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Rachel Lutrell and Tony Amendola relax on the lounge and have fun with the audience. (photo submitted by Stuart Blair)

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Adelaide's first official Stargate Convention and International Sci Fi Conference was held on Saturday and Sunday - November 4th and 5th, respectively, 2006.

A very parochial attending audience had the pleasure of meeting two of the Stargate franchise's fan favourites - Mr Tony Amendola "Master Bra'tac" from Stargate SG1 and Ms Rachel Luttrell "Teyla" from Stargate Atlantis.

A special guest in theme with Stargate was the World Stickfighting Champion - Master Vince Palumbo.

The weekend sci fi fest began on Friday evening - November 3 with a cocktail reception in honour of our visiting guests and with so many Ladies in attendance the myth of sci fi being a "Males only" domain was well and truly dismissed.

A very relaxed and professional atmosphere greeted Stargate fans as they registered and entered the convention proper and made their way through the large and "collectable packed" dealer area.

Master Vince Palumbo was first to appear and fans did not know what to expect as they had never been to a Sci Fi convention that contained a live Martial Arts demonstration before!

Master Palumbo was pure entertainment with very active Stickfighting moves displayed along with intermittent motivational speeches, the audience remained glued to their seats!

Master Palumbo had many questions to answer from most of the audience as the demonstrations we're very inspirational and true credit to his and his fellow students skills.

The audience gave their support to the Martial Artists via a very long and loud applause as they departed the auditorium.

Up next came Tony Amendola and Tony immediately had the crowd in the "palm of his hands." Tony spoke of his affection toward Stargate and that of his interaction with fellow cast members. Tony spoke of his time on the West Wing and of his latest project on the big screen in the upcoming installment of "Zorro."

Answering many questions from the audience, Tony didn't leave the stage until every fan had had the chance to converse with him, a real showman indeed!

Rachel Luttrell then took to the stage and all eyes we're focused on this very beautiful, very sexy woman.

The audience immediately started asking Rachel questions and the atmosphere was as if they had known her for years. Only having viewed a single season of Atlantis in Australia, fans appreciated an insight into what was coming in future episodes and on what direction she wanted for her character's development.

Like Tony, Rachel remained on stage so every fan could ask a question or two, and many did She then departed for a brief time before the autograph session began.

This was the fourth Adelaide Sci Fi convention by Terra Nova Events and the organisers continue to

display skills of the highest standard. On speaking with many of the attending audience a general comment remarked was.. "the best show so far" and "you all worked together like a well oiled machine." A true testament to the dedication of the volunteer's from Shuttlemawson.com, the Sci Fi Organiation.

CEO of Shuttlemawson.com and Event Organiser for Terra Nova Events - Mr Stuart Blair said, "This was clearly the best convention so far for the organisation. With the inclusion of key dynamic professionals to the staff roster, saw 'the bar raised' in levels of customer service and true value for money entertainment and we are all looking ahead to a very big event in April 2007, so stay tuned!"

Following on from the highly successful Saturday show came the Starfleet Region 11 Sci Fi conference.

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A healthy attendance of STARFLEET members and visitors attended the conference that offered attendee's the chance to delve into workshops on Costume Making by the Australian Costumers Guild and Alien Prosthetics construction by Adelaide based artist - Mr Stuart Blair.

Quiz games and Sci Fi jigsaw construction along with intermittent refreshment breaks that had everyone enjoying a professionally catered Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, ensured a fun and enjoyable day was had by all.

Key speakers informed the audience on Starfleet and the structure of the association as well as the origins of the Shuttle Mawson and its status as the Flagship for STARFLEET fans Downunder.

Shuttlemawson.com enjoyed a healthy recruiting drive over the two days and things are getting a little crowded onboard! We may need a Timelord to assist us in expansion!

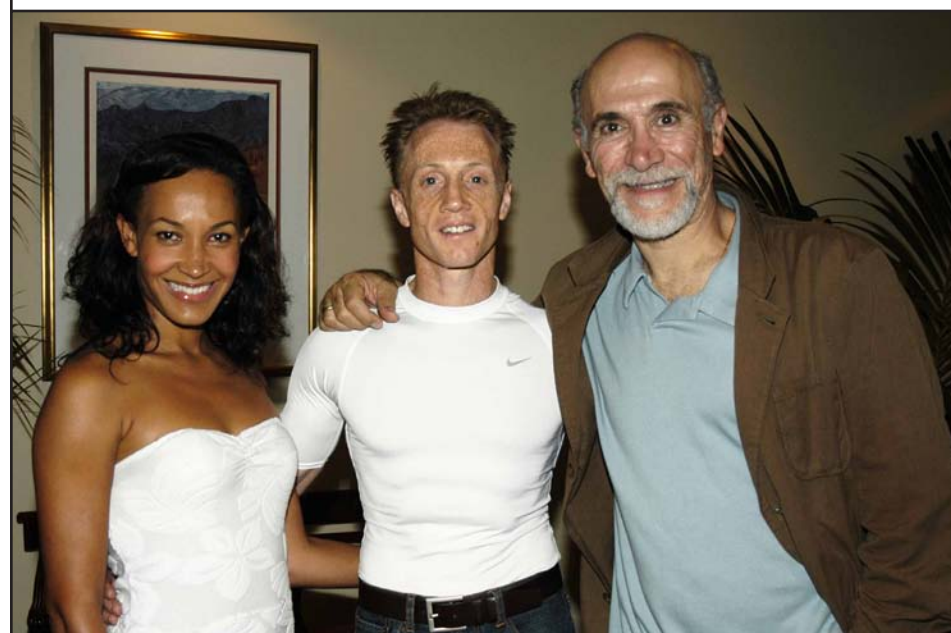
Preparations are already underway for the 2007 Region conference with even more activities planned for the event!



Rachel enjoying her time onstage. (photo submitted by Stuart Blair)



Guests and attendees alike enjoyed the cocktail night. (photo submitted by Stuart Blair)



Stuart Blair poses with Rachel Luttrell and Tony Amendola (photo submitted by Stuart Blair)



Quiz time at the conference. (photo submitted by Stuart Blair)

Exclusive: First Interview with the New R4-RC

By: Fleet Captain J. Unicorn Escobedo - USS Angeles - Region 4



Exclusive: First Interview with the new R4-RC
By: FCPT Unicorn, USS Angeles

As you might have heard in November 2006, Region 4 elected a new Regional Coordinator to Command Starbase 4. In an exclusive first interview with the Subspace Communicator for the Regional membership, I present you with questions submitted to RADM Chrissy Killian and her responses.

Having been the previous Vice RC for the past several years, seeing both the good and bad of the past administration and the region what initial plans and/or desires do you have for your first term as R4RC?

I want to see more communication within the chapters and get back to the fun we use to have with everyone together. I know we always have a great time together and I want to see that more than once a year at Region 4 Conference. Several years ago, Ed did a CO Conference and I think that was a big hit. I may look at doing one of those this spring. I hope to help the region grow. I think we need to get back to our roots, our love of Sci Fi and of Star Trek in general. We need to bring Trek back into the Chapters. We need to get Fun back for those who have lost it!!!

I'm aware that your 'real life' job requires hours different then the average R4 member, as such do you plan to establish hours for your RC office, or a schedule to help you stay on top of R4 items and avoid missing various deadlines?

My real life schedule is that I work swing shift. I usually leave my home about 2 pm and get home about 1 am. I usually up until 4 am or later getting all the stuff done that most folks do in their evenings. If I am home, I am on IRC and folks can find me there in the Region 4 room, #sfi-r4. I am planning on being there from 7 pm to 9 pm every Sunday as my R4 time each week so if you have irc, you are welcome to join me there. If you don't have IRC or know what's it about, you can go to www.fleetchat.org for more information. With Skype and Gizmo being free to use, I may look into online conferences with the COs. Regardless of anything else, I can be contacted by email or phone.

What way(s) would be best for R4 members to contact you should they have a question? Do you prefer postal mail, phone, or internet?

Depends on the questions, if they don't need an answer for several weeks, then postal is ok,

I much prefer email or a phone call. I usually check my email at least once a day...usually allot more often. I will usually respond back within 24 hours. Currently I am using region4rc@gmail.com for any email and my phone is 559-994-5511.

The previous administration had Sector Chiefs, although most of those offices became vacant in the past year, without replacements. Do you plan to continue the SC's or do away with them?

I have thought about this and have discussed in with my VRC, Jennifer Cole. I am placing an announcement out for Sector Chiefs. Currently we have none. I have debated on whether to leave it at that or to fill in the positions. Right now I would like to fill them in, see how it works and then Jennifer and I will return to the issue in 6-8 months to see how the sector chiefs are doing.

Requirements: Current or past CO or XO of a chapter. You will be required to contact all the chapters in your region at least once a quarter, prepare a report every quarter to be send to the VRC and provide a newsletter article at least twice a year.

So we are looking at 4 positions, North, South, East and Central. Please send a real life and fleet resume to region4rc@gmail.com.

R4 is fairly large with approximately 20 current chapters, any plans to try to attend chapter meetings or events?

Absolutely! I want to visit every chapter if I get a chance, so please let me know if there is a special event going on in your area, I will try to make it.

What other Regional Staff changes are you planning or which staff are

you planning to keep, if any?

Well....I hope you are staying. (ED: Ah shucks, do I get a better office, maybe a raise too? Oh and lets not forget those 'Orion Men' as part of the perks) The rest of the staff has already moved on. I spoke to Robin Smith, our Webmistress, last week. Her real life responsibilities are keeping her anyway from the computer, so we will have an opening for webmaster and as mentioned earlier, Sector Chiefs.

The IC is taking place next Aug in Denver, although it's still early in your tenure, have you given an thought towards when the next R4 Conference might take place, or how soon you might wish to seek bids from Chapters who are interested in hosting the event?

I will put out a formal announcement right after the first of the year.

Any preferences as to the Conference being moved up before the IC or should it continue to be held after the IC?

I like it in Sept or Oct. I know that there were some issues with the dates for the last Region 4 Conference and will look at ways to limit them. I will welcome all information about events in Sept & October that we will try to avoid. This includes annual chapter functions and religious holidays too. We may not be able to avoid conflicts but I will see what can be done.

What would you like to the members of R4 to know about you in your 'real world life' vs. 'fan world life', that they might not already ?

I have a tabby named Riker. I have worked at the same job for 20 years, but only Customer Service for the last ten. I learned to drive a tractor before learning to drive a car. I grew up

in the countryside of Central California. In high school I was a member of the FFA, Math Club and the Computer Club. I was a little strange in high school. :)

My friends, Mark Andrews and his wife Mary, and myself attended the opening on Star Trek: The Experience in Jan of 1998. I have a picture with Jeri Ryan, very sweet lady and Jonthan Frakes, caught him at the blackjack tables.

Opening Night at the experience (12:01) we were one of the first groups to go in. We spend our time enjoying the History of the Future and the props. When we got almost to the ride entrance we saw Chase Masterson (Leeta, the Dabo girl from DS9) and her date. She was dressed for a grand opening, beautiful blue strapless gown and a white stole. Mark & I asked her for a picture and she was very happy to do it. Mark & I stood on either side of Chase.

With her heels, she was close to 6' tall and Mark is 6'2" and I stand at 5'2". Mark's wife, Mary was talking the picture and ask if I could stand taller to get in the picture. About the same time, Chase turned to look at me. I got hit in the face with what Quark referred to as Leeta's Brains. (and her "brains" were almost spilling out of the dress to began with)

We continue on the ride and I told my companions what happened. We had a good laugh. The Experience was fun that night. We even had our picture (with a group of others waiting in line with us) in the magazine, Entertainment Weekly.

This is something I'm sure a lot of folks wished they could say, they got hit in the face with Leeta's 'brains',

Any last thought or words for the R4 members?

My door is always open. You have a problem, concern, opinion or just want to get to know the new RC, send email or call. I am always looking for good ideas, so please contact me!

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ISS Saratoga Cadet's Caring for the Community

By: Sergeant Major Marie "M" Wilson - ISS Saratoga - Region 20

On 20th November 2006, two Cadet's of the ISS Saratoga, Region 20, were enrolled into St John Ambulance Cadets, and awarded their Young Life Saver Plus awards. Cadet Sam Wilson, aged 10, previously a St John Badger, and Cadet Sean Moore, also aged 10, took the oath in front of friends, family, fellow Cadets, and the Commissioner for St John Youth in Hertfordshire.

St John Ambulance is the UK's leading First Aid, transport, and care charity, whose volunteer members provide First Aid and care for members of their community. The Cadet section are the Youth members aged between 10 and 18, who also give their time, and skills, to care for members within their community.

The Young Lifesaver plus course completed by Sam and Sean is an advanced First Aid course for young people. The course covers everything from allergic reaction, to sprains/strains, head injuries,

fractures, and breathing difficulties. Both Cadet's had to complete a multiple choice question paper, and practical exercise by a St Jon registered assessor. They completed the course over two weekends, and are now able to go out on duties with St John Ambulance, providing care in the community.

Throughout their time with St John they will continue to learn additional care and first aid skills, as well as participate in outdoor and sporting activities, regular camping trips, they can work towards their Grand Prior Award, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, as well as participate in First Aid competitions and International events. Cadet's Sam Wilson, and Sean Moore are not only a credit to their Chapter, and Region, but also a credit to their community, and we are proud to support them in their future endeavours with St John Ambulance, even if it means playing the patient, and being placed in the recovery position, or wrapped up in bandages.

Cadet Sam Wilson stands tall in his uniform. (Photo by: Marie Wilson)



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Currently Starring in ABC's *The Nine* as Egan Foote

Also appearing is John's wife, **Bonita Friedericy**, who has appeared in the *Enterprise* episode "Regeneration." She is currently co-starring in ABC's *The Nine*.



Tim Russ

Tuvok of *Star Trek: Voyager*



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Observing Planetary Systems - Then and Now

By: Rear Admiral Richard Heim - USS Alaric - Region 1



Greetings from Starfleet Sciences! In this report, I'd like to talk about mankind's robotic explorers – those we have placed into earth orbit and those which are exploring other planets in the solar system. The “earthier-types” are our weather satellites, which fall into two categories: polar orbiting and geosynchronous orbiters.

Polar orbiting weather satellites circle the earth at a typical altitude of 530 miles (850 km) in a north to south (or vice versa) path, passing over the poles in their continuous flight. Polar satellites are in sun-synchronous orbits, which means they are able to observe any place on earth and will view every location twice each day with the same general lighting conditions due to the near-constant local solar time. Geostationary weather satellites orbit the earth above the equator at an altitude of 22,300 miles (35,880 km). Because of this orbit, they remain stationary with respect to the rotating earth, whence their name, and thus can record or transmit images of the entire hemisphere. The NOAA satellite series belongs to the polar-orbiting class, while the GOES (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite) are geosynchronous.

Weather satellites use a variety of instruments, the most common of which are radiometers which sense the environment at visible and infrared wavelengths. They take advantage of the fact that any object or phenomena being observed (plants, houses, water surfaces, air masses, etc.) reflect or emit radiation in different wavelengths and in different intensities according to their current condition. The intensity measurements at several wavelengths can be mathematically combined to compute a variety of indices, one of which is the Vegetation Health Index (VHI) which is used in drought monitoring. But weather satellites are used mostly for observing the weather, such as cloud formations (visible) and cloud temperature (infrared), with cold cloud tops indicating high vertical development and heavy rain in convective weather systems. Other wavelengths are used to depict water vapor fields. These are passive instruments, that is, they measure natural energy that enters the detector. Active instruments emit energy, typically at the radio (radar) and microwave wavelengths, and measure the amount (or other characteristics) of energy reflected back by the object being observed. These include the Laser Altimeter, which measures the height of surface features, and the Sounder which provides data for vertical atmospheric temperature and moisture profiles, surface and cloud top temperature, and ozone distribution.

Other U.S. earth-orbiting environmental satellites include the Department of Defense Meteorological Satellites (DMSP) and Landsat. The former is a weather satellite system used by the military and the latter measures physical characteristics of the earth's land surface.

The nations of the earth have sent dozens of space probes to explore the planets and moons of our solar system. These planetary explorers are equipped with radiometers and sounders like the earth weather satellites, but they also carry instruments that can

detect and measure (a) charged atomic particles striking them and (b) magnetic fields, as well as spectrometers that can remotely determine the chemical composition of the object observed.

Aboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), for example, is a host of scientific instruments such as cameras, spectrometers, and radar, which are used to analyze the landforms, stratigraphy, minerals, and ice of the Red Planet. The MRO attained Martian orbit on March 10, 2006 and has been sending data successfully. Six science instruments are included on the mission along with two “science-facility instruments”, which use data from engineering subsystems to collect science data. The instruments include:

1) The High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera is a 0.5 meter reflecting telescope that collects images in three color bands -- 400 to 600 nanometers (nm) (blue-green or B-G), 550 to 850 nm (red) and 800 to 1,000 nm (near infrared or NIR).

2) The Context Imager (CTX) provides grayscale images (500 to 800 nm) which provide context maps for the targeted observations of HiRISE and CRISM.

3) The Mars Color Imager (MARCI) is a wide-angle, low-resolution camera that views the surface of Mars in five visible and two ultraviolet bands. Each day, MARCI will collect about 84 images to produce a global map with pixel resolutions of 1 to 10 kilometers (km) (or about half a mile to 6.2 miles).

4) The Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars (CRISM) instrument is a visible and near infrared (VNIR) spectrometer that produces detailed maps of the surface mineralogy of Mars. It operates from 370 to 3920 nm, measures the spectrum in 544 channels (each 6.55 nm wide), and has a resolution of 18 meters (or 59 feet - that's incredibly detailed!) at an altitude of 300 km. CRISM will identify minerals and chemicals indicative of the past or present existence of water on the surface of Mars. These materials include iron, oxides, phyllosilicates, and carbonates, which have characteristic patterns in their visible-infrared energy.

5) The Mars Climate Sounder (MCS) is a spectrometer with one visible/near infrared channel (0.3 to 3.0 micrometer) and eight far infrared (12 to 50 micrometer) channels. These channels were selected to measure temperature, pressure, water vapor and dust levels. MCS is used to observe the atmosphere on the horizon of Mars (as viewed from MRO) by breaking it up into vertical slices and taking measurements within each slice in 5 km (3 mile) increments. These measurements will be assembled into daily global weather maps to show the basic variables of Martian weather: temperature, pressure, humidity and dust density.

6) MRO's Shallow Subsurface Radar (SHARAD) experiment is designed to probe the internal structure of the Martian polar ice caps. It will also gather planet-wide information about underground layers of ice, rock and possibly liquid water that might be accessible from the surface. SHARAD uses high frequency radio waves between 15 and 25 megahertz (MHz), a range that allows it to resolve layers as thin as 7 meters to a maximum depth of 1 km.

7 and 8) The Gravity Field Investigation Package is one of the engineering instruments used for science observations which will measure variations in the Martian gravitational field through variations in the

spacecraft's velocity. Velocity changes are detected by measuring doppler shifts in MRO's radio signals received on Earth. The package also includes sensitive on-board accelerometers used to deduce the in situ atmospheric density of Mars during aerobraking.

Next, I'll seek some help to get into a discussion of the science behind what makes these instruments work, 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

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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 listserve, 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.

I said I would get some help before diving into the science details behind observing planetary bodies remotely. The help comes from a tap into a temporal rift, where I acquired the visual/audio log of a starship from the 23rd century. Here is a transcription from that log.

---- AUTOLOG, U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, STARDATE 3714.9 ----

---- TRANSCRIPTION BEGINS ----

Upon entering the Astrophysics Lab, Ensign Roberto Odarezo noticed Tom Thacker hovering over the short-range sensors access and display panel, eagerly examining the controls. Dwight Fugherouea was conversing with a couple lieutenants at the far end of the room. Kara Lenemann was standing next to Mister Spock, who was briefing Lieutenant Nancy Klein.

Spock motioned to the four new recruits. “Ensigns,” he said, “your attention please.”

Odarezo, Thacker, Fugherouea, and Lenemann gathered around the two senior officers. “The U.S.S. Enterprise is equipped with fourteen science labs,” Spock began, “each equipped with a suite of instruments and monitoring consoles for specialized scientific observation and analysis. As part of your orientation program, today you will become familiar with the Astrophysics Lab. The Astrophysics Division Chief will conduct your orientation.” Turning his gaze to the astrophysicist, he said, “Lieutenant Klein.” And with that, Spock left the room.

Klein surveyed the four young ensigns. From their dossiers, she knew that this was a bright group, top of their class. This should be a fairly routine orientation. Except, maybe, for one of them. Tom

Thacker's personality profile indicated a possible ego problem. At the Academy, he acquired the nickname, “Whacker.” Nancy Klein let a tiny smile curl the edges of her mouth. Well, she thought, a starship's an entirely different environment from the Academy.

“We are approaching the Gamma Trianguli star system,” Lieutenant Klein began, “and the Captain will soon be expecting complete and detailed reports from this Lab. Data and analyses from the Astrophysics Lab, as well as from all of the Labs, are funneled to the science station on the bridge. Bad data, or an analysis that doesn't get to the Captain on time,” she said, moving the group to one of the consoles, “could mean the difference between success of the mission, or failure.” She looked directly at Thacker. “The difference between life ... or death. Mister Thacker, I noticed you were taking an interest in the short-range sensors.”

They looked up at a monitor above the radiometric/spectrometric analysis station. An orange dot at the center of the screen slowly expanded as the Enterprise drew nearer to the planet.

“Gamma Trianguli VI, gentlemen,” Klein said. “Mister Thacker, run a scan on the planet.”

Now she's talking, Thacker thought. He entered the computer commands for a standard planetary analysis and routed the results to one of the overhead monitors. “Class M planet,” he announced, scanning the readout. “Typical oxygen-nitrogen atmosphere, roughly 25 percent oxygen and 70 percent nitrogen. High concentration of iron-oxides in the atmosphere ... a thin layer of iron-rich dust is suspended in the upper atmosphere; the troposphere seems virtually clean.”

Klein nodded her approval. “Now,” she said, “explain how we know this, the instrumentation and physical processes.”

Their eyes locked, and Thacker realized immediately that he wasn't in the Academy anymore. “Yes, sir,” he said, stalling as he gathered his thoughts. “All matter, whether it's in solid, liquid, or gaseous state, is comprised of atoms or molecules. Atoms consist of a nucleus containing protons and neutrons, and a shell of electrons orbiting around the nucleus. The electrons can orbit only at specific, discrete orbits or energy levels. These levels are different for each atom and molecule. It takes a certain, unique amount of energy for the electrons to move from one energy level, or quantum level, to another. If we can measure the amount of energy, then we can know the chemical composition of the object we're observing.”

“And how do we measure this energy?,” Klein asked.

“The standard instrument is a spectrometer,” Thacker replied, “and it can measure two things: absorption spectra and emission spectra. When electromagnetic radiation, let's say, sunlight, strikes an object, its electrons absorb energy and jump up to the next quantum level. Sunlight consists of radiation at mostly visible wavelengths, roughly 400 to 700 nanometers. But the sun emits radiation at virtually all wavelengths, from x-rays and ultraviolet at the short end with wavelengths of a tenth of a nanometer to 380 nanometers, to infrared which spans roughly 750 nanometers to 1 millimeter (a million nanometers), to microwaves and radio waves at the long end having wavelengths of, say, 1 millimeter to thousands of

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kilometers. But I digress. The energy absorbed by an object when sunlight strikes it corresponds to specific wavelengths. The absorbed energy shows up as dark lines on a spectrograph of the electromagnetic spectrum. Likewise, if the electrons of an atom or molecule transition from a high energy state or quantum level to a lower energy state, they give off energy. This energy also corresponds to specific wavelengths. On a spectrograph, these emission spectra show up as bright lines or bands along the spectrum. Our science data base has a record of the spectrographic fingerprints of all known substances which we can compare our observations to."

Ensign Odarezno chimed in. "The relative width of the absorption line or emission line on the spectrograph is directly proportional to the number of atoms of the chemical in the atmospheric column. In this way we can determine, or rather the ship's computer determines that the atmosphere consists of 25 percent oxygen and 70 percent nitrogen."

"Very good," Klein said, "both of you." She considered the data for a moment. "Hmmm, something odd about the iron oxides in the upper atmosphere."

"Sir?," Thacker said.

"They shouldn't be there," Lenermann offered.

"Right," Klein replied.

"Iron oxides are typically minerals," Lenermann continued, "solids, not gaseous on a Class M planet." Thacker stared blankly at her. "Rocks," she elaborated. "Too heavy to remain suspended in the atmosphere for long, even as the finest grains."

"At least the planet should have a beautiful red sky!," Fugherouea offered. "Rayleigh scattering of the short wavelengths of sunlight by the iron dust," he started explaining, but then decided to stop while he was ahead.

"There's something else odd about this planet," Lenermann noted. "The temperature is roughly 76 degrees Fahrenheit, planetwide."

"An average temperature of 76 degrees for the planet?," Klein asked.

"No sir. It's 76 degrees everywhere on the planet."

Klein ran her hand through her short blond hair, absent-mindedly scratched her head. "Explain."

Lenermann, thinking the lieutenant wanted a detailed discussion of how the sensors compute planetary temperatures, said, "The standard instrument for remotely determining temperatures is a radiometer. All objects emit electromagnetic radiation. Around the year 1900, the German physicist Wilhelm Wien discovered that the peak wavelength emitted by an object depends on its temperature. This has come to be known as Wien's displacement law, at least on Earth, max wavelength equals 0.2898 divided by the temperature. The radiometer measures the radiant flux or energy level at each wavelength. With the maximum wavelength determined by the radiometer, we work the equation backward to get the temperature."

"Very good," Klein said, her voice irritated. "But that's not what I asked."

Lenermann swallowed hard. "Sir, temperature observations read out at 76 degrees at the equator,

at the poles, basically everywhere."

As they were talking, Odarezno was correlating telescopic scans of the ground cover with the radiometric measurements. "Sir, there's heavy vegetation, jungle, everywhere. Tropical areas, mid-latitudes, even at the poles!"

"This shouldn't be," Klein intoned.

"No sir," Odarezno agreed. "At this distance, the sun's light reaches the planet in parallel beams of energy. The Gamma Trianguli VI axis of rotation is tilted only twelve degrees to the perpendicular. Sunlight strikes the equatorial regions almost perpendicular, maximizing the amount of energy per square foot. Sunlight reaches the ground at the poles at a huge angle, less solar heating. The equator should be hottest, and the poles should be considerably colder."

"That's assuming the sun is the planet's only heat source," Thacker interrupted. "The planet could be heating itself, by volcanism, underground geothermal vents, even radioactivity."

"Possible, but not likely," Lenermann replied. "There's evidence of some volcanism, but insufficient for planetary heating of this scale. Radioactivity levels are high but not that abnormal. Infrared scans have detected thermal vent activity but not enough at the poles to account for zero temperature differential."

"At least it's consistent with the strange sensor readings reported by the scout ship that passed through the system last year," Klein observed. "Another mystery to solve. That's why we're here."

Their deliberation was interrupted by the ship's intercom. "Doctor McCoy, Yoeman Landon," Uhura's voice said, "report to the transporter room." More names were called out, security officers. Red shirts, Thacker thought, an away team beaming down to the planet's surface. What I wouldn't give to be going down with them!

Ensign Fugherouea motioned the group to the next console, where he was conversing with Mister Davison, one of the Lab's many lieutenants compiling data on the planet. "Guys, the thematic mapper is producing an inventory of the surface mineralogy of Gamma Trianguli VI. We've got our usual sedimentary layers, calcites, shales, and the like. Also metamorphics, quartz, and so forth. But there's one mineral that isn't showing up in our spectroscopic library. A partial chemical breakdown identifies some uraninite, hornblende, a few other common compounds, even some ferrous oxide. But the other constituents of this mineral are unknown. There are deposits of this mystery mineral all over the planet."

"Uraninite," Davison, an astrogeologist, said. "Ferrous oxide." He let out a low whistle. Then, with an air of total seriousness, he said, "An asteroid hit on one of those deposits and the planet go 'boom!'"

Lenermann and Odarezno looked at each other, their eyes wide, mouths agape. "Cute joke," Thacker grunted. Fugherouea smiled, stifling a laugh.

Nancy Klein was talking to a lieutenant at another console. "Back to reality," she warned the ensigns. "We're measuring a strong magnetic field for the planet. Mister Fugherouea, describe the instrument and physical principles involved in measuring

planetary magnetic fields."

"A magnetometer," Fugherouea began, "is the standard instrument for measuring the strength and direction of a magnetic field." He checked the console. "What we're using here is a proton precession magnetometer, which operates on the principle that protons are spinning on an axis aligned with the magnetic field. An inductor creates a strong magnetic field around a hydrogen-rich fluid, causing the protons to align themselves with the newly created field. The field is then interrupted, and as protons are realigned with the planet's magnetic field, the spinning protons precess at a specific frequency. This produces a weak magnetic field that is picked up by the same inductor, thus providing an estimate of the planetary field."

"How are planetary magnetic fields generated?," Klein asked.

Odarezno spoke up. "It's generally believed that planetary bodies need a molten core of highly conducting fluids and a strong rate of rotation. Convection of the core fluids, that is, melting iron and nickel for the Earth, along with Coriolis effect caused by the overall planetary rotation, generate the planet's magnetic field. When conducting fluid flows across an existing magnetic field, electric currents are generated via electromagnetic induction, creating another magnetic field. When this magnetic field reinforces the original magnetic field, a dynamo is created which sustains itself. In other words, the loss of heat from the core by convection provides a continuous energy input to keep the circulation going. As long as the core material keeps moving within the magnetic field, electric currents are set up which perpetuate the magnetic field. Assuming you know the rate of rotation and thermal convection vectors, the strength of the magnetic field can be computed using magnetohydrodynamic equations."

"So," Klein's eyes narrowed, "a magnetic field is basically electricity?"

"No, sir," Odarezno replied, puzzled that she would ask such a simple question. "As demonstrated by Earth mathematician James Clerk Maxwell in the 19th century, electricity and magnetism are two different yet complementary manifestations of electromagnetism. Maxwell's four equations describe how they are related: a moving magnetic field will create an electric current, and a rotating electric current will induce a magnetic field." Odarezno paused in thought. "That's why, on late 20th century earth, airlines didn't like people to use cell phones in flight on commercial airplanes. The electromagnetic radio waves generated by making a cell phone call could induce a false electric current in the airplane's wiring systems, which might cause a malfunction, maybe even result in a crash!" He chuckled.

Klein looked him square in the eye. "You find that funny, mister?"

Odarezno gulped. "N-no sir."

"Then tell me," she said, "how a planetary magnetic field can also conduct an electric current."

"Sir?"

She repeated her question.

"Aw, Lieutenant Klein," Ensign Fugherouea said, hesitantly, "I don't see how that's possible."

Klein pointed to the readout on a monitor. "According to this, the magnetic field of Gamma Trianguli VI is also conducting an electric current."

The ensigns stood there, dumbfounded. "It's gotta be a malfunction," Thacker said. Then sharp whispers washed across the Astrophysics Lab. A grim-faced Lieutenant Davison moved toward them and said, "We've just received word that there's been a casualty in the landing party. Mister Hendorff is dead. Something about a poisonous plant."

The ship's intercom whistled. "Engineering to Bridge," a worried voice said. "Mister Scott, we're losing potency in the antimatter pods. Please respond."

The personnel in the Astrophysics Lab looked around at each other, a sick feeling settling in their stomachs.

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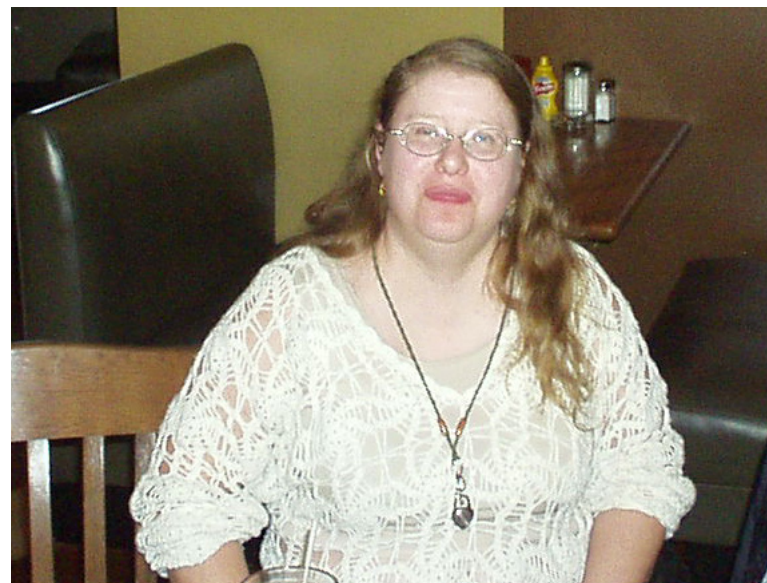
USS Ronald E. McNair 12th Anniversary

By: Captain Pam Michaud - USS Ronald E. McNair - Region 1



The USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1 was organized as a shuttle within STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. in and about June 1993. She was launched from the USS Olympus, which was at the time stationed in Sumter, South Carolina, and assumed it's own station in Columbia, South Carolina. Led by Ray Seay and Cookie Williams, the new shuttle grew to the required membership for a full sized starship and was commissioned as NCC-61809 November 5, 1994.

The McNair crew celebrated their 12th anniversary at Rockaways in Columbia, South Carolina. Crew members present were Walter Brooker and his wife Niki, Keith and Beverly Munib, Janice Schweikert and Pam Michaud. Sharing good food, stories and a fun time all around was had that day.



Left – Keith and Beverly Munib
Top Right – Janice Schweikert
Bottom Right – Walter and Nikki
(photos by Pam Michaud)

007 Gets a Reboot in Latest Bond Flick: Casino Royale

By: Admiral Bob Vosseller - USS Challenger - Region 7



When I first heard that the powers that be were going to replace Pierce Brosnan, I chalked it up to negotiations and heard that even former cast members believed Pierce would be signed back up to renew his license to kill by summer's end. That was the summer of 2005. It didn't happen and the next we all heard was Daniel Craig best known at the time as Lara Croft's former boyfriend in the first Tomb Raider movie was taking up the mantle as the next James Bond.

A blond Bond? What were they thinking I thought?

Well, I went with my ship's Security Chief Ken Dohn with an open mind but not much hope. The trailer didn't look that exciting, this was the first film since

"Die Another Day" which did very well at the box office. While this film would be loosely based on the first Ian Fleming novel (unlike the spoof starring David Niven of the 60s of the same name) it would have to do a lot to make us forget Pierce or the penultimate Bond, the first, Sean Connery.

For me, Connery will always be the best. Roger Moore was enjoyable but his stint signified a caricature of the character and lost some of the edginess of the earlier films. It relied on a lot of comedy adventure. Timothy Dalton's Bond was good although License to Kill is my least favorite of all the Bond films. A change of studios kept Bond in limbo until the mid 90s when Pierce was brought in. Goldeneye, Tomorrow Never Dies, The World Is Not Enough and Die Another Day were all excellent films. Pierce's Bond was established in Goldeneye as a Cold War dinosaur with an approach to his work stuck in that era. It was a good way to look at Bond and connected the old and the new. Brosnan always wanted to see more character development go into the script. He got part of his wish with his last film as Bond when we see a

more driven Bond who was captured and tortured in North Korea for a little over a year.

A pity Pierce didn't get a chance to get to develop Bond in the way Craig does in his first outing. Of course Craig isn't the polished Bond we all know and love. He is little more than a hired thug at first as he earns his double "0" status and learns how to wear a tux, order up his favorite martini and in the conclusion, introduce himself properly "Bond, James Bond."

You forget all about the previous Bonds who've been dark haired and dark eyed as this Bond goes into action. There is no "Q" or "R" or even Miss Money Penny in this film and the fancy gadgets are minimized. I was surprised we had a familiar face with the same "M" whose been in the last four films. We also see why Bond can't afford a lasting relationship with women. We also see yet another Felix Leiter, the American CIA agent we haven't seen since David Hedison reprised him (the only actor to play him twice) in License to Kill when Dalton was playing the

role. This Felix is an African American. Not the first time Felix has been black. Remember, Bernie Casey (of DS9 fame) who played him opposite Connery's Bond in "Never Say Never Again".

Casino Royale did well at the box office even if it did loose to a penguin movie in its first weekend of release. Craig was signed on to play Bond again even before the film was released so we'll see him in 2008. The reviews were very kind and Ken and I left the theater feeling we'd seen an exciting Bond movie and we were itching to see more. It was nice to be surprised with the quality of a new Bond film. I think Bond lovers enjoy the formula that keeps us coming back but Casino Royale gave us pause for something slightly different but equally exciting. Hats off to Daniel Craig and the writers of this film. Even the theme was catchy and was the first time a male voice sung the theme in quite some time, possibly since View To A Kill with Roger Moore.

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For more information, email quartermaster@sfi.org. If you need an order form and do not have internet access, send a SASE to : Pete Mohny, Starfleet Quartermaster, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215.

USS Niagara Christmas Party

By: Captain Tom Pawelczak - USS Niagara - Region 7



On Dec. 16, 2006, the USS Niagara held what is hoped to be its First Annual Christmas Party. The Festivities were held at the Montgomery Park Retirement Community, who graciously permitted us to use their Community Room.

While attendance was a little lighter than anticipated, everyone seemed to have a good time. As the party was open to family and friends, we had the chance to meet crew member Cricket's husband Nathan. Also, coming all the way from Leeds, England, was Petrina's "Mum" May. Shaw's mother Nancy also joined us briefly during the evening.

FCapt. Glen held a short, five minute, business meeting and then it was on to the food. The pizzeria where Ensign Crystal works supplied the pizza and wings while others brought in pop, cookies and taco salad. There was more than enough for everyone and everyone got something to take home for later.

"Santa" Glen held a door prize drawing with the Main Prize of a one year STARFLEET membership going to Shawn, who, as usual, was already late in renewing his! It was the perfect gift for him. Additionally, Shawn donated other door prizes from his personal

collection consisting of trading cards, models, and games. Among the winners were Ens. Tabby, Cadet Shawna, and Lt(JG) Petrina. A gift exchange was also held with members receiving gifts from a "Secret Santa". Petrina just loved her fuzzy fleece blanky.

On another note, the ship's treasurer took in \$40 USD in bottle returns from our members at the meeting. Additionally, members brought candy for our annual gift packages for the kids at the Father Baker's Home for Children. Along with the candy, ship's logo pens were donated for their class work. A special THANK YOU to Nora Drogi of the Podge Gourmet Food Shop in Clarence, NY and to Jelly Belly Jelly Beans for once again donating Jelly Bellies to our cause.

It was great that Cricket and Nathan could make it in from Farmington, NY and that Petrina, May and Karen had an easy border crossing from Toronto, Canada. The spring-like December weather was a definitely plus.

A big thank you goes out to Shawn and his mother Nancy for getting us the use of the Community Room. Hopefully this will become our new meeting place.



Plenty of food for all



Santa visits with one of the youngest members



Petrina feels the warmth of her new blanky.

Spaghetti Monster

Chief Petty Officer Anna Adinolfi, USS Accord, demolishes a plate of spaghetti at the Cayuga Heights Fire Department's community spaghetti dinner. USS Accord has held its monthly meetings at the CHFD's fire station for about fifteen years, and we try to show our support by attending the fire department's pancake breakfasts and the like. What a pleasant surprise to discover this dinner was free! Photo by GEN Mark H. Anbinder.



T-7 months and counting... Have you registered yet?

STARFLEET Region 17 and friends continue working hard to bring you the 2007 STARFLEET International Conference and SFMC International Muster! As you know by now, the event will be held in sunny, scenic Denver, Colorado from August 10th through the 12th at the luxurious 4 Star Adam's Mark Hotel.

NEWS FLASH Early Bird Registration rates have been extended until February 15th!

Registration rates are only \$25.00 if you register now before 02-15-2007! This is shaping up to be one of the best International Conferences in the history of STARFLEET, so be sure to register now to take advantage of this extended offer!

Register now by going to: <http://www.ic2007.org/hic3.html>

Want to know more about Denver? Located at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Denver is one of America's most beautiful cities. Blessed with 300 days of sunshine a year, Denver is a lively city with a great love of the outdoors, where you'll find the largest city park system, 90 golf courses and an incredible 650 miles of paved bike trails. But Denver is also a culturally sophisticated city. Denver has the tenth largest downtown in the U.S. - a bustling area centered around a mile-long pedestrian promenade that is lined with outdoor cafes. Down every street there are mountain views with a 120 mile long panoramic view. Downtown Denver is home to three new sports stadiums, 300 restaurants, a restored historic district filled with 90 bars and brewpubs, a collection of museums, a performing arts center,

a variety of galleries and shopping and even a unique downtown amusement park, Six Flags Elitch Gardens.

The Denver Performing Arts Complex has ten theatres seating 10,000 people for theatre, symphony, opera and ballet. Denver also has an amazing collection of museums devoted to the wonders of Planet Earth. The Denver Zoo is the fourth most popular zoo in the nation and is undergoing a \$130 million improvement program. The Denver Museum of Nature & Science just added a space museum and the world's most advanced digital planetarium.

But that's not all... read on!

LATEST NEWSFLASHES...

IC2007 PR Director Announced: We're very proud to have Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons head up the Public Relations Campaign for the IC2007. Gumby has a wealth of experience in PR and we are happy to have him on the team. Look for an onslaught of IC related information from Gumby starting with this PR Release!

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PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING... The Official IC2007 "Reaching New Heights" is now in the planning stages. If you require advertising space, please contact our PR Chair, Johnathan Simmons at pr@ic2007.org

WE NEED YOU... Want to Help? We can always use an extra hand. Any help anyone has to offer is gladly accepted and appreciated. If you'd like to volunteer for IC2007, contact the IC Chair, Bran Stimpson at bran@ic2007.org

AWAY TEAMS... There are many attractions within a short driving distance and even walking distance too! Your IC2007 TEAM is planning away teams for guided tours and group rates for certain attractions. These will be

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- Six Flags Elitch Gardens Amusement Park
- Casino Excursion in the mountains
- Caving and Hiking Expeditions
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- Whitewater Rafting Excursion

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Look for more exciting news over the next few weeks as we continue...
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PS. Have you marked your calendar yet?



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Words from the Fleet Admiral

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



Greetings STARFLEET

I hope this article and CQ reaches the membership after a happy and enjoyable holiday season. I know that I enjoyed the break from work and the time with family and friends. But it's back to work and, as you will read, even more work than I expected to be taking place in my last year as Commander, STARFLEET. This will be a short article so that we can get to more business

COMMANDER, STARFLEET DEPLOYS

Many of you have seen from the STARFLEET-L email list that I am reporting for a deployment with the US Navy at the end of January. That initial deployment date was moved forward to February 16th. By the time this reaches you, the member, I will be in final prep to deploy if I have not already left for my processing center in California and then on to pre-deployment training in Texas. However, because many of you may not have received the email I sent out here is what I reported to the membership via the fleet list.

Greetings STARFLEET,

I come to everyone, at the close of this Christmas Season to report that I have recently been informed that I will be spending next Christmas in a much different place. I have received orders to Mobilize in early 2007 for Deployment to the Middle East. This deployment will stretch the length of 2007 and into early 2008. As a reservist this does not come as a surprise to me. I signed aboard to support the United States Navy in whatever capacity is needed.

I immediately informed those closest to me and those that serve with me in STARFLEET. I sought out the advise of close friends in and out of STARFLEET, my Executive Committee and my family. After those discussions and some significant soul searching I have determined that I can continue to serve as your Commander, STARFLEET - regardless of my physical location.

I researched the level of communication I will have at my ultimate duty station. I consulted with my unit sponsor, those sailors and soldiers that have been deployed where I will be and spoke to my unit Command Master Chief. Based on those communications I determined that I will have uninterrupted access to electronic, voice and US Mail communication while deployed.

I believe that with a dedicated Staff, an Executive Committee that stands behind me 100% and the understanding of each and every member of STARFLEET I will do all I can to continue to serve as your Commander, STARFLEET.

This decision wasn't easy and it is certainly not binding. I know that once in theater I may discover it is a more challenging endeavor than I thought and require me to stand down as Commander, STARFLEET. That is a decision I am prepared to make, but not before I give it a concerted effort. I felt that I could not step away without, at the very least, make an attempt to fulfill the obligation I took to STARFLEET as well as the one I made to the United States Navy.

In the coming weeks prior to my deployment I will be informing the entire Fleet of necessary changes for me to function while a world away from my home. Some of these changes are a long time in coming and some are short term that have become needed in light of my change in location.

Thank you for your support. I ask that you please remember all of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines that are away from their families, serving in harms way during this Christmas Season.

Onward,

FADM Les Rickard
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I am very glad to have the support of the Admiralty Board, the Executive Committee and the membership to remain as your Commander, STARFLEET while being deployed. As I stated, should I find the duty to time consuming for me to fulfill while so far from my home I will be the first to step away and allow the Vice Commander, STARFLEET to step up to the plate for the remainder of this year. However, it is my intent to make a large effort to continue my duties to both STARFLEET and the US Navy in 2007.

I will be sending articles and pictures from overseas in addition to my regular article and will begin a blog once I am at my final duty station. When that is setup I will make sure that anyone interested in reading it and keeping up with my deployment can find it.

CHANGES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADMIRALTY BOARD

There have been some changes on both the EC and AB since my last report to the membership. So let me recap them and welcome these new officers.

Commander, Second Fleet Arriving. Jack Eaton, former Chief of STARFLEET Operations, was elected as Region Two's new Regional Coordinator. Jack brings many years of service to his chapter, Region Two and STARFLEET to service as a member of the Admiralty Board representing the Second Fleet. Good luck to Jack from me and the EC team.

Chief of Operations, STARFLEET Arriving. When Jack took over as Region Two Regional Coordinator this occurred this left an opening on the EC. STARFLEET's new Chief of Operations is Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons. Gumby brings many years of service as a Chapter CO, Regional Staffer, Regional Coordinator and EC Senior Staff Member to the posting as Fleet's Ops Chief. I am looking forward to working with Gumby over the next year.

Commander, 1st Fleet Arriving. RADM Bill Herrmann was elected to the post of Region One Regional Coordinator. Bill has served STARFLEET for many years as Chapter CO, Regional Staffer and the coordinator of the Operation Eagle Effort. I welcome Bill to the AB and look forward to working someone I have known since almost my first day in STARFLEET. Good luck sir.

Commander, 13th Fleet Arriving. Recently the Region 13 Election process ended and they elected a new RC. I would like to welcome Dave Blaser to the AB as the new Commander of the 13th Fleet. Dave brings many years of service at the Chapter, Regional and Fleet level to the AB and will be a valued addition to that body. Good luck and I look forward to the next year of working with you.

REFLECTION

As I consider the next year as your CS I have to admit the view is pretty daunting from this seat. But I feel strongly that with the help of my staff, the EC, the AB and you the member I can succeed. But I also need to say that should that change and I feel I am not performing to the standard I feel I should I will be the first to step back so another person can complete this term as your CS. Ensuring that the best service possible is provided to the members of STARFLEET.

On behalf of my family, Heather, Riley and Zachary, I would like to thank all those that have sent us well wishes and notes of support. It has been a joy to read these and know that, not only my real family, but my extended family here in Fleet supports me as I prepare to serve my country and fulfill my obligation to the US Navy.

Until next time....Onward!

FADM Les Rickard
Commander, STARFLEET

"Deck Plate Owner Certificates: Coming soon from STARFLEET Operations"





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

The Vice Squad

About My Last Article on "Bad Behavior"....

Since I wrote my thoughts on "bad behavior" in STARFLEET for The Communiqué, I have received a plethora of e-mails from members who have written to me about their experiences. Many of them speak of their decision NOT to renew their STARFLEET membership because of the bickering and back stabbing that they see in our "fan club." Many speak of certain members who abuse others around them as they seek "power" in STARFLEET and that the "STARFLEET is its members" mantra is as meaningless as "the combination to Kirk's safe." But there were also notes of encouragement; notes that support the idea of constitutional reform to put "some teeth" into our governing documents and to make members more accountable for their actions. Many members expressed a desire to see STARFLEET evolve to address problems within the organization.

Is it time for change? I believe it is. Certainly members have started to advocate for change; not just in my e-mail inbox but also in the formation of a couple of discussion lists that have recently emerged on the Internet. Those members have expressed that our organization needs to change to account for changes in our real-world fandom experiences, the changes in social dynamics and the proliferation of the Internet. Certainly STARFLEET has to do something -- to adapt -- to retain those members that we have.

The two faces of STARFLEET

I'm going to be frank here: STARFLEET has two faces. The "public" face (the one that attracts new members and gives some veteran members a level of hope) is one of inclusiveness and camaraderie. It is the face that is "member-centric" and espouses the Officers' Code of Conduct and IDIC (Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations). IDIC promises that we all have merit and will be welcomed despite our race, religion, sexual-orientation, politics and ideas and the Officers' Code of Conduct is our promise to consider and respect or fellow members. The other face is the more "internal" face that we present to members and those nonmembers who manage a glimpse into some of our "unofficial" channels. (Actually, they're not "our" channels, they just bear our name.) This second face may be considered more exclusionary and "organization-centric" in that it seems that those who wear it claim to be the few active members who acting for STARFLEET. These members taught their longevity and accomplishments within the organization while devaluing the less-active or less-informed members. My wise grandfather used to say that "Every minute of every day, you have the choice to be a 'blessing' or a 'blight' to those around you." It was a message that speaks of a person's actions "here and now". It doesn't matter if you "saved STARFLEET" yesterday if you are destroying it today. Some of these members scoff and overtly challenge the ideas of IDIC and the Officers' Code of Conduct as "unenforceable." Our current constitution

offers no consequence for violators but it could. We, collectively, as an organization, have the right to create "rules of conduct" and consequences for violating them in our governing documents -- you just have to do it.

I actually believe that STARFLEET is its members and I think that those who coerce and bully members do so to the organization. I think that STARFLEET needs to be "member-centric" and actually promote IDIC and the Officers' Code of Conduct. I also believe that these changes can only occur if the membership wants it. I know that my efforts towards these constitutional changes and the idea of "holding members accountable" don't set well with some very vocal members of STARFLEET and I find that I am already being vilified in the unofficial channels but I can accept that. I am also aware that there is misinformation about what I have said at the 2006 International Conference and the "Meet the EC" panel. The interesting thing is that some of these members have also demanded that STARFLEET's Executive Committee and Admiralty Board rule on "Code of Conduct" and "moral" actions of other members prior to the last IC. It cannot be both ways! We either need to have rules that apply to everyone or not. And I believe that the latter situation is hurting the organization so I'm advocating fair, enforceable, rules.

Earlier, I mentioned emails that mentioned people trying to gain "power" in STARFLEET. The real

power in STARFLEET lies in the voting power of the membership. Any other perceived power is an illusion. We are all members after all; it's just that some have been given temporary authority to act on behalf of the membership. And those of us who enjoy that privilege do so with your permission and support. Those people who would use a position to abuse and demean the members (the organization!) should emphatically be told "No!" and removed from office by the Commander, lest they continue to erode our membership. Members who demean and chase away members should be told to "go play somewhere else." But nothing will happen until the membership requires it.

Please don't give up on STARFLEET. It really has been -- and can continue to be -- a great organization. But the members have to want it. Members need to decide what they want and speak up. Encourage your chapter's CO to pass your desires up the chain to the Regional Coordinators. Real change in STARFLEET doesn't happen unless the members want it. If you want constitutional reform, say so. If you want the "bullying" to stop, say so! STARFLEET belongs to the members, it's time for the members to be heard. Please keep your membership active and remain "the real power" in STARFLEET.



By: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

The Ops Report

Greetings Fleeters!

I have taken the reins here at STARFLEET Operations from Jack "Towaway" Eaton, who has won the election to become the regional coordinator for STARFLEET Region Two. We at Ops wish Towaway good luck in his new position continuing his excellent record of service to STARFLEET. As this is my first article to the CQ in this capacity... please feel free to kick your shoes off, grab a cold drink and read on about some exciting new projects, nifty programs and other hints of cool things on the OPS horizon...

Settling in...

I have taken my first few weeks to familiarize myself with the Ops system and to evaluate the programs and personnel within the Operations Department. I have resolved and closed many HelpDesk tickets and I have approved many chapter change requests and changes of command for our ships and stations. I have been catching up on the MSRs for the 2006 year by setting time aside to go back and read *each and every* one for this year from all of our chapters. And you thought you had no life!

Here are the forms to order the forms to get the forms you really need...

I have found many missing MSRs from a lot of chapters for this year. To that end, I have directed my Vice Chief and MSR Coordinator, Commodore Steven Bowers, to send an email to each of these chapters asking for an MSR for the month(s) in question. This will help me not only get to know our chapters better (and your successes, problems and

suggestions), it will also help me maintain a complete (as possible) archive of MSR reports. If you receive one of these emails from Steve, please try to assist him and OPS as best you can.

Correy Ops...

I'd like to take this moment to welcome Admiral Michelle Fanelli to the Operations Team as Senior Vice Chief/Correspondence Operations. Shell has an outstanding record of service with STARFLEET and is well known to all our Correy Chapters out there. Shell is in the process of revamping the Correy Ops website. Congratulate her personally at mrbasil@flash.net.

Retention and Recruiting

We have transferred the Retention and Recruiting Department from the CS into OPS. I welcome Mike Vermoesen to the team. Over the next two months he and I will be creating new tools and a revised recruiting manual for our chapters to use to help them recruit new members.

Chapter Status Update

I have made a few changes in chapter status based on membership totals, CO&XO qualifications and other items that are listed in a separate report in this issue. Some chapters have been placed in Stand-By and some have been placed in Dry-Dock Status and some have been decommissioned. Please see that report for an updated listing.

The Changing Face of Chapter Care...

I am revamping the Chapter Care department into Chapter Support Services. This department will be expanded to work hand in hand with Recruiting and Retention services for our chapters. OPS needs someone with a lot of motivation and "outside the box thinking" to head up the Chapter Support Services department. If you are interested, please send me a STARFLEET resume to ops@sfi.org

Reporting Totals for October and November 2006

We are in the process of calculating the MSR reports for the 2006 year. If you have gotten an email from OPS regarding missing reports, please help us complete our records.

NEW Commanding Officer FAQ

STARFLEET Operations has created a FAQ for Commanding Officers. Please look for it in this issue. Thanks to Chrissy Killian, Mark H. Anbinder and Chris Wallace for their help!

NEW Updated Vessel Registry

A new VR has been released. Look for it on the sfi.org website in the documents center. Thanks to Neal Fischer and John Adcock for all their hard work in revising this important STARFLEET document!

NEW Deck Plate Owner Certificate Program

One of the things that Les has wanted to bring to new chapters is certificates for each founding member listed on the Commissioning VRR. We call these "Plank Owner" certificates. This parallels a time honored naval tradition. A "plank owner" is an individual who was a member of the crew of a ship when that ship was placed in commission. These certificates will be given to each crewmember of the original crew of a newly commissioned chapter. This is something that a member can have which shows that a crew member was around when the ship was being built and commissioned and therefore has bragging rights to the ownership of one of the deck planks in the main deck of a starship or station. Look for a sample in this issue of the CQ.

NEW STARFLEET Song Competition

One of the new things I am bringing to the 'Fleet is a Star Trek Song Competition. Look for the article here in this issue and participate. A Video contest is in the works and should be announce in the next CQ!

In closing, allow me to add that I am excited about the changes in OPS. I feel that we have a lot of potential and I look forward to serving our chapters.

Until next issue... The word is given.

-Admiral Gumbly

Commanding Officer FAQ

By: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



What is a Commanding Officer?

A commanding officer is the president of a local chapter of STARFLEET. They serve as the leaders and administrators of the chapter.

What are the responsibilities of a CO?

A CO is the leader and administrator of the chapter and may be involved with organizing chapter activities, administering policy, and developing chapter projects and operations. They are also ultimately responsible for chapter finances. The CO is required to keep the chapter's membership at or above the required ten member minimum and is required to file an MSR on a monthly basis.

What is an MSR?

The Monthly Status Report is filed every month by the CO with STARFLEET Operations. You can file it online (via the database or e-mail) or postal mail a physical copy. The MSR lists the name and current contact information of yourself and your XO, as well as a listing of all of your current STARFLEET members with non-expired memberships. You can list any promotions, citations, and chapter activities that occurred during the reporting period.

Where can I find an MSR form?

You may find the MSR form at www.sfi.org. It is located under **Chapter Support** in the **Document Center**. You may also file your MSR electronically using the STARFLEET Database at sfidatabase.org.

What do I include in my MSR?

Your MSR needs to include the name, registry, and address of your chapter. It also needs to include the current address and contact information for you and your Executive Officer. There are spaces to list any shuttles/shakedown vessels under your purview, as well as any member of your crew who graduated a STARFLEET Academy course, was promoted, received a commendation or award, and any activities the chapter or chapter member's participated in. You may also list any problems or concerns you have that you wish to make STARFLEET's leadership aware of so they may be addressed.

Why do I need to file a MSR?

STARFLEET's leadership wishes to know the accomplishments of your crew and chapter and it is an important channel for you to communicate with STARFLEET's leadership. It is also a good place to report problems or concerns so that they may be addressed.

Where do I send my MSR?

If you use the STARFLEET database, it is automatically submitted to the correct recipients. If you send the form via e-mail, be sure to send it to STARFLEET Operations at ops@sfi.org and to your Regional Coordinator at their contact e-mail. If you choose to postal mail your report, please send one copy to the address in the top right corner of the form and one copy to your Regional Coordinator's contact postal address. Allow extra time if you're in an area of the U.S. that often experiences mail delays, or if you're mailing from outside the U.S. Remember that you are responsible for getting your MSR in on time.

When do I send my MSR?

Your MSR should be received no later than the fifth day of each month. If sending via postal mail, please allow at least three business days (Mon-Sat) to arrive.

What do I do if a member is not getting their CQ?

Use the **Problems, Questions and Concerns** section of the MSR. Be sure to include the SCC number of each member and their current physical address. Check to make sure the address the member provided to STARFLEET is their valid address according to the USPS or their local postal service. Note that their mailing address may not be the same as where they physically reside. Remember... the usps.gov web site can help validate U.S. addresses.

How do I change my chapter's contact information?

You may list the new information in the **Chapter Information** section at the top of the form. Please note that the information has changed in the **Problems, Questions and Concerns** section of the MSR.

How do I recruit for my chapter?

A good place to start is the **Recruitment Resources** section of the **Document Center**. You should also speak with your Regional Coordinator, other Chapter Commanding Officers in your region or area, and STARFLEET Operations Chapter Care staff. You can find their contact information in the **Staff Directory** under the **Department of Operations**.

How do I advertise my chapter?

One way is to hang flyers in bookstores or gaming stores, though it is important to always first speak with the management to both gain permission and to discuss any placement guidelines. Many local cable channels are required to carry free "Public Service Announcements" about events in the community. Electronic advertising on web forums and e-mail lists can also be effective but again, like physical stores, you should always first contact the forum or list administrators privately to get both permission and discuss any guidelines on how often you can post and what you can post.

Bobby is being mean to me. Can I kick him out of the chapter?

While STARFLEET cannot require you to accept or dismiss a member, such punitive actions at best maintain the "status quo" of bad feelings and often escalate. STARFLEET recommends working with your Regional Coordinator to try and come to a more effective and cooperative solution. Do note, however, that STARFLEET never condones harassment or misconduct, defined as behavior by one member perpetrated upon another member that would be construed as illegal under local, county, state, provincial, federal, or international law. If such harassment or misconduct is happening in your chapter, you must contact STARFLEET Operations and your Regional Coordinator immediately and report it. This is as much for your own personal safety and liability as it is for the member(s) being affected.

How do I recommend someone for an award or promotion?

As CO, you have full authority to promote any member up to the grade of O-5 (Commander/Lt. Colonel). You also have full authority to design and implement an awards program for your chapter and its members. To recommend someone for promotion to the grade of O-6 (Captain/Colonel) or above, you will find the necessary forms in the **Promotions and Awards** section of the **Document Center**. To nominate someone for a Regional Award, contact your Regional Coordinator or the Regional Awards director (if applicable). The annual STARFLEET Award nominees are chosen from the Regional Award winners.

Our chapter never wins an award. Why not?

The most important requirement to win an award is to first be nominated. If your Region has an Award Director, contact them and request an award form as well as any relevant documentation. If the Director does not respond, or their response is unclear, do not hesitate to contact your Regional Coordinator and politely ask for assistance/clarification. If that does not work, contact the STARFLEET Awards Director at <http://www.lizsdesktop.com/sfiawards/>.

Once you have received the nomination form, it is important to put your best effort into writing the nomination. You are probably not the only member or chapter seeking this award in your Region. Even if your chapter/member's accomplishments are not as numerous as other's, a well-written nomination can be the difference between winning and not winning. Be clear and concise, but do not be brief for the sake of expediency. Ensure your spelling, punctuation, and grammar are correct. Take the time to explain what this member's or your chapter's deeds mean to you, to those it affected, and to STARFLEET as a whole.

When you send in your nomination, ensure that it was received. Do not just assume it arrived. Politely contact the recipient and ask them to confirm it has been received and is properly completed.

I can't afford \$15. Can I renew in a couple of months?

Unfortunately, STARFLEET requires you and your members to maintain their membership status at all times. If necessary, set aside two dollars every month in an envelope so you are able to renew on time.

How detailed do my MSRs have to be about our events?

You may make it as detailed as you feel necessary. Some CO's just list the event and who attended. Others go into great detail, often using it as the basis for an article submission to the [STARFLEET Communique](http://STARFLEET.Communique).

If I can't log into the database, do I still have to submit an MSR?

Yes. If the database is unavailable, submit the form via e-mail or postal mail.

What is the helpdesk?

The STARFLEET Helpdesk is there to help direct you and your chapter's members to the information needed to answer their questions about STARFLEET, its policies, and procedures.

How do I file a helpdesk ticket?

Helpdesk tickets must be filed online. You can reach it from the main www.sfi.org site. Look for **Member Helpdesk** under **Resources** on the left-hand menu.

I don't have an Internet connection. Can I still run a chapter?

Absolutely. The Internet helps make running a STARFLEET chapter easier in some ways, but it is not required.

I don't like my Regional Coordinator. Can I change regions?

As with issues between the CO and chapter members, STARFLEET prefers that issues between the CO and the RC be worked out constructively. In such cases, you will work with STARFLEET Operations to try and come to a mutually satisfying conclusion. However, STARFLEET rules require that the chapter reside in the same Region as the Commanding Officer does. Therefore, the only way to change regions is for you to physically move to another Region or to relinquish your command and elect a new CO from your membership who lives in another Region, provided such members exist and they meet the requirements to serve as CO.

Our chapter is a Not-For-Profit group. Can I use STARFLEET's tax ID number for my chapter?

At this time, STARFLEET's Federal Tax ID number is reserved solely for STARFLEET headquarters use. If you feel it necessary to do so, you can obtain your own federal tax ID from the US Internal Revenue Service.

I'm an Admiral in another club. Can I transfer that rank to STARFLEET?

In general, STARFLEET does not recognize the rank a member earns in other Star Trek fan clubs. Rank in STARFLEET is in no small part a measure of one's accomplishments and involvement within STARFLEET. Exceptions may be made on an individual case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. If you desire, you may contact them directly and make your case.

What resources are there for disabled members?

STARFLEET does maintain an Office of Equal Accessibility for those members who are physically or developmentally challenged. Contact information is available from the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET vcs@sfi.org.

STARFLEET Commanding Officer FAQ written by Chris Wallace, Mark H. Anbinder and Johnathan Simmons. Based on an idea submitted by Chrissy Killian. If you have something you feel should be included, email ops@sfi.org and put CO-FAQ in the subject line.

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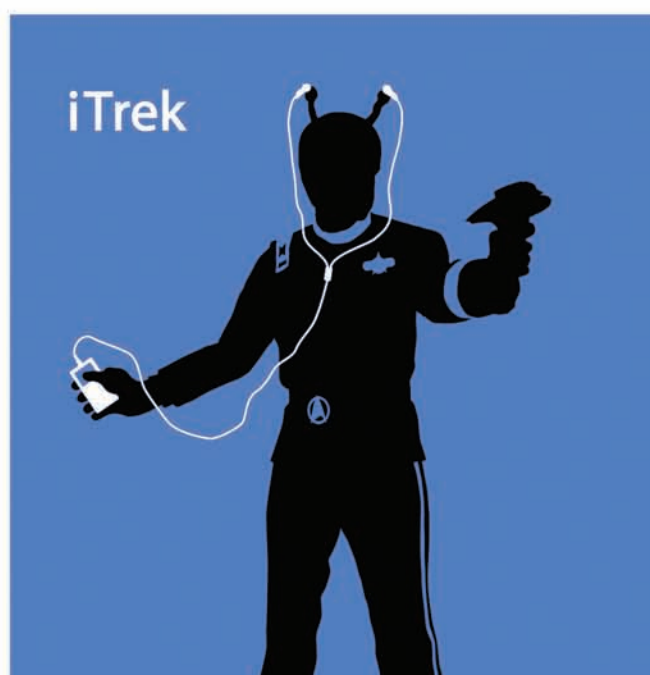
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News from the USS Bondar

By: Captain Loreleigh Graves - USS Bondar - Region 10



On Sept. 17th 2006, an e- mail was received, confirming that "Shuttle" Bondar" was now the new USS Bondar. YES... we did it! So on the 3rd of Oct. 2006, a commissioning pot luck was held in 10 Forward, which included a complete turkey dinner with the trimmings, as it all fell on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. Dale Friesen, Mike Husband and Cody Lannon all received promotions.

Then on Nov. 10th , The USS Bondar went out and purchased 816 boxes of stuffing mix along with 1750 candy canes for The Loaves and Fishes Food Bank to use in partnership with the Salvation Army as they build Christmas Food Hampers.

Meanwhile, a huge Thank You to one and all that paid interest to our Canada Day article and made donations to the Crystal Exter Fund. The young lady is overwhelmed at the response and assistance and compassion shown. She wants you all to know that she will never forget you and the help rendered. She also wants you to know that she is improving nicely and will be home with her daughter and her Mother for Christmas.

STARFLEET members have reason to be proud of their efforts.



Members of the Bondar pose with their food bank contribution. (photo by Loreleigh Graves)



Commander Mike Husband being pinned. (photo by Loreleigh Graves)



Above - Commander Dale Friesen being pinned. (photo by Loreleigh Graves)
Right - Lt. Cody Lannon being pinned. (photo by Loreleigh Graves)



The cake celebrating the Bondar's commissioning. (photo by Loreleigh Graves)





The ISS Deliverance Halloween Party

By: Colonel Ricky Bruckman - ISS Deliverance - Region 1



Top Left – the ISS Deliverance participated in a Halloween event for charity. (Photo submitted by Col. Ricky Bruckman)

Top Right – The Women of Deliverance as DC Comic characters. (Photo submitted by Col. Ricky Bruckman)

Middle Left – The Men of Deliverance as Masters of the Universe characters. (Photo submitted by Col. Ricky Bruckman)

Middle Right – He-Man and Skeletor (Photo submitted by Col. Ricky Bruckman)

Left – Wonder Woman
(Photos submitted by Col. Ricky Bruckman)



STATE of the STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

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



Greetings Marines!

Bank Account Information

We started the month of September with a balance of \$1,519.11. We had no deposits or withdrawals during September or October. This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$1,519.11 at the end of October.

IMPORTANT NOTE

It seems that many spam filters are starting to route the SFMC address webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org to the spam folders and sometime the account holders are not aware of this. In order to make sure you receive course request confirmations, report and award form submission confirmations, please add this address to your email account white lists or your address books.

Please remember the best way to make sure your request (for courses, awards or reports) has gone through and been accepted by the system is that you receive a copy of the submission. If you do not receive a copy of the submission, it may not have gone through correctly and you should check with the appropriate person who would be responsible for the submission.

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 Mess Night

The manual that has been created to give everyone the basic information they need when attending a Mess Night or to be able to host their own Mess Night at the BDE or other levels below the full Corps (the first Corps-wide Mess Night is planned for Denver in August 2007) is complete. The SFMC Dress Mess Manual will be uploaded to the SFMC site in the next few days.

I want to thank Scott Akers, Jim Monroe and John Adcock for their invaluable assistance in getting the manual developed and finished. Their input was invaluable in the final product, especially Scott Akers, who rewrote the sample script and gave the entire a much more Trek like feel.

SFMC Historian

Do you have an interest in history? Do you like to write fiction? Then the SFMC wants you! We are looking for an SFMC Historian. This person would be charged with creating the SFMC History, based upon the information in the MFM and other SMFC publications and then "filling in the gaps." You would report to the Commandant of the SFMC and have almost unlimited creative control (it must still be approved and fit in the already established histories). You would also need to work closely with the STARFLEET Historian to make sure there were no contradictions in the histories.

Minimum Qualifications for this post are:

1. Be a member in good standing of STARFLEET and be, at least, a member of the SFMC Reserve;
2. Have passed OTS and PD-10 (OCC and PD-20 are preferred);
3. Have regular and reliable email access;
4. Have the ability to write clearly and creatively within accepted guidelines.

Still interested? Then here is the application procedure:

Write a fictional history for the SFMC Mess night Manual (will be uploaded to the SFMC website in the next few days) detailing

the history of the SFMC Mess Night in the same basic manner as the modern day military histories contained in Appendix A of the current draft are written. The history you create must cover the period of time from 2100 to 2261 and should include anecdotes and stories such as those contained in the earlier histories of the modern day military.

Complaints

Recently, the General Staff was given a list of some complaints from members of the Corps. We have done our best to address these and will continue to strive for improvement in the way we administer the SFMC for your enjoyment. What we need from you is feedback and comments. If you have a suggestion, complaint, comment or idea about the SFMC, please make sure it gets to a member of the General Staff so that we can evaluate it, discuss it and act on it as necessary. We are here to serve you, but we can't do that without input from each and every one of you who may have some input.

IRC Channel

Thanks to FADM Rickard, the #corps channel has been renewed and will soon be transferred to the SFMC for our official use once again. We are going to try and hold regular meeting in the channel for everyone to meet and interact with the General Staff. The Deputy Commandant is heading up finding a time when it is most convenient for the General Staff to attend these meetings and will be posting that information to the Corps in the near future.

Update on items discussed at the International Muster

There were several items discussed at the International Muster which required action on the part of the General Staff. Here is an update on those items (as collected from the notes of the General Staff members present at the IM) as of this point in time:

1. Panel format at IM rather than the single large Muster Meeting. This is being worked on and will be implemented at the next IM in Denver.
2. Mess Night for the SFMC at IM. This is progressing and the manual/script/how to host tutorial is nearing completion for release to the Corps so everyone knows what to expect, how to behave, etc.
3. Attention on Deck as a separate publication. This was discussed on the SFMC list and it was decided to postpone this matter until we see how the expanded content and information in the CQ AoD! section. The upcoming CQ will be the first to have this new content, so we will see how that gets handled by the CQ staff and received by the SFMC.
4. Officer's Development courses. These courses, based on the Officer's Manual, have been completed, beta tested and approved for release. All information has been sent to Wade Hoover for posting on the site and adding to the Course Request scripts.
5. Website updates. Wade Hoover has completed most, if not all, of the critical updates and is progressing on the others now that he is finally able to get volunteers

to reconstitute his web team.

6. Migrating the SFMC website to SFI host servers. This has started, and we are trying to move as rapidly as possible to make this a reality. In the most recent correspondence with the sfi.org webmaster, we have a tentative timeframe of mid-October to late-November for the migration.
7. 30 projects. The discussion on this topic was to make sure we made it clear that the -30/-60 courses did not have to be papers, but could be fiction, new manual sections, new equipment designs, etc... that showed an in depth knowledge of the Branch/School for which it was being created. Joost Ueffing has completed and announced this change in his recent report to the Corps and it will be changed on the website in the very near future.
8. The other large discussion at IM was regarding the adoption on online testing for many of our courses, where possible. John Adcock offered to send us the name of a company that made software like this for our review and consideration. I sent him an email after IM and received no response. Joost Ueffing recently sent him an email after a phone call he and I had on this subject. John Adcock and Joost Ueffing are now working on a proposal to present to the EC for this project that could very well meet the needs of both the SFMCA and the SFA.

If you know of an item that was discussed at the IM and needs the attention of the GS that is not on this list, please let me know and we will begin to address that issue immediately.

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,
 John Roberts
 Commandant, SFMC



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

Greetings Marines,

I hope that you all had a pleasant and safe holiday season. Were you all good? Hopefully, Santa left brand new M-116A2 Phaser Rifles under the tree for each of you (after all, all marines are riflemen first). Well, it's time to get started with the New Year.

With the conclusion of the Christmas season, many of you, no doubt, will be eligible for the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon. To refresh your memory, this is for volunteering your time and efforts for Toys-for-Tots



or Special Olympics, for example. If you volunteered to help the US Marine Corps Reserve on this worthwhile cause, make sure your OIC remembers to submit your name during the upcoming reporting cycle. MGN Roberts will be announcing the recipients during Q1 2007.

I will be evaluating the possible staffing of the G-4 position on my staff. This officer (or NCO) will be responsible for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation aspects of the Corps. (S)He will work with the other General Staff officers to help coordinate activities

and competitions. Other possible options that will be discussed if/when this individual is appointed would be to work with the STARFLEET Morale officer on inter-service activities.

Due to the holidays and the fact that the first scenario exercise was not published as of this writing, I have decided to postpone the second exercise until I can gauge the success or failure of the first exercise. It may become necessary to stagger the publications of these scenarios to every other CQ to allow time for publication and response. It's an experiment on my

part, so we'll see how it develops from here.

Well, that's going to do it for this writing. I keep joking with the Dant that I really should hire a Public Affairs Officer to act as a speech-writer. Hmm... I may have to give that one some more thought.

See you again in sixty,
MGN Aaron Murphy
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ForceCom Report

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

Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is time again to report to the Corps on the stats of the membership. Below you will find the information gleaned from the most recent reports filed with this office by the Brigade Commanders. Please look over the information and let me know if you find something that can be corrected. If a unit is listed as not reporting and you know that it is no longer active, Please let me know. If you feel that it is listed incorrectly, I would also like to know that. If an award has been issued in the past 60 days and does not appear in this list please let me know.

As has already been stated by the Commandant and Tracom, the online award form has been kicked out by some servers as spam. Apparently, my server has been doing so, as I have received no award requests thru the online form for quite some time now. I have made the suggested correction to my email program and hope that this rectifies the problem. If, however, you have requested an award thru the online form in the past six months and have not received confirmation from this office of the awarding or denying of the award, please resubmit or send me the request thru regular email channels. I do not wish anyone to be left out when deserving of an award, due to malfunctions of my email program. If you have not received an answer from me within 7 days of submission, please follow up the online form with a direct inquiry at ST_Dragonlady@msn.com address. This will alert me that I have missed the submission request.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Toys for Tots Drive is coming up. Some areas have already put out collection boxes and begun taking donations. Please include any Marines who are participating in this charity event in your next report so that they can be included in the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon Lists that I will be sending to Commandant John Roberts early in 2007. Also remember that participation in Special Olympics events and Hurricane Relief qualify for this award in 2006.

That is about it for now, on to the numbers.

Forcecom Report

October 2006

Brigades reporting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20

List of units (listed) as not reporting.

Entire 2BN of 2nd BDG

342nd, 832nd, 801st, 351st, 203rd, 214th, 216th, 222nd, 269th, 380th, 501st, the 276th, 218th and 241st were reported as not reporting but information from these units was included in the reports.

Brigade Strength

BDE	Active	Reserve	Total	Database
1	29	43	71	158
2	57	12	69	121
3	47	23	70	96
4	52	22	74	63
5	17	22	39	41
6	5	11	16	16
7				126
9	9	13	22	19
10				11
11				
12	36	62	98	96
13				5
14		1	1	1
15	15	20	35	31
17	12	19	31	54
20	10	7	17	16
99				7
TTL	290	254	544	866

Recruits (May include renewing members)

Angelina Harris, Debra Remaly, Ella Remaly, Gregory Reynolds, Christine Reynolds, Pamela Bryant, Krystal Harper, Stephan Cook, David Breland, Janet Simmons, Alexis Williams, David M Bailey, Christian Griffins, Rodney Grundmeyer, Christopher Bailey, Jim Power, Cynthia Sherwood, Grady Sherwood, Michelle Carlson, Bernard Deddema Jr. Keith Froy, Don Spradlin Jr, Charlotte Wilson, Liam Wilson, Sam Wilson, Sean Wilson, Sean Moore, Mark Lee Wells, Chloe Lopes.

Discharges (May include members pending renewal)

Barbara Dans, John E Davis, Jonathan Davis, Michael Alpert, Daniel Evans, Scott Grant, David Kennedy, Jessica Robert, Jason Nebon

Strike Groups Activated

345th David M Bailey
645th

Strike Groups Deactivated

123rd Benu Station
214th USS Normandy (I have sent a message to Mike Malotte in an attempt to confirm this deactivation, he has not yet responded)

Changes in Strike Group Leadership

640th -Ens Michael Alpert relieved of command, Jan Sleigh now in command of MSG
677th -Rebecca Self is currently in charge of the unit and the first Battalion
668th - David Breland in new OIC, DOIC is vacant.
308th - Kenneth Norris is new OIC, Harvey Mattern II new DOIC
977th Corey Grant new OIC
907th Garrick Halverson new OIC
Paul Fest now DOIC of 15th BDE
Rob Langer now OIC of 3rd BN 15th BDE

Promotions

Jessica Workman to Lt. Col.
Christine Anderson to Major
Kimberly Temple to 2LT.

Awards Issued

International Service

Joseph Fuller, Arlene Garrison, Russell Garrison, Patrick McAndrew, John Roberts.

Meritorious Unit Citation

Joost Ueffing -Tracom
John Roberts - Tracom

Leaders Commendation

John Roberts, Robin Begin, Jean Eklund,
Lee Eklund, Scott Akers, Robert Rand Jr,
Steve Eizenberg

Initial Entry Training

Christopher Huff

Good Conduct

Antonio Lopes, John Kane, Betty Anne Leverage, Ben Fisk, William Duane, William Mock, Brandon Moore, Charles Jefferson, Deborah Duane, Don Meyer, Eileen Jones, Kelly Meyer, Markus Tuomi, Roger Knoll, Melissa West, Veronica D. Knoll, Terry Callahan, Shaughn OConner, Janice Waldhaur

Great Barrier

Scott Anderson Sr, Howard Knapp, John Roberts

Honor Guard

Scott Anderson Sr, John Roberts

Embassy Duty

John Roberts

SFMC Service Commendation

Joost Ueffing, John Roberts, Norman DeRoux

STARFLEET Cross

Joost Ueffing, John Roberts

Awards Requested - (I have not seen any request forms for these awards. I believe that the online request forms are not working properly)

Good Conduct - John Johnson

Legion of Arms - Robert Olivares, John Johnston, Steve Kell, Kenneth Norris

ACTIVITIES

First BDE - New OIC and command staff being placed in position. Working on the new BDE website as a new domain has been brought www.1stbde.org. Website to be up before the end of the year. Cafepress store to be reopened this coming week incorporating old logo and alternate logo. have been

pricing out BDE patches to be made. Donations were made to Goodwill and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. John Kane participated in a walk for American Diabetes Association Planning continues for Toys for Tots Drive. Participation in Reading Challenge continues. Marines co-sponsored a poker night, Halloween party and adopted a marine unit in the OCP Program. Styblo's continue Roadside Assistance program 65 hours this period. Gaming, Dinners, fund raisers by various units.

Second BDE - Some members attended DragonCon in Atlanta, GA. Seven members attended the Region 2 Gratitude Festival at Camp ASCCA in Jackson's Gap. AL. Reading Challenge Participation continues. Yawn and Greed visited the Alamo, Johnson Space Center , Texas Hold'm night at Reddicks house, cleaned bike trail. Khaicon at R Graham's house weekend of Sept 8th, Krewe Gaming Night and Dine out. Delivered newspapers and supplies to Hillsborough Humane Society, Donations to Goodwill, Women's Abuse Shelter, OCP, Federation Day at Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa; Worked with independent Star Trek clubs, Weekly meetings, Game nights, Movie nights, Bowling nights, Volunteers for Oatland Island Medieval Festival, Betty Crocker Points, Campbell Soup labels, Ten Boffer weapons make, Attended various chapter meetings other than their own, Platelets donations.

Third BDE - Preparing for Fall Muster, members attended Alliance Air Show. 40th Anniversary STAR TREK event in Las Vegas. Regular meetings held, Attended local baseball games, change of command ceremony for 308th, STAR TREK Film Festival, funeral, training films, security detail, recruiting, and fund raising, support for Ronald McDonald House, Campbell's soup labels, Betty Crocker Points collected, Participated in the Reading Challenge. Gathering Toys for tots,

4th BDE - Working on refining Command staff as host ship undergoing transition to Marine First Responder/MeCHA/SpecOps Lead. Working on events for "Toy's for Tot's" Campaign in the winter. Still working with the Phoenix Coyotes NHL team for an Honor Guard presentation. Collecting pop top tabs for Ronald MacDonald House. Reading Challenge participation,

5th BDE - Regular Movie nights and meetings, Planet XPO 40th Anniversary STAR TREK Convention security detail, transportation and escorting of VIP's, OCP \$7000 coupons sent to Grafenwhor, Germany. Participating in Reading Challenge. Holiday Food Drive coming up. Pizza and spaghetti dinners.

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It's that time again, time for friends, family, and holiday cheer. I know that this will most likely be read after the holiday season, but it's a message that is good for anytime, not just for the holidays. I hope that everyone will be safe this year, and reflect on what makes this organization great. I'm referring to the good friends, and the good times, not the petty politics. Let's remember why we joined a Star Trek fan club in the first place, and not dwell on the stuff that makes it no longer be fun. But that isn't what this article is for. It's for the state of the Electronic arm of the SFMC.

First, changes in the office of Infocom. As some of you may be aware, I was laid off on November 10. Not really a good thing to have happen just before the holidays, and the birth of your second child, but it is life. Well, within 96 hours, I had an offer. The only drawback is that it's a second shift position (4:45 to 1:15AM) so I will have to change my office hours on IRC. With me still getting used to the position, and the shift, I'm not really sure what my office hours will

be, but I expect to be able to set new hours in my State of Infocom address in January. Please be on the lookout for that. Until then, I am always available via E-mail, and I will continue to answer E-mail within 48 to 72 hours. I also see no major changes to the updating of the SFMC site, nor on development of new areas.

Secondly, be on the lookout for a couple of new positions that I will be creating under the Office of Infocom. I have come to the realization that I can no longer do everything, and will be posting at least one new position under my office. I expect to have the job description complete, and posted by the end of December, and will be looking at filling the position by the second or third week of January.

Third, there have been some reports of mail from the SFMC website not being received (or blocked) by some members of the SFMC. When you fill out any of the forms from the SFMC site, you should received a copy of what was sent (as long as you provide an E-

mail address). If you do not received this confirmation, and you did get to the confirmation page, then it is possible that your message got trapped in ether your spam filter, or the spam filter provided by your ISP. Should this happen, please make sure to add webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org to your filter's whitelist, or set your filter to always accept mail from that E-mail address. Should you hear nothing from your message after 72 hours, it may be necessary to resend, as it is always possible that your post wasn't received. While most ISP's are very good at delivering E-mail, if you use a free web based e-mail service (such as Hotmail, yahoo, etc) they make no guarantee that your message will be delivered.

Finally, what changes are in store for the SFMC site? Well, work has begun on a new site. I expect that, should development continue that we should have a new site in the first quarter of 2007. We are also beginning transitioning the SFMC site to the SFI server. I expect that transfer will be completed in the first quarter as well. Other changes that are being

worked on is a storefront for the SFMC Quartermaster. This storefront will allow for real time tracking of SFMC merchandise, as well as allowing us to accept Credit Card payments through Paypal and possibly Google. In addition to that, the SFMC History section will be changed over to a Wiki, to allow you, the members of the SFMC, to help edit our history, and try to make it as complete as possible. Final editorial decisions will be made by the SFMC General Staff, with input from the SFMC and SFI Historians. The Wiki will also be available to the Brigades, as well as MSG's, for their histories as well. Start working on your histories now for inclusion into the SFMC Wiki.

Well, I think I've gone on enough. As you were, and see ya in 2007.

In service to the STARFLEET Marine Corps I remain,
LGN Wade Hoover
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Marine Profile

Featuring Lieutenant General Wade Hoover - USS Hellfire & Brimstone

Marine Profile:

SFMC Profile Questions

Name: Wade Hoover
Rank: Lieutenant General
Position(s) Held: Commanding Officer, Information Command SFMC, Commanding Officer USS Hellfire & Brimstone, Region 12.
Unit: 226th "The Virtual Fighters"
Brigade: Twelfth Brigade
Chapter: USS Hellfire & Brimstone

What do you do in "real life"?
I work for Northrop Grumman IT, doing repair work for the US Postal Service.

How long have you been a member of STARFLEET? The SFMC?
I've been a member of STARFLEET since November 1993, and a member of the SFMC since July 1997.

What is your favorite Star Trek episode? Why?
My favorite Star Trek episode is "Space Seed". Khan has always interested me. From the first time I saw

"Space Seed", to Star Trek II, the Wrath of Khan, to the Eugenics War series, there has just been something about the character that has been so mysterious that you just had to know everything about him that you could. Course, I guess that answers the next question as well, huh?

Why did you join STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc?
Back in 1992, I was approached by a friend about starting a local Star Trek fan club in Emporia, Kansas. At that time, I told him that I wasn't really interested in starting it, but if he got it started, I'd be happy to join. Well, about a year later, he started it, and I was one of the founding members of the club. Little did I know what that would bring over the next several years, from Region staff, to RC, to being a member of the SFMC General Staff.

Why did you join the SFMC?
At the Region 12 Summit in 1997, I attended the Brigade Muster. Before that, I had seen the SFMC, read the articles in the CQ, but didn't really know what it was all about. The muster that was held really opened my eyes as to what the SFMC could be,

and that they weren't as crazy as I had though they were.

What do you like most about the SFMC? Why?
Back then, the SFMC was freer of politics than SFI was. Granted, then, I didn't really have a good feeling as to what SFI really was all about. At that time, I wasn't on any of the lists, and the only politics that I was aware of was at the regional level (being part of Region 12, I was well versed in regional politics, and the backstabbing that can occur). The SFMC was a breath of fresh air. There was no politics (at least none where it was observed in public, or very well hidden). Ideas were accepted without criticism (again, at least not in the open). As this was a period of rebuilding, everyone was able to help in the process.

What would you like to see changed in the SFMC?
I'd like to see the SFMC return to more of the feeling that we had back in 1997. A place where all ideas are accepted and that everyone has a voice. A place where anyone can voice an opinion, and not have it shouted down, because they don't agree with you.

If you could be any cartoon character, who would you like to be and why?
Stewie Griffin from Family Guy. Stewie knows what he wants out of life, but it fumbling to get it. I'm not totally sure why I want to be him, though. Maybe a cross of him and Brian Griffin.

If you could command any vessel in the Star Trek universe, what would it be and why?
I would love to command one of the early vessels that Starfleet had. These people were (will be?) some of the greatest explorers that humanity has (will?) see. Being on the edge of the known universe, with no support, or hope of rescue, reminds me of the old days of the sea (Give me a tall ship, and a star to guide her).

What do you like about being a member of the GS?
Being a member of the GS allows me the opportunity to give a voice to the members. It gives me the chance to help direct the organization in a way that, hopefully, is beneficial to the us all, to make things better.

ForceCom Report Continued

6th BDE - Participating in Reading Challenge.

9th BDE - Updating Homepage, holiday in Greece.

12th BDE - Gearing up for Toys for Soldiers and Toys for Tots. Recycling and Stamp Collecting continues, Helped members to move into new homes, Movie

nights, regular meetings and inter-mixing with other Trek fan clubs. Helping family and friends who suffered storm damage, Uniform construction project, plans for Salvation Army bell ringing, Academy project still running, Reading Challenge Participation,

14th BDE - Attended the 2006 IC in Philly, Pa Participated in IM 2006. Attended Watkins Glen Weekend.

15th BDE - Monthly meetings, bowling, Billiards, Boston Duck tour, saw "Shear Madness" in Boston. Visited Las Vegas and Toronto Scifi expo, prep for United Fan Con, 2006IC/IM, Labor Day weekend campout, Collecting magazines for the veterans at the VA hospital, clipping coupons for OCP

17th BDE - Role playing, Trip to Estes Park, hike up Mount Ida, regular meetings, Green Space Clean Space Trail Clean up, Tip a Cop for Special Olympics,

Blood Donation, Labor Day BBQ, Trail Steward Patrols for City of Aurora Open Space. Halloween Murder Mystery, Uniform planning, Webpage design, Yahoo groups site.

20th BDE - Recruitment Drive, Reading Challenge participation, newsletter, website, handbook, regular walking program, training drive for BOS Certs,

Why Do We Need Doctors in Both STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps

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

This is a question that has been asked for years in the ever-continuing rivalry (friendly though it may be) between "Fleeters" and "Jarheads." Trust me when I say that, although both are part of the same organization, they still need doctors that have training and capabilities unique to their differing roles and responsibilities. Additionally, both "services" have entirely different working conditions that require the doctor to adapt to before he/she can properly do their jobs. In order to understand the need for both Fleet and SFMC doctors, one must first understand the similarities and differences between the two.

There are few similarities between the doctors of the STARFLEET and those of the SFMC. The major ones are: (1) both groups are fully trained and qualified physicians, many graduating from the top medical schools in the galaxy; (2) both groups have been charged with the preservation, rather than the destruction, of life; and, (3) Both are vital to the well-being and success of the missions their branches are charged with conducting. However, with the exception of very few minor similarities, this is where the need for both Fleet and SFMC doctors becomes clear. The differences between these two groups of professionals are varied. They include: (1) working conditions and equipment; (2) supporting staff; (3) additional training needed to fulfill their roles; and, (4) differing responsibilities in support of their branches mission.

The first of these major differences is, perhaps, the most important of all. The working conditions and equipment available to Fleet doctors is often state of the art and capable saving a person's life when faced with even the most extreme of injuries. Fleet doctors also work in very clean and sterile sickbays or hospitals aboard STARFLEET vessels. In contrast, however, SFMC doctors are often forced to work with field equipment (i.e., Combat Medgloves, Portable Structures, Aid Stations and a limited selection of drugs). SFMC doctors must also be prepared to have to conduct triage on their patients and decide who

lives and dies based on the severity of their wounds and the capabilities of the doctor and his staff. While it is true that Fleet doctors also have this unpleasant task, they face it on a rare basis and only in the event of catastrophic events such as aid missions to planets after natural disasters or attacks, SFMC doctors face this task virtually every time they go to work. Additionally, SFMC doctors are faced with working conditions that, usually, are nowhere close to the nice sterile sickbays or hospitals most Fleet doctors work in. SFMC doctors work out of mobile shelters, mobile operating rooms and portable buildings/hospitals that get erected in mere hours and are carried in the hold of a shuttlecraft. SFMC doctors are also faced with the prospect of working outdoors with nothing but a small force field to provide any kind of sterile environment for their work. Fleet doctors rarely land with frontline troops in their daily work, whereas for SFMC doctors, this is their work. It should be noted, however, that there are some SFMC doctors (those serving aboard STARFLEET vessels and those working in full SFMC hospitals) who share the same duties and conditions as Fleet doctors. Most Fleet doctors could not adapt themselves, absent lengthy training sessions and simulations to work effectively in the kind of environment and with the limited equipment and supplies available to the majority of SFMC doctors, they are two different breeds of the same animal.

Most Fleet doctors have the ship's/hospital's computer to assist them in the monitoring and medication of their patients. The only other real medical staff available to Fleet doctors are the sickbay/hospital orderlies and the nurses. The SFMC doctors, however, due to their frontline and more intensive service in the medical profession have a wide array of supporting medical personnel, such as: (1) nurses and orderlies, just as the Fleet doctors; (2) "A-Medics" who are, essentially, highly trained Marines who function as basic paramedics and can treat minor wounds in the field and stabilize most patients for transport to the field hospital; (2)

"C-Medics" who are highly skilled paramedics and are capable of performing minor surgeries in the field in order to save a marine's life as well as stabilizing virtually every wounded Marine he/she encounters; and, (4) "I-Medics" who are almost full physicians in their own right. The I-Medics are authorized and trained to place Marines in stasis tubes to get even the most seriously wounded marine back for the treatment that could save his life, they can administer any available drugs and operate virtually every piece of filed equipment available to the SFMC. I-Medics have even been known to take over in surgery when a doctor is unavailable or has been killed in action. This vast network of support staff is vital for the SFMC doctor to efficiently perform his duties, but would be in the way (and, quite possibly) could be seen as a threat to a Fleet doctor as some of the SFMC medical support staff can make the same life/death decisions as the doctor in some cases.

The third major difference, and reason we need doctors in both the Fleet and the SFMC, is that of additional training. Fleet doctors do not require much additional training after their graduation from medical school and their internships in their specialty fields of medicine. Fleet doctors attend a basic indoctrination course, assuming they did not graduate from STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET medical, and they are on their way to a bright career in the Fleet. SFMC doctors, however, must receive this same training and then they must also be trained in battlefield medicine, the operation of MASH Units and the other portable and mobile equipment that composes their working environments as well as learning to work as a team with the larger array of medical support staff present in the SFMC. SFMC doctors must also learn to cope with emergency and battlefield situations that they may not be familiar with and may find personally abhorrent (i.e., using weapons, code of conduct for prisoners, etc.).

The final major difference between the Fleet and SFMC doctors is that of their differing roles and

responsibilities in the support of their branches mission. Most fleet doctors perform the same basic tasks as any doctor in the non-Fleet world (setting bones, treating injuries, births, operations, etc.). SFMC doctors, however, are faced with a wider array of responsibilities and roles in their daily jobs. SFMC doctors may be assigned to set up a filed hospital or aid station in the middle of a combat zone, evacuate wounded marines from an area of heavy fighting or evaluate the fitness of individual marines for flight duty in their fighter or other high performance aerospace craft. The SFMC has Aerospace Medicine specialists for deployment with Aerospace Marine Strike Groups; the Fleet does not have any widespread use of Aero Medical personnel as they have no real need for this discipline except for medical research. The closest the Fleet doctors come to this is the regular evaluation of the Ship's command personnel for their physical and mental fitness to carry out the tasks STARFLEET has assigned them. This is usually done through routine physical examinations, whereas the SFMC doctors take into account a wide variety of other factors and perform more than simple physical and mental exams to determine fitness for the mission and command.

While only the major differences between the doctors of the STARFLEET and the SFMC have been examined here, it is easy to see why there is, and always will be, a need for trained medical personnel in both areas of the Federation's military arm. It would be prohibitively expensive to eliminate one or the other sets of medical personnel and train a single Corps of people to perform the roles for both branches. The roles, responsibilities and other conditions are simply too varied to expect the same group of people to be able to perform any medical task that may arise. Even the civilian world does not expect this, which is the reason we have medical specialists in various aspects of the medical field. Doctors and their support staff are a valued group of professionals who should be trained to meet the needs of their potential patients and not simply be "jacks of all trades" for every eventuality.



The 210th Marine Expeditionary Unit was at Homeland Paintball in Quenemo, Kansas on September 30, 2006 to participate in their 'Fall of the 3rd Reich' paintball event. The six-hour game briefly reenacted the final battles of World War II in northwest Europe. The 210th MEU marines role played as the Axis 9th Fallschirmjaeger Regiment, a unit of parachute infantry.

Scenario paintball games usually last longer than four hours, are played over a large area, and include 50 or more players divided into teams. Over the course of the game, each team completes a series of missions to gain points. At the end, points are totaled and a winner declared. Many scenarios have a theme to the game and missions. Themes can come from a variety of sources: movies, historical events, literature, etc.

At the beginning, the Allies advanced from their base to the middle of the field. With the key Port of Antwerp (a log fort) in their hands, they would have a secure base to advance on Berlin. The Axis general decided on a bold move to retake the port- send in the paratroopers!

In scenario paintball, an 'airdrop' consists of a referee escorting the players to their intended drop zone. While the players are with the referee, they may not

be fired upon. When they arrive at their destination, the referee blows his whistle and the players are considered 'active' again.

Fortune was not with us. The referee took the Axis paratroopers to the drop zone near Antwerp, and then waited five minutes for a signal from the event organizer. Due to this miscommunication, the Allies had ample time to reinforce Port Antwerp and send patrols into the woods. Our whole unit was quickly sent on the 'walk of shame' out of the game.

With fifteen minutes to go in Part II, the Axis troops were fatigued and covered in paint. We got encouragement from the event organizer to make a last effort. Five of us were ready to go and we assaulted straight at the City of Aachen. Everyone but our man holding the flag was sent out, but we held this important position within site of Berlin. It was to be the boldest, most organized operation of the day.

The Axis had been pushed back to Berlin itself by Part III. Strictly defensive now, troops deployed to defend the city (a maze constructed of railroad timbers). I ended up as the lookout for the rear entrance to the maze. If the Allies got through our defenders in the woods, I was to call for reinforcements.

The Allies cleared out the maze in close quarters fighting. I ended up being attacked from the city itself instead of the woods and sent out rather quickly. In the assembly area, I realized the entire Axis force had been eliminated and was waiting to enter the game!

With a large force available to reinsert, the Axis swept onto the field and recaptured Port Antwerp. The bulk of the Axis drove on through the forest. I watched from the walls of Antwerp as a referee escorted Allied players into the woods. It was an airdrop! With harassment fire from the woods and a counterattack from Berlin, the Axis defenders of Antwerp were slowly wiped out.

Our last efforts were feeble at best, including a desperate final assault: a hike through unfamiliar woods to try and take the Allied headquarters. It took us too long to clear the forest, and the final whistle blew before we captured this base. The result of the game was- Allies win by 5 points.

Kansas Marines Play Paintball

By: First Lieutenant J. D. Clancey - 210th MEU - Region 12



J.D. Clancey of the 210th MEU plays an Axis paratrooper during the reenactment.



Chapter Status Report

By: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



<p>Members of STARFLEET,</p> <p>One month ago I was appointed to the position of Chief of Operations, STARFLEET. The first action I took was to conduct a comprehensive review of where the Operations department stood, and into the status of each and every chapter in the organization. I also reviewed all policies outlined in the Constitution and Membership Handbook, and how they apply to Operations and our chapters. I have a responsibility to our chapters to administer these policies in as fair and just a manner as possible, and sometimes that will require me to make tough decisions.</p> <p>Effective immediately, STARFLEET Operations will abide by and enforce current STARFLEET policy. I will also ensure that past deficiencies in this area are rectified as soon as practical. The vast majority of our chapters work far too hard to maintain compliance for Operations to allow exceptions to policy that is not applied in a fair manner.</p> <p>The STARFLEET Membership Handbook (2006 Edition) states the following:</p> <p>SECTION 04:04 - CHAPTER STATUS</p> <p>A STARFLEET chapter will be in one of four operation states: deployed, stand-by, dry-docked, and decommissioned. The following sections further discuss each of these operational states in greater detail.</p> <p>Deployed - A Deployed chapter is one that meets all criteria for continued operations. Reports are on time, the crew is at minimum required strength or better, and the command crew has met and passed all requirements required by STARFLEET. A Deployed chapter enjoys all the rights and privileges granted to it by the STARFLEET Constitution and Membership Handbook.</p>	<p>Stand-By - Should a chapter fall below required crew strengths, have a Commanding Officer or Executive Officer who does not have OTS and/or OCC, or has failed to follow proper reporting procedures, the Chief of Operations shall place them on Stand-By. Chapters in Stand-By shall have sixty days to correct the problem or they shall be moved to Dry-Docked status. Any chapter placed in Stand-By status due to crew strength shall remain in Stand-By for 180 days (6 months), provided the chapter shows a continued and documentable effort to recruit members with a review by the Chief of Operations every sixty days.</p> <p>Dry-Docked - A Dry-Docked chapter is one that has been on Stand-By status for more than sixty days without correcting the problems that placed it there. A Dry-Docked chapter has sixty additional days to correct these problems or they shall be decommissioned. If a chapter is in Dry-Dock status due to being below required crew strength, the chapter shall remain in Dry-Dock status for a period of 180 days, provided the chapter shows a continued and documentable effort to recruit members. This status shall be renewable for a one year period with a review by the Chief of Operations every sixty days.</p> <p>If, at the end of that year the chapter is still below required crew strength it shall be decommissioned. If, at any time a chapter corrects their chapter status problems that chapter will be returned to Deployed status. A chapter that is in Dry-Docked status has its rights and privileges suspended until it returns to Deployed status. These include, but are not limited to, nominating for RC or CS, and voting in an RC Election or Vote of Confidence.</p> <p>Decommissioned - When a chapter is decommissioned, either voluntarily or involuntarily, it is removed from</p>	<p>the Fleet roster and its crew may be reassigned to other chapters. A decommissioned chapter may only re-enter STARFLEET via the Shakedown Program.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Therefore, as mandated in the STARFLEET Handbook (2006 Edition), Section 04:04 (Chapter Status), approved by the AB as Motion #AB06-02 and announced in the June 12th Issue of the Command Status Report... the following chapters are hereby placed in Stand-By status, and have a minimum of 60 days to meet the criteria required for Deployed Chapter status. Should they not make satisfactory progress, they will at that time be reviewed for Dry-Dock Status:</p> <p>USS Powhatan (Understrength, Expired CO & XO) USS Draco (Understrength, Expired XO) USS Drakenfire (Understrength, Expired XO) SS Deep Space 12 (Understrength, Expired CO) USS North Carolina (Understrength, Expired XO) USS Independence (Understrength) USS Thunderchild (Understrength) USS Thor (Understrength)</p> <p>The following chapters have not been in compliance for over 90 days and are hereby placed in Dry-Dock Status. These chapters have 60 days to meet the criteria required for Deployed Chapter status. Should they not make satisfactory progress, they will at that time be reviewed for decommissioning:</p> <p>USS Oberon (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired CO & XO) USS Gallifrey (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired CO & XO) USS West Virginia (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired CO & XO) USS Dark Wolf (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired XO)</p>	<p>USS Alpha Centauri (Understrength for over 90 Days, Expired XO) USS Augusta Ada (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired XO) USS Philadelphia (Understrength for over 90 Days, Expired XO) USS Richmond (Understrength for over 90 days, Expired XO)</p> <p>The following chapters have been decommissioned:</p> <p>USS CM Russell USS Aeon USS Carson USS Unisys USS Pride of Scotland USS Banshee USS S'L'Heya USS Avalon USS Schweitzer USS Maquis</p> <p>As I continue to audit chapters, more changes will be forthcoming. All chapter status changes will be announced publicly on this list and in the CQ from this day forward, in order to ensure compliance with STARFLEET Policy. I encourage all chapter COs to verify their chapter's data in the Database, make sure you and your XOs have OTS and OCC and file your MSRs on time.</p> <p>If you feel this information is in error, please contact me at ops@sfi.org</p> <p>Working for the STARFLEET of Tomorrow... Today,</p> <p>Admiral Johnathan Simmons Chief of Operations STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.</p>
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STARFLEET Ops Announces Song Competition!

By: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

<p>We have a very diverse membership in STARFLEET. We have members with all kinds of skills. Of those, we do have some who are musicians, DJs and writers. STARFLEET Operations is hereby announcing a Star Trek song contest with the membership judging the winners by popular vote.</p> <p>RULES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be an original song. (no covers)• The song must be about Star Trek.• Contest ends July 01, 2007.• Song must be made public domain. <p>HOW IT WORKS</p> <p>Songs submitted will be posted to the sfi.org website with a poll so that members can vote for their favorite.</p>	<p>Songs will also be played on RadioSTARFLEET during the contest.</p> <p>Members will be required to login to the sfi.org website and record their vote.</p> <p>Only one vote per member will be allowed.</p> <p>Winner and Runner-Up will have their song played at the IC2007 in Denver, Colorado and receive an award plaque from STARFLEET.</p>	<p>Winner and Runner-Up will also have their song included on the STARFLEET Membership CD for the year.</p> <p>So... fire up those instruments and start laying down tracks!</p> <p>Let's see who's got the beat!</p> <p>Admiral Johnathan Simmons Chief of Operations, STARFLEET</p>
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By: Commodore Michael Klufas - Chief of Staff, Vice Commander, STARFLEET

During the last quarter of 2006 (October-December), the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board discussed or dealt with the following matters:

- Both Dennis Rayburn and Scott Grant appealed the ECAB's decision to suspend their memberships as a result of IG Investigation #0603-0327 (regarding improper activities during an election; see CQ 136 for a full report on this investigation and the sanctions). An appeals board has been convened under the direction of Vice Commander, STARFLEET Sal Lizard; the board is currently reviewing various documents submitted by Dennis and Scott as part of their appeals.
- The position of the Admiralty Board – taken at the annual ECAB meeting at the 2006 International Conference – that the Judge Advocate General (JAG) is only a resource and not designed to represent members. This issue

has arisen again during the Rayburn/Grant appeal, where both have asked for the JAG (Sam Black) to assist with their appeals, and he is doing so as their representative. As defined in the STARFLEET constitution, the JAG does not serve as a “defense attorney,” but can help members understand and follow the process and ensure that their rights are protected.

- Issues involving the closeout of financial issues and delivery of goods promised by the IC06 committee. A complaint was filed over the financial status of the conference, which Commander, STARFLEET Les Rickard is addressing. The matter is ongoing, as final reports from the conference chair are being reviewed. IC Liaison Mark Anbinder is assisting in this effort.

- Region 6 Coordinator Mike Urvand discovered another group (calling itself the United Federation of Planets) using graphics that incorporate logos from STARFLEET regions 2 and 3. A brief discussion left the decision on how to handle this matter to the affected regions; Ed Nowlin, the then-Region 4 coordinator, sent a warning letter to the website owner/designer.

In addition, the ECAB welcomed three new regional coordinators: Jack Eaton in Region 2, Chrissy Killian in Region 4, and Doug Mayo in Region 15. Also, Ben Redding stepped down as Region 1 coordinator in September and was replaced on an interim basis by Jonathan Wilson. Jonathan served through early January, when Bill Herrmann was elected Region 1 coordinator.

With Jack Eaton's election as R2RC, he had to resign as STARFLEET Operations chief and was replaced by Jonathan “Gumby” Simmons. In addition, Bob Chin stepped down as CompOps chief and was replaced by Susan Ueffing. Finally, Deb Malotte stepped down as Promotions Director, but that position didn't leave the household, as her husband, (former Commander, STARFLEET) Mike took over the position.

As always, if you have any questions about these matters, please contact your regional coordinator.



InCOMing Message

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

Hello STARFLEET!

Comm has been busy churning out the CQ and working on a few other publication projects for Fleet. We've just recently completed an update to the Membership Handbook with the help of John Adcock. That should be rolling out to the membership very shortly. Many thanks to John for getting this rolling for us.

Also recently updated is the new VR. Working with Ops, we've produced a document that mirrors the MHB. These two documents are the first step in the plans to create a brand for STARFLEET. Many thanks to Ops Chief Gumby Simmons for working with Neal Fischer to make this important first step.

In other news, I have accepted Scott Akers resignation as the STARFLEET Historian. The Office of Fleet Historian is currently closed while I begin the search for a new person to fill this roll. Look for a future announcement about this office and the position.

As a reminder, the deadline for the CQ is the 25th of

every odd month. Get those articles and photos in to cq@sfi.org.

That's all for this time, see you in sixty.

COMM Dixie Halber



From the Halls of STARFLEET Academy

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

No Report Submitted



What's Shakin'?

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

Greetings everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving. Believe it or not, we are actually doing quite a bit of ShOC business even during the holiday season. Thankfully, we were able to take care of the usual pre-launch issues, thus allowing us to proceed with several new chapters-in-training.

The following chapters joined the Shakedown Cruise since last issue of Communiqué:

USS Cumberland (R15) Col. Tom Guertin, tguertin1@yahoo.com
USS Robins (R2) Cmdr. Mike Sleeth, hoffmanite@yahoo.com
USS Southern Cross (R14/11)* - Cmdr. Bruce O'Brien, ob.one@xtra.co.nz
USS Tiberius (R2) Cmdr. Dixie Savander, dco7div@tampabay.rr.com

* Currently on Shakedown Cruise in Waiuku, New Zealand

All of these chapters are doing very well. There is an interesting common theme among these chapters: They all have strong support for the Starfleet Marines. So if you are a member of SFMC (or even just thinking about joining the SFMC), check out these chapters.

On the other hand, we also have some chapters scheduled for commissioning in 4Q 06 & 1Q 07:

USS Britannic (R7)
USS Chicago (R12)
USS Mawson (R7/11)
USS Silver Moon (R4)
USS Silverwolf (R20)
USS Thermopylae (R5)

Most of these chapters are very active. Some enjoy Star Trek as entertainment (e.g. conventions, video parties, ... etc.), while others teach Trek related courses at the STARFLEET Academy. Still others are working hard at building up membership in the

sparsely populated or even dormant regions. I am very impressed by the talented folks onboard these chapters.

Now, for something fun, I'd like to invite all of you out there to come up with a new Shakedown Operations logo. Think of it as a design contest. Every great program can use a great logo. How do we illustrate the shifting paradigm from shuttle operations to shakedown operations? I received some submissions, but I want to give folks a little more time to come up with their best effort. Feel free to contact me if you need more details to help you formulate the logo design.

Speaking of designs, I want to encourage all (not just training) chapters to contact us if you want to work on the technical aspects of your particular ship class. While we have certain internal plans at ShOC / ASDB / OSA, we will be glad to work with you to develop the plans which are most relevant to your needs. We can even help you with class changes to fit your changing needs.

Last but not least, I would like to enlist the help of publication experts out there. We are updating several ShOC documents and we can use some additional staff for that. In addition, as we migrate more fleet department web pages to the new portal, we will be providing plenty of new contents on the ShOC page. If you have experience in web content management, please contact me at your earliest convenience. This is an excellent opportunity to serve fleet on the large scale I think it will be an interesting challenge for our talented members.

Happy holidays!



Greetings from the staff at CompOps

It's been busy here for the past couple of months with a lot of change being implemented to our infrastructure and as well as our public presence on the world wide web. And change will continue to happen as we consolidate services and implement improvements. While these improvements happen I ask our membership to be patient if one of our services does temporarily go down. Our current service provider has been good with responding to issues when they happen and we will make sure we keep everyone up to date over our most common communications channels if something does happen.

The most visible change that has happened is that the new SFI.org site is now up and running. My sincere

thanks go to Larry Barnes for all the work he has put into the new site. Not only do we have a new design, in response to feedback from the membership we have started feeding it new content that focuses on what's happening in the world of Trek in general. The site also has an RSS news feed, a chapter map that displays the location of our chapters graphically for ease of locating the nearest chapter near you, links to all of our HQ staff, an events calendar, and much more.

Many of these features are only as good as the content they provide, and much of that content depends on you. If you have an event, news item, or something to contribute to the new site you can contact Larry at webmaster@sfi.org for more information.

CompOps is also continuing the process of migrating the database over to our new host in order to consolidate our resources and we have been running into some issues so it's taking longer then we anticipated so again, we ask that you please be patient with us. As mentioned above, this may mean that the database may go down for short periods of time. If this happens please stay tuned to STARFLEET's channels of communication for updates and instructions.

Membership Processing continues to perform its duties above par. They did take a much deserved break at Christmas but are back to work now. Currently we have two teams working on processing and mailing out membership material. We are also looking into possibly adding a 3rd team so that there is

a backup in case of an emergency. We are also going to be adding some new goodies to the membership packet for your enjoyment as well.

In conclusion, we are always looking for ideas, suggestions, or observations on our services and performance. If you wish to contact me regarding anything I can be reached at compops@sfi.org or at my mailing address listed in the CQ towards the end.

Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

Susan Ueffing

The Big Money

By: Admiral Pat Spillers - USS Victory - Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET



SFA Income Statement

Prepared by Pat Spillers

December

2006

Beginning Balance			
Bank of american balance			\$1,026.42
Adjustment for July not made // July & Aug will be on next month report			
Bank balance			\$1,026.42
Income			
Income for Scholarship Fund			\$0.00
Year of 2006 Interest		\$0.00	
MP Donations		\$0.00	
Region Summit or Chapter Donations			\$11.00
Checks and money orders		\$0.00	
Credit Cards		\$0.00	
PayPal		\$11.00	
Transfer From Main Checking Cover scholarships			\$0.00
Total Income			\$11.00
Grand Total			\$1,037.42
Expense			
Bank Service Charge			\$0.00
Scholarship Awards			\$0.00
PayPal Fees			0.92
Total Expenses			\$0.92
Ending Balance			\$1,036.50
Note: As of November we will be leaving the CD Interest in the CD to earn more			
Adjustments Pending:			
Interest:		\$44.10	
September	\$3.56		
October	\$3.68		
November	\$1.86		
December	\$1.06		
Interest from CD reinvested		\$195.62	
November	\$99.22		
December	\$96.40		
Donations from Membership Processing		\$255.00	
September	\$72.00		

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SFMC Income Statement

Pat Spillers

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Beginning Balance						
Bank of american balance						\$728.32
Other						
Bank balance						\$728.32
Income						
Quartermaster Sales						\$ 166.55
Paypal			\$ 166.55			
Checks and cash			\$ -			
Refund Bank Service Change done in error						\$0.00
Interest on Savings						\$0.00
Total Income						\$166.55
Grand Total						\$894.87
Expense						
PayPal Fee			\$6.88			\$6.88
Petty Cash for Postage			\$0.00			
Quartermaster Supplies						
Other	Web Host					\$0.00
Total Expenses						\$6.88
Ending Balance						\$887.99



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Alabama

May 25-27 Rocket City FurMeet, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: 2603 Landsdale Dr., Huntsville, AL 35810 <http://narf.wereanimal.net/koakako@hotmail.com>

Arizona

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

May 11-13 LepreCon 33, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/lep33@leprecon.org> Guests: Jael, Karen Traviss

California

Feb 16-18 Gallifrey One, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/info@gallifreyone.com> Guests: Colin Baker, Nicola Bryant, Terry Molloy, Maggie Stables, Tom MacRae, Paul Cornell, Rob Shearman, Jason Haigh-Ellery, Gary Russell, Bob May, Steve Roberts, Keith Topping, Caroline Symcox, Darin Henry, Scott Alan Woodard, Arne Starr, Arnold T. Blumberg, Jill Sherwin, Eric Hoffman

Feb 16-17 Hollywood Collectors Show, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net> Guests: Hallie Todd, Barbara Niven, Roger Craig, Kyle Chavarria, Janet Ann Gallow, Charlie Herbert, Anne Lockhart, Denny Laine, Spencer Davis, Roger Davis, Ben Murphy, Joy Lane, Patsy Barry, Hugh Chapman, Laura June Kenny, Paul Picerni, Abel Fernandez, Nicholas Georgiade, Bruce Gordon, Caryn Richman, Dean Butler, William Schallert

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/ci-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 Berkwitz, 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

Mar 9-11 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

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

May 4-5 CaliFur, Costa Mesa, California; Info: PO Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA, 92842-1958 Ph: 714-516-8143 <http://www.califur.com/info@califur.com>

May 18-20 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

May 24-28 Star Wars Celebration IV, Los Angeles, California; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave, #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.starwarscelebration.com/events@gencon.com>

Colorado

Feb 15-18 Genghis Con XXVIII, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 472664, Aurora, CO 80047-2664 Ph: 303-690-6054 <http://www.denvergamer.com/genghis/dgagames@aol.com>

District of Columbia

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

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

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

Idaho

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

Illinois

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>

Iowa

Feb 23-25 Gamicon Pi, 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>

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, Alice Krige, Keith DeCandido, Terri Osborne, Luna-C

May 3-6 Game Days, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9 Augusta Wood Court, Reisterstown MD 21136 Ph: 410-833-4395 <http://gamesday.gamesclubofmd.org/gcom@gamesclubofmd.net>

May 25-28 Balticon 41, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/balticoninfo@balticon.org> Guests: Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, Joe Bergeron

Massachusetts

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

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

May 18-20 Motor City Comic Con, Novi, Michigan; Info: 33228 West 12 Mile Road PMB#286, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/info@motorcitycomiccon.com>

May 25-28 MediaWest*Con 27, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm> mediawestcon@aol.com

Minnesota

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

Feb 16-18 Con of the North, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 20092, Bloomington, MN 55420 <http://www.conofthenorth.com/info@conofthenorth.org>

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.mnstf.org/minicon/request@minicon.mnstf.org> Guests: Charles de Lint, Charles Vess

Missouri

Feb 16-18 Visioncon, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/> junior@visioncon.net Guests: Gary Bedell, Diana Botsford, Mary Capps, Mike Cole, Fredd Gorham, Hollie Linn, Sean Parrack, Hank Reinhardt, Toni Weisskopf Reinhardt, Bradley H Sinor, Susan P Sinor, Mike Strain, Mike Worley

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 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

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/> magicalmooglee@yahoo.com Guests: Vic Mignogna

May 25-27 Conquest, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 <http://www.kacsffs.org/conquest/conquest.htm> conquest38@gmail.com Guests: Phyllis Eisenstein, Teddy Harvia, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Deb Geisler

Montana

May 25-28 MisCon 21, Missoula, Montana; Info: PO Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 Ph: 406-544-7083 <http://www.miscon.org/> Guests: Jay Lake, Myles Pinkney, James Ernest, Chuck Bordell, Patty Briggs, C. J. Cherryh, John Dalmás, Jane Fancher, Diana Pharaoh Francis, James Glass, Robin Walker, Parris ja Young

Nebraska

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

New Jersey

Feb 16-18 Monster-Mania Con, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 816 N. Delsea Drive, Doubletree Center #133, Glassboro, NJ 08028 <http://www.monstermania.net/> monstermania@hotmail.com Guests: Tobin Bell, Leigh Whannell, Shawnee Smith, Fred Dekker, Duncan Regehr, Andre Gower, Ashley Bank, Ryan Lambert, Tom Woodruff Jr, Emily Perkins, Caroline Munro, Ben Chapman, Vincent DiFate

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>

New York

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

North Carolina

Mar 9-11 Stellarcon 31, High Point, North Carolina; Info: Box I-1, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 <http://www.stellarcon.org/> info@stellarcon.org Guests: Jim Butcher, Ron McClung, Greg Stafford, Davey Beauchamp, Keith Brinegar, Marilyn Byerly, Dan Johnson, Paula Jordan, Kelly Lockhart, Steve Long, Lee Martindale, James Maxey, Jen McCollom, Karen McCollough, Diana McQueen, Greg Porter, Mike Pederson, John Ringo, James Roberts, Allen Wold, Laura Underwood

Ohio

Mar 30-Apr 1 Cinema Wasteland, Strongsville, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/> zombies@cinemawasteland.com

May 18-20 Mophicon, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 2045 Heathcliff Dr. #1A., Columbus, OH, 43209 <http://www.morphicon.org/> Guests: Steve Plunkett, Summer Jackson, Kitt Foxx

Pennsylvania

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

May 13-15 Tekkoshon, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 81514, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 <http://www.tekkoshon.com/> info@tekkoshon.com Guests: Greggo, Greg Ayres, Kyle Hebert, Caitlin Glass, Tiffany Grant, Matt Greenfield, Robert DeJesus, Emily DeJesus, Michael Gluck, Caffeine Angel Studios

Rhode Island

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

South Carolina

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

Tennessee

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

Texas

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

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

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

Utah

Feb 15-17 Life, the Universe and Everything, Provo, Utah; Info: LTUE, 3146 JKHB (English Department), Provo, UT 84602 <http://ltue.byu.edu/> Guests: Julie E. Czerneda, Gloria Skurzynski, Howard Tayler, Stacy Whitman, Ed Skurzynski, Michael R. Collings, Dr. Norman Peercy, Robert J. Defendi, James Dashner, Dan Willis, K.L. Morgan, Brandon Sanderson, Eric Swedin, Nancy Fulda, Ron Hammond, M. Brook West, Julia H. West, Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury, Jake Black, Lee Allred, David Glenn Anderson, Pat Castelli, Aleta Gregg, Charlene C. Harmon, Ruth Hanson, Rosemarie Howard, Helge Moulding

Vermont

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

Virginia

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

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/>

Wisconsin

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

May 25-28 WisCon 31, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 <http://www.wiscon.info/> concom31@wiscon.info Guests: Kelly Link, Laurie J. Marks

Australia

New South Wales

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

Victoria

Apr 6-9 Conquest, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 5318, Mordialloc VIC. AUST. 3195 <http://www.conquest.asn.au/> enquiries@conquest.asn.au

Canada

British Columbia

Mar 23-25 Creation, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/creatickets@creationent.com>

Manitoba

May 18-20 Keycon, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://www.keycon.org/> website@keycon.org Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta, L.A. Williams

Ontario

Feb 2-4 Pandemonium 24, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 202, Pickering, ON L1V 2R4 <http://www.realmsquest.org/pandemonium/pandemoniumcon@rogers.com>

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

Ireland

Mar 10-11 Phoenix Convention, Dublin, ; Info: c/o Yellow Brick Road, 8 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, Ireland <http://www.slovobooks.com/phoenix/phoenixconvention@yahoo.co.uk> Guests: Kim Newman, Ariel, Michael Carroll, Paul Cornell, Diane Duane, George Green, Paul Kearney, Conor Kostick, Oisín McGann, Juliet E McKenna, Ken MacLeod, Deborah J. Miller, Leah Moore, Peter Morwood, C E Murphy, John Reppion, John W Sexton, Colin Smythe, Charles Stros

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

Mar 31-Apr 1 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

May 4-7 Collectormania 11, Milton Keynes, England; Info: 2 Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes. Bucks, MK6 3DG. England Ph: +44 (0)1908 671138 <http://www.collectormania.com/> info@showmastersonline.com Guests: Michael Shanks, Avery Brooks, Goldie

May 12-14 Comic Expo, Bristol, England; Info: 230 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8ZN, United Kingdom Ph: +44(0) 117 924 4655 <http://www.comicexpo.net/> comicexpo@fsmail.net Guests: Kurt Busiek, Brian K. Vaughan, Jeph Loeb, Jean-Pierre Dionnet

May 18-20 Starfury - Breakout, London, England; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> SeanHarry@aol.com Guests: Robert Knepper

Scotland

Mar 16-18 Starfury - Serenity 4, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, Lodon W2 6LY Ph: +44 07930 319 119 <http://www.starfury.co.uk/> SeanHarry@aol.com Guests: Ron Glass, Jonathan Woodward, Christina Hendricks

Wales

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

Annual Campaign Report

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

Hello Everyone! Welcome to this issue's Annual Campaign Report which compiled from September and October MSRs taken from the 'Fleet Database. Quite a few Chapters had Halloween Parties and went Trick or Treating, but in the interest of space, they're not reflected here. As always we're looking for events which have actually happened and are indicative of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship throughout 'Fleet.

Region 1:

ISS DELIVERANCE participated in a Halloween Charity Bash, completed an AIDS Walk, Walk for Diabetes and Walk for Breast Cancer; SHUTTLE MARS is involved in NASA/JPL's Stardust Home Project; SS BENNU had a movie night; USS ALARIC is recycling aluminum and supporting the local Eliada Children's Home; USS APPOMATTOX celebrated their 5th Anniversary, attended Casino Night sponsored by the USS JAMESTOWN/USS MAAT/IKV Bat'Leth, are collecting coupons for their base in Germany, participated in the MDA Carnival and a local food pantry; USS ARMAGEDDON had a gaming day; USS ASGARD had an away mission to the Ohio Renaissance Festival; USS ATHENA met for dinner; USS BONAVENTURE celebrated Star Trek's 40th Anniversary; USS CHARLESTON celebrated their 14th Anniversary, added new members and descended upon the Riverbanks Zoo with Region 1 members from the RONALD E. McNAIR; the HOOD, the

INTREPID 2 and the CHARLESTON for some fun and fellowship; USS DRAGONS FURY donated food to a local West Virginia food bank; USS EXCALIBUR repeated manning the PBS 45/49 phones for the station's pledge drive – members also visited North Carolina and Tennessee and met up with some Tennessee away team members on their return trip to Ohio; USS GALLIFREY enjoyed Role Playing Games, worked on the T.B.H. Horror Film Project, and continued volunteer work at various community services; USS GLORY members jointed the USS INFERNO for an away mission to Maquis Gras and helped raise money for the convention's charity; USS HEIMDAL recruited a new Starfleet member, celebrated Star Trek's 40th Anniversary with a college professor who spoke on 40 Years of Boldly Going: Trek Academics & Popular Culture, was awarded a \$500 grant for charitable local organizations (the money was used to start a fund to send a local child or teen to Space Camp, and had a charity auction; USS HORNET formed an away team for the annual Greek Festival and filled 20 boxes for Samaritan's Purse and delivered them to the Billy Graham center in Charlotte; USS JAMESTOWN formed an away team to the USS APPOMATTOX's dinner, held an annual Charity Event "Quark's Casino" with the USS MAAT and IKV Bat'Leth raising money for the May Flower Marathon, collected toiletry items for the Soldiers in the Army CASH Hospital in Mosul, Iraq, collected stamps for the Stampede, collected

cans of food for the Food Bank, collected a large amount of coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project , were joined by members of the USS MAAT, USS CHESAPEAKE and ISS LORD ADMIRAL SCOTT, had an away team at the IKV Bat'Leth meeting, had a meeting at the Virginia Air and Space Center in Hampton and celebrated their 24th Anniversary; USS JURRASIC celebrated their 12th Anniversary, served as Volunteer Examiners for an amateur radio exam session, worked on the R1 quilt block project, collected coupons and stamps, made baby shawl, baby blankets, beanie and booties sets for the Children's Hospital, made afghans for The Golden Years Center for seniors, and a blanket for the Pregnancy Crisis Center , they also made dolls, collected Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels and pop can tabs; USS KITTY HAWK turned over 200 children's books and 100 records, video tapes, audio tapes and DVD's for children to a local church for delivery to another church which had their school vandalized and burned. The Latino children use the materials to help them learn English; USS LAGRANGE won Best Float in the Barbarton Labor Day Parade; USS LIBERATOR donated a large amount of coupons to the United Way; USS MAAT celebrated their 19th Anniversary with a build-it-yourself Mexican buffet and hosted Casino Night; USS MAELSTROM attended Casino Night hosted by the USS JAMESTOWN and USS MAAT; USS NIGHT STALKER crew is working diligently

on completing Starfleet Academy and Marine Academy courses and had a poker night; USS OHIO members attended the Canton Comic & SciFi Con, Barbarton Family Fun Night, Local Haunts Presentation, went on an away mission to the Yankee Peddler Festival, and visited a USS LAGRANGE meeting; USS PRIDE of SCOTLAND went to the Ky Bourbon Festival with SPACE STATION TESLA, donated videos to the YMCA After-School Program, donated magazines to local hospitals and donated items to Goodwill; USS RENEGADE members attended a lecture by Leonard Nimoy along with members of the OHIO, the LIBERATOR and the GALLIFREY, members also attended "Jesus Christ Superstar", had a Trek-A-Thon, and continues their projects of collecting coupons for their base in Germany, sending cancelled stamps to the Veteran's hospital in Arizona and sending "Care" packages to Troops overseas; USS REPRISAL held a bonfire; USS RONALD E. McNAIR donated money and had five members walk in breast cancer walk, had a car wash to raise money for the visit to the local Veteran's Hospital, sent coupons to the Schweinfurt, Germany Army post, went on an away mission to the Outer Banks in

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NC and the Okra Strut celebration, had a member complete a Starfleet Academy course, welcomed back a former member and joined the USS CHARLESTON, MFS INTREPID and USS HORNET at the Riverbanks Zoo to help celebrate the USS CHARLESTON'S 14th Anniversary; USS RUTLEDGE continues support activities of the US Armed Forces and their families via 'Operation Eagle'; USS STAR LEAGUE celebrated their 16th Anniversary and had a team walking for the juvenile diabetes walkathon; USS STAR RUNNER sent "care" packages to troops and handed out 65 bags of Halloween candy and toys at the local Boys Home of the South orphanage and assembled boxes for "Care" packages for Troops overseas; USS STARWARD FURY had a bad movie night; USS TYCHO prepared a library display case featuring Science Fiction and Science Fact, organized and hosted a Veteran's Day celebration, collected coupons for Troops overseas and sent an away team to "an evening with Casey Biggs"; USS WASP had a movie night; USS YEAGER had a game night.

Region 2:

ISS MacARTHUR played Role Playing Games and has members taking Starfleet Academy courses; USS ANDROMEDA had a fundraiser for the Museum of Science & Industry and attended Vulkan; SS DARK SILENCE STATION held a SciFi get-together night with the SHUTTLE BLUE SUN and held their annual Renaissance Faire Fundraiser; USS BLACKSTAR members attended the Spooky Empire Screamefest Convention; USS BLUE SUN enjoyed a Munchkin Card Tournament and attended the Renaissance Fair Fundraiser with SS DARK SILENCE STATION; USS DARK PHOENIX supported the University of Southern Mississippi College of Arts and Letters School of Music by attending a recital and a concert, attended the USS JUBILEE and USS ODYSSEY meeting, attended the USS HAISE BBQ cookout; USS CONTINUUM went on a camping trip; SS DARK SILENCE STATION attended the SHUTTLE BLUE SUN'S meeting as their Mothership liaison; USS BLACKSTAR had a video & game day and participated in the Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon; USS DAUNTLESS completed Starfleet Academy courses, attended Vulkan, and assisted USS MYRDDIN in raising money for the American Cancer Society; USS DaVINCI participated in the Help-the-Hooch River clean up picking up cans, bottles and other trash along the shore – everyone had a good, but exhausting time; USS GASPARILLA members attended a lecture by Eugene Kranz, former director of NASA's Mission Operations during the Apollo space program, secured permission to place Gasparilla bookmarks in Science Fiction books at Border's Books, attended a Krewe Gaming Night,

attended the Fall Gratitude Festival sponsored jointly by USS JUBILEE and USS NEW HOPE at Camp ASCCA, participated in Federation Day at the Museum of Science & Industry with at the invitation of the SHUTTLE ANDROMEDA and attended Vulkan where they socialized with other SFI chapters and independent clubs; USS GUARDIAN celebrated their 18th birthday and 40th Anniversary of Star Trek and attended Vulkan; USS HAISE welcomed a new recruit, participated in the Walk for Diabetes and received a certificate of appreciation from the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund which recognized their monetary contribution to the relief fund; USS HEPHAESTUS had a game night and a poker night; USS NEW HOPE had a member pass a Starfleet Academy course and several members attended a USS HEPHAESTUS game night; USS JUBILEE along with the USS NEW HOPE hosted the Fall Gratitude Festival, and held a uniform construction workshop; USS KHAI TAM held a garage sale; USS NEW HOPE hosted the Fall Gratitude Festival with previously mentioned chapters, and added a new member; USS PAEGAN had a movie outing; USS RELENTLESS welcomed 6 new members and did Adopt-A-Street cleanup; USS REPUBLIC shared a fan table at Time Gate IV, hosted a "Halloween Spooktacular" with a member of the ISS LEXINGTON in attendance, attended Dragon Con, attended one-hour TrekTrak programming events; USS ROBINS registered with the city's Chamber of Commerce; USS ROGUE PHOENIX attended the Klingon Feast, held a movie night, attended and/or volunteered at Oatland Island Medieval Festival, had RPG gaming, and had a bowling night; USS SPIRITWALKER member attended Fall Gratitude Festival and attended the Boffer Tournament; USS TIBERIUS attended Vulkan; USS TRIUMPH collected a large amount of coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project and continue collecting aluminum for recycling; USS WERNHER von BRAUN celebrated 40th Anniversary of Star Trek with a video party.

Region 3:

USS AURORA VULCANUS raised a large amount of coupons for their base in Japan and sent an away team to Wings Over Houston with one member working in communications; USS GUNSLINGER attended Star Trek Festival; USS JOAN of ARC had a recruiting table in a local bookstore and gave a birthday card signed by the crew to two birthday celebrants; USS LONE STAR prepared and served dinner at the local Ronald McDonald House; USS PALO DURO held their annual Holiday/Christmas Costume Party; USS REGULATOR raised money and collected useable goods for the Woman's Haven; USS RENAISSANCE members had an away mission to the Louisiana Renaissance; USS RHYANNA members walked for Susan G. Komen walk for the cure; USS SPIRIT WOLF held it's 8th Anniversary; USS THUNDERWOLF welcomed five new members; USS TRINITY RIVER has started their annual Food Drive and

kicked off the Dallas Toys for Tots collection; SS MAVERICK visited their Mothership USS PALO DURO for a Stargate party, attended the Cowboy Symposium, worked booths at the Panhandle South Plains Fair, enjoyed cookouts and movie nights; USS AURORA VULCANUS gathered a large amount of coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project; USS BEXAR away team went to the Region 3 outing with other chapters, continue to collect stuffed toys for the EMS Trauma Buddy Program and donate stuffed animals to the Red Cross, Fire Department and Police Department; USS FIREBIRD members are working on Starfleet Academy courses and assisted Harris County Pets; USS JOAN of ARC assisted with a member's jewelry table at Realms Con and had a poker night to raise operating funds for the ship; USS LONE STAR played pool and darts, watched Texas Tech football game, had a movie night, prepared and served dinner at Ronald McDonald house, and had a few members meet up with other Region 3 members for a day of shopping, touring historical sights, eating and visiting with friends; USS RENAISSANCE worked on Marine unit for Renaissance, had a joint meeting with the new shuttle starting in Baton Rouge; USS RHYANNA attended ARK ANGEL'S meeting; USS TAU'RI attended Alliance Air Show; USS TEJAS collecting pennies for "Mile of pennies", coupons for Humane Society and First Step, newspapers and aluminum cans for Wilbarger Humane Society and Wichita Humane Society; USS THUNDERWOLF volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, coordinating with the Marines for Toys for Tots; USS TRINITY RIVER held a 40th Anniversary of Star Trek episode viewing, attended FenCon III; USS VICTORY donated ten school backpacks filled with supplies to McDermott Elementary School, participated in the 26th Annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival raised money to assist a fellow member

Region 4:

ISS PEGASUS had a poker night and has an ongoing Pop Top Drive; SHUTTLE SILVER MOON participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and had members take Starfleet Academy courses; USS ANGELES members attended the R4 Conference and attended the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek and had an away mission to the Aquarium of the Pacific with the USS AHTENA, and had an away mission to Six Flags Magic Mountain; USS ANGELFIRE celebrated the birth of a new member and held a Texas Hold 'em tournament with all proceeds going to charity; USS CENTURION has members taking Starfleet Academy courses and is collecting pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald House; USS DRAGONS CUB is doing errands for the handicapped, collecting clothes and miscellaneous items for Hope House, are gathering toys for Toys for Tots, and Salvation Army, are collecting books, practicing Random Acts of Kindness and had an away mission with the cadets to the County Fair; USS EAGLE members attended SiliCon,

attended the regional conference and held their annual camping trip; USS GALLANT had a movie night; USS ONIZUKA members are gearing up for their annual home made cookie run for the 9 fire stations in Chico – at Christmas they do the same for the police departments, had an away mission for the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek; USS STORMBRINGER threw a party at Mile Hi Con in Denver to celebrate their 8th Anniversary, CO went to the USS ANGELES' annual Halloween party and to the Thunderbirds air show at Edwards Air Force Base, traveled to Salt Lake City for Mountain Con, attended Creaton's 40th Anniversary of Star Trek; USS TIKOPAI had a TV night viewing the Shatner roast, USS O'DARBY is working with local Star Trek clubs on joint efforts and welcomed Marine Captain Jason Cooper home from Iraq.

Region 5:

SHUTTLE ESCAPE POD had a Texas Hold'em night, had a Pirates game night, and attended the 13th Anniversary for the USS RUBICON; SHUTTLE THERMOPYLAE served as security at the Star Trek 40th Anniversary Gala, attended the USS RUBICON'S Anniversary party and in uniform passed out candy at the Halloween Candy Giveaway; USS CRUSADER held a quiet 40 year anniversary party, had a Monty Python Film Festival, for Halloween dressed in costumes and enjoyed playing pool, running remote controlled cars, card games, air hockey, ping-pong and darts as well as watching the big screen TV they are also sponsoring a family through the Wishing Star Foundation for Christmas; USS DESTINY collected coupons for military families over seas, had an Oregon Coast Beach Clean Up; USS RUBICON attended the Marine Muster in Burlington, is collecting coupons for the OCP, enjoyed a miniature golf outing, went on a camping trip, and celebrated their Anniversary.

Region 6:

SHUTTLE RIVERSIDE is participating in the Commandant Reading Challenge, collecting coupons for the OCP and had members complete Starfleet Academy courses; USS CZAR'AK members attended ValleyCon; USS FOX RIVER celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek; USS THUNDERBIRD conducted a highway pickup and celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek.

Region 7:

ISS LEXINGTON members are continuing working on the Marine Reading Program, are supporting sailors deployed on the USS EISENHOWER supported the USS STARLORD, USS AVENGER and USS CHALLENGER in a Diabetes Walk, participating in Operation Sailor at Sea with e-mail, letters and packages; ISS PHILADELPHIA attended USS MALVERN CO's wedding; SHUTTLE BRITANNIC members took a trip to the Hayden Planetarium and were joined by members of the USS SOVEREIGN and joined their mothership USS CHALLENGER

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at their Halloween party, sent a large coupon donation to the Air Force base in Osan Korea, celebrated Star Trek's 40th Anniversary, and made their first donation to the Overseas Coupon Project; SHUTTLE MAWSON members are presenting Starfleet to the people of Australia as part of the Ultimate SciFi Weekend, they are asking Starfleet members to send letters of good luck to the chapter to be placed in their conference handbook: go to www.shuttlemawson.com; USS ACCORD attended Watkins Glen Weekend, and recruited at the local comic book convention; USS ADAMANT celebrated their 10th Anniversary and welcomed the USS SOVERIGN and USS ASCENSION to the party, attended Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, members traveled to New York City to view Star Trek items on display at the Christies Exhibit, member participated in the auction and successfully bid on a DS9 model, members attended joint scary events with members of the USS ASCENSION and other Region 7 chapters, a costume contest was held with prizes given for the best; USS ALBANY played haunted mini-golf and visited two cornfield maizes, had bowling outings, had a team walking in a Heart Walk which brought in quite a lot of money, had an annual trip to Yankee Candle in Massachusetts, continue collecting coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project, attended Scottish Games weekend, helped at the MD Telethon, played miniature golf, attended the Garlic Festival; USS ARI celebrated Trek's 40th Anniversary, attended sporting events and America's Fair; USS ASCENSION attended the Christies Exhibit in New York, rode the Halloween Train with members of the USS ADAMANT, attended Region 7's halloween party along with members of the USS ADAMANT and USS SOVEREIGN, attended a convention in New Jersey, and attended ADAMANT's 10th Anniversary, had a movie night; USS ASIMOV is working on a new method for promotions for a member with special needs, and attended Watkins Glen Weekend; USS AVENGER attended Watkins Glen Weekend, participated in Juvenile Diabetes Walkathon, celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek; USS CHALLENGER attended spaghetti dinner fundraiser benefiting a local fire department, attended Halloween party along with member of the USS AVENGER and SHUTTLE BRITTANIC, attended wedding of two members, and attended Greek Festival; USS DeBRAAK members attended Chiller convention, are collecting coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project, and attended Mid-Atlantic Con; USS FLYING FOX members held an X-men marathon, attended the Renn Faire, attended a Celtic festival, and helped the Humane Society; USS INFERNO members completed Starfleet Academy courses, and attended Maquis Gras, took part in the recognition of service for New Orleans refugees at PNC Park; USS JAGUAR member worked on a revision of the 2006 Starfleet Membership Handbook and submitted it to the AB for review, member attended Star Trek's 40th Anniversary

Event; USS JUSTICE held their 10th Annual Operations Picnic, is conducting a drive to get items to send to servicemen in Iraq, attended the Star Trek Meet-Up attended New York Ren Faire, attended Star Trek 40th Anniversary Event; USS MATRIX celebrated Trek's 40th Anniversary; USS MALVERNE members attended the COs wedding; USS NIAGARA receiving donations for fallen NY Troopers; USS OSIRIS members attended a showing of 'Prestige'; USS RICHTHOFEN celebrated the wedding of fellow members; USS SOVEREIGN joined members of the SHUTTLE BRITTANIC for dinner attended a convention in Maryland and attended the Justice TOS celebration; USS STARLORD held a farewell sendoff for a member serving in Iraq, had a gaming night and attended/participated in a member's wedding; USS TOP GUN away team welcomed four new members, participated in Time Warp at the University Mall Theaters, journeyed to the MD renn faire, attended the wedding of fellow members, and did an open mike at PGCC.

Region 9:

USS EUROPE members held a Trivia game and are active in Second Life; USS VANGUARD members continues participating in online gaming and attended a Star Trek 2E CCG Constructed draft tournament as well as attended the Utopia Convention.

Region 10:

USSBONDAR was commissioned on September 17, 2006 and celebrated with visiting dignitaries from Victoria and continues their weekly Meat Raffle. The Charity bank account continues to grow from donations of recyclables from multiple sources including the USS MAJESTIC; USS CRYSTAL STAR worked with the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department to conduct a haunted trails; USS MAJESTIC had a movie night to watch X-men III and Over the Hedge; USS SOL had a TV night, watched the season premiere of Battlestar Galactica and celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Star Trek.

Region 12:

SHUTTLE DANIEL SOULE has started collecting coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project, and celebrated Star Trek's 40th Anniversary; SHUTTLE ROSEN member has become involved in online Star Trek simming; SHUTTLE ULTIMATUM had a chapter picnic; SS DEEP SPACE 12 went to a Civil War Reenactment; USS BORTAS held a cookout, and held a costume and prop Faire; USS CHICAGO members completed Starfleet Academy courses, kicked off a book sale fundraiser and had a Labor Day BBQ; USS CLAYMORE is conducting fund-raising for Iraqi children; USS HELLFIRE & BRIMSTONE attended a political rally, are recycling and collecting stamps for the OCP, and went to see "The Illusionist"; USS HEXUM members continue recycling and collecting cancelled stamps, members attended ARCHON and mourned the passing of Larry Smith; USS

HORIZON members had dinners together, had a movie night, continues to collect OCP coupons, stamps for the Stampede, and items for recycling had an away mission to St. Louis for the Greek Festival and Japanese Festival, went to Kansas City for the Ren Fest, attended Pirate's Festival; USS JEANNETTE MADDOX celebrated their 14th Anniversary and Star Trek's 40th Year then watched original episodes; USS MORNING STAR's CO cut her hair and donated it to Locks of Love, members fed a full meal to 91 needy individuals, recycled items for Food for the Poor, made a food box for a local needy family, attended symposium on recycling and waste management, sent coupons to their base in Sicily, collected BC UPCs, Campbell's labels and cancelled stamps and is collecting items for Humane Society Garage Sale and helped with annual Fund Raiser for local Food Bank/Family Counseling Center; USS PHOENIX was interviewed about Star Trek: The Original Series on a local talk show which was also in attendance by members of the USS HORIZON, had movie night; USS ROYAL SOVERIGN sent an away team to local Renaissance Festival and monthly gaming night; USS SUNFLOWER is collecting coupons; USS TROUBADOUR is knitting watch caps for the people in homeless shelters; USS UMIK members attended Archon 30; USS WILLIAM WALLACE met up with the TULSA contingent of the crew at the Oklahoma Scottish Games, assisted in the Highland Dancing

Region 13:

USS BANTING had an away team mission to Westfield Historical Village for their Anne of Green Gables Day; USS EMPRESS walked in a Breast Cancer Walkathon and is collecting for holiday charities; USS HADFIELD celebrated their 5th Anniversary, viewed a 3-D movie, attended a street festival, and attended the NIAGARA Pool Party; USS WHITE STAR held their 9th Anniversary dinner and held a recruiting event at local HobbyFest..

Region 14:

USS MAGELLAN is acting as mothership for a shuttle.

Region 15:

SS IAN FLEMING has a new shuttle the USS CUMBERLAND, attended the monthly meeting of the USS ARES; USS ARES attended a huge SciFi show in Toronto, a team has been going to Unit HQ to help get ready for their show; USS ATLANTIS welcomed 6 members from the AVALON; USS CUMBERLAND launched with a celebration at The Stadium; USS GALAXY attended witches dungeon; USS KASIMAR is coordinating their yearly efforts benefiting the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots Mission, they also continue collecting a large amount of coupons for the OCP and participated in the Diabetes Walk-a-Thon; USS NELSON has broken the \$200,000.00 level in their participation in the OCP and is listed on the OCP website as the #1 Starfleet chapter in

donations, and members are taking Starfleet Academy courses; USS O'BANNON had a Star Wars RPG night, a yard sale, a movie night, and donated yard sale "leftovers" to the Salvation Army, they also delivered 311 personal hygiene items to Caring Unlimited, a shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence, had a poker night and collected 272 books for the local children's literacy program. The O'BANNON was honored by the York County Shelters as an outstanding contributor.

Region 17:

USS ALIOTH held a costume party which was attended by costumed kids and adults, they also invited prospective members with children and had a yard sale to raise funds for the United Way Sub for Santa, all money goes to purchase presents for the program; USS ANASAZI crew attended the X-Prize Cup with members from the USS TOMAHAWK and are preparing for the annual Toys for Tots drives; USS MIR had a scary movie night and ate Halloween junk food; USS MOONTYPE members attended the 38th Annual Mile Hi Con which showcases Science Fiction and Fantasy authors and artists, had a relaxed time visitin with guest stars at the second annual Mountain Con with featured guest Bjo Trimble; USS OMEGA GLORY members participated in a bicycle ride, game days, a hike and murder mystery night they also attended Mile Hi Con, Star Trek Meet-Up, took a CPR/First Aid Class and took part in the ARES 24 Face-to-Face; USS PIONEER had a Taste of Colorado outing, movie outing, BBQ for Labor Day, Poker day, visit to Denver Zoo, and Mountain Con; USS TIBURON enjoyed Tuesday Night Tactical (TNT) which allows members and friends to get online and play games; USS TOMAHAWK attended the X-Prize Cup with members of the USS ANASAZI; USS WIND SPIRIT had a scary meeting which resulted in kids and adults both getting tricks along with treats.

Region 20:

ISS SARATOGA had their 2nd Big Breakfast / PJ day where members enjoyed a full English breakfast in their PJs, they attended the launch party of the ISS SHADOWPHAX and are working out the design of their Imperial jumpsuits. On a sadder note, the SARATOGA bid a fond farewell but not goodbye, to one of their founding members who left the UK and returned to the USA; ISS SHADOWPHAX welcomed the crew of the ISS SARATOGA to share their Halloween day launch party; USS ALBION had a skype meeting; USS SILVERWOLF welcomed new members and has a member at Starfleet Academy.

After Action Report: USS Stormbringer's 8th Annual Halloween Anniversary Party

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On October 31st, 1998, the USS Stormbringer was commissioned into STARFLEET as a Correspondence Chapter of the Line. October 31st, 2006 marked eight years of "Partying the Final Frontier"™ and we held up to our unofficial motto with the usual craziness that you have come to expect from the cast and crew.

Eight years marked many changes in our chapter and the way we do business. For one, we have started having a series of face to face get togethers, the largest being at StarFest in Denver, Colorado which occurs the 3rd weekend of April each year. For the last 5 years members of the Stormbringer and friends have traveled from all across the USA and Canada to come play Star Trek with us. These gatherings started rather informally and as time went by and our reputation grew, we now bill this as our Annual Ship Meeting and Party Weekend. We have expanded this schedule to now include quarterly gatherings of the crew; one each in the spring, summer, winter and autumn.

The Autumn one centers around our anniversary as a chapter and this year we had a convention, MileHi Con, fall on the same weekend as our party, so in true Stormbringer fashion, we decided to take the party on the road...

The Good...

The Stormbringer helped the Klingon House Vampyr host their annual party at the convention and we were welcomed with open arms and full goblets of bloodwine. Our new costuming guild "Clan Stormbringer" made an appearance with four members donning leather "Techno-Armor" complete with special effects and "Blacklightsabers" that were painstakingly upgraded by our electronics guru, Nathan Tierney. Nathan replaced all the LEDs in the Master Replicas Lightsabers with high intensity UV LEDs. Great for parties, raves and even scorpion detection!

The Bad ...

At midnight, we toasted the Stormbringer's anniversary and the third anniversary of Gumby and Frances Simmons, who were married on the anniversary of the ship in 2003. Toasts and toasts and more toasts... please pass the jelly (shots)!

The Ugly...

During the course of the evening, over 100 folks subjected themselves to the madness that is Stormbringer – and at the end of the night we even inducted three new members into the ranks of the chapter and STARFLEET. While some chapters staff tables for recruiting at conventions, we throw parties. We have found this to be our little niche in fandom. We have found that potential members are easier to recruit when you show them your chapter in action... plus feeding them a few drinks also helps! I tell ya, this IS the way to recruit new members!

Costumes...

In addition to the armor for Clan Stormbringer, we ducked out halfway through the party to make a costume change. This time it was for another element of our club... the Battlestar Stormbringer. For those of you wondering, the Stormbringer has many aspects and outlets for our members to enjoy:

The USS Stormbringer (STARFLEET)
The Battlestar Stormbringer (Colonial Defense Forces)
The ISD Stormbringer (501st and Imperial Forces Star Destroyer)
The IKV Stormbringer (Friends of the Klin),
BarGate SG-69 (SGC Chapter Affiliation)
Clan Stormbringer (Medieval TechnoKnights for Ren Faires, SCA and Camarilla)

One name, many options... IDIC at its finest.

Night of the Living Red Shirts...

We announced that Stormbringer Films will be doing a Star Trek/Zombie Parody Short! We're in the process of producing Red Shirt Diaries and will utilize costumes, set pieces and props from that for this light zany spoof of Romero's classic. Look for it soon!

Photos and Evidence...

There are photos online from the weekend at www.bsg69.com. Nobody was injured this time and no cops came to shut us down even though there were rumors of such. All warrants and legal wranglings should be directed to our legal department at getalife@sfi.org

The Day After...

A much deserved rest for our Colorado Crew who hosted yet another blowout party. We chilled around the StormCellar and watched movies on the projector and plotted our battle strategy for the upcoming New Years Eve party, StarFest 2007 and of course, Dragon*Con 2007!

In the Future...

Stormbringer will be hosting even more events over the next year such as the StarFest 2007 in Denver, the Annual Summer Bash at the end of July, a BIG party at IC07 many, many more.

Stay tuned for more information and don't touch that dial!

We'd love to have you come to Denver and attend. Many have... so should you! Contact me at gumbysan@hotmail.com for details and arrangements.

Until then...

Partying the Final Frontier...

Admiral Gumby
Executive Officer
USS Stormbringer

