resigned myself to living vicariously through their adventures at the auction.

It was kinda fun, actually. Their shoes were comfortable to pretend to walk in.

Most likely I'll actually get to see what happened those days at the auction, when the History channel presents its documentary about the 40th Anniversary of Trek stuff going to auction, to be aired in January 2007.

Oh, did I mention they were filming a documentary?

Will I make the final cut? Probably not, but it's most likely that Jim and MaryAnn will, so that will be especially cool.

This was an experience for me that I'll never forget. It's a bit sad that the collection, which should have been preserved in a Museum Of Science Fiction And Fantasy (will someone create one, if it doesn't exist already!)[editors note: One exists in Seattle. Look elsewhere in this CQ for an article about the Trek celebration there], will be scattered across the world and no one will ever have the chance to see them all in the same room at the same time.

Like I did.
With my friends.
On the first weekend of October, 2006.

Once upon a time, Paramount believed in the Trek dream, and saved things, to use again. Now we can only dream, we'll see Trek anywhere besides our dreams.

"We're going to view the Trek pieces... want to come along?"

"Huh?"

"Sure!"

Fandom keeping the dream alive.

...Klingons around Uranus.

Okay, stop groaning and moaning and rolling your eyes because you've "heard that one already." I wanted to get your attention and I suspect, if you're actually reading this article, I've done so.

It does raise an interesting question, at least in my mind, about what the first encounter with an alien species will be like. Here, I make a few assumptions: first, that individual encounters with sentient alien life don't count; and second, that "first contact" will be something real and tangible for the whole world to see, not just the mysterious sightings and blurry photographs and videos. I'm talking about global involvement here.

I'm sure the majority of us have seen *Star Trek: First Contact* and somewhere in the back of our minds some of us have said to ourselves "I really don't think it would work that way." Let's face it, as trekkies/trekkers/science fiction fans, we're among the best minds in the world where picking apart the details of a television show is concerned. I for one don't think an alien is simply going to land, step off the ship, raise his/her/its hand, and start spewing colloquial English to the astonished person on the receiving end who will most likely be thinking of all the TV shows demonstrating the "alien probe" rather than saying "Hey, welcome to Earth."

But...

There just may be Klingons around Uranus.

Okay, you can stop groaning (again).

Because I have to wonder, making all the assumptions we make about the universe, what we now know about the presence of multiple solar systems and multiple planets, and just the fact that there are enough average stars just like our own sun out there that make the prospect of life, sentient life, on a planet in a solar system just like our own, that somewhere there's another alien smart enough to somehow contact us or at least listen in on us. Personally, I think they've been monitoring our transmissions, and by the third episode of *Jerry Springer* they probably decided to look elsewhere for intelligent life in the universe.

In any case, it's not 2063 yet and the Vulcans haven't landed. Keep your eyes open, though. Zephram Cochrane will be born in 24 years according to the *Star Trek Encyclopedia* and a web search reveals that there are at least eleven people named Cochrane living just in Wyoming. So it seems possible that a little boy named Zephram could come onto the scene, more so if you consider that there may be some dude and dudette, last name Cochrane, out there sitting in a living room watching *Star Trek: First Contact*, thinking "Hey honey, ya wanna name our first son Zephram for kicks?"

I just hope we don't have a third world war. Talking to Vulcans who land in Wyoming - cool. Massive genocide and nuclear winter - bad.

But let's suppose for an instance that there are Klingons around Uranus (third groan, in case anyone is counting) or in this case, Vulcans trolling around our solar system who will happen to run across Dr. Cochrane. It's only 57 years from now, so some of us may be around to see it happen - I'll be 94 and hopefully coherent enough to stop drooling long enough to flip on CNN to see the ship land. So they land near a hillside in Wyoming and Dr. Cochrane shuffles up to the big red scout ship. Now what?

I don't think either party is going to be given award for brisk conversationalist. I just don't think language is going to be that easy, and I think it will be our fault. Stay with me on this...

Earth has hundreds of languages. Granted that either English, Spanish, and Chinese are spoken by a vast majority of us Humans, but there's still a lot to choose from, especially by a species smart enough to be monitoring our transmissions, not to mention being able to build a ship to get them from point A to point B in some reasonable amount of galactic time. And, they've been watching *Springer* and thinking, "Let's try Chinese this trip." *Ni hao!*

I also have to wonder if an alien would be able to even survive on our planet. On one hand, I'd think that there would be enough dissimilarities between our planet and whatever planet the aliens came from, either due to atmosphere, gravity, or other environmental concerns, not to mention all the nasty diseases we could exchange with each other in a few airborne droplets, that any alien that would come to our planet would likely bottle themselves up in a spacesuit so thick we may barely get a look at their faces. However, I also have to think that carbon-based life is carbon-based life, and humanoid life (let's face it, it's likely that any alien that would stop even **after** seeing *Springer* would have to be Human enough to stop and open up a dialogue with us) should and I think would be similar enough to be able to open the door, step off, and take a breath of our air without keeping over in a slump of its own body fluids. And I think they'd have sent probes to sample the air and all the nasty infectious diseases and allergens and made the appropriate vaccinations for and against.

But I think they'd be pretty close to Human, to be honest. I subscribe to the idea that any intelligent life out there that would take any interest in us as a Human species would have to be pretty close to Human. Here, I'm thinking about the physical machinery and technology that would be involved in every step from point A (their planet) to point B (our planet). I'm left every time with the feeling that they'd probably have two legs, two arms, fingers and toes, opposable thumbs, upright body posture, at

least two eyes (or similar organs to be able to see where they're going), vocal cords and some type of ears (to speak and hear and communicate their ideas), some type of writing system (to write all the text books, be they paper or electronic, for all the sciences needed to build those ships to go from point A to point B), and so on.

The real question is *would they stop here?*

All joking about *Jerry Springer* aside, I think they'd stop. I don't think they'd be foolish enough to put all the effort into researching us, traveling all that way, and actually considering us interesting enough, despite our faults as a civilization, and NOT stop and get off the spacecraft for at least a look around. It's the same reason we sent men to the moon, send a machine to collect the data, but send a man to get out and walk around and describe what they see in terms other men can understand and relate to.

This leads me to my next thought about perspective. What would we and our newfound alien "friends" be thinking as they stared across the field at each other for the first time? I'm not a mind reader, so I can just make an educated guess. My guess would be that they'd all be a little nervous, the aliens because we're a pretty violent bunch lately as a global community, and us because we've seen far too many episodes of alien abduction and the alien probes that follow.

But, putting all that aside, I'd have to think that physical study would be or at least should be the first thing on any of their minds. I wrote an article earlier this year about peer reviewed literature and science as I see it in the 22nd to 24th centuries, and the focus I think at first will largely be on the biology and sociology. Learn about the new species; understand its biology, its thought process, its language and writing. Then you can communicate in some orderly fashion.

I'm also a scientist albeit a clinical scientist whose field of study is oral health, when you boil it down and I have to think like a scientist in terms that I can understand.

Which leads me to my next and final point - we write what we know. I've been jotting down these notes on Xenoarchaeology for a few years now and everything I write is based on
a. what I know about basic science, medicine, and biology and physiology
b. what I know about the aliens I've seen on the TV screen and in the movie theater
c. what interests me

I suspect the same will apply when/if I have the opportunity to stand in that field in Wyoming or wherever else the aliens land and yes, I hope I get to be there to say hello.

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My First Time: A First-timer's Perspective of IC 2006

By: Major Will Devine - USS Accord - Region 7



I first joined STARFLEET in May 2005, roughly one year after I became a member of U.S.S. Accord in Ithaca, NY. I was looking for new areas of life in which to branch out, and STARFLEET seemed like an interesting organization. So I paid my fifteen bucks, received my membership materials, signed up for the starfleet-I mailing list, and attempted to learn what STARFLEET was all about. Shortly thereafter, fellow Accord member Mark Anbinder tried to get me to attend the 2005 STARFLEET International Conference in San Antonio, TX. At the time, all I could think was that there was no way I could justify spending hundreds of dollars to fly from Ithaca to San Antonio and book or share a hotel room for a weekend, just to spend time with people I barely knew through online connections. I had to decline.

Later, I learned that the 2006 IC was to be held in Philadelphia, PA. Given the relative proximity of Philadelphia to Ithaca (certainly when compared to San Antonio), I felt that I could more easily justify the travel expenses. After all, it was merely a four hour drive away, and I regularly do four hour drives in my sleep. Additionally, Philadelphia is a fun city with plenty to do, both inside and outside of the IC. The decision was a no-brainer; Philadelphia would be my first International Conference.

I drove down on Thursday, mainly since most of my Accord crewmates were traveling down that day, and planned to drive back home on Monday. At first, I was hesitant to make my weekend so long,

since I would have to miss so many days of work. However, in retrospect, I was happy to have allowed myself the full five days. It gave me the opportunity to meet so many people. Some I had met in person before, mainly via Accord's Watkins Glen Weekend. Some I merely knew through online connections like starfleet-I or LiveJournal. Still others were total unknowns to me before the IC, but I was glad to meet and talk with them anyway.

For me, the whole weekend was a fantastic experience. Mike Smith and the entire IC team did a heck of a great job. I admit that I have nothing to which to compare the conference, but frankly, I was impressed. Despite the large family reunion happening there simultaneously that weekend and the accompanying army of children present (especially in the pool), the Embassy Suites worked out rather nicely. Perhaps the only negative point of the hotel was the enclosed yet open air atrium environment, making voices carry upward throughout the hotel too well. On the other hand, maybe that was just a sign of how much fun everyone was having.

I wish I had more knowledge of psychology and sociology, because I think it would be fascinating to analyze people's actions and interactions. This is particularly evident at the IC. There is an "Us vs. Them" attitude in some circles. People talk behind each other's backs. The rumors circulate. And yet, in the end, we all still unite behind a common fandom. In the end, we are all still fans of science fiction

and, of course, Star Trek. In the end, that's all that matters.

Here are some of my favorite memories from the IC, in approximate chronological order:

- Thursday night dinner at a sushi place called Hikaru. It was the obvious choice for Trekkies, after all. Despite the fact that I got lost driving there, I still ended up with the best parking spot. Also, Allyson Dyar ate sushi!
- Visiting the Philadelphia Zoo on Friday with JC and Jen Cohen. This wasn't explicitly part of the IC. Nevertheless, zoos are cool.
- The man-eating tree at the General Assembly behind the EC/AB, which I imagine was a lot more fun to watch from a distance than actually deal with.
- Hearing my name mentioned as a nominee for STARFLEET Enlisted Member of the Year, and then quickly realizing just how close that contest wasn't for me. But it was nice to be nominated in any case.
- Attending the Recruiting discussion panel on Saturday with Dan Adinolfi, and bringing home some good ideas to help out Accord. Thanks to everyone who contributed there; we're stealing all your ideas for ourselves!
- The Sunday night games of Great Dalmuti. I was only a peon once in several hours of gameplay. Not bad for a beginner.
- Taking home a piece of Sonny Wright's U.S.S. Sovereign bridge. I'm now the proud owner of an ops station!

I can't say if all, or any, of this is typical of a STARFLEET member's experience at an IC. I'm

not even sure if there is such a thing as a typical experience at an IC. However, it has given me enough reason to try to figure out a way to get myself to the 2007 IC in Denver, CO. Barring catastrophe or total bankruptcy, I plan to make it to Denver, and I hope it will be as memorable as Philadelphia was. Naturally, I will also be at the 2008 IC in Ithaca, since the five minute drive from my apartment to the hotel would appear to be a very manageable travel time.

My attendance of the IC has also produced a few other changes with regard to my involvement with STARFLEET. While I was certainly active at the local level before, I have rededicated myself to improving Accord on all possible fronts. I have applied to become and been accepted as an associate member of U.S.S. Jaguar, chiefly to remain in contact with people I met at the IC. (What can I say? They're a fun bunch.) Shortly after the conclusion of the weekend, I decided to become a Marine. And I'm looking for other ways within my ability and availability to help out STARFLEET.

The 2006 STARFLEET International Conference was an amazing event. I am so happy that I went. The experience has raised my awareness and expectations on how to make the 2008 IC better. Since I'm sure the IC chairs will be putting me to work quite readily, I'll make sure we strive for the best possible quality in 2008. In the meantime, though, I'll be flying out to Denver next August for another great weekend. I recommend that everyone reading this do the same.

USS Accord's Planet Walk 2006

By: Lieutenant Jen Cohen - USS Accord - Region 7



On a cloudy August morning, members of Region 7's USS Accord set out on an annual tradition, The Sagan Planet Walk. The Planet Walk is a walking scale model of our solar system that winds its way through downtown Ithaca, NY (home of IC'08). The Planet Walk is named for famed astronomer and an Ithaca resident for over 30 years, Dr. Carl Sagan. Monoliths that are easy to see and contain facts on each planet represent the planets. A recent addition is a voice tour by cell phone, which we listened to this year.

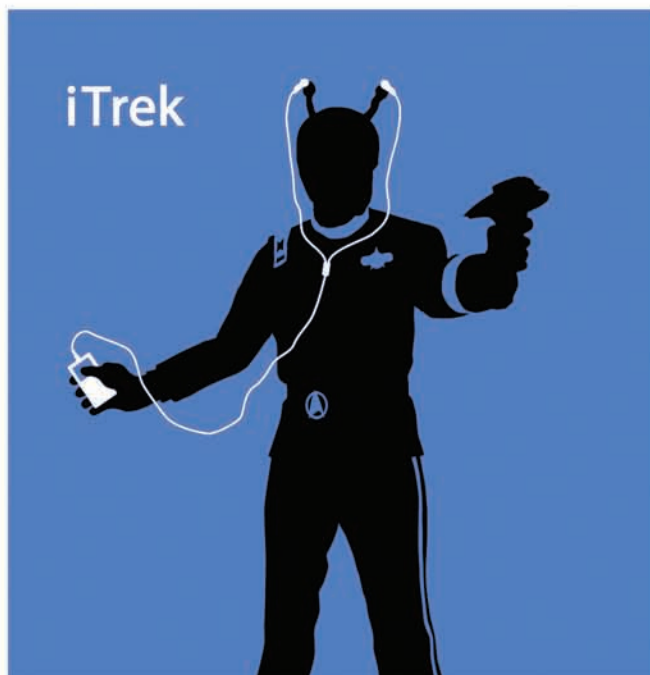
Our mission was to assist the local Science Center with clean up and report any maintenance problems that need to be addressed. With us on our clean up walk were Accord Command staff members; CO JC Cohen, XO Alan Rose, Science Officer Will Devine, and new Ops Chief Dan Adinolfi. Additionally, we had crew members Jen Cohen, Sandra Kisner, Marie Adinolfi, and our youngest members, Jaden and Anna Adinolfi. All had a good time, as the walk is a pleasant 1.2 km stroll through downtown Ithaca.



Top Left – The Accord Crew at the monolith of Earth. Left to right: the Adinolfi family-Dan, Jaden, Anna, and Marie; Alan Rose, Jen Cohen, and Will Devine with Sandra Kisner hidden by a bush in the background.

Left – The monolith of Saturn. Left to right: Sandra Kisner, Alan Rose, Marie Adinolfi, and Will Devine.

Top Right - Will Devine putting his head into the Sun, the monolith that starts the Planet Walk that is.



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Lt. Gumby Kowalski is going to the con... the HARD WAY!



This thing is supposed to do what again?



Gumby with his new Viper



Departure...

Over hill, over dale, we hit the dusty trail. And dusty it was, since we decided to travel over the Continental Divide through Wyoming on our way from Denver to Salt Lake City to attend this year's Mountain Con hosted Captain Carl Stark of the USS Ticonderoga and members of Utah's 7th Fleet Star Trek Family.

Stay Frosty...

The trip through Wyoming was smooth, uneventful and C O L D. We chose that route due to a snow advisory in the mountains of Colorado and thought that we'd just tool over the divide and make our descent through the Wasatch Mountains. It decided to snow on us halfway through so we made a pit stop at Stiff Nipple, Wyoming (home of the World's Windiest Rest Area) to gather our strength for the final leg of the trip out.

The Convention...

Saturday saw the bulk of con activities such as the 7th Fleet's USS Kelly celebrating their 20th Anniversary (Congrats, gang!) and a really nice informal panel of all the clubs in attendance where members were able to give a brief rundown of their group and answer some questions for the crowd. All of us were thrown in the brig for a short period on what seemed to be trumped up charges of sobriety which we quickly remedied (see below).

Rumors of my being a Cylon are greatly exaggerated...

Richard Hatch provided an insightful talk with the crowd about the upcoming season three of the new Battlestar Galactica. He artfully dodged spoilers and played a blooper reel from BSG that had us in stitches. He answered a lot of questions from the crowd and encouraged interaction from the fans. He talked about what a great subplot it would be to bring Dirk Benedict on as Starbuck's father and the crowd seemed really happy with that idea. When cornered and asked flat out if he was a Cylon... he simply said "I don't know yet." I say we waste him. No offense. Better to be safe than for Richard Hatch to be voted off the Galactica. No, I'm just kidding. Really. No, wait...

Smuggler's Blues...

All of the Saturday night room parties were assigned to the same area of the hotel. This was awesome because we didn't have to stagger (roll, crawl, roll, roll, stagger, stagger) so far to get around to hit them all. Other cons should copy this tactic. While we didn't plan on actually hosting a room party, we quickly learned that we were about the only ship to bring a bar with us (as usual). So we hastily went to the liquor store and augmented our existing stock as we prepared to receive boarders. Chapters of Utah's 7th Fleet, the 501st Alpine Garrison and the Klingons hosted parties with MOJO snacks that were better than some of the restaurants around the hotel. We even got to hang out with David and Debby Horst as well as Audi Jack from the USS Pioneer and Kathryn Johnson and Brooks Williamson from the USS Moontype. As is the norm at our parties... we signed up another member on the spot. Welcome, VIXEN!

Costumes...

We took our BSG Costumes to wear on Saturday. I had my classic Colonial Warrior as well as my award winning new series Duty Uniform that my wife made for me. We had three more in uniform and we looked pretty cool fitting in with the other costumes there. We saw a Ghostbuster, a Predator and a Borg. A Boba Fett walked with the usual Stormtroopers. We marveled at the DeLorean Time Machine from Back to the Future and the "Ariel Ambulance" from Firefly.

She's a CYLON!!!

We had a costume review on Saturday night in the main ballroom. I was in my award winning new BSG costume and was last in line behind a nicely costumed cybernetic pixie. We plotted our drama moment for the crowds while we were in line. As I followed her in the precession, I walked up the stairs and gave the Emcee, Rex Rouviere from I-SCI-FI.com, a hug and whispered into his ear "Grab the gun." His puzzled look was quickly replaced by lightning fast reflexes as I drew my sidearm and yelled out "She's a CYLON!" while trying to take aim on the fair lass. She played right along. Rex played right along and the crowd loved the mini drama moment. Later, Rex commented to me on the moment and how he enjoyed the fun it added. It, like the rest of Mountain Con... was a total blast!

Red Alert... Red Shirts!

Once again, comic relief services were provided courtesy of the Starfleet Stormbringer Security Services (SSSS). The infamous "Red Shirts" were well received by the conventioners and we handed out movie poster cards to promote the upcoming fanfilm. We got a picture with Walter Koenig and had a brief, albeit telling conversation that went something like this:

Lt. Kowalski: "Mr. Koenig, Lieutenants Kowalski and Peterson. We are your escort, sir."
Mr. Koenig (shocked): "Really?"
Lt. Kowalski: "Aye, sir. We beamed down from the Stormbringer."
Mr. Koenig (sniffing): "Did you beam down, or did you Jim Beam down?"
Lt. Kowalski: "Excuse me, sir?"
Mr. Koenig (smugly): "Just a little humor."
Lt. Kowalski: "We at the Starfleet Security Service have no sense of humor that we are aware of, sir."
Mr. Koenig (resigned): "Indeed."
Lt. Kowalski: "This way, please."

Meeting Existing Friends and Making New Friends... I didn't want to say "Old Friends" because well, some are younger than we are. We did meet new members KROTHOS and PUNISHER for the first time and we were able to spend some time with them despite their working as con staff and being very busy during the weekend. We also met up with members from the USS Pioneer (amazing that we had to travel all the way to Utah to have fun with them - as busy as we all have been lately)... We saw Rex Rouviere from I-SCI-FI.com and I was able to happily talk with Admiral Dennis Hollinger of the 7th Fleet for awhile. We celebrated the newly commissioned USS URSA MAJOR, hung out with the members of the USS Ticonderoga, USS Kelly, USS Retributor, The Utah Browncoats and we even had a chance to chat with members of the 501st Alpine Garrison. Wow... what a lineup of diverse fandom!

The Day After...

We went out to the after con dinner at a place called (amusingly enough) "Chuck-O-Rama" and contrary to the name, no one barfed. It was a great buffet with just about everything you could ask for (unless it was ice cream - that machine was broken) and we ate and circulated and said our good-byes before departing back for Colorado.

In the Future...

We had such a great time and we can't wait for the opportunity to repay our Utah friends for their hospitality when they come to Denver. Until then, the Stormbringer will be hosting more events such as the MONDO Stormbringer 8th Annual Halloween Anniversary Party (complete with our very own Haunted Battlestar) in conjunction with House Vampyr on October 28th at MileHi Con in Denver. Email gumbysan@gmail.com for more details and to RSVP.

Until then... Good Hunting,

-Admiral Gumby
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STATE of the STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

By: Major General John Roberts - USS Anasazi - Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps



Greetings Marines!

Not much to report this month as everyone settles back down from IC and begins to gear up for the fall and winter activities that so many of our units have planned.

Bank Account Information

We started the month of July with a balance of \$897.73. We had deposits in the amount of \$34.35 and withdrawals in the amount of \$177.00 for postage, CD productions costs for IM CDs and additional materials for the QM. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$755.08 at the end of July.

We started the month of August with a balance of \$755.08. We had deposits in the amount of \$853.49 and withdrawals in the amount of \$89.46 for PayPal fees and website hosting renewal costs. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$1,519.11 at the end of August.

SFMC Attention on Deck!

The General Staff has decided that we are going to up the content and variety of this section of the Communiqué in an effort to make it more interesting to the members of the SFMC. Some of that increased content is evident in this issue and more new items will be included in the next issue.

International Muster 2007 Denver.
The first ever SFMC Mess Night (Friday night),

friends, fun and SFMC Programming Track during Saturday Afternoon. If you are interested and want more information, please visit the IC 2007 website at www.ic2007.org. If you have ideas for program you want to see at IC/IM, contact the IC staff or the SFMC General Staff and we'll see what we can do to help make it happen if possible. I hope to see many of you there in Denver, it promises to be a fun weekend.

SFMC Information Command Needs YOUR Help!

The COINFOCOM, Wade Hoover, needs your help in maintaining the SFMC Website and email lists. If you have some experience in coding and HTML, please contact Wade Hoover at infocom@sfi-sfmc.org and tell him you are interested in helping out to make the Corps a better place for everyone. Wade will work you and help to find a place that you can help out the Corps, regardless of your experience level. The site is built around SQL and PHP so there is not much hand coding required, most of the job will entail "plug and play" type updating on the backend of the site's coding. This is the perfect way to get yourself started on a career track that could, one day, land you a spot on the General Staff. You know you have always to get more involved, this is your chance!

If this sounds like something you would like to see, let us know. If you would be willing to volunteer if we bring it back, let us know that as well.

What do YOU want from the SFMC?

We have announced several changes and plans for the SFMC over the last several 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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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,
MGN John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC

DepDant

By: Major General Aaron Murphy - USS Ark Angel - Deputy Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps



Greetings Marines:

The Corps has been an active place in the last couple of months. We've enjoyed a successful IC, our G-3 officer debuted a new Corps Publications website, and we have the plans in the works for the SFMC's first official Dining Out. We have several outstanding marines working on this project and I am sure it's something that everyone will be excited to take part in, whether it's at the IC next year in Denver or by implementing this event in your own Brigade.

One of the things that draw us to the SFMC is the fictional aspect of the Corps. Whether you're a grunt in the field, a fighter jock in your aerospace fighter, or the quartermaster making sure all that equipment gets to the troops intact, you take pride in planning a operation and making sure it's done right.

Well, I thought it would be fun to put some of that enthusiasm, expertise, and Trek trivia to the test. Here's what I want we're going to do. I'm going to post a scenario as part of my article. You get to develop an op-plan to get the job done. The specifics are simple. I will post the mission objective and the number of personnel. You get to choose up to the maximum people, choosing from Star Trek character, to get the job done. You can mix and match people from different eras, ships, etc. You are required to stick with main and supporting

characters (Barclay or Rom would be ok... Agent Stone would not), Federation personnel (this is the SFMC, after all). I will also post available equipment.

Be creative. You can submit this as a traditional military mission briefing, as a fictionalized account, or just as a list of people and for what skills you chose them. Have fun with this. I will pick 2 or 3 of the ones I liked and post them in the next CQ along with the next scenario. As long as you guys remain interested, I'll keep coming up with new ones. If you think it's a lame idea and I don't get any submissions, I'll drop the idea and come up with something different.

If you are interested in participating, send me an e-mail with your ideas. Like I said, this is pretty open on the details. But remember, I am the final judge. Just read-over the scenario, stay within the guidelines, and have fun. I need your submissions by 10 Nov 06 so I can have time to go over them before my report is due.

See you again in sixty.

In Service to the Corps,
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Scenario - "Search and Rescue":
Number of personnel - 4
Equipment/Weapons - limited to what you can carry (Restriction - No Federation-issued equipment or weapons)

Insertion - Stowed away on an Cardassian freighter

Mission Objectives -
1) Recon Dominion Prison Camp
2) Locate a Federation Commander being held as a prisoner of war
3) Primary objective - extract prisoner
4) Secondary objective - retrieve computer files on Dominion troop movements

Extraction - Spec-Ops MS-14 Pave Invader will meet the team at a pre-determined evac point 5 clicks from the prison camp.

NOTE: Stealth is of the essence. If you are discovered or shots are fired, the mission is considered a failure.



Forcecom:
Forcecom Report August 2006
Major General Linda Olson
Report Date Sept. 4th, 2006

Brigades Reporting:
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20

Brigades Not Reporting:
10, 13

Units Not reporting:
218, 241, 263, 269, 276, 333, 351, 501, 704, 724,
750, 786, 787, 801, 809, 832

BDE Strength
1st 22 Active 47 Reserve 69 total
2nd 82 Active 8 Reserve 90 Total
3rd 50 Active 26 Reserve 76 total
4th Report was not readable in the format
submitted, no numbers available at this time.
5th 17 Active 19 Reserve 36 total
6th 6 Active 9 Reserve 15 Total
7th 47 Active 70 Reserve 117 total
9th 12 Active 9 Reserve 21 total
10th
12th 36 Active 66 Reserve 102 total
13th
14th 1 Active 0 Reserve 1 total
15th 16 Active 18 Reserve 34 total
17th 25 Active 22 Reserve 47 total
20th 6 Active 3 Reserve 9 total

Recruits
1st Christopher Huff, Tracy Lilly
2nd Susan Poston, Dennis Casey, Sandy Mack
3rd Kenneth Norris, Bruce, O'Brien, Des Farkas,
Connie Farkas, Wayne Smith, Chris Carothers
5th Deborah King

Discharges
3rd Damien Shotwell, Gabriel Dofflemeyer, Nancy
Fowler, Jeremiah Eads, Steccie Morgan, Annette
Dominguez-DeRoux, Angelita Deluna, Michael
Dominguez, Alice Mitchell, Christopher Hanssen,
Kelly Jenkins-Hanssen, Edward C Tunis III (moved)
5th David Kania, McKenzie Lee, Shawn McVay
20th Keith Dennis

Awards Issued
(as reported in the Brigade Reports)

STARFLEET Cross
Jill Rayburn
Rey Cordero
John Adcock
Linda Olson

SFMC Service Commendation
Greg Franklin
Jill Rayburn
Patrick McAndrew
Tom Guertin
Linda Olson

TraCom Commander's Award
Tony Lopes

SFMC Achievement Award
John Kane
Tracy Lillie
Wade Olson

Leader's Commendation
Ray Cordero (2)
Richard Jolitz
Greg Franklin
John Kane
Jill Rayburn
Chris Nix
Jim Pepe
Rony Rowley
Mark Anbinder
Mike Balewitz
Dean Rogers
Rosy Dorffner
Valerie Rosenberg
Joe Hoolihan
Robb Hasty
Susan Ueffing
Rosie Dorffner
Valerie Rosenberg
Wade Olson (2)

20th Anniversary Additions
(These Marines were members of the SFMC
during the Anniversary Year but have not received
recognition previously)
Shawn McVay
Bill Downs
Charlotte Howey
Joyce Fink
Michelli Fanelli
Jared Fielder

Brigade Achievement Award
Jeff Bragg
Christine Jordan
Nate Martin
Michael Marquart
Shawn McVay

Meritorious Unit Citation
Greg Franklin
John Kane
Tracy Lillie
Jill Rayburn
750th MSG
86th MSG
777th MSG
726th MSG
769th MSG
International Service
Howard Knapp
James M Nicholson
Christing Anderson
Scott Anderson Sr
Les Rickard
Tom Guertin
Scott Akers
Wade Olson
Linda Olson
DJ Allen
Joost Ueffing
Susan Ueffing
Mark Anbinder
John Roberts
(the complete list of this award was posted to the
Corps List by Commandant John Roberts shortly
after the International Muster in August)

Community Service Award
Shawn McVay
Robert Rand Jr.

Honor Guard
Tom Guertin

Naval Achievement Award
Edgar Torres
Maria Torres
Mike Smith
Angel Avery
Keith Mayfield
Alex Antonakos
Joe Hoolihan

Naval Unit Citation
USS Thor

Comet
Mike Balewiz
Wade Olson

Legion of Valor - 724th MSG
Shield of Valor - Larry S Neigut
Sword of Valor - Joe Dorffner
Cross of Valor - Rey Cordero

Brigade Muster
Mike Stein
Joe Dorffner
Larry Neigut
Martin Lessem
Valerie Rosenberg
Mike Smith
Angel Avery
Sean Niemeyer
Lauren Neimeyer
Joe Hoolihan
Mark Hanford
Mark Anbinder
Keith Mayfield
Doug Creamer
Beryl Washington
Sonny Wright
Bob Vosseller
Mike Balewiz
Dean Rogers
Rosie Dorffner

Great Barrier Expedition
Mike Stein
Larry Neigut
Martin Lessem
Mike Smith
Angel Avery
Sean Niemeyer
Lauren Neimeyer
Mark Hanford
Mark Anbinder
Beryl Washington
Sonny Wright
Bob Vosseller
Mike Balewiz

Joint Service Award
Mike Stein
Joe Dorffner
Larry Neigut
Mike Smith
Angel Avery
Joe Hoolihan
Beryl Washington
Sonny Wright
Bob Vosseller
Dean Rogers
Rosie Dorffner

Embassy Duty Award
Joe Dorffner
Larry Neigut
Mike Smith
Angel Avery
Joe Hoolihan
Beryl Washington
Sonny Wright
Bob Vosseller
Dean Rogers
Rosie Dorffner

Promotions
Jessica Workman to Lt. Col
Linda Olson to Major General



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ForceCom Article

By: Major General Linda Olson - USS Relentless - Commander, Forces Command



Ladies and Gentlemen of the SFMC;

Normally I have an article concerning the activities of the various units of the Corps. However, this reporting period has been rather traumatic for me and I have not managed to compile the activities report in a form suitable for this publication.

The major reason for this failure was a personal disaster. The week following the International Muster and less than three weeks after my son reported to Fort Benning for Army boot camp, lightning made a direct hit on my home in Tennessee. I was at work in Valdosta, Georgia and received a phone call from my best friend in Tennessee whose husband had heard the call on the Emergency Radio Frequency. He recognized the address given as my home.

As I understand it, it was a direct lightning strike on my house in the middle of the afternoon. The neighbors saw a huge white light and heard a boom, then saw smoke rising from the mountainside. If you have never been to my property in Tennessee you do not know that the house was on the side of a beautiful seven acre mountain tract and the driveway was almost hidden from view except for a small section of the county road in one direction only. Most people did not even know that there was a house there. The core section of the house was well over 100 years old. I had added a master bedroom to the rear of the core in the 80's and a two story area for a living room downstairs and large bedroom upstairs in the 90's. The house had a large attic full of stuff and a basement under the original core section. I had lived in this house from 1978 to 2004 when I moved to Madison, Florida.

I had not moved much of my stuff to Florida yet, because we needed to remodel this house to

make room. Wade and I are both very sentimental about our "possessions" and would probably qualify as "pack rats". Needless-to-say, most of my possessions and memories of the past were still in that house. It was the only home that my son, Jonathan, had ever known. My daughter, Dominique, who is married and now lives near Atlanta, Georgia, also had a large amount of personal belongings stored there.

By the time we arrived in Tennessee 24 hours after being notified, there was nothing left but a still burning pile of ashes and rubble. We went by the Fire Station to pick up the report and talk to the firemen. They said it took three men with axes over 30 minutes to break down the front door. They were not certain if anyone was living there and the neighbors couldn't tell them, so they spent most of the time trying to determine if anyone was in the house. They apparently had a huge tanker truck which carries 10,000 gallons of water and they used every bit of it, but to no avail. They actually put the fire out three different times, but it refused to remain out and they finally gave up after eight hours and just sat and watched the walls fall in. The 16 firefighters who responded to the call determined that it was the best built house they had ever seen. No one was going to break in and steal anything. However, as old as the house was, and as much fabric and paper (we had an extensive collection of books, hardback and paperbacks of all kinds) as there was in it, fire was the major enemy.

I am left with a Ben Franklin corner wood stove, sans brass knobs, and a claw foot cast iron tub, if the finish can be redone, a concrete slab and a very large hole in the ground. Very little of what was in the house survived. The firemen managed to get a few things out of the living room before it was fully

engulfed. I was happy to see some of the photos and art work that I had as well as my sewing chest, which contained one each of my children's baby outfits was salvaged. However, my entire collection of STAR TREK toys, phasers, tricorders, blueprints, posters, signed books and pictures, my Spock life sized standee, anything from any cons, summits etc before two years ago all gone. My wedding dress, clothes I have had since high school. Yep, I am a fully vested pack rat. When my daughter needed an outfit for a play set in the 70's, she didn't have to look very far. I had it all. Costumes of all kinds, jewelry that had been my mom's, needlework that had won ribbons at the county fairs, you name it, I probably had it. In fact my old shipmates on the Benuu always called me first if we needed anything for any event we were doing, because chances were I had it somewhere.

Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. However, there is a silver lining to this dark cloud. I no longer have to be concerned with which pieces of furniture to give to which child. I no longer have to worry about cleaning out the attic or the spare room. The only place that I have to clean out is the basement, because everything that can be found is now there. The firemen informed me that they saved my antique sewing machine that was in the living room. I told them that the sewing machine wasn't in the living room, it was stored in the attic. Well, they replied, by the time they got there it was in the living room.

Another good thing is that now we can reposition the house to give better access to the remainder of the property. But it will be a long time before we can rebuild, you see the insurance companies in Sevier County refused to insure my place for anywhere near it's actual value because of the age

of the original structure and the distance from a fire station. So we got a check for about 1/10th of the actual loss according to the fireman's estimate. Of course, the value of the furniture, clothes and other household items, is nothing compared to the loss of the memories. My children's baby book, photos, school papers, scrapbooks, etc., these are the things I shall miss the most. My mother's handmade afghans, her doll collection, and ceramic work, things that can't be replaced. The Christmas decorations collected over 30 years and treasured carefully in tissue and stored in the attic until the time to adorn the branches of the artificial tree. My son was allergic to the real thing. These are the things I shall mourn.

I appreciate each of you and your offers of assistance. But there is really nothing that I need that can be given. I have a home here in Florida, and I am settling in more and more each day. My son has everything he needs currently provided by Uncle Sam. Dee and Jake are building a new house near Atlanta and will manage without such things as her Marvin the Martin collection to clutter up the spaces there. In a way, it gives us all a new start. How many of you have dreaded the day it is necessary to go through all the belongings of a lifetime and make the decision to keep or discard? I know I hated the thoughts of the job, and now I don't have to do it.

I received messages by email and phone from a great many of my STARFLEET family and friends. I shall be forever grateful for your kind thoughts and prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. From this tragedy, as with the others of my lifetime, I shall move forward. I will shed no more tears for the past, but will remind myself that no one was hurt, nor left homeless. God in his infinite wisdom works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

InfoCom

By: Lieutenant General Wade Hoover - USS Hellfire & Brimstone - Commanding Officer, InfoCom



Fall is in the air, and another CQ deadline has come. Wasn't it just yesterday that 2006 started? Halloween is now just around the corner. Where did the time go?

The SFMC website is still the major focus of my office. Due to changes in the schedules of several members of the web team at the start of the summer (including mine), the SFMC site got a bit out of date. That has been fixed, and a couple of

new faces have been added to the web team, 2LT Ashley Raymond and BGN Michael McGowan. The addition of these marines will certainly help in the effort to keep the site up to date. I have also received a couple other applications from interested marines, and I am looking at what staffing I really need in the Infocom Office before I add any more.

The offerings on the SFMC site are ever evolving. In the near future, I look forward to opening the

history of the SFMC in a Wiki format, allowing you, the members of the SFMC, to help us compile an accurate history. I am also looking into an actual store front for the quartermaster, including real time inventory, and on-line payment. In the short term, I am looking into adding a PayPal shopping cart.

Please remember, if you find an error, please send an E-mail to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org. If you have a request for a page that is needed, send it to

webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org. If you have any criticism, or suggestion, send it to webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org

In service to the SFMC I remain,

LGN Wade Hoover
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TraCom

By: Lieutenant General Wade Hoover - USS Hellfire & Brimstone - Commanding Officer, InfoCom



Greetings all from your neighborhood COTRACOM.

It's been a busy couple of months for TRACOM. First, for those of you that may not know me my name is Joost Ueffing. I was hired on as COTRACOM this past April, having taken over from Jill Rayburn (who I thank for her service to TRACOM as CO). Some of you may recognize me from my previous articles as Chief of Operations from 2003 - 2004 so these hallowed pages are familiar to me. I hope that I can some pearls of wisdom to them.

First, you'll notice that we have added as part of AoD a paper from one of the many students that have participated in the SFMCA. Starting this issue and continuing forward we will be publishing a paper from various students that will deal with a variety of topics. We have a lot of talent and want to showcase it for everyone to enjoy, not just our branch directors.

Second, I'd like to welcome on the new directors to the SFMCA that were hired as of IC2006:

Lee Williamson SO Branch Director
Carol Thompson XR Branch Director
Daniel Dreesbach CE Branch Director
Sean Niemeyer XJ Branch Director
Josephus Doffner ME Branch Director
Sofyan Sahrom MD Branch Director

I'm sure everyone will do a fantastic job and I look forward to their contributions to the SFMCA.

Third, we are always looking at improving the schools and how they function. To that end I want to give a sneak peak of a couple of projects on the burner:- Look for a new school to open soon: Xenostudies: Cardassian.- We are looking into automating some of the entry and advanced courses of our schools to provide for quicker turnaround time. This will come in the form of course software a student will be able to use on-line. More information soon.

Fourth, for those of you that still have our old manuals please don't hesitate to download our revised literature at <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/>

[downloads.php#tracom](#). We're very pleased with the 2006 revision and hope you will be too.

Well, that's about all for now. As always, my door is always open at tracom@sfi-sfmc.org. Feel free to drop a line if you have a suggestion or comment you wish to make.

Thanks, and Semper Fi
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Sergeant Major's Report

By: Sargent Major Marie "M" Wilson - ISS Saratoga - Sargent Major, STARFLEET Marine Corps

Good young officers who become good old Generals are made by good Sergeants, a combination of ill-founded self-confidence, bluff and outstanding support and guidance from a series of unforgettable Sergeants allowed me to create an impression of competence. So said Major General Lewis MacKenzie back in 1993. Just one of many quotes throughout history that show the important relationship that has, and does, exist, between the Officer and Enlisted ranks.

The role of the NCO, particular that of the Senior NCO has never been more important in the SFMC, yet it is often overlooked. Maybe we are poorly understood, maybe it is a matter of education. To many, the Enlisted rank is a grade held prior to taking their OTS exam, but quickly forgotten once that first 'pip' is earned. What can we as Enlisted do? What can the Officer's that we support do? Here's what I do. When a new recruit joins my Chapter, be their interest Fleet, or Marine, I like to ensure they know a little about both sides of the house, Officer, and Enlisted. I explain that they need

not take the Commission offered when passing OTS. Promotion and education is the way forward. We all need to change in our own ways to expand this valuable section of the Corps. Take pride in your Enlisted grade, wear it proudly, promote the NCO Corps both in words, and actions. The NCO Corps are the backbone of any armed forces, and I'd like to see us grow, and continue to offer the support and guidance to our Officer's, as many NCO has done in days gone past.

Touching on promotion, the NCO newsletter that I've mentioned many times is one such tool to get the word out about the Corps. The first edition I'm hoping to have released by the beginning of November, with further publication dates in February, May and August. So, NCO and Officer alike are all welcome to submit articles pertaining to anything of interest, or related to, the NCO.

A reminder on reporting. It's not a requirement, but communication is what keeps the world running smoothly, something I see as important, and I hope

many of you do to. After all, if you don't keep in touch, I don't know what you're all doing.

Individual NCO reports are due on the 20th of every odd numbered month to the MSG/MEU Senior Marine NCO.

MSG/MEU Senior NCO reports are due on the 1st of every even numbered month to the BN NCOIC.

BN NCOIC reports are due the 7th of every even numbered month to the BDE SGM

BDE SGM reports are due the 21st of every even numbered month to the SGM/SFMC.

To be included in the reports are the following:

Awards issued/earned by NCO's
Awards requested for NCO's
Courses taken by NCO's
Activities in past 30 days
Activities planned in the next 30 days

Promotions within NCO ranks, and NCO commissioned as Officers
Comments/Suggestions/Problems

The report forms can be found here, http://www.zianet.com/jdkern/sgm/NCO_form.htm But, please don't use the online form, it is not working at this time. I am looking to set up an online form for ease of reporting in the near future.

Good day to you all, I hope to have the opportunity to speak with many of you in the near future. And as always, my door is always open. I can be reached on m@region20.org.uk, or sgm_sfmcc@sfi-sfmc.org

In Service to the Corps

SGM Marie "M" Wilson
SGM/SFMC

Marine Profile

Featuring Major General Joost "Excaliber" Ueffing - USS Magellan

Marine Profile SFMC Profile Questions

Name: Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing
Rank: Major General
Position(s) Held: COTRACOM, SFMC / AE Branch Director, SFMCA / XO, USS Magellan (R14) / Chairman, Advanced Starship Design Bureau, DTS, ShOC Unit: 478th MSG "The West Novies"
Brigade: 14th BDE
Chapter: USS Magellan

What do you do in "real life"?
I am a loving husband, happy uncle, and all around good guy.... oh wait, you mean for a job? Oh. I provide phone support for the XPS series of Dell Computers.

How long have you been a member of STARFLEET? The SFMC?
Been a card carrying member of SFI since 1999, and have been with the SFMC for about the same period of time

What is your favorite Star Trek episode? Why?
To be honest, I don't have a favorite episode. The closest I can come to is Season 4, 5, 6, and 7 of DS9. Love that story arc.

Who is your favorite Star trek Character? Why?
No real favorite character. I enjoy all the characters on the shows for their various traits.

Why did you join STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.?
Originally, when I was onboard the USS Matrix (my first chapter) I had to be a member in order to be a department head. It just spiraled from there.

Why did you join the SFMC?
I liked that there was a place within STARFLEET that catered to those of us who liked to play in the martial side of things.

What do you like most about the SFMC? Why?
See above

What would you like to see changed in the SFMC?
I would like to see the services we provide be improved, expanded, and become more efficient.

What would you like everyone to know about your unit?
We wear kilts... the "official" way.

If you could be any cartoon character, who would you like to be and why? I'd love to be one of the superheroes in "The Incredibles" (one of my favorite cartoons).

If you could command any vessel in the Star Trek universe, what would it be and why?
I'd like to be on a cruiser-type vessel: the work-horses of the fleet. We're not terribly flashy like the flagships or bigger vessels, but we got some punch and get the job done.

What do you like about being a member of the GS?
I like the fact I can help institute policy for the better of the whole Corps.

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the work will be permitted only if proper attribution is granted to the author, it is used for non commercial purposes, to include any potential derivative works from that project.

Any student who wishes to grant publication rights to the SFMC as stated in this policy, will be asked to indicate that approval as part of the project topic approval process. This approval may be in the form a checkbox on the course request form or it may be in the form of an email requesting the authorization to publish the project.

Students who choose not to have their projects published will have only the title of their project, the course it was written for and author posted on the SFMC website. This is to help provide ideas to future students and to prevent the unnecessary duplication of projects with a similar focus. This will not prevent two students from completing projects on the same topic, but will help to make sure the projects have different foci.

Students will be notified when a paper or project will be published and will be given full credit for the work as the author. Every effort will be made to ensure publication of the project without alteration; in the

case of a need to edit or alter the work due to space concerns, the student will have the option to work directly with the publisher to ensure that the original intent of the project remains intact.

This policy will be placed on the SFMC website and students requesting courses affected by this policy will be required to acknowledge that they have read, understand and will comply with this policy prior to submission of the course request.

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The Jem'Hadar Shroud: and its Tactical Implications for the SFMC

By: General Scott A. Akers - USS Jaguar - STARFLEET Marine Corps



I am dead. As of this moment we are all dead. We go into battle to reclaim our lives. This we do gladly, because we are Jem'Hader. Remember, victory is life. The ritual words said by Jem'Hadar before going into battle.

The Jem'Hadar, feared leathery-skinned frontline troopers of the Dominion. Bred for that task by the Founders, they are not motivated by any of the causes of the species of the Alpha Quadrant, such as glory, nobility, politics, intrigue or even money though they do possess a chillingly detached mercenary quality that cannot be bribed.

One of their most disturbing technologies or abilities is the "Shroud", a natural chameleon like ability to cloak themselves from visual detection. This has made combating them by SFMC forces not only difficult but excessively hazardous, so it has been decided that an analysis of the "Shroud" ability must be made, and a Tactical Counter be developed. Thus our thesis:

The SFMC has the need and opportunity to study the Jem'Hadar "Shroud", its tactical implications, and its weaknesses. This paper will do so, finding technological counters, training methods, and advanced/exotic counters to its use in any potential future conflict with the Dominion.

To preview then how we will proceed, this paper will be divided into three parts.

First, we will perform background study of the Dominion; looking at the political, social and biological issues of the Founders, the Vorta their spokesmen, and Jem'Hadar their warriors. Secondly, we look at the Shroud itself and its tactical use. Here we look at its use in Infiltrations, Close Order Battle, and Exfiltrations. Third, the proposed Tactical Counters to be used by the SFMC, including the technological counters, training methods, and advanced/exotic counters mentioned in the Thesis. Finally we review what we have done, and see if we have effectively answered our thesis.

Part One: Background

Founders

Ancient civilization of shape-shifters, the architects of the Dominion in the Gamma Quadrant. Long ago, the Founders explored the galaxy, but found themselves to be feared, hunted and killed by the solids, their term for non-shape-shifters. Out of self-defense, the Founders retreated to a planet in the Omarion Nebula. From this location, the Founders established the Dominion, through which they controlled hundreds of planets throughout the Gamma Quadrant, imposing order through ruthless violence and fear. Although isolated, the Founders did not lose their curiosity about the universe. They sent a hundred infant members of their species across the galaxy, implanting in each a powerful desire to return home, so that the Founders could learn about distant places. Deep Space 9 security chief Odo was one of these infants. The Founders had a strong family link to each member of their species, and it has been said that no shape-shifter has ever killed another. In natural form, the Founders exist as a gelatinous liquid and can unite

in what is described as the Great Link which they can leave and reform into any shape whenever possible. The Founders' ability to assume the shape of an object is so complete that a Founder in the guise of an individual of another species is virtually undetectable, even with sophisticated scanning equipment. Should, however, a piece of a Founder's body be separated from the main body mass, the separated piece reverts to its normal gelatinous state. Starfleet phasers set to a force of 3.5 are sufficient to force a Founder to revert to a gelatinous state. Founders also revert to a gelatinous state upon death.

Vorta

The Vorta were the Dominion's representatives to the Karemma. The Vorta instructed the Karemma to direct all communications for the Dominion to an automated subspace relay outpost on Callinon VII. The Vorta also controlled the deadly Jem'Hadar warriors on behalf of the Founders. To do this, the Vorta controlled supply of the drug ketracel-white, which the Jem'Hadar needed to survive. A Humanoid species, aeons ago, the Vorta were small, timid apelike forest dwellers who lived in hollowed-out trees. One day, a family of Vorta hid a shape-shifter who was fleeing from a mob of angry "solids." So grateful was the shape-shifter that he promised the Vorta that they would one day be transformed into powerful beings and that they would become an important part of an interstellar empire. The shape-shifters, later known as the Founders, made good on this promise when they genetically engineered the Vorta to assist them in ruling the Dominion. This engineering included a compulsion to worship the Founders as gods. The Vorta reproduce by cloning and use the technique to achieve a sort of immortality. Vorta are immune to most forms of poison. Since the Vorta were genetically engineered by the Founders, they have only the skills and abilities deemed by the Founders to be necessary for their assigned role in the Dominion. For example, the Vorta were not given an aesthetic sense and are tone-deaf. They have very good hearing but poor eyesight. They have a very limited sense of taste. Kava nuts and rippleberries are the only foods that they really enjoy. Vorta are expected to kill themselves if captured by enemies of the Dominion by using a termination implant.

Jem'Hadar

A Genetically engineered warrior species from the Gamma Quadrant. The Jem'Hadar functioned as the army of the Dominion, controlled by the Founders through the Vorta. They were first encountered in 2370, by personnel from station Deep Space 9. Jem'Hadar live for combat. Before going into battle, Jem'Hadar conduct a ritual ceremony in which they proclaim, "I am dead. As of this moment we are all dead. We go into battle to reclaim our lives. This we do gladly because we are Jem'Hadar. Remember, victory is life." Genetically engineered by the Founders, Jem'Hadar lack a vital isogenic enzyme (known as ketracel-white, or simply white) needed for survival. The Founders use this chemical dependence to maintain control over the powerful Jem'Hadar. The Jem'Hadar receive this drug through special supply tubes implanted in their necks. Since the Jem'Hadar were directly controlled by the Vorta, most Jem'Hadar spent their entire lives without seeing a Founder. To them, the Founders were almost a myth of god-like stature. A Founder was aboard a Jem'Hadar warship that crash-landed on Torga IV on Stardate 50049.3. The Jem'Hadar that came to rescue him failed and later committed

suicide for having allowed the Founder's death. Jem'Hadar do not eat, because the white is the only thing they need for nutrition. Relaxation would only make them weak, so they don't sleep. Jem'Hadar are bred in birthing chambers, so there is no need for females or sexual reproduction. They mature at a rapid rate and are able to fight within three days of emergence. Few live 15 years, and no Jem'Hadar has ever reached 30 years of age. If they manage to reach 20, they achieve the status of "Honored Elder." If the Jem'Hadar are ruthless to their own, they are even more so to those who they oppose. When the inhabitants of a planet in the Teplan system resisted Dominion rule in 2172, the Jem'Hadar made an example of them by infecting the planet with a deadly disease known as the blight. Standard Jem'Hadar occupation tactics require at least 27 soldiers to be stationed inside a base camp at all times, with nine patrolling the perimeter.

In 2374, the Dominion began breeding Jem'Hadar soldiers in the Alpha Quadrant. The move was prompted by a shortage of Jem'Hadar caused by the Starfleet blockade of the Bajoran wormhole during the early days of the Dominion war. These Jem'Hadar, sometimes called "Alphas," were headstrong and arrogant, specifically engineered for effectiveness in battle in the Alpha Quadrant. The Vorta feared that the Jem'Hadar would be uncontrollable without the use of the white, but the Vorta underestimated the loyalty and obedience of the Jem'Hadar.

Military ranks are simply denoted as the First being unit leader, followed by the Second, Third, and so on; the First is answerable to the Vorta, who may reward and punish Jem'Hadar in the unit with on-the-spot promotions and demotions.

Jem'Hadar use the Dominion quick-shimmer transporter system, including an armband remote control and a personal cloaking device, or "shroud." Their uniform also includes energy absorbing pads that can defeat a Starfleet Level 3 containment field, and a recessed collar-bone area to hold the Ketracel-white vial.

Part Two: Tactical Use

Use of the Shroud can be subdivided into three areas of combat: Infiltration, Close Order Battle, and Exfiltration. Its use in long range fire and counter-fire, armored vehicle and aerospace combat is irrelevant to the scope of this paper. In effect the Shroud is a Special Operations technology, a tool for boarding operations, and at times useful in Infantry Operations.

In the Infiltration, the Shroud can be used in planetary combat in both Urban and Wilderness conditions, to hide the approach of Jem'Hadar units and soldiers, as well as mask their crossing of patrol lines, sensor grids, and into allied facilities and camps. The Shroud can be also used in border actions, with the limiting factor that even with the shimmer transport used by the Jem'Hadar, they cannot transport shrouded, nor through active shields. In addition residual energy signals from the transport can be detected thus reducing the effectiveness of the shroud itself. The Shroud is also most effective in the movement and approach phase of combat. Again as most conventional scanners and sensors AND motion detectors are blind to soldiers that are shrouded, the Jem'Hadar can appear apparently suddenly anywhere along the front, behind the lines, or even on the opposite of the battlefield from where intelligence last had

identified them. In addition a Jem'Hadar infiltration unit can just go to ground, remaining shrouded while larger hostile units pass them by, allowing guerilla style attacks on the rear echelons of their enemy.

During Close Order Battle, when the Jem'Hadar soldiers are in what is essentially one on one or hand-to-hand combat, the Shroud is immensely useful. Most Combat Personal of the Alpha Quadrant have been trained not only in the use of their species ranged weapons (Phasers, Disruptors, Lasers, etc) but also in the use of Personal Bladed weapons: Batleths, Swords, Lirpas etc. And here the Jem'Hadar are not much differently, as they also have their own vicious looking sword, that they use with lethal effect. While shrouded this gives them much advantage as they close to combat, as their opponent can not know from visual clues where the next shot/cut/blow is coming and are thus unable to defend against it. This advantage during the initial contact extends to the battle proper, as the Jem'Hadar can deliver one concealed attack after another, quickly confusing, disabling and then killing their opponent. Finally if under some circumstance the Jem'Hadar is being overcome, he can be reinforced by more shrouded troops, or can simply step away from the combat, leaving his opponent bewildered and swinging wildly through the air.

Exfiltration is obviously just the opposite of infiltration. It includes breaking contact with the enemy. As mentioned above; a shrouded Jem'Hadar can simply step away from close order combat. During the confusion this causes, the soldier can then decide to re-attack or being a 'retreat'. Retreat is a hard word to use in discussing the Jem'Hadar as it usually is just an indication, they are regrouping for an attack elsewhere. However, as they are often controlled by Vorta under the instructions of a Founder, or rarely by a Founder themselves, Jem'Hadar units may conduct a full and complete retreat, when it serves the immediate tactical or long range strategic interests of the Dominion.

Part Three: Tactical Counters

To counter the shroud, the SFMC is approaching the problem from three avenues: Technological, Training, and "Exotic" solutions. Each of these is only part of the solution, and must work in conjunction with the others, to provide the total solution to the tactical dilemma the shroud creates.

The technological solution is simply creating either scanners or sensors capable of detecting Jem'Hadar despite the Shroud. Scanners are devices, which normally send out some energy and then receive and analyze the return signal, are only tactically usable by fixed installations or large units, whose presence is not concealable and thus active scanning is not a detriment. These must be adjusted to either penetrate the shroud, or detect the residual effects of the shroud itself. As of yet, there has been little success on this path. Sensors on the other hand are passive, sending out no signal only analyzing what information they can receive by sampling the atmosphere, ether, or electromagnetic spectrum. Here there has been some success in detecting atmospheric pressure changes caused by movement. The amount of change caused by one being moving through the woods, for example, is nearly non-existent, and very difficult to identify. However, with advanced Artificial Intelligence circuitry modeled after the positronic circuits created

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by Dr. Soong, handheld sensors can compare normal data flow, that the shroud can bypass, and the pressure changes, and find the discrepancy. For instance the heat signature of the indigenous Hexapuma of Altair VI will be detected by passive sensors, as well as the pressure change of its movement, however a shrouded Jem'Hadar's heat signature would be hidden, but its pressure change while moving will alert the sensor's AI that there is something amiss, and thus alert the operator. This system does rely on the Jem'Hadar soldier or unit to be moving. Which is fine in the defense, there is still a large hole in detection if the Jem'Hadar are waiting in ambush or in standard defense.

The next tool in defeating the effectiveness of the shroud is specific training by the SFMC to counter its advantages. This training must consist of familiarization with the new technology, practice with new tactics, and coordination with other units, branches, and with Starfleet Fleet forces across the board. As the new sensors are brought on line, Marines in Special Operations, then Powered Armor, then Infantry units will be brought off line, or into deployed Holodecks to familiarize and practice using the AI-Sensors. As each of marines in the unit become able to use the new sensors, they will then begin to practices the new tactics to use same. These tactics condition the Marines who are in combat situations with Jem'Hadar to move in patterns that more resemble a ballet than traditions fire team movement. The precise geometric movements, pauses, and scanning with the AI Sensors, follow the metrics created by Commanders Riker and Data when trying to detect Cloaked Romulan warships during the Duras Revolt of the Klingon Empire in 2368. The patterns also resemble the crystal patterns of Dilithium in the interaction and interweaving between the marines in a single fire team, or in a whole squad. Just as the team

members and teams of a squad must work together to combat the Shroud, so do all SFMC and Starfleet personnel must coordinate their actions and information while in combat with Dominion forces. Starships in orbit over a contested planet, can relay information of landings or transport to the surface. Aerospace units can overfly Jem'Hadar ground units, or interfere with Scarabs. Armor, Artillery, Combat Engineers can funnel the shrouded soldiers into lanes that the ground pounders can best combat the Jem'Hadar. The secret is coordination or information, and getting the Jem'Hadar to react to our plans, not the other way around. The Jem'Hadar are soldier for soldier the toughest warriors the SFMC has to date faced. The Dominion War and the later Cold Blood War have proven that. But tactics can be developed, so that we fight smarter, and thus our troops bravery is not wasted.

Finally, Exotic solutions should be addressed. These normally are comprised of Psionics (ESP, Telepathy, etc), Sup-Space sensor systems (the Federation still abiding by the restrictions on sub-space weaponry), and other species-specific weaponry. The use of psionics in combat has historically been un-useful, as troops have been conditioned or shielded to not giving their thoughts away. In addition most Federation races with such ability, have strict moral codes preventing the use of same for combat or even intelligence purposes. However, detecting the presence of Jem'Hadar troops requires not the reading of their minds, or anything as intrusive, but just an awareness they are present. Their early attack and conquest of Betazed may indicate the Founders knowledge of this weakness in the Shroud and was meant to cut off these people and their talents from Starfleet and the rest of the Federation. In effect, in combat situations, a telepath or even an empath, would be able to detect the emotional mind set sufficient to block telepathy, and would in

conjunction with the AI sensors help indicate the direction of approaching Jem'Hadar. There has also been some success in developing active scanners that can detect the Jem'Hadar through short ranged sub-space scans. While active devices emitting a signal, they are useful for vehicles and base camps that are either unable to conceal themselves, or whose presence is already known. This then becomes a way to detect lurking Jem'Hadar scouts as well as approaching units. This technology is also being combined with recently developed isogenic bio-technology that is designed to hit the Jem'Hadar at their greatest weakness, Ketracel-White. Being an isogenic compound, Ketracel gives off a distinctive signature when probed with sub-space scans. Combining these scans with a translocating targeting device (thanks to the technology brought back to the Alpha Quadrant by the USS Voyager), the Ketracel can be transported directly out of the Jem'Hadar storage vials. While unable to affect the Ketracel already in the Jem'Hadar's body (and for ethical reasons, Starfleet is unwilling to use such approaches anyway), this weapon will not only affect the soldiers long term endurance in the field, but will almost immediately disable the Shroud ability. One successful translocation will reveal the presence of Jem'Hadar in the area, thus defeating their ability to surprise friendly forces.

Closing

In closing, let us remember that both the Dominion War and the Cold-Blood War were two of the greatest challenges not only faced by the Federation, but by the whole Alpha Quadrant. It was only by sheer determination of all of the races of the Quadrant, and a massive amount of luck, that the Dominion and later the Voth were defeated. External vigilance by our Starfleet, both Fleet and Marine, forces will be the price we face as we move

ever onward into Undiscovered Systems and meet new Races throughout the galaxy, and beyond. We have looked at the standard technological solutions to the Shroud situation, scanners and sensors and Artificial Intelligence upgrades to sensing equipments, this will begin to bridge the gap to unveiling the Jem'Hadar. To go the rest of the way across that gap, training, practice, new techniques and coordination will give the SFMC the edge to defeat these unfeeling warriors. Finally the strength of the Federation is our diversity, and with that, what would be appear to be exotic solutions can become in a matter of years, day to day answers to complex problems.

To repeat our thesis:

The SFMC has the need and opportunity to study the Jem'Hadar "Shroud", its tactical implications, and its weaknesses. This paper will do so, finding technological counters, training methods, and advanced/exotic counters to its use in any potential future conflict with the Dominion.

It is this authors belief that we have explored this thoroughly and yet believes that exploration of sub-space sensing and anti-ketracel weaponry will be of benefit to the SFMC, Starfleet and the Federation as a whole.

"I like to see a lot of generals who want to fight the last war, (but) I just want them all to be on the other side." Adm. Arthur Cebrowski, USN Retired Director of the Pentagon's Office of Force Transformation Norristown (PA) Times-Herald November 28, 2003

From the STARFLEET Marine Corps G-3 Publications Officer
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Greetings Marines,

So far, this year has seen a bustle of activity with regards to the SFMC manuals and projects associated with them. First and foremost most of the SFMC manuals have been revised and updated and are now current. This includes the multitude of TRACOM manuals. These manuals were released during this year's IC in Philadelphia. There are, of course, a few manuals outstanding for various reasons, but those should be completed by the end of the year. One of those manuals is the SFMC Publications Manual. This manual will outline the policies, procedures, formatting, and revision

schedules for the SFMC Manuals. This manual should help those wanting to write a manual for the SFMC.

Another project that was developed in tandem with the manual revision was the SFMC Document Compendium CD. This CD contains all the manuals in both Adobe Acrobat and Flash formats, which allows for fast and easy access to the manuals. The CD is available for purchase from the SFMC Quartermaster or for free download from the SFMC Publications site (more on this in a second). This CD will be updated on a yearly basis or when new manuals are added to the SFMC manual library.

Now onto an equally big announcement, the launch of the SFMC Publications website. This site was

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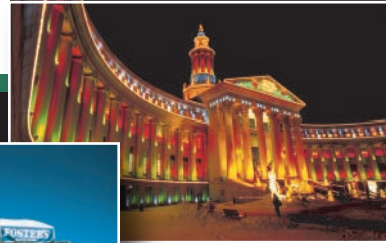


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Words from the Fleet Admiral

By: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard - SS William D Leahy - Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings Fleet

Well, this will be a fairly short article but it will contain some news regarding some Executive Committee and Admiralty Board changes. But before that let me thank all of those around STARFLEET who have expressed their concern and sent well wishes after my wife's recent car accident. She was not injured very bad but required a weeks recovery from some minor injuries. The car, well its a total loss but as I am fond of tell those at work, cars can be replaced - a loved one can't. Of course if just ended there we would have been fine, but it didn't. But more on that later in the article.

CHANGE OF COMMAND - FLEET COMMANDERS (ADMIRALTY BOARD)

Since I last reported to you we have seen the completion of some Regional Elections so allow me to report on the following changes in command at the Regional Level.

Upon the resignation of Commander, 1st Fleet Ben Redding an election process has begun. In the interim Jonathon Wilson is serving as Interim Commander, 1st Fleet.

Upon the retirement of Commander, 2nd Fleet Jennifer Rosbury it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Jack Eaton as Commander, 2nd Fleet.

Upon the retirement of Commander, 4th Fleet Ed Nowlin it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Kryssi Killian as Commander, 4th Fleet.

Upon the retirement of Commander, 7th Fleet Michael Smith it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Joe Hoolihan as Commander, 7th Fleet.

Upon the retirement of Commander, 15th Fleet Garrick Halverson it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Douglas Mayo as Commander, 15th Fleet.

Ben Redding announced that he was stepping down as

CHANGE OF COMMAND - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As everyone saw, Computer Operations Chief Bob Chin stepped back to the Vice Chief role due to some time constraints at home and his new employment. I wish Bob all the best and am glad to see he is remaining on the CompOps Team. That said, allow me to make the following announcement regarding the Executive Committee.

Upon the retirement of Commander, STARFLEET Computer Operations Bob Chin it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Susan Ueffing as Commander, STARFLEET Computer Operations.

Also, as you saw in the Fleet Commander Changes of Command STARFLEET Operations Chief Jack Eaton will be taking over as Commander, 2nd Fleet. With that appointment the Office of the Chief of STARFLEET Operations becomes vacant. The 2nd Fleet announcement was actually only an hour or two old as I am completing this report. So the announcement of a new Commander, STARFLEET Operations is pending as of the reporting and the next issue of the CQ should see that announcement as well as the new Ops Chief's report.

Please welcome the newest members to the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee. I am looking forward to working with these new officers.

WHO TOOK THAT STOP SIGN DOWN??

Well, as I said before, my time recently has been dominated by dealing with having not one but both of my personal vehicles damaged by accidents that were not our fault. The first one was the Saturn Ion and it involved a state DOT Contractor removing a Stop Sign and not putting it back up. My wife, unfamiliar with that end of town, drove through the intersection and was struck, quite ironically, by a

state DOT Chevy Silverado. After three weeks or haggling and the final tearing down of the vehicle it was found to be a total loss.

But...our vehicle luck doesn't stop there. Within four days our other vehicle, a GMC Envoy, was hit and run in a restaurant parking lot while my wife was having lunch. The offender was found and their insurance paid to have it repaired last week finally. Of course, when it rains it simply monsoons. The following Monday, while I was in school to learn how to be a RADAR Instructor, she was rear ended in Greensboro and the same bumper was damaged in the same place - again. So it is now scheduled to be fixed.

As you can see, it has been an interesting three weeks of dealing with that insurance companies and adjustors. Thankfully we can see the light at the end of that tunnel as of this week and hopefully it will get back to normal in the coming days.

THE FINAL WORD

As you can see its been a pretty hectic time since IC and especially in recent weeks. But all in all everyone is well at STARFLEET Headquarters and around the STARFLEET. We have some new faces at the Regional and Fleet level and change is a good thing. I am looking forward to working with these new officers.

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Active promotion and advertisement of forums.
Active daily moderation, quality control, and thread maintenance.
Ability to work in a team environment.

Resume's and Letters of interest may be emailed to webmaster@sfi.org

This position will remain open until an acceptable candidate is selected.

Larry A. Barnes
Commodore - STARFLEET
Web Operations Manager - www.sfi.org
webmaster@sfi.org

The Office of Fleet Historian is looking for people for the following positions:

Web Guru: Following in the award winning footsteps of Lauren Milan and the now CQ editor Neal Fischer, the OFH needs someone who knows Web Design at an advanced level, you will see why below. Also someone with an eye to the aesthetic, no-one enjoys going to a boring staid website, especially when the subject matter is History. As we try to bring the History of STARFLEET alive, to make studying it an exciting endeavor, we need a website that makes that possible.

Regional Correspondents: This will be a staffer of the OFH who will work on collecting, collating and writing histories on each region. While they are not on the Regional Staff, they should be willing to help out the chapters, staff and the RC of the region they are assigned. If the RC would like them to serve as the Regional Historian, it will be up to the specific correspondent if they want to fill both positions.

Transcriptionists: The rank and file workers of the OFH, these sturdy individual will take either photocopy or pdf printouts of pages from old CQs, transcribe them in either a word.doc (or equivalent) or .txt file and send them back.

They do not have to worry about formatting or fonts or any other such concerns. However letter by letter exactness even misspelled words, bad grammar, etc MUST be duplicated in this process.

Any STARFLEET members interested please send an email to the OFH's Volunteer Coordinator Susan Ueffing at: susan.ueffing@gmail.com, or feel free to contact me at either historian@sfi.org or my personal address scott@chunone.org. Send a note to Susan on what you feel is your relevant experience both mundane and fleet wise, and we'll contact you, and put you to work as soon as possible. For those who have worked for the OFH in the past, please drop us a line if you are still interested, remind us what you have done and we'll put you to work too.

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InCOMMing Message

By: Commodore Dixie Halber - USS Flying Fox - Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET! Hope this issue of the CQ finds everyone well.

Last issue we rolled out a new format for the CQ and from what I've been hearing everyone has liked it. Look for more tweaks and changes to come in the coming issues.

One thing you may have noticed in the lat CQ was that the MSR section was gone. I noticed that the annual campaign crew was doing an excellent job in their article summarizing what all the ships in the Fleet were doing so I've decided that it made the MSR summaries redundant. I've not heard anything negative from them being missing so I'm going to let this change stand for several more issues. A

benefit to removing this section is that it saves room for more articles and more photos from around the Fleet. Speaking of, remember that the deadline for submissions is the 25th of every odd numbered month.

While the CQ has been taking up the bulk of the work in the Communications department we are working

on other items as well. There's been a new version of the Membership handbook created that we will introduce in a few weeks. It's the first document in a push to "brand" STARFLEET materials. I think everyone will like the new look.

That's all for this time. See everyone again in 60.



Farewell Message

By: Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston - SS William D. Leahy - Commander, STARFLEET (Retired)

(Publishers note: This letter was to have appeared in CQ 135. Due to communication and e-mail difficulties, it was not printed. It is offered here in its entirety with apologies to FADM Livingston for the delay.)

If I leave here tomorrow, will you still remember me?" ~Allen Collins and Ronnie Van Zant, "Free Bird," One More From the Road, 1973, performed by Lynyrd Skynyrd

Greetings, STARFLEET! It was the best of times. It was the worst of times...

Well, this is probably one of the hardest messages I have ever had to write, but the time has come. Effective June 15, 2006, I am resigning as Commander, STARFLEET. Pursuant to the governing documents of this organization, VCS FAdm Les Rickard will be assuming the Office of Commander, STARFLEET as of June 16, 2006. His choice for his successor as Vice Commander, STARFLEET is VAdm Sal Lizard, currently serving as Chief of Computer Operations. Greg Trotter will be remaining as Chief of Staff to the CS, and Mike Klufas will be remaining as Chief of Staff to the VCS. I will let Les outline any other transition notes in his future communications.

My reasons for resigning are numerous. First and foremost is my firm belief that family should always come first. As you all are aware, I am the proud mother of an almost 8 week old baby girl. Katie keeps me and her father very busy, and as a full-time stay-at-home mother, I believed that I would be able to handle both the responsibilities I have as a mother, as well as the obligation I have to STARFLEET. Perhaps, in a perfect world, that would work. However, due to Katie's unique needs, as well as the current climate in Fleet, I have found myself at a crossroads.

In the past 6 months, I have asked of my staff to step things up and to assess whether they have the time and ability to do their volunteer job to STARFLEET effectively. It is only fair that I ask myself that question. And it is only fair that I hold

myself to the same standard. And in doing so, I realized that for the foreseeable future, I will not have the time to dedicate to Fleet like I had hoped. I still have ideas, a passion to see things through, but alas, I do not have the time. And I refuse to let STARFLEET take one moment away from my number one job - Katie's mom. And because of that, I feel it is only right to turn the center seat over to someone that does have that time to commit to seeing things through and affecting change.

I know this decision will have a ripple effect. To those that have been my friends and have supported me and lifted me up over the past 18 months, I am sorry to let you down by being unable to finish my term. To my detractors, I can honestly say that those willing to offer constructive criticism, it was listened to. However, to those bent on tearing down and destroying individuals, the politics and attacks do get old. I guess you will consider this a victory, but it isn't. I am stepping aside to spend more time with my family and my little girl. *She* is my priority and my world, and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the universe, especially playing the silly little game known as Fleet politics.

The politics in this organization is a cancer. I know. Been there, done that, have the t-shirt. There is an element in this organization that seems to expect perfection, or their vision of perfection, in the person who holds the position of Commander, STARFLEET or any other volunteer position in the organization. That is not a realistic view to hold, and because of it, often we see discord and ugly politics. If disagreements arise, instead of calmly working things out, harsh words, name-calling, and vendettas arise. STARFLEET is a corporation. And STARFLEET is a fan association. Basically, STARFLEET is in the business of being a fan club. I hope that people can relax and reflect and just remember that we are a fan association, and we aren't curing cancer. Every disagreement is not reason to go to war against your fellow Trek and sci-fi fans. I challenge the membership of the organization to not let the animosity rule. You don't have to put up with the name-calling, bully tactics, and flame wars. STARFLEET is its members - all 3800+. Don't forget that.

I had hoped to be able to bring fellowship, fun, and fandom to the forefront of the organization. Instead, I found myself often in the center of the firestorm of controversy. Some of it was my own doing, but more often than not, the beast of politics was rearing its ugly head. I hope that my stepping aside may be able to heal some of the wounds, and perhaps in a way, I can still be that agent of change and fellowship, fun, and fandom will return to the forefront again.

After serving as 18 months as Commander, STARFLEET, I am proud of what things we have accomplished as a team and serving as leader of that team. Membership Processing rocks! What our team dubbed as "in sourcing" has been very effective. The concept of multiple MP teams, dividing the workload, seeing turnaround times improve to a couple weeks, if not days is a major accomplishment. We're also seeing the implementation of the first ever Electronic membership packet with the option of getting materials on CD instead of hardcopy. The CFO's office also works hand in hand with the MP team in CompOps to process payments within weeks now. Setting up a national bank account allows for timely check and money order deposits, improving services there as well. We're also seeing some progress on the E-commerce solution, and I'm excited to know that a project begun last admin while I was CompOps Chief will probably be reality before this administration is over. Operations has modified the rules for chapter status in the hopes to more effectively manage under strength chapters and allow for more fairness across the board. We've seen growth in our International regions. Region 9 is growing, and with the proper tools and promotion, it's bound to take off even more. Communications found a way to get CQ delivery improved for the International membership. The web team gave us a great new website and portal and continue to add services. These are just some of the good things happening in this administration, and plenty of other good things are currently in the works, and I trust that the Rickard/Lizard team will see them through. Sure, I haven't seen everything accomplished that I had hoped to, but we're only at the half-way point of

a three year term.

I wish I could be around for the good things that are to come. But, I have neither the time nor the energy. I am not superwoman, and I recognize my limits. I apologize for not finishing what I started and fulfilling my 3 year obligation as Commander, STARFLEET. But, I think it is time that STARFLEET reevaluate the 3 year term. I dubbed this early on as "the great experiment" - the first 3 year term. I was a proponent of the change when it was proposed. Were this still a 2 year term, I could probably muster up the strength to finish with only 6 months to go. A 3 year term is hard on the volunteers of the organization, and that includes the president. And a 3 year term is also difficult for the organization. For the dissatisfied, it all the harder to wait and wait, and I believe that increases the hard feelings and the anger and animosity. And that is not healthy for the organization. In theory, 3 years was a good idea. In practice, I wouldn't recommend it.

It has been a privilege to serve. I have enjoyed meeting new members and helping the membership when possible. I will take good memories and not so good memories with me. That's just the way it shakes out when you serve in the center seat. I want to thank those that I've served with. I want to name everyone of you, but I'm afraid I might leave someone out. To the EC members of this team... We may not have always agreed; we may have had difference; we may have gotten along beautifully. But, I know that you put forth effort for STARFLEET. Pat, Sal, Jerry, Todd, Jill, Wayne, Bob, Dixie, Towaway, Sunnie & Ralph, Les, Klufie, Greg, and even Dennis... Thank you for the time you did devote to STARFLEET. And thanks for the laughs and even the challenging times.

Well, hailing frequencies closed.

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A Change In CompOps

By: Commodore Bob Chin, Chief of Computer Operations



A Change at CompOps
RADM Bob Chin

Hello to all ...

Life has been a rough ride in the past few years and it doesn't seem like it's going to settle down in the new few months. In fact, it's going the other way for me.

- (1) Last year, my wife went through four episodes with the discovery of Basal Cell Carcinoma (Skin Cancer). We thought we got everything with all of the treatments. However, in the past few weeks, my wife has gone through another two episodes with the discovery of new spots. She has cleared these hurdles, but I am not smiling yet as recovery requires time to heal ... and, the risk of discovering additional, new spots remains undiminished by the removal of the spots already discovered and treated.
- (2) With only having had effective, gainful employment for about half-time in the past five years, I started a new and very promising job back in my chosen profession this past July. What that means is the huge amount of free-time that I used to have for all kinds of things

- is no longer there. Though I check my email almost every night, I find that I do not have the time to respond ... more and more often ... it has to wait for another day.
- (3) This continuing situation began a few years ago after my mother fell ... and she couldn't get up! She is better now, but needs help to go out. I am still the primary driver and shopping companion for my 78-year old mother. I take her out to shopping regularly and to visit her friends on occasions as she can no longer go anywhere by herself. Otherwise, she is limited to her small condo apartment. One of my brothers helps with maintenance in her condo. My other brother takes care of arranging and dealing with the legal matters, healthcare, medical appointments, and health insurance.
- (4) With the high-profile and significant responsibilities of an operational "line" manager as STARFLEET's Chief of Computer Operations, I want to maintain a high standard of performance and service to the Fleet because the membership deserves the best that we can provide. And, whereas I no longer have the necessary time available to

- meet the demands and responsibilities in this lead-role, I feel that it is in the best interest of STARFLEET and necessary for the organization to identify a replacement for me and to serve in that capacity.
- (5) I really enjoyed working in supporting Sal and fulfilling the role of Vice Chief of CompOps. I can also say that I have enjoyed serving with Les and this EC as Chief of CompOps, but life's ever-changing circumstances has dealt me a different set of cards right now and I know that I need to step-back a bit from the forefront to give a little more time to family and my real-life job ... after all, you know that "work" really is a four-letter word!
- (6) I will continue to work with Les and Sal (and the new Chief of CompOps) to make this a smooth transition. And, as time permits, I hope to be able to continue to [once again] contribute effectively in CompOps (and STARFLEET), but I know that right now, I do not have enough time to be responsible as the lead and keep the high standards intact. Real life is TWO four-letter words!

- (7) I want to thank all of my Administrators, Operational Managers, and team members for the terrific jobs they have done for STARFLEET and the members of STARFLEET. You have set the bar up high and it may be some time before that is reached again! Keep up the great job!
- (8) To the new Chief of CompOps, welcome to the challenges of the EC and managing STARFLEET CompOps! I pledge my support in working to make this a smooth transition and I will continue to support STARFLEET and CompOps in any capacity that I am able to effectively contribute.
- (9) To all of you, members of STARFLEET, a few quotes for you ...

a. "Thanks for the memories!"
b. I shall return!", and
c. "Live long and prosper!"
- (10) Should anyone wish to contact me, my future email address will be " <<mailto:bob@usshood.org>> bob@usshood.org". (It is functional now).

The Vice Squad

By: Vice Admiral Sal Lizard - USS Hood - Vice Commander, STARFLEET



My staff and I have been focusing our attention in two areas, presently.

Fleet Resource Center
We are working to decide the future direction of the Fleet Resource Center (FRC) program and are working hard to establish communications with all of the Directors. Currently, we are not accepting applications for new divisions or replacement division heads until after this period of evaluation/reorganization. The contact point for the FRC

program at this time is Michael Klufas. Michael can be reached at vcs-cos@sfi.org.

Youth Policy Implementation Committee
The committee has gotten off to a slow start because of illness with members of the committee, but we seem to be beyond that and have started looking at the various aspects and concerns specific to the background checks. We are also working to get the website over to the SFI servers and establishing the forums and mailing lists. The latter is expected to

be accomplished by the time that you read this. If you have concerns, or would like to be involved in the implementation process for the Youth/Cadet Policy, please contact Robin Smith at youthdirector@sfi.org (cadetdirector@sfi.org works, too!)

STARFLEET Marines
At this time, I have asked the Marine Commandant to work with his General Staff to look into some communications issues and see what they can do to improve the Corps. While I have no problems

with the membership levels of the Starfleet Marines, I am one of those who believes that there's always an opportunity to make the experience even better for the members. John Roberts, the Commandant of the SFMC has my fullest support in his efforts.

That's all I have for now. Be good!

The ECAB Report

By: Commodore Michael Klufas - Chief of Staff, Vice Commander, STARFLEET



Since the International Conference in early August through the end of September, the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board discussed or dealt with the following matters:

- Fleet Admiral Les Rickard reported to the AB that the EC decided not to reduce Dennis Rayburn's rank to colonel, as requested by the AB in the wake of the report from IG Investigation 0603-

0327 (regarding improper activities during an election cycle; see this column in CQ 136 for full details).

- Issues involving the STARFLEET website (sfi.org), which suffered numerous outages because of problems with our host provider.
- A change in the HelpDesk protocol to reduce a sudden influx of spam via the HelpDesk email.

While HelpDesk can still be accessed via the website, the email feature was temporarily turned off in September while Computer Operations looked into ways to restore the email access while limiting and/or eliminating spam.

At the beginning of October, Communications Chief Dixie Halber introduced a proposal by Fleet Historian Scott Akers to revitalize his office to add regional assistants to help compile regional histories. If further discussion on this matter, it will be reported in CQ 138.

If you have any questions about these matters, please contact your regional coordinator.

The Boothby Awards

By: Rear Admiral Wayne Lee Kilough, Jr. - USS Royal Sovereign - Commandant, STARFLEET Academy



Topaz
Truman D. Temple

Titanium
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Gold
Angel Avery
Larry D. French, Sr.
Douglas Wayne Mayo
Sean Niemeyer
Jan Sleigh

Silver
Eugenia Stopya
Carol Thompson

Bronze
Patrick Barnes
Nicole Green
Wayne Smith
Eugenia Stopya





From the Halls of STARFLEET Academy

By: Rear Admiral Wayne Lee Kilough, Jr. - USS Royal Sovereign - Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

Greetings! The Academy has seen quite a few changes within the last two months, so I am just going to jump right into them.

Administration: The FAC (Fully Automated Course) Program is running smoothly with the College of Security, Officer's Training School (OTS), and two courses through the College of Intelligence in Media. Officer's Command College (OCC) and the STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College are being converted to the FAC process.

The Course Development Team is continuing to work on new requests as they come in. When the current CD Team list is completed, there will be 10 to 20 new Colleges implemented into STARFLEET Academy! If you have an idea for a new College, or for a new exam for an existing College, please contact our Director of Course Development, Greg Franklin, at FANSFA@aol.com.

The Arts and Graphics Department is continuing to process all requests in a timely manner. The Boothby and Squadron Awards have been finalized and sent to the appropriate recipients. The Boothby Program has been expanded, due to members achieving more than 300 courses successfully completed.

We are still looking for a permanent Director of Electronic Services, whose primary responsibility will be the Academy Website. Please contact my office for more information.

The "Hot Topic" of the week within the Academy is the retaking of exams. After discussing this with Staff, below is the policy for retaking exams:

- If you do not pass an exam, you may retake the exam after a waiting period (typically 6 months).

- If you pass the exam, you may not retake the exam to achieve a better score.

If you have any questions/comments/concerns about this, please feel free to contact me.

Institute of Alien Studies: Shawn Gregory has resigned as Dean of the Institute of Alien Studies, due to real-life commitments. He has, however, agreed to stay on as the Director of the College of Borg Technology and the Cadet College of Borg Technology. Carol Thompson has graciously agreed to take over this Institute as Dean.

Carol has already started clean-up on this Institute, which has led to a variety of enhancements. The Cardassian Orientation College and the Romulan Orientation College have both been brought online, with great successes. Due to these Colleges, the Cardassian and Romulan exams from the College of Alien History and Culture and from the College of XenoAnthropology have been removed from the curriculum.

The College of Delta Quadrant Studies has been permanently closed. The Borg exam from this College has been sent over to the College of Borg Technology, and the EMH exam is being added to the curriculum of the College of Medicine. All other exams from this College are being integrated into the College of XenoAnthropology.

Institute of the Arts: Robert Westfall, Director of the College of History, has added some new pieces to his curriculum.

The Academy would like to welcome Ros Haywood to its faculty. Ros is the creator and Director of the new College of Genealogy. This is a very nice addition to

the current offerings within the Institute of the Arts.

Institute of Cadet Studies: Jamie Delantonas has resigned as the Director of the Cadet College of Accessibility. I wish Jamie the best in all future endeavors. Due to this, the Cadet College of Accessibility is hereby closed until further notice.

Institute of Foreign Affairs: Due to changes within the Academy, the overseas Campuses have been closed. All courses will be processed through the Main Academy Director, no matter which county they reside in.

Work in coming along nicely on the design of the new College of Down Under (Australia and New Zealand).

Institute of Intelligence and Espionage: Jay Hurd has resigned as the Director of the College of Intelligence in Trek. He is, however, staying with the Academy as part of the Arts & Graphics Department. Carol Thompson will be taking over the College of Intelligence in Trek.

Institute of Leadership Studies: The new STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College has been a hit with the membership. A few members are almost ready to begin the Thesis assignments within the College!

Flag Officer's School has been revised, and is in the final stages of Beta Testing. This should be going live any time.

Institute of Military Studies: Nothing new to report this month.

Institute of Science and Technology: Anthony Spotts has resigned as the Director of the College of Engineering. I wish Anthony the best in all future endeavors. Greg Franklin has been chosen as the new Director of the College of Engineering.

Institute of Science Fiction Studies: Nothing new to report this month.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, and/or suggestions for STARFLEET Academy! My e-mail address is academy@sfi.org, or robynhunter@mchsi.com.



What's Shakin'?

By: Rear Admiral Jerry Tien - USS Eagle - Chief of Shakedown Operations, STARFLEET

As you know, we recently converted to the Shakedown Operations Command. I am glad to report the transition has been very smooth so far. As part of this change, we are updating the support documents to better serve our members. Outside ShOC, we are changing the Vessel Registry to reflect the new prefixes for the training chapters. In addition, STARFLEET Academy will incorporate these changes into its courses. I'd like to take this opportunity to enlist the help of members with publications experience to assist us. If you can give us a hand, please contact me at shoc@sfi.org.

Now, I am proud to introduce our first group of training chapters on the Shakedown Cruise:
USS Glory (R1)
ISS Shadowphax (R20)

In addition, we are expecting several new training chapters underway by the time you read this:
USS Robin (R2)
USS Southern Cross (R14/11)
USS Tiberius (R2)

Since we are talking about launching chapters, I'd like to cover a frequently asked question: "What about the 30 mile rule?" The fact is there isn't such a rule. There is a need to peacefully coexist with adjacent chapters, regardless of whether they are 29 or 31 miles apart.

Another question that came up was whether the launch requirements changed since the conversion

to Shakedown Ops. They haven't. If you want to start a new chapter, don't let the conversion from Shuttle Ops to Shakedown Ops stop you. Contact me right away and we can start making plans now.

Now that we covered launches, I am very happy to report some new graduates from our training program. We commissioned these chapters since last issue:

USS Bondar (R10)
USS Tomahawk (R17)

It is always a pleasure to see chapters successfully complete their training program, particularly in the less populated regions.

Aside from performing standard tasks, many of our training chapters help us grow outside the training program too. Some of these members are actively engaged in expanding STARFLEET Academy. These members contributed in various ways, from teaching and developing course materials to establishing remote campuses. This is a shining example that STARFLEET is truly an international organization. We actively work on improving access to members of all regions in this organization.

On a lighter note, I noticed many of our members celebrating the 40th anniversary of Star Trek in lots of exciting ways. Some hosted their own events. Others traveled great distances to attend conventions to meet the stars from various Trek

series such as Capt. Kirk & Mr. Spock. One of our chapters in training, Shuttle Thermopylae (R5),

Last but not least, I know many people like to dabble in ship designs. It can certainly be a lot of fun, either



ShOC Chief Jerry Tien and Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr / TNG) at LA Con IV this year.

even stepped up to help run the big celebration in Seattle area. For my part, I had a great time meeting fleet members down at LA Con IV in Anaheim, CA in August. This brings up another important point promoting your chapters as well as SFI. Many conventions are taking place around us all the time. Be sure to drop off flyers or better yet, put up a recruiting table. This can work wonders.

as an individual project or chapter activity. If you are one of those people and enjoy working in a team environment, please contact our Advanced Starship Design Bureau at asdb@sfi.org. We would love to see more people working on these projects.



How does the CFO process credit cards?

When we process credit card payments according to the federal banking laws we can only communicate with the card holder, not the member affected. We are working with CompOps on a system where you can get the credit card processed immediately and get any feed back if it is declined. CompOps goal is to have this available by the end of the year. Under the current system, we have to make sure the members name matches the credit card. We can not assume that you use your middle name or nickname. We must have permission on

file to use the credit card. Please understand when someone from the CFO or Membership processing teams sends you a message requesting permission to process a credit card and address information, it is because we need the information before we can process the payment. We do everything we can to process it before we contact anyone but we have to comply with the federal banking laws particularly when the fines are in the thousands.

As we process the credit card payment, we send a copy of the confirmation to the card holder so that individual knows when it was completed.

If it is for someone other than the card holder, we will add a note like "Renewal SCC# XXXXX for Pat Spillers family of 2". This way you can contact the member to let them know their membership has been processed.

How does the CFO process credit card payments for members not in the US?

We process them just like we do for everyone else but the current system only gives us a choice of the 50 states and the Canadian providences. So for our members in Canada, I

have to search for the providence in which you live. If you can, please put that information in the note section.

For those outside the US or Canada, our only choice to enter is "Other". Understand we have already verified that your address in the Starfleet database is correct, - this is just to get your membership payment processed that we have to enter this in the processing system in this manner.

Likewise we can only use a 5 digit zip code in the processing system. Therefore, for all addresses

SFI Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers – September - 2006

Beginning Balance			
Bank of America balance			\$38,689.50
Other		Refund on Sav Bank Charge	\$15.00
Bank balance			\$38,704.50
Income			
Membership Processing			\$2,613.00
	Cash at Conferences		\$0.00
	Checks or Money Orders		\$1,054.00
	Credit Cards		\$1,300.00
	Paypal		\$331.00
	Return & Missing Checks		\$0.00
	Adjustment for Scholarship Fund		\$72.00
Starfleet Quartermaster Sales			\$585.00
	Cash		\$257.00
	Checks or Money Orders		\$328.00
	Credit Cards		\$0.00
VRR Income			\$0.00
Scholarship Funds			\$200.56
	From Membership Processing		\$72.00
	Interest on Savings		\$3.56
	Special Funds	Mouse Pad Auction at IC 06	\$125.00
Refund Bank Service Fee			
Total Income			\$3,398.56
Grand Total			\$42,103.06
Expense			
Bank Fees			\$0.00
CQ Expenses			\$0.00
	Postage for CQ		\$0.00
	Printing of CQ		\$0.00
Processing Fees			\$96.01
	NetPay System Bank Fee		\$11.65
	Credit Card Fees		\$69.17
		Membership Processing	\$69.17
		Quatermaster	\$0.00
		VR	\$0.00
	PayPal Fees		\$15.19
		Membership Processing	\$15.19
		Quatermaster	
		VR	
Equipment Purchases			\$1,704.50
	CFO Department		\$0.00
	CQ Department		\$0.00
	CS Office	Laptop & Printer	\$1,704.50
	Membership Processing of CompOps		\$0.00
Insurance Bond			\$0.00
International Conference 2006			\$0.00
Return Check		Membership Processing	\$0.00
Scholarship Funds		Transfer to SFA	\$1,500.00
Supplies		Scholarship Awards	\$2,573.94
	CFO Department		\$96.12
	CS Office & Postage		\$40.02
	Flags for IC Conferences		\$0.00
	IC Awards		\$659.65
	Fed Ex		\$0.00
	Membership Processing		\$605.74
		Lamination	\$0.00
		Membership Certificates	\$0.00
		Membership Printing	\$605.74
		Office Supplies paper	\$0.00
		PO Box Rental	\$0.00
		Postage	\$0.00
		Postage Machine Rental	\$0.00
		Bumper Stickers for MP Package	\$0.00
	Ops		\$0.00
	Quatermaster Office		\$1,172.41
		Supplies for Inventory	\$560.00
		Petty Cash/Postage	\$257.00
		Shipping to IC & Summits	\$355.41
Transfer to SFA from Main Account	VCS Office		\$0.00
			\$187.93
	Interest	July & August	\$64.93
	MP Donations	July & August	\$123.00
Transfer of MP Schoalrship Donations & Interest to SFA			\$0.00
Web Hosting			
Total Expenses			\$6,062.38
Ending Balance			\$36,040.68

outside the US, we have to use the zip code “11111” to process your credit card payment.

I hope that helps you all to understand the messages you receive from the SkipJack system, our current processing system.

Bank Accounts for STARFLEET

There have been some questions on how we have the bank accounts set up. So I will try to explain how we have the accounts broken down.

The STARFLEET Marine Corps has their own bank account and we have a separate Income and Expense Report for them.

The second separate income and expense report is for the STARFLEET Academy. This is where we post the donations from the membership dues and other special donations plus interest earned with the idea that eventually

the scholarships will be self funding. In 2005 we received interest of \$292.87 and membership donations of \$645 or \$937.87 total in calendar year 2005. So far in 2006 we have gotten \$457 from membership dues donations, \$53 on special challenge and \$350.22 in interest. Starfleet awarded 4 scholarships totaling \$2000 in scholarship funds in 2005 and just awarded 6 totaling \$3000 for 2006. You can easily see that what we bring in does not cover the scholarships awarded. We have been taking the needed funds out of the general fund to cover these awards. This year, we have just had to move \$1500 out of the general fund to the SFA Account to cover these scholarships.

In 2005 this administration took the first step in moving the majority of STARFLEET’s money into a savings account with the interest going to the SFA account. In August we took the next step to self fund the STARFLEET Scholarship awards by purchasing 2 CDs to maximize the

return. In the savings account the \$25,000 would have earned about \$400 a year. With the combined CDs this same amount will earn us approximately \$1,200 a year. So we have done from earning less than one scholarship award amount to almost 2 1/2 with the same funds in the same time frame.

The primary checking account has all funds coming in and out of it so we can better track it. We try to only keep around \$5000 in this checking account each month. When it runs over that for several months, we transfer the overage into general savings to earn additional interest. We will be looking at the General Savings so that as it builds up over time, we can purchase additional CD’s with the idea that one day all the scholarships will be funded each year through the interest earned, as well as from the membership donations.

The STARFLEET Income and Expense Report that you see in the CQ is a combination of the main checking and all savings accounts (both the general account and 2 CDs).

Since the initial movement of money to the savings account, we have only had to move money once back to the main checking account when we paid for STARFLEET Quartermaster merchandise in July 06, which was from 2004 & 2005 that we did not realize had not been billed or paid. When we have made other equipment purchases, we have had enough money in the general checking account to cover these expenses. Some of the regular expense payment such as CQ printing, postage, etc., occur every other month. The amount spent each month does vary but, so far, the approximate \$5000 balance in the primary checking account has worked well for us.

SFA Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers				September	2006
Beginning Balance					
Bank of America balance					\$1,534.92
Adjustment for July not made // July & Aug will be on next month report					
Bank balance					\$1,534.92
Income					
Income for Scholarship Fund					
	Year of 2006	Interest	July & Aug	\$64.93	\$287.15
		Interest	CD	\$99.22	
		MP Donations	May & June	\$123.00	
Region Summit or Chapter Donations					
	Checks and money orders			\$0.00	\$0.00
	Credit Cards			\$0.00	
	PayPal			\$0.00	
Transfer		From Main Checking	Cover scholarships		\$1,500.00
Total Income					\$1,787.15
Grand Total					\$3,322.07
Expense					
Bank Service Charge					\$0.87
Scholarship Awards					\$2,500.00
PayPal Fees					
Total Expenses					\$2,500.87
Ending Balance					\$821.20
NOTE: Adjustment for Interest and Scholarship Donations made from Membership Processing will be made the following month & reported on next Month report					
Bank Statements will now match so NO Adjustments will be needed					

SFMC Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers				September	2006
Beginning Balance					
Bank of America balance					\$1,519.11
Other					
Bank balance					\$1,519.11
Income					
Quartermaster Sales					
	Paypal			\$ -	
	Checks and cash			\$ -	
Refund Bank Service Charge done in error					\$0.00
Interest on Savings					\$0.00
Total Income					\$0.00
Grand Total					\$1,519.11
Expense					
PayPal Fee				\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash for Postage				\$0.00	
Quartermaster Supplies				\$0.00	
Other	Web Host				\$0.00
Total Expenses					\$0.00
Ending Balance					\$1,519.11

Annual Campaign Report

By: Admiral Sherry Anne Newell, USS Morning Star; Admiral Helen M. Pawlowski, Troubador Station; Admiral Marlene J. Miller, USS Renegade

We would like to congratulate all of the STARFLEET members who managed to attend IC 2006 and to give a thumbs-up to those who received awards. A ship in R2 mentioned that a reporter and photographer were present when the shared stories of their visit to the Las Vegas Adventure. Excellent! ADVERTISE!!!

A ship in R6 seems to have discovered a new way to recruit members on the Internet! Way to go!

A Shuttle in R7 had a SciFi film festival which resulted in six new memberships. Kudos!

A Shuttle in R12 has adopted a local graveyard and is cleaning and maintaining grave sights that have been forgotten. Now that's a new slant on community service! A big pat on the back!

It's always ice to hear of ships meeting with other 'Fleet members – sharing pot lucks or picnics. We are, after all, a club and should be enjoying the company of others who share our interests. Here's to more sharing and more fun!!

Region 1

SHUTTLE MARS has 3 computers running SETI; SHUTTLE TIGER had movie nights, went to Las Vegas to the Star Trek Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton AND VISITED Kennedy Space Center; ISS DELIVERANCE had movie night; USS ALARIC is recycling aluminum and supporting Eliada Children's Home; USS APPOMATTOX had an annual pool party-meeting. Helped at the local food pantry and held tank battles at the Tank Museum. They received a plaque from the American Cancel Society for raising over \$600 for the Relay for Life; USS ARMAGEDDON signed up 6 new members; USS ASGARD attended anniversary meeting & party for the USS COLUMBUS and assisted the family of the CO removing items from their flooded basement; USS ATHENA took part in the school supply drive, attended Shore Leave and raised almost \$3,500 for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund; USS CHARLESTON had movie nights; USS COLUMBUS had an anniversary picnic; USS DRAGON'S FURY attended the IC/IM, participated in a community yard sale, signed the VRR for their first shuttle, the GLORY and attended the Pittsburgh Toy Show with the crew of the USS INFERNO; USS EXCALIBUR's first officer received a certificate of appreciation from R1, chapter received the award for STARFLEET 2005 Shuttle of the year at IC '06 in Philadelphia and CO and XO participated with the USS Ohio at the PBS telethon; USS GALIFREY volunteered at various community services including the local Elyria Food Bank. The aided the installations of air conditioners for several older community residents in Elyria and Cleveland. They use their "Shuttlecraft" to transport older residents to supermarkets and assist them in shopping and other tasks which would be too difficult to accomplish on public transportation; USS HEIMDAL had a Trek Bingo & Ice Cream Sunday night with 13 members in attendance. USS HORNET crew attended visitation for Debbie Ham's Mother, Marilyn Ham, who passed away on July 7th. On a lighter note they played pirate with the YORKTOWN and some local pirates for the opening of Pirates of the Caribbean 2; USS INDIANA members along with USS OHIO, USS RENEGADE and USS COLUMBUS toured the Star Wars Exhibit at the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus, Ohio; USS JAMESTOWN watched the Space Shuttle launch; USS JURASSIC still making baby hats for hospitals

in Johnson City, and afghans for the Golden Years Center for Seniors in Georgetown, Ohio, donated 9 Beanie & Bootie sets to the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, still collecting Box Tops For Education and Campbell's Soup Labels. Stamps are going to the Stampede. Members turned in 3,057 pop can tops to a little girl who has cancer, members supported the NASA Glenn Research Center by staffing an exhibit at the Drury Theater in Cleveland. One member was asked to wear a Trek uniform, and discussed STARFLEET with anyone who expressed interest in the costume. ; USS KITTY HAWK still collecting books – donated to a Gulfport elementary school and Keesler Air Force Base who is going to send them to the bases in Afghanistan and Iraq, also sent some to one of the churches destroyed by Katrina for their new library; USS LAGRANGE display trophy was won at the Stow Parade; USS MAAT had a casino night; USS MAELSTROM members attended a local 1-day mini convention and had movie nights; USS NIGHTSTALKER will welcome 3 probably recruits; USS OHIO had a movie and went to the Observatory to see Saturn, Jupiter and other stars and galaxies. Some members went to a baseball game with the USS LAGRANGE and a Klingon Club. Members went on an OH/IN Sector Away Mission to COSI with members of the USS RENEGADE, USS INDIANA, and USS COLUMBUS; USS PRIDE OF SCOTLAND donated 14 Disney videos to local YMCA After School Program, toured "Old Friends" an equine retirement home with USS NIGHTSTALKER and donated \$100 to help support operations of the charity. They also donated 13 magazines to a local hospital, donated computer equipment and clothes to Good Will. Stephanie continues to volunteer at Baptist East Hospital. Crew visited Holiday World Amusement Park and rode the new "Voyage" Roller Coaster; USS RENEGADE took 3 cadets on an away mission to the COSI Museum in Columbus, Ohio. We thought it was ironically funny when Erik (who is blind) got the best score creating a Moisture Farm on Tattooine! Still sending stamps to a Veteran's hospital in Arizona, care packages to Iraq and Afghanistan, books to Friends of the Library for book sales and to an assisted-living apartment complex for their library; USS RICHMOND had dinner and discussed Trek; USS RONALD MCNAIR collecting Box Tops for Education, coupons for OCP and box tops for Ronald McDonald House; USS RUTLEDGE supporting U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan & their Families Stateside; USS STAR RUNNER had a game night; USS STARWARD FURY had a movie night; USS TYCHO had a 4th of July bash; USS YEAGER built a Soapbox style car for local summer festival; USS YORKTOWN had a pirates day at the theater.

Region 2

ISS MacARTHUR joined with other Star Trek and SciFi groups to raise funds for Bone marrow Testing Drive and raising funds for Children's Tumor Foundation; SHUTTLE ANDROMEDA working with Museum of Science & Industry with a fundraiser; SS DARK SILENCE STATION continues weekly social meetings with the BLUE SUN; USS BLACKSTAR held Video & Game Day and Bowling Night and celebrated July 4th at the Street Parade thanks to the generous invitation and assistance of Mrs. Sandra Dahlmann, attended the Titanic Artifact Exhibit at the Miami Museum of Science; USS BLUE SUN took part in a fundraiser for Safeplace, a shelter for battered women and children and raised \$105 for the cause. Crew went on an away mission with SS DARK SILENCE STATION and USS HEPHAESTUS at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama; USS DARK PHOENIX Built 5 Swords,

attended USS ODYSSEY, USS JUBILEE and USS HAISE meetings. SS FREEDOM III attended IC 2006; USS DaVINCI first officer proposed to his long-time girlfriend; USS GASPARILLA attended USS MYRDDIN's summer picnic and celebrated Sunnie's birthday. Had 4th of July potluck luncheon, and movie and gaming nights; USS HAISE collected non-perishable foods and donated to Community Stewpot. A reporter and photographer from "The Clarion Ledger" newspaper were present to conduct interviews and take pictures for a feature story on the crew – to be published soon; USS HAISE collected non –perishable food items to donate to Community Stewpot's Christmas in July food drive. They also had a movie night; and attended annual pool party cookout with 3 other chapters. Also traveled to Huntsville Space & Rocket Center with other chapters; USS HEPHAESTUS attended Kid One Transport Texas Hold'em Championship Fundraiser in Birmingham; USS MYRDDIN held annual summer picnic with other 'Fleet chapters; USS NEW HOPE members met with USS JUBILEE in Montgomery, attended picnic with USS HEPHAESTUS and a Stargate party with the USS DAVINCI; USS ODYSSEY attended Shore Leave 28; USS OKATOMA attended IC 2006, Star Trek at 40, attended a meeting with USS HAISE in Mobile, and did an interview with Jackson newspaper; USS PAEGAN had annual Summer BBQ with 39 attendees from 4 different states; USS RELENTLESS had an away mission to the USS PAEGAN BBQ; USS REPUBLIC had a Trek movie night watching "In Harm's Way" the first episode of Star Trek: New Voyages, a fan-produced series available exclusively on the Internet which boasts Eugene Roddenberry, Jr. as a consulting producer. Everyone agreed the film was very well done and look forward to meeting the four lead actors at this year's Dragon Con; USS RISING MOON had an away mission to Illinois to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Dean and Lorna Brown; USS ROGUE PHOENIX had a game night and movie night; USS SPIRITWALKER went to visit USS NEW HOPE in Montgomery, Alabama; USS TRIDENT had a movie night; USS TRIUMPH worked a two hour shift at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale.

Region 3

SS MAVERICK had several away missions and made charitable contributions by having a cookout at the local Ronald McDonald House for almost 50 families and helped the Friends of the Library with their book sale. USS AURORA VULCANUS mailed \$1,602.03 in coupons to their base in Japan, had a blast at IC 2006, got to tour the sights with members of the LONE STAR and ARK ANGEL; USS BEXAR continues collecting stuffed toys for the EMS Trauma Buddy Program; USS JOAN of ARC donated 10 lbs of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House, as winners of the coupon challenge collected they \$8,053.75 in coupons for their base in Sasebo Japan; USS FIREBIRD crew continues Academy studies; and assist the Harris County Pets; USS LONE STAR participated in the 4th of July Broadway Parade and had movie and game nights. USS RENAISSANCE welcome new members; USS RHYANNA attended ARK ANGEL's meeting and had a garage sale which produced \$420 which was donated to Safe Place battered women's shelter; USS TEJAS collecting coupons for OCP, and newspapers for Humane Society, and Wichita County Humane Society, as well as cans for Wilbarger County Humane Society and Wichita County Humane Society; USS TRINITY RIVER had a game day; USS VICTORY collected school supplies for needy children in San Antonio schools, materials collected was enough to fill 10 backpacks.

Region 4

ISS PEGASUS went to IC 2006 and gave out Tribbles and other 'stuff'; SHUTTLE SILVER MOON participated in the Labor Day MDA; USS ANGELES had a swim party and a Harry Potter game night. Also had an away mission to the Will Rogers State Park (site of Star Trek IV Golden Gate Park where the Bird of Prey "parked"); USS ANGELFIRE had a movie night; USS CENTURION attended IC 2006 and is collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House; USS EAGLE attended IC 2006; USS NORTHERN LIGHTS had a game night and a movie night; USS PEACEKEEPER had a poker night; USS STORMBRINGER had an annual summer party; USS WILLIAM O'DARBY is working with other Star Trek clubs planning up-coming events..

Region 5

SHUTTLE ESCAPE POD attended IC 2006, had a poker night and a movie night; SHUTTLE THERMOPYLAE gathered \$3,725.91 in coupons to send to their adopted base in Grafenwhor, Germany; USS CRUSADER celebrated 9th anniversary; USS DESTINY was joined by the Raptor Klingon group and visited the Planetarium to see "Passport to the Universe"; USS RUBICON continues supporting the Overseas Coupon Project and has processed and shipped over \$90,000.

Region 6

SHUTTLE RIVERSIDE welcomed new members who found them through the Internet, and participated in an away mission to Trek Fest 22; USS CZAR'AK went to IC 2006 and Big SciFi convention; USS FOX RIVER's CDR Paula Carberry worked very hard to organize a clothing and useful needs drive for Katrina survivors and collected 17 boxes to be sent to help. They are also working with a local large screen movie theater for a presentation of 40 years of Star Trek. USS IMPERIUM attended Convergence to help promote Region 6's conference and ValleyCon. Attended 4th of July activities at the MSUM campus planetarium and went tubing down the Ottertail River. USS SAINT GEORGE attended R6 summit and also attended TrekFest to help christen the SHUTTLE RIVERSIE.

Region 7

ISS LEXINGTON attended IC 2006; ISS PHILADELPHIA attended IC 2006; SHUTTLE BRITANNIC attended IC 2006 and had a great time, attended Shore Leave 28, helped man the Region 7 recruitment table; SHUTTLE MAWSON conducted SciFi film festival which resulted in 6 new STARFLEET memberships, Also attended SciFi exhibition at the South Australian Museum hoping to recruit more members. Members are attending Starfleet Academy; USS ACCORD cleaned Carl Sagan Planetwalk and had many members attend IC 2006; USS ADAMANT attended Shore Leave 28 and IC 2006, had a picnic; USS ALBANY played miniature golf and are saving coupons for the OCP .. their year to date contribution is \$15,550.80 USS ALPHA CENTAURI attended Shore Leave; USS ASIMOV attended IC 2006 and Shore Leave 28; USS ASCENSION attended Shore Leave and IC 2006; USS DeBRAAK attended IC 2006; USS AVENGER attended Shore Leave; USS CHALLENGER celebrated their 18th anniversary; USS DeBRAAK attended Shore Leave 28; USS DRAGON STAR attended Shore Leave 28; USS DRAGON STAR attended IC 2006; USS EDINBURGH attended IC 2006 and Shore Leave 28; USS FLYING FOX worked during IC 2006 and attended Sore Leave 28.

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Cadets worked on various projects for the IC such as putting stickers on the candy boxes and decorating Styrofoam for the center pieces; USS HIGHLANDER worked at the Maryland RenFaire; USS INFERNO attended IC 2006 and had a Breast Cancer event called Putt For The Cure. Some crew attended Wings over Pittsburgh air show and the Pittsburgh Toy Show; USS JAGUAR members attended IC 2006; USS MALVERNE attended IC 2006; USS MATRIX attended IC 2006 and Shore Leave 28; USS NIAGARA attended IC 2006, had an annual pool party with 29 in attendance, including members of the USS HADFIELD, all celebrated the HADFIELD's 5th anniversary. They also attended Toronto Trek 20. The Crew mourns the death of the mother of their Chief Engineer; USS OIRIS attended Shore Leave and had a movie night; USS SOVEREIGN helped host IC 2006 and attended Shore Leave 28; USS TOP GUN attended IC 2006 and celebrated 1st anniversary at Shore Leave 28. The dinner was attended by members of the SHUTTLE BRITTANIC.

Region 9
USS EUROPE has trivia contests; USS VANGUARD members participated in a Star Trek 2E tournament.

Region 10
SHUTTLE BONADAR continues with their weekly meat raffle as a source of fund raising for charity. The shuttle has donated 2 weeks' proceeds to "The Crystal Fund" to assist a single Mom with expenses after a horrific accident that resulted in 11 hours of facial reconstruction. Our donation was \$336.00 Canadian. They also held a summer picnic. The manager of Parkland House Apartments received a certificate of appreciation from Shuttle Bondar for the \$300.00 worth of recyclables to their charities; USS MAJESTIC attended IC 2006 and had a movie night. They also attended a KFC picnic hosted by the SHUTTLE BONDAR; USS SOL had a movie night.

Region 12
SHUTTLE ROSEN adopted a local graveyard and is working on cleaning and maintaining grave sites that have been forgotten, they're also collecting school supplies for Potter's Clay Charity; USS CHICAGO crew raised \$60 to donate to a Suicide Prevention Awareness Walker. CO Jay Hurd and his wife Amy welcomed Abigail Marie to the world. Both Hurd children will be joining as Cadets specializing in demolitions. USS CLAYMORE took advantage of Back to School sales for Operation Iraqi Children; USS DISCOVERY having a float & camping trip. USS DRAGONSTRIKE is collecting items for a rummage sale and are continuing to collect school supplies for donation to local churches in the area; USS HELLFIRE & BRIMSTONE are helping with a First Aid station at a local run; USS HEXUM continues recycling and collecting stamps for OCP, a member is working on American Lung Association neighborhood mailings. Had a 4th of July BBQ and movie night; USS HORIZON had a BBQ; USS JEANNETTE MADDOX had an away mission to see Superman and had an annual picnic and boat trip to Lake Chenny, KY; USS MORNING STAR collecting 27 Campbell's labels for education, donated \$208.45 for the OCP. Still collecting cancelled stamps and Betty Crocker labels for local street feeding program. Volunteered for Street Feeding, delivered 1,700 lbs cake mix to Lawton Food Bank, collected large box of donated items for Carter Crane Homeless Shelter and working on Garage Sale for Humane Society; USS PHOENIX had a picnic; USS ROYAL SOVEREIGN had gaming nights; USS SUNFLOWER collecting coupons for their Army base in Germany. USS TROUBADOUR STATION cleaning up from the storm; USS WILLIAM

WALLACE attended IC 2006.

Region 13
USS BANTING members attended Toronto Trek, went bowling and canoeing on the Speed River; USS EMPRESS attended IC 2006; USS EMPRESS celebrated their 14th year; USS WHITE STAR held annual picnic & cookout, some members attended IC 2006;

Region 15
SS IAN FLEMING attended Region 15 mini golf tournament meeting up with representatives from the USS ARES, USS DARWIN, USS ATLANTIS, USS KASIMAR, USS NELSON and USS O'BANNON the traditional BBQ was held afterwards; USS ANIBIS brought XO on a tour of Boston; USS ARES celebrated 4th of July, had a cruise of the USS CONSTITUTION and had a movie outing. Members attended Shore Leave 28, visited the Bronx Zoo, Hershey Park and the Roger Williams Park Zoo. USS ATLANTIS attended the Regional BBQ after the mini golf tournament; USS AVALON still hosting the Avalon Food Bank in which emergency food is distributed on an "as needed" basis any day of the week to needy families. Also had movie nights and participated in GeoCaching Day; USS DARWIN had away missions to the Bronx Zoo, Hershey Park, Roger Williams Zoo and Shore Leave; USS GALAXY took an away mission to ElfCon; USS HOOD participated in the R15 mini golf tournament; USS KASIMAR celebrated 4th of July riding on a float in a parade and in uniform. USS NELSON attended IC 2006, had a tag sale which raised \$100 towards the Region 15 treasury. Collecting coupons for the OCP which has earned the NELSON 2nd place in 'Fleet; USS O'BANNON had a BBQ, and movie night. They also manned a booth at a local Flea Market benefiting the March of Dimes. The crew also had a yard sale for Charity, raising \$64.

Region 17
USS ALIOTH celebrated 4th of July at the Stadium of Fire in Provo, UT, had an ice cream social and movie night; USS ANASAZI hosted 5th anniversary and commissioned shuttle as the USS TOMAHAWK and attended IC 2006; USS MIR had a movie day and a summer cookout; USS MOONTYPE looking for an economical way of producing the newsletter in Braille and hosted a presentation at the American Council of the Blind National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, on disability as seen throughout the Star Trek Universe.; USS OMEGA GLORY movie outings, had a Region 17 IRC meeting, participated in several local outings.

Region 20
ISS SARATOGA participated in a 10k Crusiad's Walk for Life in London benefit people and communities affected by HIV and AIDS; USS PIONEER had a movie outing; SHUTTLE BRITANNIA has an active recruitment with 8 new people being contacted.

You've had a "brain freeze!" You cannot seem to remember your username/password combination to logon. You've got to get that Membership Application for that potential new member. When is your SFI Membership due for renewal? Is the email address in your User Profile up-to-date? Did you update your mailing address since you moved a couple weeks ago? What to you do? What to you do? Don't panic! Use the SFI HelpDesk!

What is the SFI HelpDesk?
The SFI HelpDesk is a central gateway where you can submit all of your queries, questions, suggestions, comments, feedback, problems, and issues in the form of a numbered Trouble Ticket System. By the way, when you submit your trouble ticket, you should include your name and SCC-number because it is extremely helpful to us in identifying you and locating your User Profile in the SFI Database. Currently, we average anywhere from 125 to 225 trouble tickets per week. Disclaimer: Some weeks are more intensive than others. The HelpDesk Operations Manager is responsible to review each of the submitted trouble tickets and dispatch or route it to the appropriate and authorized group or individual for processing. These authorized groups include almost every Department and Team in the entire SFI organizational structure. The authorized individuals include all of the EC members and people with key functional responsibilities within the organization. It is truly "a cast of dozens and dozens" of dedicated people who work quietly in the background without much fanfare and, usually, not enough recognition or appreciation. On the up-side, these volunteers get a chance to see the internal workings of the organization and interact with people in the many corners and cubicles of STARFLEET.

Types of Tickets
One of the most common ticket-types that we receive at the SFI HelpDesk is requests for change of Chapter assignment. This may be due to a relocation move for a new job or similar circumstances. In the "old days," CompOps used to handle the Chapter Assignments because we were the only people with access to the SFI Database. Now, with modern technology, this function is almost exclusively the responsibility of the SFI Operations Department. Another frequent ticket-type is "I forgot my password". This type of ticket usually gets routed to CompOps for resolution. However, these tickets usually present a problem for us for a number of different reasons.

While an individual member's name may seem sufficient for full identification in many cases, consider the fact that "Mike Smith" may be a common name and we may have more than one person named "Mike Smith" in the SFI Database (which contains the names of present and past SFI members). Also, there are cases where more

ambiguity exists such as "Mike Smith", "Mike Smith, Jr.", and "Mike Smith, Sr.". Your SCC- number provides a unique identifier that we can use to locate your User Profile. My thanks to the Fleet Admiral for the use of his name in the preceding example! <grin>

Username / Password Combinations
Another cause of difficulty arises from the fact that, right now, SFI members have two different username/password logon combinations to remember. One is used for logging into the Member Portal via your Web Browser. Another logon is required to access the SFI Database (codenamed "Dynee"), also via your Web Browser. These username / password logon combinations are distinctly different, separate, and cannot be used interchangeably. So, when we receive a request for their "password" from an individual, we may not be able to guess the system that the individual intended. Further complicating the situation, the HelpDesk volunteer in CompOps cannot see your password. The only option available to most of the volunteers is a "Password Reset" function. Once we click this button, an automatically generated message containing your password of record will be emailed to you at your email address of record. For your protection and privacy (which STARFLEET takes very seriously), most volunteers cannot view your password. If the email address that is contained in your User Profile is up-to-date, you can get your password without having to wait for an SFI HelpDesk response. For the SFI Member Portal, look for the "Lost password?" function in the left-column navigation under the Login section and click on the words, "Lost password?" to activate it. For Dynee, there is a button labeled, "Forgot" just under the "Submit" button. When this function is activated, an automatically generated message containing your password of record will be emailed to you at your email address of record.

Future Plans
At some point in the future, we will be changing the system to use your email address as the username for login. Yes, that was "login" in the singular! We have plans to relocate the SFI Database to a common location with the SFI Web Site and Member Portal. Once that is accomplished, we will move to consolidate the separate logons by using the SFI member Portal as the central gateway to almost everything and implement a technology feature know as "Single Sign-On." The current SFI HelpDesk is based on older technology and exhibits some symptoms of its aged. Its functionality and flexibility limit the adaptability of the existing software. So, we are "in the process" of installing a newer, more modern HelpDesk application. We hope to have this new SFI HelpDesk on-line in 2006 Q4. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Bart Stravisky at HelpDeskAdmin@sfi.org or Bob Chin at CompOps@sfi.org. I hope this helps!



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Dec 1-3 Phoenix Anime Fest, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 11687, Tempe, AZ 85284 <http://www.phoenixanimefest.com/> info@phoenixanimefest.com Guests: Steve Bennett

Jan 4-7 DarkCon, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 82575, Phoenix, AZ 85071 Ph: 602-653-5588 <http://www.darkcon.org/> shadowstalker@darkones.org

Apr 5-8 AniZona 3, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 67641, Phoenix, AZ 85082 <http://www.anizona.org/> registration@anizona.org

California

Dec 2 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

Dec 8-10 Big Damned Flanvention II, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 742, Ashland, OR 97520 Ph: 724-456-2407 <http://www.boosterevents.com/> info@boosterevents.com Guests: Nathan Fillion, Adam Baldwin, Alan Tudyk, Jewel Staite, Mark A. Sheppard, Christina Hendricks

Jan 5-7 Creation, San Jose, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

Jan 6-7 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

Jan 12-15 ConQuest LA, Los Angeles, California; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-218-9590 <http://www.avalonconventions.com/conquestla/>

Jan 12-14 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217

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Jan 18-22 Further Confusion, San Jose, California; Info: 105 Serra Way PMB #236, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/> info@furtherconfusion.org

Mar 2-4 WonderCon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 619-491-2475 <http://www.comic-con.org/> cci-info@comic-con.org Guests: Tony Harris, Phil Jimenez, Patrick McDonnell, Linda Medley, Brian K. Vaughan

Mar 2-4 ConDor XIV, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 Ph: 858-278-2228 <http://www.condorcon.org/> registration@CondorCon.org Guests: Jeff Berkwits, David Brin, Sean Bryant, Dr. Christine Carmichael, Amy Sterling Casil, Bret Culpepper, Genevieve Dazzo, John DeChancie, Dawn Devine, Sue Dawe, Sheila Finch, Lorna Freeman, Susan Gleason, Cody Goodfellow, Jeannie Graham, Wendy Greene, Greg Gross, Howard Hendrix, Rilla Heslin, Nancy Holder, Judy Lazar, Maria Lima, Todd McCaffrey, Lynn Maudlin, Craig Miller, Tiffany Moon, Ronald B. Moore, Vera Nazarian, Atanielle Noel, Matt Pallamary, David Parish-Whittaker, Janet Parish-Whittaker, Jonathan Vos Post, Stephen Potts, Karen Rodgers, David Ross, David Rankin, Tucker Smallwood, Rod Stansfield, William Stoddard, Kaytee Sumida, Jefferson Swycaffer, T.N.Todaro, Michael Underwood, Dr. Vernor Vinge, Chandra Visser, Chris Weber, Karen Willson, Gerry Williams

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Mar 16-18 Con-x-treme, San Jose, California; Info: 4061 E. Castro Valley Blvd #315, Castro Valley, CA 94552 Ph: 510-427-8810 <http://www.con-x-treme.com> zero@con-x-treme.com

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Apr 28-29 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

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Jan 19-21 COSine, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80919 <http://www.firstfridayfandom.org/cosine/> jsokola@juno.com Guests: Connie Willis

Connecticut

Dec 15-17 AnonyCon, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: 75 Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06511 <http://www.anonycon.com/> prereg@anonycon.com Guests: Luke Crane, Jared Sorensen, Rich Burlew, Michael Tresca

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Feb 16-18 Katsucon 13, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: PO Box 7064, Silver Spring, MD 20907 <http://www.katsucon.com/> prereg@katsucon.com

Florida

Jan 26-28 Florida Extravaganza, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 300546, Fern Park, FL 32730-0546 Ph: 407-401-9203 <http://www.fxshow.com/> info@fxshow.com

Feb 16-18 MegaCon, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 1097, Safety Harbor, FL 34695 Ph: 727-796-5725 <http://www.megaconvention.com/> info@megaconvention.com

Mar 14-18 IAFA-28, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: ICFA Registrar, Post Office Box 50517, Eugene, OR 97405 <http://www.iafa.org/> Guests: Geoff Ryman, Marina Warner, Melissa Scott, Brian Aldiss

Georgia

Jan 5-7 GAFilk, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 702, Alpharetta, GA 30009-0702 <http://www.gafilk.org/> registration@gafilk.org Guests: Urban Tapestry, Linda Melnick, Summer & Fall,

Jan 26-28 Atlanta Game Fest 10, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 3577-A Chamblee-Tucker Road #215, Atlanta, GA 30341 <http://www.atlantagamefest.com/> info@atlantagamefest.com

Feb 16-18 Furry Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 1361 Fairbanks St., Atlanta, GA 30310 <http://www.furryweekend.com/> furryweekend@furryweekend.com

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Mar 16-18 Anime Oasis, Boise, Idaho; Info: 420 9th Ave North, Nampa, ID 83687 <http://www.animeoasis.org/> creamyjeremy@animeoasis.org

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Dec 10 Toy Con, Bridgeview, Illinois; Info: 14437 South Campbell Ave., Posen IL 60469 Ph: 708-363-3612 <http://toycontoyshow.homestead.com/>

Feb 8-11 Capricon 27, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/> info@capricon.org Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Erin McKee, Cat Faber

Feb 9-11 Winter War 34, Champaign, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873 Ph: 217-778-3016 <http://winterwar.prairienet.org/> winterwar@prairienet.org Guests: Board games, Miniatures, Role-playing, and Dealers

Mar 2 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> creatickets@creationent.com

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Feb 23-25 Gamicon Omicron, Iowa City, Iowa; Info: 308 East Burlington PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 Ph: 319-753-2908 <http://www.mindbridge.org/> gamicon/gamicon@mindbridge.org

Louisiana

Dec 2-9 Cruise Events, New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/> Susan@CruiseEvents.net Guests: Marisa Liza Pell

Maryland

Feb 16-18 Farpoint, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 11708 Troy Court, Waldorf, MD 20601 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.farpointcon.com/> trekcontact@comcast.net Guests: Summer Glau, Keith DeCandido, Terri Osborne, Luna-C

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Dec 10 Larry's Wonderful World of Comics, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: 66 Lakeview Avenue, Lowell, MA 01826 Ph: 978-459-5323 <http://atomicmills.com/shows.html> larryscomicsinc@aol.com

Jan 12-14 Arisia 07, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Building 600, PMB 322, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/> info@arisia.org

Feb 16-18 Boskone 44, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> b43info@boskone.org Guests: David Gerrold, Gary A. Lippincott, Lee Gold, Barry Gold

Feb 22-25 Total Confusion, Mansfield, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 70585, Worcester, MA 01607 Ph: 603-644-0437 <http://www.totalcon.com/> truthfromchaos@totalcon.com

Mar 2-4 Intercon G, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: 4 Curtis Street #2, Waltham, MA 02453 <http://intercon-g.org/> info@intercon-g.org

Apr 20-22 Anime Boston, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 1843, New York, NY 10150 <http://www.animeboston.com/>

Michigan

Jan 19-21 ConFusion, Detroit, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/2008/> confusion@stilyagi.org Guests: Howard Waldrop, Elizabeth Moon, Paul Myers PhD, Bill Higgins

Mar 22-25 AmberCon, Detroit, Michigan; Info: PO Box 7294, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7294 <http://www.ambercon.com/> conchair@ambercon.com

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Feb 2-4 Supercon XIV, Rochester, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 6123, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://www.supercon.info/> chebutykin@visi.com

Mar 2-4 Marscon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 651-339-0397 <http://marscon.org/> info07@marscon.org Guests: Don S. Davis, Gary Jones, Todd Lockwood, Eric Larson, Eleanor Arnason

Apr 6-8 Minicon 42, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnsth.org/minicon/> request@minicon.mnsth.org Guests: Charles de Lint, Charles Vess

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Mar 30-Apr 2 CostumeCon 25, St Louis, Missouri; Info: 7835 Milan, St. Louis, MO 63130 <http://www.costume-con.com/> slcg@email.com

Apr 20-22 Anime St. Louis, St Louis, Missouri; Info: 7333 Hardscrapple Dr. Apt. B, St. Louis, MO 63123 Ph: 937-605-1602 <http://animestl.tripod.com/> magicalmoogoo@yahoo.com Guests: Vic Mignogna

Apr 20-22 ShowMeCon, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 410115, Creve Coeur, MO 63141-9998 <http://www.showmecon.com/> registration@showmecon.com Guests: Barri L. Bumgarner, Mike Cole, Tom Meserole, Larry Mische

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Apr 13-15 Willycon IX, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: WillyCon Registration, Student Center, Rm. 103, Attn: Ron Vick, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, ND 68787 http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/sfclub/text_site/willycon/scifict@wsc.edu Guests: Paul Lawrence, James Alan Gardner, John Garner, Denise Garner, Terry Hickman

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Mar 30-31 Philly Non-Sport Card Show, Mount Laurel, New Jersey; Info: 10220 Calera Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 Ph: 215-637-5744 <http://www.reightershows.com/frank@reightershows.com>

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Mar 23-25 I-Con 26, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/info@iconsf.org>

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Jan 5-7 Ohayocon, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 17737 Walnut Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149 <http://www.ohayocon.com/>

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Dec 2-3 Pittsburgh Toyshow, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 456 Old Farm Lane, Johnstown PA 15904 Ph: 814-467-1500 <http://www.pittsburghtoyshow.com/> Guests: Verne Troyer, Dirk Benedict, Bruno Sammartino, Kris Kidd, Louis Small Jr.,

Mar 16-18 Cold Wars, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Info: 10730 Burr Oak Way, Burke, VA 22015 Ph: 703-503-9833 <http://www.coldwars.org/coldwarswalt@linuxmail.org>

Apr 27-29 Pittsburgh Comicon, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/> pcomicon@nb.net Benefits: Make A Wish

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Feb 16-18 TempleCon, Providence, Rhode Island; Info: 167 Columbus Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860 <http://www.templecon.org/information@templecon.org> Guests: Lars Grant West

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Apr 13-15 RoundCon, Columbia, South Carolina; Info: 724 Burmaster Dr., Columbia, SC 29229 Ph: 803-736-6092 <http://www.roundcon.com/> sean@roundcon.com Benefits: Make-A-Wish

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Jan 26-28 Chattacon 32, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 <http://www.chattacon.org/> info@chattacon.org Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Robert J. Sawyer, MCA Hogarth, Wen Spencer, Wendy Webb

Apr 17-15 Middle Tennessee Anime Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 290423, Nashville, TN 37229-0423 <http://mtac.animenashville.org/> Guests: Lisa Furukawa

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Dec 3 JMV Entertainment, Houston, Texas; Info: PO Box 151, Temple, Texas 76503 Ph: 254-773-4757 <http://www.jmventertainment.com/comicbooks.html> info@jmventertainment.com

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

Jan 21 JMV Entertainment, San Antonio, Texas; Info: PO Box 151, Temple, Texas 76503 Ph: 254-773-4757 <http://www.jmventertainment.com/comicbooks.html> info@jmventertainment.com

Feb 9-11 Corflu, Austin, Texas; Info: 3 Portia Place, Motherwell, ML1 1EL, UK <http://www.corflu.org/ian@soren.demon.co.uk>

Feb 9-11 OwlCon, Houston, Texas; Info: c/o Rice University, Fast Warp MS 526, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892 <http://www.owlcon.com/registration@owlcon.com>

Mar 22-25 AggieCon 38, College Station, Texas; Info: c/o Cepheid Variable (958460), PO Box 5688, College Station TX 77844 Ph: 979-268-3068 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/> lurkz@shadowswolf.com Guests: James O'Barr, Todd McCaffrey, Scott A. Cupp, Mark Finn

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Apr 17 Lore Con, Burlington, Vermont; Info: PO Box 5342, Essex Jct, VT 05452 <http://www.lorecon.com/litlfrog@adelphia.net>

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Dec 16 Shoff Promotions Comic Book & Nonsports Card Show, Tyson's Corner, Virginia; Info: 5904 Willow Knoll Dr., Derwood, MD 20855 Ph: 301-990-4929 <http://shoffpromotions.com/pnshoff@aol.com>

Jan 19-21 Marscon 17, Williamsburg, Virginia; Info: 117 Wichita Lane, Williamsburg VA 23188 <http://www.marscon.net/> registration@marscon.net

Feb 23-25 SheVaCon 15, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 <http://shevacon.org/> Registration@shevacon.org

Mar 30-Apr 1 Technicon 24, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 <http://www.technicon.org/> info@technicon.org Guests: John Ringo, David B. Mattingly

Apr 20-22 Ravencon, Richmond, Virginia; Info: 9623 Hollyburgh Terrace, Charlotte, NC 28215 <http://ravencon.com/> Guests: Robert J. Sawyer, Steve Stiles, Jan Howard Finder

Washington

Jan 12-14 Rustycon 24, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 27075, Seattle, WA 98165 <http://www.rustycon.com/> rustycon@rustycon.org Guests: Mike Moscoe, Raven Mimura, Clan Burnout

Feb 1-4 Left Coast Crime 17, Seattle, Washington; Info: LCC 2007, P.O. Box 30805, Seattle, WA 98113-0805 <http://www.leftcoastcrime2007.com/> info@LCC2007.com Guests: Dennis Lynds, Gayle Lynds, Diane Kovacs, Kara Robinson, Gary Phillips

Feb 16-19 ConQuest NW, Bellevue, Washington; Info: 2510F Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 Ph: 805-218-9590 <http://www.ConquestNW.com>

Apr 5-8 Norewescon 30, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle, WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/> Guests: Kim Stanley Robinson, Luis Royo, Donna Shirley

Apr 6-8 Sakura Con, Seattle, Washington; Info: 3702

South Fife St, Suite K-2, PMB 78, Tacoma, WA 98409 <http://sakuracon.org/>

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Apr 13-15 OddCon, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 7114, Madison, WI 53707-7114 Ph: 608-240-1005 <http://www.oddcon.org/oddcon7@oddcon.org>

Apr 20-22 NoBrandCon, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Info: c/o The Anime Appreciation Society, Student Organizations Complex – UWEC, 132 Davies Center, Eau Claire, WI 54701 <http://www.nobrandcon.com/questions@nobrandcon.com>

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Dec 8-10 Macquariecon, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: c/o SAM Locked Bag 3500, North Ryde 1670, NSW Australia, 2113 <http://www.macquariecon.info/>

Mar 24 Friends of Science Fiction, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 106, Caringbah, NSW, Australia, 1495 Ph: +61 02 9523 8385 <http://www.fsf.net.au> Guests: John Barrowman

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Jan 25-28 Arcanacon XXV, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 5207, Pinewood 3149 <http://arcanacon.org/orgs@arcanacon.org>

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Mar 2-4 Ad Astra, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 Ph: 866-563-5426 <http://www.ad-astra.org/> info@ad-astra.org

Mar 23-25 Filk Ontario 17, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: 98-145 Rice Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.filkontario.ca/> info@filkontario.ca Guests: n'Early Music Consort

Mar 29-Apr 1 World Horror Convention 2007, Toronto, Ontario; Info: Suite 125, 365 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto, ON M6R 2M8, CANADA <http://www.whc2007.org/> amanda@whc2007.org Guests: Michael Marshall Smith, Nancy Kilpatrick, John Picacio, Don Hutchison, Peter Crowther, Sèphera Girón

New Zealand

Apr 14-15 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Christchurch, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/> info@pulpexpo.com Guests: Steve Blum, Kevin Weisman, Vic Mignogna, Arthur Suydam, Darren Dunstan, Mira Furlan, Rachel Luttrell, Joe Straczynski

Apr 21-22 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Wellington, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/> info@pulpexpo.com Guests: Steve Blum, Kevin Weisman, Vic Mignogna, Arthur Suydam, Darren Dunstan, Mira Furlan, Rachel Luttrell, Joe Straczynski

United Kingdom

England

Feb 2-4 D'Zenove Convention (19th UK Annual Filk Convention), Lincolnshire, England; Info: 34 Star Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4HB <http://www.contabile.org.uk/> publicity@contabile.org.uk Guests: Mike Richards, Lady Mondegreen

Feb 9-11 SFBall, Bournemouth, England; Info: Flat 3, "Blighwood", 57 Surrey Road, Poole, Dorset, BH12 1HF Ph: +44(0)70 9281 2101 <http://www.sfball.com/> Benefits: Macmillan Cancer unit in Christchurch hospital

Feb 23-25 Redemption, Hinckley, England; Info: c/o Judith Proctor, Waveney, 28 Diprose Rd, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3QY <http://www.conventions.org.uk/redemption/> redemptioninfo@whitecrow.demon.co.uk Benefits: Asthma UK, The Woodland Trust

Mar 17 Invasion, Barking, England; Info: Unit 37a Vicarage Field, Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/> invasion/ sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Jason Haigh-Ellery, Gary Russell

Mar31-Apr1 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

Apr 6-9 Eastercon, Liverpool, England; Info: 81 Western Road, London E13 9JE <http://www.eastercon.org/> Guests: Judith Clute, Peter Dickinson, Robin McKinley, Sharyn November

Wales

Mar 23-25 Portmeiricon, Portmeirion, Wales; Info: BOX 66, Ipswich, IP2 9TZ, UK <http://www.portmeiricon.com/>



Crewmember of the Rising Moon Celebrate 50th Anniversary

By: Lieutenant Loma Brown - USS Rising Moon - Region 2



Dean and Loma Brown celebrated their golden anniversary on August 12, 2006 (actual wedding anniversary August 11, 2006) with a reception in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, Carterville, IL. Part way through the reception the guests were invited to join them in the sanctuary of the church for a short ceremony when they renewed their wedding vows. The reception was an open house between 2 and 4 pm. Following the reception, family and close friends joined Dean and Loma for dinner at the Lodge in Giant City State Park.

Other members of the Rising Moon crew joining them, were their son, First Officer Commander Dean Brown II, Captain Arthur Sheffield and Cadet Jessica Sheffield.

Dean and Loma are planning an anniversary trip east when the fall colors are optimum. They also plan to spend some time in Newport, RI checking out the changes since Dean was stationed there when he was in the Navy. Newport is where the Brown's set up housekeeping for the first time so

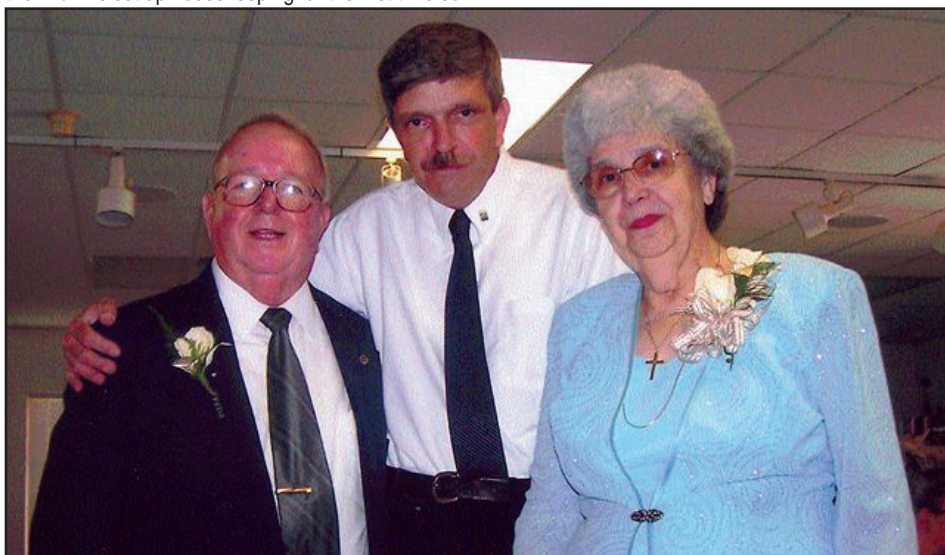
it will be interesting to visit some of the sites where they spent so much time. They plan on going up the coast to check out the colors.

Dean is retired from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Loma works part time for Baldwin Piano and Organ Center in Herrin. The Brown's love to travel. When in town Dean plays piano at the Methodist Church where they had their reception. He has loved music all his life. Loma loves to crochet and make quilts when she isn't watching Star Trek or reading Star Trek books. Loma also writes Star Trek short stories, which have been printed in some of the newsletters. She doesn't hesitate to proclaim herself a long time "Trekkie." The Brown's try to make the Star Trek conferences when possible.

Their anniversary reception and dinner was a very positive event in their lives. Family and good friends make for very pleasant memories and hope of more good times in the future. Live Long and prosper.



The Rev. Steve Palmer performs a vow renewal ceremony for Dean and Loma Brown



(l to r) Dean Brown, Dean Brown II and Loma Brown at Dean and Loma's anniversary party.



(l to r) Dean Brown, Captain Arthur Sheffield, Cadet Jessica Sheffield, Dean Brown II, Loma Brown