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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to a new edition of the CQ and CQO (*Communiqué Online*)! Many thank to those of you who left a feedback about the new layout. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, although there are of course areas that need improvement.

Since this is a new "playground" for me as well, there will be a lot of trial and error, and I need to know from you as the readers what works best.

The main critique point of the printed CQ is the lack of readability of some articles and the quality of the print in general. While there is not much we can do about the quality of the printed matter, I can definitely avoid fonts that will bring tears to your eyes.

The same applies to the font color of the CQO: In my effort to keep the appearance of the LCARS as authentic as possible, legibility has suffered quite a bit and consequently, I have changed it to a more eye-friendly "beige" to increase the contrast. So hopefully, you will be able to appreciate your future newsletters with less headaches. BTW, have you tried out the interactive features of the CQO? Please refer to CQO #146 for details.

In case someone is interested to know what kind of software I use to create the CQ and CQO, here are some behind-the-scenes info.

I'm a huge fan of OpenSource programs and use them whenever feasible. Please notice the word "feasible," ie. I'm not a fanatic user and admit that if a program does not meet my needs and hinders productivity, I will resort to commercial products.

The CQ and CQO have been created with **Scribus 1.3.3.x** (http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=125235), and the LCARS graphics with **Inkscape 0.46** (http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=93438). Although they both have their own little quirks, they have served me very well in the past when I was the Editor-in-Chief for our ship's newsletter (the "*Comm Link*"). Scribus' undo functions for example are rather rudimentary, but then again, I don't use them as much either.

There's one major advantage of using OSS (Open-Source software): Project files can be transferred easily to another person without the need of purchasing a separate software license. This has proven to be true especially in my case when I stepped down as the

ship's Editor-in-Chief.

So if anyone of you is planning on getting their hands wet in the desktop publishing arena or simply need a program to create the club's newsletter, go ahead and give Scribus a try.

For my graphics purposes, Inkscape has been a tremendous asset to me. It is a vector-oriented program similar to CorelDRAW or Adobe Illustrator. The GUI (graphics user interface) is very intuitive, and it took me only a few hours to understand the basics and create the LCARS interface. The creation of ship logos was not difficult either with the help of its powerful layer functions. And typical with OSS, there are plenty of documentations and forums out there that can help you when you are stuck somewhere.

A final word to article submissions: Please be so kind to include personal information and a mugshot of yourself as outlined in the Submission Guidelines!

That's it for this month, and I'm looking forward to your feedbacks!

LCDR Prasith Kim-Aun, DMD
STARFLEET Communiqué Editor-in-Chief

STARFLEET Communiqué (CQ) Submission Guidelines

These guidelines have been established to protect the interest of all members and the integrity of the CQ. You will automatically agree and adhere to the following terms when you submit your article.

1. Content

- 1.1 The CQ is read by a wide audience all over the world. Hence, keep your language professional. As STARFLEET officers, you are expected to meet high standards!
- 1.2 No pictures that contain offensive material! Although cultural standards differ vastly, we need to find common grounds where everyone is happy.
- 1.3 No political talk about matters that are not STARFLEET-related! There are other more appropriate forums to share your opinions about the Gulf War, the President, Senator XYZ etc.
- 1.4 No religious talk! STARFLEET follows Gene Roddenberry's vision of IDIC (infinite diversity in infinite combinations). Believe in what you think is right and do not offend people with your opinion.
- 1.5 No personal attacks! There is a fine line between

constructive criticism and personal attacks! Use sound judgment to walk the line!

1.6 No advertisement of commercial products! If the overall tone of your article supports the impression that you are doing advertisement for a product, it will not be published.

1.7 Copyrighted materials: By submitting your article, you automatically confirm that you are the copyright holder and have not infringed on anyone else's copyright. Furthermore, you automatically give us permission to publish your text and will hold us harmless by doing so.

1.8 The decision about the appropriateness of any article is final. The CQ staff reserves the right to refuse and return any article for modification.

1.9 Due to limited amount of space, not all articles can be published. In the same context, not all photos can be used either.

1.10 Articles will be published according to relevance and current events. New authors will receive special attention.

2. Checklist

- 2.1 Do NOT embed your pictures in your articles, rather send them separately as attachments.
- 2.2 Use high quality pictures. Resolutions around

800x800 and above are preferred. Quality is much better when downscaling pictures than vice versa. Please mention the name of the photographer.

2.3 No need to format your text. The formatting (such as any fancy fonts) will be lost in the layout process.

2.4 If you are sending several emails pertaining to your same article, please use the SAME topic name for your emails as well. This facilitates filtering and assigning documents from various authors.

2.5 Last but not least, always include:

- your last and first name
- your rank
- your position in STARFLEET or your chapter
- other positions you may hold
- name of your ship and its vessel registration number
- region number, state, and country
- your achievements or awards in order of importance, ie. list your most significant achievement first. If your list is too long, it will be capped pending available space.





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Greetings fellow members!

What an exciting time it has been since issue 146. There have been so many things that have transpired and come into being that I hardly know where to begin. Let's start with the CQ delays.

CQ 145

This issue came out in its prescribed timeframe, but at the very end of it. This was our first issue and we were still learning about the whole process. There were many speed bumps along the way but thanks to many folks we were able to get it out the door. We did learn however that the printer did not print up the required number of issues and we were short by about 200 issues. We are still looking into that and trying to get the remaining issues printed.

CQ 146

We actually had this one ready to go reasonably early, but there were some miscommunications with the printer as well as some confusion about the poll insert that caused the delay that actually had its release a few days after its prescribed timeframe. Also, this was our first issue that we actually didn't have enough submissions to fill the minimum required amount of pages from the printer. We had to scramble to fill pages and that also delayed us a bit. Many thanks to the mailing crew under PJ Trotters' helm on this issue.

CQ 147 (in your hands)

Both our editor, Prasith Kim-Aun and I had some pressing personal issues that distracted us on this issue. Largely though this issue's delivery also suffered from lack of submissions and we were unable for a while to fill the minimum amount of pages until the last second. There was also some confusion on my part about some requests by the CS for an issue of the CQ where we had just discussed CQ 147 and he requested an extension for IC08 reports and I thought we were still talking about CQ 147, when in fact Sal Lizard was referring to CQ 148. That is entirely my fault and I'll explain why in a minute.

Let's talk now about CQ submission deadlines. I have addressed this many times on the various email lists but it appears there is still some confusion about the deadlines.

The deadlines by default for each issue always fall on the 5th of each ODD numbered month. That means the 5th of January, March, May, July, September and November respectively. Now, if you

think you have missed the deadline or know that you have, just send an email to comms@sfi.org or to comms_cq@sfi.org and ask if we can squeeze it in. Nine times out of ten we can and actually need additional content.

Sometimes for one reason or another the deadline is extended for whatever reason for a few days and we will always try our best to announce that ahead of time if circumstances permit. Now, it is not necessary (or desired) for you to wait until the day of the deadline to send your submission. Send it as early as you want with a note saying "Hi! This is for CQ issue ###." This makes it more trying for us to do the layout for the issue when we get all the submissions at once and it can be quite overwhelming.

Now, as for the personal distractions I mentioned earlier. Back in October of 2007, my wife, an active duty US Soldier, approached me and informed me that her unit was deploying to the sand box. I let this sink in for about a week then I called Sal and informed him. Mind you this was still a full month before the election for CS. I told him that the possibility was VERY strong that I may have to step down at some point in the future due to situations that arise connected to a soldier being deployed to war. I also told him that I wouldn't be upset if he wanted to replace me at that point before the election to avoid just such an event.

As fate has it, my life has become quite overwhelming in the last couple of months as I predicted it may because of events tied to my wife's deployment. Not the least of which is the phone call I received that informed me that she had been injured. Now some members are aware of the exact details of her injury and I will not go into them here, but I will say that the wound was superficial and she returned to regular duty inside of a week. Even though her wound was not dire, it still put a lot of things into perspective for me and I let it affect many aspects of my personal life that I was unaware of until recently. I am sure that most if not all of you can understand my decision.

So it is with a heavy heart that I tell you all that I have to step down to focus on being a husband of a deployed soldier and a father to her children. I called Sal and informed him of my decision and said I would allow him 30 days to find a replacement. I will not walk completely away however. I will be stepping into the role of Assistant Editor of the CQ to give Prasith some much needed backup to make sure we fiercely overcome the obstacles in the future that I was unable to help him with because of all the extraneous duties that being the COC entails. We are trying fervently to

get the CQ transitioned into a magazine style format and I want to see that and the next volume of Stellar Visions come to fruition.

If anyone is interested in being my replacement send a fleet and professional resume to cs@sfi.org.

That being said, we are also STILL trying to fill out the staff of the CQ. Another large contributor to delay of publication is the fact that currently it has been just the editor and myself doing all the work. We have put out several requests for help, but all positions yet to be filled.

We need first and foremost copy editors who will go through the submissions and make sure the grammar and spelling are corrected before being dropped into the layout for the issue. We would also like to have some on staff writers to cover local and regional events of interest as well as other Trek/Sci-fi events of interest or even any item of chapter or member interest. Sort of a rejuvenation of the Starfleet Press Corps so to speak.

If you are interested in staffing the CQ, send an email with a fleet and professional resume to comms_cq@sfi.org or to comms@sfi.org.

All my best to all of you and it has been quite a ride and my most humble apologies that I can not continue as the COC. Here is my last signature as COC.

Sincerely,

Commodore (soon to be captain) Peter Christian
Chief of Communications
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Farewell.



Poll Results

In CQ 146, there was a printed version of a poll that had been online for two months. When the printed poll went out in CQ 146 the online version was closed. We lost a few of the poll inserts in the mail as fate has it, but here are the results of the poll.

Commodore Peter Christian
Chief of Communications

Officer's Code of Conduct / Membership Rights Survey

1. I think the Officer's Code of Conduct is unenforceable.

Strongly Disagree	18.0%
Disagree	28.1%
No opinion/Unsure	13.2%
Agree	23.2%
Strongly Agree	17.5%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

2. The Officer's Code of Conduct is specific enough to hold members accountable for their actions.

Strongly Disagree	13.6%
Disagree	21.9%
No opinion/Unsure	11.4%
Agree	40.4%
Strongly Agree	12.7%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

3. The Admiralty Board should create policy when the Constitution is unclear.

Strongly Disagree	6.6%
Disagree	13.6%
No opinion/Unsure	11.4%
Agree	50.4%
Strongly Agree	18.0%

If no, who should clarify? Yes or no, are there any areas to focus on clarifying? 56

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

4. The Admiralty Board should create policy when the Handbook is unclear.

Strongly Disagree	7.0%
Disagree	12.7%
No opinion/Unsure	10.5%
Agree	53.5%
Strongly Agree	16.2%

If no, who should clarify? Yes or no, are there any areas to focus on clarifying? 47

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

5. I believe members should be held accountable for their actions.

Strongly Disagree	2.2%
Disagree	0.9%
No opinion/Unsure	3.9%
Agree	41.7%
Strongly Agree	51.3%

If yes, what are some steps you think FLEET should take against members who cause problems? 108

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

6. I believe the Officer's Code of Conduct is confusing.

Strongly Disagree	28.5%
Disagree	44.3%
No opinion/Unsure	12.7%
Agree	7.9%
Strongly Agree	6.6%

What parts need clarification? 31

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

7. I believe the Officer's Code of Conduct is outdated.

Strongly Disagree	27.6%
Disagree	34.2%
No opinion/Unsure	14.5%
Agree	16.2%
Strongly Agree	7.5%

Why or why not? If yes, what parts need updating? 47

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

8. I believe the Officer's Code of Conduct should be re-written.

Strongly Disagree	22.4%
Disagree	31.6%
No opinion/Unsure	20.6%
Agree	18.0%
Strongly Agree	7.5%

Why or why not? If yes, what would you like to see (or not see) in a re-written code of conduct? 59

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

9. I believe the Officer's Code of Conduct is a valid set of rules.

Strongly Disagree	10.1%
Disagree	14.0%
No opinion/Unsure	9.6%
Agree	46.9%
Strongly Agree	19.3%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

10. I believe the Officer's Code of Conduct should be removed from STARFLEET documents.

Strongly Disagree	51.8%
Disagree	27.6%
No opinion/Unsure	9.6%
Agree	3.9%
Strongly Agree	7.0%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

11. I believe STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association Inc. is not consistent in enforcing its own rules.

Strongly Disagree	2.6%
Disagree	3.9%
No opinion/Unsure	25.0%
Agree	39.5%
Strongly Agree	28.9%

Do you have any examples? 76

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

12. I would feel better about STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association Inc. if it had a procedure for dealing with conflict between members.

Strongly Disagree	6.6%
Disagree	9.2%
No opinion/Unsure	17.5%
Agree	46.1%
Strongly Agree	20.6%

Why or why not? If yes, what would you like to see in these procedures? 93

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

13. Chapter Commanding Officers should be responsible for the actions of their members.

Strongly Disagree	14.9%
Disagree	26.8%
No opinion/Unsure	14.5%
Agree	32.5%
Strongly Agree	11.4%

Why or why not? If yes, how should this be enforced?

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

14. Regional Coordinators should be responsible for the actions of the Chapters in their region.

Strongly Disagree	13.6%
Disagree	25.0%
No opinion/Unsure	17.5%
Agree	33.3%
Strongly Agree	10.5%

Why or why not? If yes, how should this be en-



forced? 101

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

15. STARFLEET Headquarters should get involved if violations of the Officer's Code of Conduct is violated and COs and Rcs don't act upon the violation.

Strongly Disagree	10.1%
Disagree	10.1%
No opinion/Unsure	13.2%
Agree	46.9%
Strongly Agree	19.7%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

16. Chapter Commanding Officers, Regional Coordinators, and STARFLEET Headquarters should all work together to protect the rights of all members.

Strongly Disagree	1.8%
Disagree	1.3%
No opinion/Unsure	4.4%
Agree	33.3%
Strongly Agree	59.2%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

17. Chapter Commanding Officers, Regional Coordinators, and STARFLEET Headquarters upon learning of a violation of the Officer's Code of Conduct should act with all due haste to correct the violation and hold individuals accountable as necessary.

Strongly Disagree	7.5%
Disagree	11.0%
No opinion/Unsure	10.5%
Agree	43.0%
Strongly Agree	28.1%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

18. I would support a change to the Constitution to allow for immediate action to protect the rights of members.

Strongly Disagree	9.2%
Disagree	7.9%
No opinion/Unsure	16.2%
Agree	39.9%
Strongly Agree	26.8%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

19. I would support a change to the Constitution to specifically outline punitive measures for violations of the Officer's Code of Conduct or the Constitution.

Strongly Disagree	10.1%
Disagree	10.1%
No opinion/Unsure	12.3%

Agree	46.1%
Strongly Agree	21.5%

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

20. I don't believe that STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association can protect the rights of its members.

Strongly Disagree	17.1%
Disagree	29.4%
No opinion/Unsure	32.0%
Agree	12.3%
Strongly Agree	9.2%

Why or why not? 96

(answered question: 228; skipped question: 0)

21. Is there anything else you'd like STARFLEET to know about your opinion on the topics of membership rights or the Officer's Code of Conduct?

Answered question: 105
Skipped question: 123

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

22. I believe that the Lizard/Halverson administration cares about members.

Strongly Disagree	7.2%
Disagree	5.9%
No opinion/Unsure	27.6%
Agree	36.2%
Strongly Agree	23.1%

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

23. I believe that the Lizard/Halverson administration deserves the support of the members.

Strongly Disagree	4.1%
Disagree	5.4%
No opinion/Unsure	14.9%
Agree	46.2%
Strongly Agree	29.4%

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

24. I believe that the Lizard/Halverson administration makes good decisions regarding the direction of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association Inc.

Strongly Disagree	8.1%
Disagree	7.7%
No opinion/Unsure	42.5%
Agree	26.2%
Strongly Agree	15.4%

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

25. I believe that the Lizard/Halverson administration makes fair decisions regarding the direction

of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association.

Strongly Disagree	5.9%
Disagree	9.0%
No opinion/Unsure	40.3%
Agree	29.9%
Strongly Agree	14.9%

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

26. I will be renewing my membership in STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association.

Definitely not	3.2%
Probably not	3.6%
Maybe/Don't know	12.7%
Probably yes	23.1%
Definitely yes	57.5%

Why or why not? 107

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

27. I would recommend membership in STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association to my friends and family.

Definitely not	8.6%
Probably not	8.6%
Maybe/Don't know	16.7%
Probably yes	29.0%
Definitely yes	37.1%

Why or why not? 84

(answered question: 221; skipped question: 7)

28. Is there anything else you would like STARFLEET to know about its general direction or the performance of the current administration?

Answered question: 102
Skipped question: 126





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The Double-Edged Sword(s)

Been on the Internet-based discussion lists lately? There are two of them, the “unofficial” list and the “official” list. Many folks have asked why I started the “official” list (SFI-L) when the same functionality existed in the “unofficial” list. The simplest answer is because there needs to be an “official” list or the “unofficial” list can’t exist – if there is only one list, it becomes the “de facto” list for STARFLEET. The “official” list also gives STARFLEET some control over who gets the information regarding our organization and the deportment of the list participants. There is a lot of email traffic there and some pretty good discussions have appeared. I want the list to serve STARFLEET members and I would like to see it flourish beyond the 168 members who are currently subscribed to it. Communications in any relationship is very important, and there is a relationship between STARFLEET’s leadership and its members. So I see the SFI-L as a great source of input, discussion and understanding between STARFLEET and its members.

The obvious question then becomes, “If I see this as such a great tool for communicating and I think that communication is such a great thing, why am I not participating on it more than I am?” The simple answer is that I don’t have the time to be there all of the time and I refuse to allow the list to become a distraction when I am trying to resolve some of the issues of STARFLEET. It’s a double-edged sword.

I did the math one day and considered that there are around 3650 members in STARFLEET and about 168 members subscribed to the “official list”. That figures to be about 4% of the STARFLEET members currently listed as active in our database. And when you figure that only about 20% of them are posting, the percentage drops further! Some will state that I don’t think that the discussion list members matter, some would say that I am saying that I don’t have the time to be the Commander, STARFLEET. I prefer to believe that the needs of the 3650 outweigh the needs of the 168. I was elected, not by a majority of the votes (as Maxwell Smart would say, “Missed it by that much!” (or eight votes, if I remember correctly)), and only about a third of STARFLEET’s membership took part in the elect, but I still won and I believe that I was elected to serve all 3650 – not just those who voted for me, or the 168 on the list, or the 20 or so who are most “vocal” on the official discussion list. It’s a double-edged sword.

One of the reasons that the “official” list was set up was because STARFLEET members asked for it. Some expressed that they were tired of the fact that STARFLEET members could not be held accountable

by STARFLEET for their attacks and behavior towards their fellow members while participating in an unofficial venue. Others just thought it was a good idea to discuss STARFLEET business without the influence of those who are no longer in STARFLEET or have no desire to join. The new official list is under the jurisdiction of STARFLEET and what happens there is subject to STARFLEET disposition. Have we achieved harmony there? Nope. It is still very much a “Wild West” environment there with some folks taking “shots” at others but it is evolving. Some people are getting moderated and I’ve even temporarily banned someone for their words but we are still working on balancing the membership responsibilities with their need to discuss their issues. It’s a double-edged sword.

Speaking of the member responsibilities, some people still want all of the rights but don’t want to recognize their membership responsibilities. As I said before, it’s a relationship. The rights are given to the members by STARFLEET and the responsibilities are what the members give to STARFLEET. The handbook says that the responsibilities are “equally as important” as the rights but there are certain members who argue for all of their rights and “poo-poo” the responsibilities. Our handbook states it. It’s a double-edged sword.

I really feel that most members believe that the Code of Conduct can and should be enforced – as is. But many only want to recognize “the code” when it suits them. Take a peek inside the archives of the SFI-L and you’ll see members stating that the Code of Conduct is unenforceable but later they will say that I or members of our EC have violated it and suddenly it becomes an issue. You can’t have it both ways – it’s a double edged sword.

Being the CS of STARFLEET has its own double-edged sword. I really wish to serve the membership as the Commander but there are only so many hours in each day. Serving as the CS is an unpaid position and I was aware that I would be giving up a considerable amount of time to meet the needs of the people but I don’t think anyone expects me to give up all of my time for it. I think that it is reasonable for me to save a little back for work, family, community, and fun. I easily devote more than 30 hours a week to STARFLEET and it’s a matter of time management.

Recently, I have been criticized for hiring a “high-priced attorney” to review our governing documents and make recommendations to bring us into “compliance” with laws and business practices appropriate for our organization. I have been criticized for spending the money but some of my critics have also asked

that I go back to the attorney for particular cites and opinions when doing so would create additional expenditures. During the campaign, several people brought up the need to hire professional help. Some believe that we should be outsourcing membership processing, some believe we should outsource our newsletter, some think we should hire a CPA, and some think that we need an attorney for tax and other legal issues – but no one wants to pay for these services, apparently! So far, our CFO is on top of the tax issues, membership processing is performing well and we are getting out our Communiqués. I decided that the governing documents was our biggest problem, right now, and hired a law firm that specializes in non-profit corporations. It seemed like the prudent thing to do and we have discovered just how much we need to work on correcting our documents. But, to get the professional advice we needed, we had to pay. It’s a double-edged sword.

In STARFLEET, we generally put together committees when we want to get something done. Sometimes, these committees don’t accomplish their task and “die” from lack of participation. Those committees are typically made up of the same formula: “Two from Column A (The AB), two from column B (The EC), a couple members at large and maybe “a staffer” or two.” Regardless of the outcome, committees have historically taken a long time to accomplish their task. Ever hear the expression, “It takes forever to get the EC or AB to get anything accomplished”? I actually am quite proud of how quickly the Executive Committee has been performing. Last year, the ECAB resolved to create an election reform committee, which didn’t accomplish anything and “died”. Nothing got done in election reform and yet, I am criticized for not creating a constitution reform committee.

I asked Gary Halverson, as the VCS, to get to work writing a new constitution that would clean up the vulgarities of our existing document and put in some “teeth” for dealing with those who choose to break the rules, once established. Gary pulled in his Chief of Staff and his policy advisor to help. Then two others sent an email asking if they could help with the constitutional reform and they were signed on. This then became a “secret committee”. Ladies and gentlemen of STARFLEET, I ran on a platform of constitutional change, I got elected (I hope) because of my plans for constitutional change. Why is it a surprise that I started working on constitutional change?

To my knowledge, there is nothing in our governing documents that says that I, or Gary, or any member of the EC, or the AB or “Joe (or Jane) Member” can’t sit down at anytime and begin re-writing any document in STARFLEET with the idea of presenting it to



the AB for eventual member vote. The fact is that committees sometimes fail, and often move slowly whereas a group of determined and motivated individuals can get a "first draft" done and ready for presentation far quicker than a committee might. And after the committee gets done, it still needs to go before the AB and the membership for a vote, just as in this case.

Change doesn't come easily. And change doesn't come about without some "growing pains". I believe that our first year is going to require the EC and the AB to work together with the membership to bring about those changes necessary to ensure our future

growth. I believe that we must get past the "us versus them" mentality and try to work together to "make it so." Do I expect it to happen? Not for those who are threatened by those changes. Not by those in groups that want to continue to manipulate the politics of STARFLEET and influence the Commander, STARFLEET. For this reason, I expect more hurdles and an escalation of the threats to remove me from office. And, while I realize that, at the time I wrote this, I am only about 125 days into my administration, so far from three regional summits, I have received tremendous support for my actions thus far and for those of the Executive Committee. It's a double-edged sword.

I hope that I have your support, too. Please don't hesitate to write me or send me an email with your thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,



FADM Sal Lizard
Commander, STARFLEET



1508-01-15



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ACHIEVEMENTS:

VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The Dream in Action!

STARFLEET Values: Respect. Integrity. Diversity. Fun

Our organization's existence is based on the Roddenberry Dream and as supporters of that dream we want to show that we are supporters not only by words but by actions as well. It will be by our actions, whether it is how we speak to each other or treat each other that will determine our success for the future. With this in mind we have created a vision statement, a list of values and a promise that will be used as a springboard for further growth for our organization. With all of us taking to heart and working towards the same goal of making STARFLEET a better place to have fun, we can achieve the greatness I know we can all attain.

Values are those things that really matter to each of us ... the ideas and beliefs we hold as special. Our values power our vision and extend to our membership promise. They are the foundation of our decisions, behavior and reflect the personality of our culture. They unify us. Our values as an organization can be found within The Roddenberry Dream. We adhere to a dream that since we heard it have opened up new doors and horizons to us. To boldly go where no man has gone before" – perhaps this phrase is completely meaningless to some. However, to us, it embodies a way of thinking and a way of life that transcends hatred, prejudice and all the ills that afflict humanity today. The mission of its creator, Gene Roddenberry, was not one of fame or fortune. Roddenberry's dream was to seek out certain facets of human culture and expose them for the entire world to see. He sought to challenge our cultural ethics as well as our individual set of moral codes.

In order for STARFLEET to survive we need to re-

kindle those values contained within the Roddenberry Dream, which are Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Fun.

Respect is embedded in our culture. Respect means creating fun environments that provide for the well being of our members, our prospective members and the public. In many of our activities we interact almost daily - and we do it with respect, in large part because of our commitment to respect and our resulting positive culture. Integrity is a part of our identity.

Integrity is about honoring our promise, to represent the Roddenberry ideals and conducting our business with absolute honesty. It speaks to our ethics and accountability for our decisions and actions. And it is about trust - it is why our members and those outside our organization can rely on us to deliver on our commitments.

Diversity is a part of our heritage. It celebrates the richness and value created by the differences among our members, our potential members, and those outside our organization. It is about inclusion, regardless of background, lifestyle or ideas. It helps us to maximize the contributions from all members of our organization, so that we deliver greater value to our membership. It relies on standards of performance and behavior, which lead to mutual respect. Diversity allows us to use our collective talent effectively and create a creativity advantage that leads to success.

Fun has three components. For our members, it means we deliver fun services that help them achieve their goals and succeed on their terms. For potential members, fun is performing as a world-class organization and reaping the rewards of that reputation through fulfilling the expectations of fun and friendship that prospective members want from our organization. For those outside our organization - whether they are

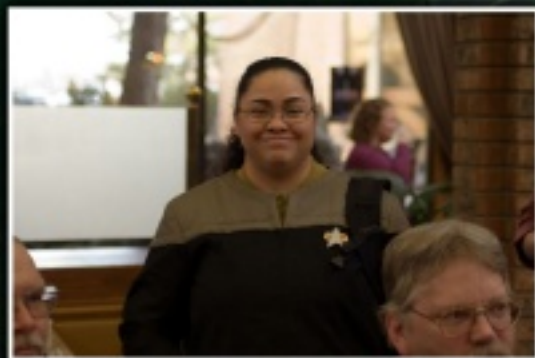
our families, friends, neighborhoods or cities - fun is being involved with and giving back to others in meaningful ways.

By believing and adhering to this set of values, we can come a long ways to achieving the peace and unity that we have longed for in our organization.

In Service to the Membership,

VADM Garrick Halverson
Vice-Commander, STARFLEET





REGION 5 ANNUAL SUMMIT 2008





NAME: PRIGAL
RANK: PRIVATE
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OTHER POSITIONS:
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

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ASK Prigal: A Monthly Questions and Answer Session from the Enlisted Point of View

Dear Prigal,

It has been said that the best way to get a cushy assignment is to mess up a truly visible one, that is to say one where the brass is watching it almost daily. Is that how you ended up at Edgar Station? Does it always work?

I am,

Looking for an assignment

Dear Looking,

I'll answer your second question first. No, it doesn't always work, unless you consider the brig or a penal colony a cushy assignment.

As to your first question, I ended up at Edgar Station because, for the foreseeable future, I go where Gunny goes. If you've read Gunny's logs, you'll know this assignment isn't so cushy either. Edgar Station is primitive, the climate stinks, and the locals tend to be heavily armed, and not have a clue at times about good beer. Also, I may have miscalculated a bit concerning Gunny. His efforts to keep me on the straight and narrow are deserving of a medal, if not sainthood. So, if I can put one over on Gunny, I feel like I've accomplished something.

Prigal

Dear Wonder Private,

While on a ten day field problem recently I had the opportunity to acquire some interesting items left over from the Dominion War. Knowing that most of these are banned by treaty, shunned by Humanity and generally not well accepted outside of Ferengi space, what is the best way to "properly" dispose of these items? I really don't want to get caught with them, but they are so darned interesting!

Sign me,

Artifact Junky

Dear Junky,

That depends. If you're a sting operation from the JAG, I'd say the best way to dispose of them would be to turn them in to your CO. You'll probably get a pat on the back, and maybe a promotion.

Now, if you're as innocent as you claim, there are a couple of things you can do with them. If there's someone you serve with that you really hate, plant them in their locker and call Security. Sure, eventually they'll probably get cleared, but in the meantime, you can enjoy their discomfort.

Now, if you'd like to make a profit on the deal, contact me via a secure channel, and we'll see what we can work out. I think you'll find my handling fees more than reasonable.

Naturally I'll make sure they get turned over to the proper authorities. Unless, of course, someone steals them from me. I lose things all the time.

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

I was wondering just how long you have been in the corps? I was reading the diary of my great-great-great grandpappy and he says that his battle buddy was named Prigal and was either the luckiest or the sneakiest person he had ever met. So, do you come from a long line of Marines or is it you?

Sincerely,

Have to Know

Dear Nosy,

Without admitting anything at all, I have to ask what your ancestor's name was.

If I count right, that's about six generations back, so what, a couple of hundred standard years? There are species known to the Federation that are pretty long lived, so it's possible.

Of course, my family has a long tradition of military service as well. According to the official records, I joined the Corps during the Cardassian War, and we all know those records are in a very secure database that would take a wizard of a datawarrior to hack into and make any false entries.

Prigal

In addition to my other mails, I got a bunch of questions from "Jaws", our CMO. Normally, I'd pick one and answer it, and save the rest for later, but knowing full well what could happen to my medical records, I decided to indulge his curiosity. This is in accordance with Prigal's Law Rule Number 5 "Cover your backside at all times."

Dear Prigal,

Due to my low security clearance, I cannot gain access to your files because they are classified. Looks like you are enrolled in a witness protection program. Are you at liberty to reveal a few details? How did you get into this program in the first place? Did you participate in some dubious "transactions" or were you involved in some sort of sting operation?

Yours,

Suspicious CMO

Sorry, sir, I'm not at liberty to give any details. I will note that the records were sealed at about the same time as the big shake-up in the Ferengi Commerce Association, the little shooting fracas among a couple of Orion clans, and the sudden retirement of a few Starfleet and Marine officers.

Dear Prigal,

I'm wondering if "Prigal" is your first or last name? And how do you pronounce "Prigal"? Is it more like "pree-gel" or "prai-gel"? What's the origin of it? I assume you cannot reveal your full name due to the witness protection program...

Yours,

Curious CMO

It's pronounced "PREE-gull". I suppose the origin would be my parents. I should note that many members of the Federation use only a single name. Gunny seems to think my first name is "Ogodwhatnow"

Dear Prigal,

Your career has experienced an intriguing history of



promotions and demotions. From my point of view, this could be due to a "challenging" childhood. Is there any truth to that?

Yours,

Head-scratching CMO

I'm not sure what you mean. I had all the usual childhood experiences: school, playing games, small time theft, gambling, etc. Fortunately, those records are all sealed, and cannot be admitted at any future trial.

Dear Prigal,

This is a deep question: Have you thought about your goals and purpose in life? I'm sure there is a reason why you became a marine.

Yours,

Contemplating CMO

Where else can you get training in advanced weapons and technology, shoot people, invade their databases, and not get sent to a penal colony?

Seriously, as I mentioned earlier, my family has a long tradition of military service. Frankly, even Gunny will be the first to tell you that in combat, I excel. In fact, he's often heard to wonder if we could get a shooting war started up somewhere again just so he doesn't have to keep an eye on me.

Dear Prigal,

In my eyes, you and Gunny have an "interesting" love-and-hate relationship -- well, I wouldn't call it "love," but you know what I mean ;). So how did you guys meet?

Yours,

Grimming CMO

After the Cardassian War, I was a Sergeant (again) and had volunteered for the Mecha Corps that had performed so well against the spoonheads. Unfortunately, not long into my Mecha pilot training, I had a little run-in with a certain 2LT whose quarters kind of blew up a couple of days later. In the meantime, I got busted back down to Corporal (again), and they decided to make me a Mecha Technician since I was

already there, and proved I could do the job. They assigned me to a Staff Sergeant Mecha pilot who'd served in the Powered Infantry during the war. He took me aside and said "Look, Prigal. They tell me you're a screw up and a loose cannon. I've seen your combat record, and think you're a better Marine than what they tell me. Do your job in the field, and we'll sort out this garrison nonsense together. You're smart, and you're tough. Just remember I'm smart and tough, too, and a whole lot meaner than you'll ever be. Oh, and if you ever screw with me like you did that butterbar, you'll regret it."

Over the years, through some mysterious circumstance, I kept getting transferred to wherever Gunny went. He's uncanny at catching my little sidelines, so putting one over on him is a challenge. And, he never makes idle threats. He makes promises, and does his best to keep them.

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Got a question only Prigal can answer? Send it to pvtprigalsfmc@hotmail.com.

Note that neither this newsletter nor his superiors will be held responsible for any consequences from following PVT Prigal's advice. It's all on your head. (Gunny made me put that last bit in.)

REGION 6



0611-60-16



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OTHER POSITIONS: R6 VICE REGIONAL COORDINATOR; CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SHIP: USS RIVERSIDE NCC-1660; REGION: 6, IOWA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION, SHIELD OF VALOR, 2004 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, 2005/2006 R6 OFFICER OF THE YEAR, 2007 R6 COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Welcome to the New PetFleet!

It is my pleasure to announce to the entire Starfleet membership that PetFleet is alive and well. It is going through some major integrations efforts from its beginnings in Region 17 to Starfleet. The PetFleet program is a way to have your best friend serve aboard ship right next to you. Region 17 has been running this program for several years and recently converted it to a full program of Starfleet. This program is listed as a department of the Vice Commander, Starfleet at <http://vcs.sfi.org/petfleet.htm>. This is a chance for you and your best friend to serve side by side, explore the unknown, face perilous dangers and experience the thrills of a mission's success. Set out on a voyage of exploration where your best friend can serve along your side, exploring strange new worlds, seeking out new life and new civilizations, boldly going where no other pet has gone before.

Once several modifications have been complete, you will be able to sign your pets into Starfleet in the same manner that you add additional family members. Those members will not have voting rights,



count for chapter manning levels, or receive the Communiqué. You pet will be able to participate in the Academy with specifically designed classes just for them. Your pets will be part of your individual

chapters and can participate in your programs as your chapter handles their human counterparts. The membership packets currently being sent to human members will also include certificates for your assigned pets, all generated automatically with the membership processing routine currently in place. PetFleet members will include living animals, stuffed mascots and other so loved companions. The cost of the program remains at \$1.00 per year and as with the current program, all proceeds will be given to authorized pet charities. Specially designed newsletters just for your pets will be available online, currently at our existing Yahoo Groups mail list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/petfleet>.

Unfortunately we can not accept new members into PetFleet until modifications are completed, but stay tuned to our Yahoo Group mail list for updates.

Captain John Schulte
Region 6 Vice Regional Coordinator
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1512-01-15



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ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER CO OF USS EQUINOX; FORMER OTS DIRECTOR; FORMER DEAN OF INSTITUTES OF LEADERSHIP

Welcome to another exciting issue of the CQ! For you newbies to STARFLEET, you will find that STARFLEET Academy has a diverse group of colleges to choose from for your enjoyment and learning.

One thing you might find within my articles is repetitious thank you's. I'm not the only one inserting information within Academy articles and we all can't thank our staff enough. With that, I thank both Carol Thompson and Wayne Killough, Jr. for helping me survive my first six months in office. I think I'm finally getting the hang of it. Thank you to all Deans and Directors. Our Academy is amazing because of all your dedication. My gratitude to Truman Temple and Scott Anderson for their intense work on our 2008 awards, which are being presented at the IC 2008 and will be announced in the next issue of the CQ. Thank you Adam Day for stepping in to put together our current issue of the SFA newsletter. I would be remiss if I did not thank each and every one of our support staff, who without their hard work our technological section would not be at the high level that it is.

Welcome and thank you to Reed Bates to our staff. Reed has taken on the position of Scholarship Director. She has been working tirelessly in order to get the scholarship program underway and ready to accept applications. It is too late for this year since they needed to be in by June 1st, but get ready for next year.

Some of you folks have been wondering why they don't see a graduation listing from the various Institutes in the CQ. The reason is because there are so many colleges within the institutes and a multitude of graduates that it would take several "pages" to list everyone. Instead, we are listing all graduates within our SFA newsletter. You can view this listing as well as the entire newsletter by going to our website: <http://academy.sfi.org>. Each year some of our staff receives awards. They were chosen by their peers as well as the administration for the profound work they have accomplished through the year. I would like to congratulate the following:

I would like to congratulate Wayne Killough, Jr. on his promotion to Vice Admiral.

Our directors will be sending highlights regarding their colleges in order to promote and enlighten you about what you are missing if you haven't already taken them. Look to the end of this article for something about the College of Archaeology directed by Barbara Paul.

From Support Services Coordinator, Wayne Killough, Jr.

- Scholarships: We are in full-swing with this Scholarship Season. Remember to submit your applications on time, so that we can process your application. For more information, please contact our Scholarship Director, Reed Bates, at scholarships@sfi.org.

- Newsletter: We have been getting a lot of attention due to our Academy Newsletter. I want to thank Adam Day for stepping up to the plate and taking care of this for us! He did an outstanding job, and we are definitely looking forward to the next issue! Check out the current issue (and previous issues) on the Academy Website!

- Website: JT, our Webmaster, has been doing an incredible job processing all update/maintenance requests for the Academy Website. In his spare time, he has been going through the site, page-by-page, ensuring that all pages are uniform in appearance, and all information is correct. We at the Academy are proud of the work JT has been doing for us, and I personally am happy that JT was the FIRST recipient of the SFA Support Staff of the Year Award! Congratulations, JT!!!

- FAC Program: Greg Staylor, the creator of our FAC (Fully Automated Course) Program, has been busy making enhancements to the current system, as well as adding new Courses (and, in some cases, entire Colleges) into the Program. Check out our latest additions on our website.

Don't forget, we can always be accessed on our website at <http://academy.sfi.org>

COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

Directed by Adm. Barbara Paul
fuzzywolfpaws@bellsouth.net

A Galaxy Class Starship slowly approaches a newly discovered planet and assumes a standard orbit around it. Starfleet and the Federation Science Council want to know all there is to know about this new world so as the ship settles into orbit, its sensors begin scanning the surface. A probe is sent into the atmosphere to determine if the air is breathable and you get the first images on the main viewing screen on the Bridge.

The surface is obscured in a dust cloud as winds whip the surface up like a dust storm in a desert. It's

hard to make out the images you're seeing so the Captain decides to send an Away Team down to check it out after receiving the O.K. from medical.

You are assigned to the first team and after gathering your gear together you report to the transporter room and soon find yourself standing on this alien world. The blowing sand is like little needles as it hits your exposed skin and you quickly cover up as you adjust your breather and goggles. As you look around at your surroundings you can make out what appears to be structures and then your foot bumps something half buried in the sand. Kneeling down you carefully brush the dirt away from it to find what looks like a ceramic jug of some kind. It's broken in sections with strange symbols and writings on it. As you're uncovering it you think back to the long hours you'd spent sitting in classroom learning about the basics of excavation and artifact identification and the legal red tape involved with excavating a site. You can remember dreaming about what it would be like to be standing on the surface of a planet and responsible for identifying the civilization that once inhabited it. Then you realize your dream has come true. Here you are and you realize the seriousness and importance of your job as you finish uncovering the strange container.

This College is designed to bring the real world of archaeology together with the Star Trek universe to give you the best of both worlds so-to-speak. We'll walk you through the basic and then continue to build on that knowledge as we move into the ethics and legal aspects of the field. Then we toss in a dash of Trek to entice your interest ending up with a scenario somewhat similar to the one above where you take on the part of a Federation Archaeologist with the job of excavating a planet. You will be required to pull all your knowledge and experience from the first three levels to complete the fourth and final level which will earn you the title of a Starfleet Archaeologist.

Well, that's it for now from the halls of STARFLEET Academy. See you next time.

ADM Peg Pellerin
SFA Commandant
XO of S. S. Ian Fleming
Region 15





1513-01-15



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ACHIEVEMENTS:

VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

ECAB Report

Office of the CS

Big happenings here at HQ: Promotions is still catching up on the backlog left to them from the previous Promotions personnel. Also, they are still working hard to get out the certificates from last year that were left before Kris took office as well as those for the promotions which have been approved since the start of the year. Awards is collecting this year's nominees from the RCs and getting them ready to present to the EC for evaluation. Isn't there a deadline looming closely on that? Also, progress is being made on locating a new source for the award plaques as last year's recipients have yet to receive their awards. Personnel have begun advertising some of the current openings and collecting resumes from folks interested in working for the betterment of STARFLEET.

Office of the VCS

The VCS Department has been hard at work focusing on creating, organizing and developing programs that will address our membership's customer service needs and support programs so that they can have fun. In addition allot of work has been done on its infrastructure.

VCS Reform Committee

A basic format has been established for the membership Handbook and paragraph-by-paragraph review is on going

VCS Communications

Since the last month I have putting the final touches on the VCS Website (<http://vcs.sfi.org/>). In regards to the web site the most recent page added was the STARFLEET Reform page. In the coming weeks I will be working on other enhancements to the site. There are plans in the works for adding the following functionality in one manner or another to the STARFLEET Reform page.

- The ability for STARFLEET members to send emails directly to the VCS with questions and comments about STARFLEET reform.
- Setting up of a FAQ to answer those questions
- A repository of some kind to archive STARFLEET reform documents for members of STARFLEET to read. The documents would be read only, and the general public would not be able to change them.

Another recent project I've been working on is contacting all the RC in STARFLEET for the purpose of requesting access to their regional email lists. This is

for the sole purpose of making announcements from the Office of VCS. I have sent out emails to 11 of the 16 Region RCs. I was already a member of one of the list (my own region). I am currently subscribed to 9 out of the 16 regions email lists. I'm still waiting for replies from 3 RCs. I'm still looking to find contact information for the other 5 regions.

VCS Member Services

The Member Services Department has been moving along. This month the helpdesk was hit with over 250 spam messages and only about 30 some odd Helpdesk tickets. Must of those tickets have been concerning Database access and Renewal issues.

Within the next couple of days, in conjunction with CompOps, we will be launching the new Helpdesk software. This new software will greatly increase our ability to service the members of Fleet. This package allows us to not only accept tickets via web form but also via verifiable email. It will also allow us to create a Knowledge Base system and a Step-by-Step troubleshooter to empower the membership. Also, included will be a Live Chat feature for direct interaction with Member Services Staff, and lastly Member Services will be getting an extension on Fleet's Toll Free number system. Also, see the attached report from Member Services on the questions they have been answering and issues they have been helping the membership solve.

VCS FRC

Jeff Schnoor has been selected as the new Fleet Resource Director and has been busy organizing activity occurring within the Sciences, Special Operations, Chaplain Corps, Counselor Corps. Announcements will be made as they go on-line.

VCS International Charities

Ellen Majka has been selected to spearhead the International Charities program and I expect to hear exciting things from her in the very near future.

VCS PetFleet

John Schulte has been selected to revamp and revitalize the Petfleet program and I also expect to hear some exciting things from this department in the near future.

VCS Annual Campaign

The Annual Campaign is continuing to make efforts to contact those who are electronically challenged, to make sure they feel a real part of the 'Fleet family.

Chief of Operations

It's been a relatively slow month here in Operations. We have constructed a list of all under strength and non-reporting chapters and are tasking Chapter Care with follow-up with them.

We have had one chapter commission, the USS Atlanta, and one petition to leave the fleet, USS Athena, which we are still awaiting final paperwork for.

Reporting for the month is as follows:

Reporting on Time: 158
 Reporting Late: 10
 Failing to Report: 34

Chief of Communications

Things are going pretty smoothly here in Communications. Our new CQ editor is putting together #146 and it is a great new direction for us to be moving in. I think, when you see the new layout, you'll be very impressed. Prasith is a very talented person and I'm glad he was able to step up into the editor's role so quickly. We are also continuing to investigate new options and directions in which the Communiqué can be taken. Additionally, we are looking to produce a new issue of Stellar Visions to showcase our members' creative sides.

STARFLEET Academy

Under Wayne Killough, Jr., the Support Services of SFA has been working non-stop since this new administration took over. We are currently going through nominations for the academy awards that will be given out at the IC. Truman Temple and Scott Anderson have been doing an outstanding job in keeping up with the awards program.

The scholarship program has a new director as of March 1, 2008. Reed Bates is also working non-stop to ensure that the scholarship application is updated and distributed to the various regions.

Jayden Tryolian has been doing a fantastic job in keeping up and maintaining our website, including daily additions, etc.

Greg Staylor has been constantly adding to our FAC program, making courses even more accessible for the members.

While Abe Smith is out on leave, Adam Sherman Day, our Alumni Association Director, is filling in as our SFA newsletter editor. In fact this brings me to a point I'd like to share is the fact that the staff of SFA



are superb when it comes to helping and filling in when someone has to be out for a while or if someone needs an extra hand. I have got a great team.

Chief of Shakedown Operations

We had 14 out of 14 Chapters in Training report for the month of March.

The following are chapters that have launched in March:

- None

The following chapters were decommissioned in March:

- None

I have one chapter that is on Standby:

- USS Battleborn

Possible new launches in March could be:

- Region 4 – TBD

Chapters cleared for Commissioning in March were:

- None

Vice ShOC Jerry Tien sent in a report.

Looked up USS Atlanta CO/XO's OTS/OCC records to verify their status.

Extracted USS Blackheart's MSR's and forwarded them to that training chapter's support ship (USS Avenger).

Reviewed USS Starquest's status toward commissioning.

Problems noted - None

DTS – Report was received from Alex Rosenzweig. DTS activity was pretty steady through March. Two new vessel reservations were received, both using established classes. A new design proposal is being reviewed by ASDB, as well. OTI was quiet during March, and OSA remains vacant.

ASDB has been in communication with the U.S.S. Atlantis regarding assistance with potentially developing the Insignia-class design, which can be found on the web, into a possible class option for STARFLEET, as well. Discussions are still in the early stages at the moment, and MGEN Ueffing reports that he has not heard back in response to his initial questions on the subject. So this one's still pending.

Departmental plans: Looking at ways to speed up the launch process concerning the paperwork. In the works will be sending paperwork scanned and sent to the next person on the distribution through email attachment. This has been discussed but not implemented. There may be a trial run in the near future.

That's the update for the month. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Chief of Computer Operations

CompOps is hopping along rather peachily. MP is rocking and rolling along. We're getting a backlog of non-forwarded memberships from California any day now to work through and get caught up on. This year's "freebee" has arrived and it's too cool for words. We have selected static cling STARFLEET "sticker." They should be going out in the next round of memberships that are processed and sent out. Look for yours soon! Also, if you can't wait for your next renew or you just want more than one, extras were ordered and will be available through the Quartermaster. And, speaking of the Quartermaster, setup is complete and all the hooks are working on the new, full-blown shopping cart for ordering STARFLEET merchandise from the Quartermaster. As soon as the stock levels are input, we will be unveiling this to the membership as the premier way to place your orders. Development on our new web portal is continuing. The latest feature is the ability to log in to the "Members Only" side of things using one's database password. That's right, only one password to remember! And, there are already departments with member-only information posted with more to come. One last enhancement on the web side of things is the installation of our new helpdesk software. Our previous software package was rather outdated and lacking in the way of features, so we decided to make a change there.

Chief Financial Officer

My Vice Chief, Pat Spillers, went to the Region Two Summit in Montgomery, Alabama, to help Matt and Sal out during the weekend. Sal and Pat visited the State Department of Revenue for Alabama to ask questions about any back taxes that we owe. They were able to get help thru a program of voluntary disclosure and we paid the Alabama part of the back taxes to the tune of \$279.51. Pat was also able to change our reporting periods from monthly to quarterly for Alabama.

Pat stayed over through Monday and met with sales tax officials from Jefferson County and filed the taxes with them to the tune of \$87.99. The City of Vestavia Hills is not asking for back taxes but we did have to pay for a business license of \$160. It appears that they are forgiving the sales tax, which totaled \$41.30 for the last two years. We'll be contacting the City of Birmingham for the IC '04 sales tax, which will be in the ballpark of \$130, next month.

At the time of this report's filing, we are still waiting for the final totals from the Region Two Summit to file the sales tax reports that are due to the County and the City of Montgomery combining Region Two sales for merchandise and auction with sales of STARFLEET merchandise. Because STARFLEET already

had all the necessary permits, it made very little sense for Region Two to have also filed separately with Alabama and all the various entities with the associated filing fees on top of everything else.

This is being looked into being used on an across-the-board scale so that when the STARFLEET Quartermaster is able to travel to regional summits and conferences, we can either use the permits that STARFLEET or the region already has for those taxing entities involved. Once we have done this a few times, we will be establishing a formal set of guidelines for the regions on handling sales taxes.

We're also waiting for the Income/Expense Reports from IC '08 to file with the STARFLEET Monthly Income and Expense Reports. All IC committees are expected to report monthly, but we have not received a report from IC '08 in the established format of yet. For February, their report consisted of a total count of registrations received and the bank balance but not the Income/Expense report as requested. We've offered to help pull the figures off the bank statements for last year and bring them up to date but they have not yet responded to our offer.

The sales tax questions are still up in the air for New York. Each time someone from the CFO's office has called, or when Mark Anbinder has contacted them, we receive different answers. On April 3rd, we sent a formal request to the New York State Tax and Finance Instruction and Interpolation Unit for a written ruling on this. However, we don't know how long it will take them to send us an official response to our questions.

Concerning IC '09, we're still waiting for the signed signature card from Chairman Les Rickard. The signature card was delivered to him on February 16th along with a book of checks and a Visa debit card was ordered for their use. However, since the signature card has yet to be sent on to the next signer and no emails or phone calls we're returned by Les, the checks in the book, which was sent to him, were cancelled along with the debit card. As of the filing of this report, we still have not received a verification of Les's residential address, or if he has the signature card to send on with the pre-stamped envelopes. Currently, the IC account only contains \$50 in order to hold the account open. Once the signature card is returned and posted to the bank, the \$500 seed money will be returned to the account and a new debit card ordered for the IC's use.

We have verified that no New York or Virginia sales tax will be needed to be collected at IC '08 or, with Tammy handing the registrations, for IC '09. Only North Carolina sales tax will need to be collected on merchandise sold and auction items won. The remaining item in question is the food service. The sales tax owed is contingent upon what is charged above the cost of the meals as the hotel will charge the IC tax on the costs of the foodservice.



24th Annual Trek Fest

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Star Trek's Chekov (Walter Koenig) to Appear at Trek Fest in Riverside , Iowa June 27th-28th

The 24th annual Trek Fest is a small-town festival with a Star Trek theme. Riverside , Iowa is known worldwide as the Future Birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk - the character played by William Shatner on the original 1960's Star Trek TV series.

Riverside, Iowa (PRWEB) May 5, 2008 -- The Riverside Area Community Club (RACC) is pleased to announce Walter Koenig (Chekov character on the original Star Trek TV series) will beam into Riverside, Iowa on June 27th & 28th for the 24th annual Trek Fest. Koenig will act as the Grand Marshall in the town parade (10 AM Saturday morning) and judge a costume contest and sign autographs.

RACC president, Carol Riggan, said, "We are thrilled to have Mr. Koenig this year. The Voyage Home - Riverside History Center just opened and Mr Koenig will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday the 27th at 7pm. One exhibit in the museum will feature photos, books and various other memorabilia as a tribute to Walter Koenig."

Riverside , Iowa is known worldwide as the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk. In 2004, William Shatner (who played Kirk) came to town and filmed a Spike TV reality show called "Invasion Iowa." Shatner tricked the town into thinking he was filming a movie, but was really filming the town's reaction to the craziness of Hollywood . Scotty Riggan (Carol's husband) appeared in the show as Shatner's personal assistant. Scotty will carry on this

tradition for Mr. Koenig working as his personal assistant during his stay in Iowa .

Scotty said, "Working with Mr Shatner was a thrill of a lifetime and it will be an honor to work with Mr. Koenig - and future celebrities we invite each year."

Trek Fest's 2008 theme is called Bread and Circuses, a second season episode title of Star Trek. A variety of family activities are planned including a demolition derby, a garden tractor pull, carnival rides, live music, costume contest, a Sci-Fi vendor area and much more. This is a small-town fair with a Sci-Fi flair. Money raised by RACC is used to help out the community such as academic scholarships. RACC also sponsors special projects like new playground equipment.

For more festival information, call 319-648-KIRK (5475) or visit (<http://www.trekfest.com>)

Trek Fest Schedule of Events

Friday, June 27

5:00 p.m. D & B Carnival Rides, Food Booths & Beer Garden Opens; 6:00 p.m. Dunk Tank; 6:30 p.m. Kids Parade; Line-up River Street, finish at Hall Park, 7:00 p.m. Pet Show (Main Stage); Walter Koenig (CHEKOV) exhibit, ribbon cutting (Riverside History Center). 7:30 p.m. Demolition Derby (Adult \$7, 12-5 Years \$3, Under 5 Years Free) Southeast corner of Hall Park . Free Music in the Park.

Saturday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Parade-Star Trek episode theme: "Bread and Circuses" - Parade Grand Marshall is Walter Koenig; 11 a.m. D & B Carnival begins; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. BBQ Sandwich Meal served at North end of Hall Park-Covered shelter; 11 p.m.-3 p.m. Kid's Free Face Painting (North end of Hall Park); 11 a.m. Volleyball

Tournament; 11-2 p.m. Car & Tractor Show; 11 a.m. Costume Contest-Main Stage-Walter Koenig Judging the contest: Two categories "Federation & Klingon" and "Supporting Cast" 1st place-\$100 2nd place-\$75; 11 a.m. Star Trek episode viewing in the Red Barn; 11 a.m. Sci Fi Swap Meet (North of Main Stage); 12 p.m. State Fair Talent Show-Main Stage; 12 p.m. The Great Trek Scavenger Hunt \$100 First Prize, register RACC tent; 1-5 p.m. Tee-Ball Tournament; 1 p.m. Cow Chip Bingo 50/50 pay back; 1 p.m. Dunk Tank, 1:30 p.m. Kid's Tractor Pull (East of Red barn on Ella Street-Hall Park). 2 p.m. Lawn Mower Tractor Pull; 2-5 p.m. New Fire Station - Meet & Greet/Autographs Walter Koenig - original cast member of Star Trek (Chekov); 3 p.m. Golf Cart Rodeo; 3 p.m. Gunny The Clown; 3-5 p.m. Bingo, Hall Park (prizes); 4 p.m. Greased Pig Contest (Weather permitting) Ages 5-10 (North of East Ball field near trees for shade); 5:30 p.m. Duck Race English River, \$1 each 50/50 pay off; 8:30-12:30 p.m. "Morning After Band" Live Band, Main Stage Adult-\$5, Under 12 FREE; Raffle Drawing 50/50 Cash Pay back - Main Stage. 10 p.m. Fireworks By Stumptown Shooters.

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I'm looking for five to ten individuals to help me bring back from the drydock the USS Commonwealth, a former correy chapter of STARFLEET The International Star Trek Fan Club Association, Inc. Those individuals interesting in helping me bring this chapter back into the ranks of the fleet are encourage to contact Capt. James Cecil at jcecil5@adelphia.net

Captain James Cecil



Seeking members for new correspondence chapter. Need XO with OTS (and OCC if possible) and at least four other Starfleet members. Chapter focus will be cutting-edge science and technology in a Star Trek context. Member activities will include articles, presentations and multimedia (fact-based and fiction) on current or extrapolated science and technology. Community service will begin with presentations in members' local schools to stir interest in these subjects. Contact ENS George Flanik SCC 63605, USS Heimdal (R1) for details at 434-944-2004 or gflanik@riveroflife.com.

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USS Heimdal, Region One





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ACHIEVEMENTS:

VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

IC 2008 VCS Speech

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going directly to Heaven, we were all going the other way."

Charles Dickens words could not ring any truer. Only this time, it is not the French Revolution or the inequities of British Industrialization – it is the tumultuous existence of STARFLEET.

On the one side Star Trek has been a phenomenon that's had a profound effect on the human way of life and beyond. It has affected our hopes and dreams for a better future, affected our development of new communication technologies, has been included in the American Lexicon and even influenced the naming of a Space Shuttle. Something that powerful does not die that easily. I believe that there are still thousands out there worldwide who still are fans of the phenomenon. I believe there are still many out there who believe in the "Roddenberry Dream" and all that it stands for.

However on the other hand some have stated that "Star Trek is Dead", that it was merely a commercial enterprise that has run its course. The Roddenberry Dream is just that, an unattainable fantasy. Inside our organization, there is no doubt that many members have expressed their disappointment and anger at STARFLEET. During their time as members many of them have had bad experiences and have chosen the regrettable option of leaving or not renewing because of those experiences. Many times it has been stated, "Why should I pay money for this type of treatment?" What does my membership dues get for me? Or some leave because they are just tired of all the fighting I see and hear.

Certainly the "best of times and the worst of times." I believe we stand at this very moment in time at a crossroads. Where our action or inaction will determine whether we will exist as an organization or not. More now than ever we need to reexamine who we are and what we are as an organization. Sometimes in order to understand who are, we need to understand where we came from.

Have you ever wondered how the origins of our organization actually began? STARFLEET was founded in October 1974 as the "USS Enterprise Fan Club" out of Lufkin Texas by a group of fans lead by

John Bradbury. Perhaps its origin was in someone's living room, where people, had an opportunity to express themselves and to offer ideas for their mutual benefit. People got together, talked all things Trek and then started doing activities together as a group. They used Trek as a basis for developing friendships and having fun. They envisioned an organization of fun and camaraderie. A place where people of like dreams could expand their horizons and share fun experiences. A place where they could focus their energies on behalf of its members, stimulate fun and creativity and for the communities that they reside in. From those humble beginnings came the organization that we have today. Though it has grown considerably, should we expect that the basic reason for our existence has changed? No

Ask yourself for a moment: Why did you join STARFLEET? Was it perhaps because it looked like a fun place to meet people and have fun? There is no doubt that today we live in times that are very busy and complex. The pressures that all families and individuals face each day can seem to be daunting. In order to counteract these pressures people are looking for diversions and outlets to have some fun and blow off some steam. That's where STARFLEET should come in. STARFLEET should be a haven to where people can go and forget about those cares and pressures and have fun with others of like interests.

How do you feel about it now? If you have a dissatisfied and discouraged feeling about our organization, you are not alone. We believe that our membership is just plain sick and tired of the amateur politics, lack respect and lack common courtesy that sadly evident in STARFLEET today. We have lost our real purpose of our existence, which is to have fun.

What we really have done is lost our focus. Too much emphasis has been placed on the organization and politics called STARFLEET and not enough attention has been placed on the most important part of it, the Chapters. The EC did this! The AB did that! The Commander STARFLEET should be impeached! Conspiracies! Tribunals! That's the type of talk that dominates STARFLEET and to tell you the truth its really is sad.

All our energies, all our conversations should be about Chapters, Chapters, Chapters. People are basically social by nature. We gather together with others of similar interests in order to enjoy a more fulfilling journey in life. The more people that gather together the more powerful and influential that group becomes.

STARFLEET is really no different than any other group. We gather together with common interests with the intention of making our journey in life more enjoyable. The basic foundation of STARFLEET is its chapters because it's on this level that the success or failure of STARFLEET really is determined. Throughout our worldwide organization it's the chapters that are the lifeblood of who we are and what we want to accomplish. People join our organization because of what our chapters have to offer. It's at this level where friendships are made and where magic can happen! Not at my level.

In other words a strong STARFLEET is made up of strong regions supported by strong chapters with happy and contented members. The real power that drives this organization is the chapters. Every effort should be made to tap into that power by truly listening to what the needs of those chapters are. We should work side by side with Chapters not "force feed" STARFLEET programs that simply do not fit the unique and individual characteristics of the locale chapters reside in. STARFLEET should be a resource that Chapters take advantage of not the other way around. Really, when you think of it, who would know what is best for Chapters, then the chapters themselves?

So the big question now is how do we refocus our priorities and energies back to the Chapters? I am about to use the R word... reform. "Yes I said word reform. Here is where our opposition and detractors say that we will ruin STARFLEET that we have some sort of hidden agenda. This couldn't be farther from the truth.

Its important to first recognize that reform is not new to our organization. There have been leaders in our organization that stood up and crafted a constitution that at the time did much to restore confidence in our Organization. I would be amiss if I didn't first recognize the efforts and dedication of those who took part in that process. They are a credit to our organization and should continue to be held in high esteem for their efforts.

Through no fault of their own, this confidence however that has been badly eroded, above all, by our changing times. Today, it is difficult not to feel that we have, in some respects at least, slid back down the greasy pole to somewhere near the place where it threatens the very existence of our organization. The Organization has been deeply scarred by the divisions over member rights, how respond to them and generally how we do business. Many who belonged to STARFLEET saw the Executive Committee and Admiralty Boards failure to deal with



these issues as symptomatic of the organizations inability to provide safeguards to today's threats on our membership. So, today, the calls for reform are stronger than ever.

Bold and far-reaching policy and institutional reforms are both urgent and necessary. Reform of how we do business is urgent and necessary because some of them have not kept pace with changing times. The moment we incorporated STARFLEET, before the ink even dried, we became a business and thus subject to state and federal institutions and requirements, such as taxes and the obligation to operate our business according to the laws set forth by those same institutions. A clear guideline on how we function, protect and respond to threats to our organization is vital, in order to avoid some of the problems we have had in the past.

I have no illusions that achieving reforms of this scale is a simple proposition. In fact I expect opposition from a small minority who like the status quo, who don't like change in any form no matter what the cost. However we cannot afford any longer to delay in acting. We cannot afford a small vocal minority to determine the future of this organization by simply shouting down the reform with imagined conspiracies and unfounded assumptions. Some big issues are on the table, some have been around for many years, other's are before us for the first time. I believe that there is, at this time, widespread understanding of the implications of not acting, coupled with a welcome effort, on the part of the membership, to rebuild bridges of understanding that were pretty badly damaged in recent years. There is a real sense that faith and confidence in this organization will only endure if members see a system that can actually deliver. Ladies and gentleman, our present system is not delivering. That means real reform is needed in order to chart our course for the future.

How does all this benefit the Chapters as I have said earlier? By this: If our organization is operating under a clear set of guidelines that help it to run smoothly, less time will be spent arguing about politics and more time will be spent helping our chapters. The reform that we propose will provide needed protection for our membership on many levels and we can begin to explore avenues to help our chapters to grow again.

In order to have growth and future greatness we need an environment that cultivates growth and thus stimulates that very promise that we all want. We believe that we can cultivate that environment, not by "Tribunals" that our opponents falsely claim, but by a united expectation from all our membership. If the membership expects standards that demand civility,

courtesy and respect, then our leadership should follow through and meet those expectations. This is not the time to be hesitant on these issues. Now is the time for our leadership to show the necessary courage and conviction to act not on behalf of a select few, but the entire membership.

In one episode of "Enterprise", Captain Archer referred to the Region of space around earth as a "divisive and hostile one". Arrogant Vulcans, hot headed Andorians, argumentive Tellarites and back stabbing Orions all bickering and squabbling over this planet or that resource. Yet that very area of space became the Federation, the very symbol of unity, peace and growth. Sound familiar?

One characteristic of STARFLEET that is very evident is the passion we all possess. That passion is one of our organization's biggest strength yet can be also one of our biggest weaknesses. Sometime we let our passion get the best of us to the point where we drive a wedge between fellow members and thus damper the experience for us all. So what are we to do? How can we possibly be able to get along and make the STARFLEET experience truly a good one?

By following the example set by that series. All of us come from different backgrounds and thus different viewpoints. We must recognize that we are human and we make mistakes. Tolerance for all in our organization is key, even for those who we do not agree with. All should have an opportunity to express their feelings and ideas, that is what makes the idea of the Federation great and can make STARFLEET great as well.

However, along with freedom of expression comes responsibility. All of us have the responsibility to make sure that our actions do not interfere with the freedom of others within our organization. Hand in hand with tolerance is basic respect. Without respect for others beliefs there can be no tolerance. We believe the membership in STARFLEET want that kind of organization, one with tolerance with respect.

What we are asking for members to do in this very important reform process is to stand up! To take back the organization called STARFLEET that should belong to the majority of members not to the few that will do anything to maintain the status quo. We implore the membership to look at the reform, give us your input and take an active part in the future of your organization. Tell your Regional Coordinators what you want and make sure that your voice is being represented accurately. As the reform develops and you like what you see, push the process forward. Don't let the minority who dominate the lists determine for you what it is you want from this

organization and impede the progress of this important moment in our history.

Star Trek and the Roddenberry Dream is too important a phenomenon to let fade away and as guardians of that phenomenon, we should all care to insure that it will continue to be a force for the foreseeable future. STARFLEET is full of good people with endless potential and together we can help forge an organization deserving of your participation

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times", what STARFLEET's future will be is really up to you.

VADM Garrick Halverson
Vice Commander, STARFLEET



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USS Heimdal Celebrates 24 Years With Starfleet

On April 4th the USS Heimdal, NCC-1793 based in Madison Heights, VA, Region One, celebrated 24 years as a Starfleet chapter. An anniversary party was held at Monte Carlo Restaurant with 40 people attending. Guests were greeted at the door by a life-sized stand-up of Captain Picard, a sign-in sheet and a jar full of Gorns!!! All attending guessed the number of Gorns in the jar (40) and the closest guess won a prize. Drawings for door prizes were held throughout the evening and Security Chief Carl Davis won the First Prize which was a free Starfleet membership.



Virginia Williams, Cheryl Lynn, Ron Hash enjoy the party. Photo: Bonnie Davis

Three picture boards sported photos of Heimdal members from the early years through this year and party folks enjoyed commenting on how much people had or hadn't changed, especially XO Kenny Proehl's hair! One larger picture board included individual pictures of all Heimdal members wearing comic glasses! A huge inflatable Enterprise hung from the ceiling.

After dinner and following a "few words" from CO Linda Smith and XO Kenny Proehl, the party attendees were entertained by guitarist Mike Fitzgerald. He played and sang a range of selections from serious music to funny to just plain silly and the crowd found themselves singing along and clapping ... even singing along with the instrumentals!

It was a wonderful celebration and Admiral Linda Smith commented that without Starfleet she would not have known any of the people at the party, which would have been tragic. She said everyone in the room had enriched her life and through the Heimdal numerous charities, people and animals in need have

been helped over the years. She commented that as individuals Heimdal members would have been unable to contribute much to charity but as a group has been able to work helping miracles that have spanned almost a quarter of a century.



Heimdal members enjoy dinner at Anniversary Party with Enterprise over head. Photo: Willy Smith

The Heimdal launched in April 1984 as the shuttle Asgard and was commissioned as the USS Heimdal on April 15, 1985. During her 24 years with Starfleet she has won numerous awards, including Runner-up Starfleet Chapter of the Year and Region One Chapter of the Year. Her newsletter has also won Fleet and regional awards and recognition. She has sponsored numerous charities, launched 13 shuttles and is in the process of launching yet another. Three of her members and/or shuttle members have been Region One Regional Coordinators, several have been R/1 VRCs and RDC Directors and one member was Starfleet's ShOC Director.



Kathy Beck and Eric Merrill arrive at party. Photo: Willy Smith

The Heimdal maintains a roster consistently between 30 and 40 Starfleet members and members

range in age from 18 to 82. A core group of members have been with the Heimdal 15 to 20+ years. The chapter presents diverse meetings guests, presents community service programs, encourages educational programs and sends kids to Space Camp. The Heimdal boasts having "something for everyone."



Left to right: Carl and Bonnie Davis, CO Linda Smith at mic welcoming crowd, guitarist Mike Fitzgerald. Photo: Glenda Blanks

Plans are already in the works for 2009 and the USS Heimdal's Silver Anniversary.

Linda Smith said, "I wouldn't have missed this ride for anything!"

Adm. Linda Smith
CO USS Heimdal, NCC-1793
Based in Madison Heights, VA
Region 1



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2nd Anniversary Dinner of the USS Thermopylae

The USS Thermopylae celebrated its 2nd anniversary with a luscious dinner on May 10, 2008 that was prepared by a handful of amazingly talented chefs. The feast would have turned Neelix green with envy! Food was available in abundance, and the highlight of the dinner was certainly the artful preparation of a baby roast targ! The dinner was accentuated by



Photo 1: An artfully prepared baby roast targ.

fine-tasting wines that were revealed from the depth of the ship's wine-cellar: The offerings included "Chateau Picard," "Klingon Bloodwine," "Romulan Ale" and other palatal refreshers that I couldn't pronounce! The spoiling of the senses was only interrupted by award ceremonies where more than two dozen



Photo 2: The finest wines from the cellar of the ship.

awards were presented. I was very honored to hand out three awards myself to crew members that showed extraordinary commitment to the ship.

As the former Editor-in-Chief of the ship's newsletter (the *Comm Link*), the MVC Award (most valuable contributor) for the submission of continuous and high quality articles to our club's newsletter went to LCDR Ed Mattison and MSGT Jerome "Gunny" Stoddard. As a token of my personal gratitude, I gave our Chief



Photo 3: Chief Medical Officer LCDR Prasith Kim-Aun opened up his private armory and presented a pair of Lazer Taggers to Chief Engineer LCDR Ed Mattison...

Engineer Ed a pair of Lazer Taggers so that he may go out and enjoy some physical activities himself instead of having his robots do all the work for him. Ed has a weakness for robots and robotics. Gunny, who in the meantime has advanced to Sergeant Major of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, is stationed in Edgar Station – far, far away in the uncharted Delta Quadrant. In one of his subspace transmissions to me, he complained about Jem'Hadar porcupine infestations that would endanger the well-being of his trusted canine companion. Therefore, I decided to part from one of my battle-proven airsoft rifles and honored him with an M14 replica.



Photo 4: ... an M14 airsoft replica to MGST Jerome Stoddard (COL Joe Fuller accepted on his behalf)...

As the Chief Medical Officer, I am blessed to have an especially passionate and compassionate crew member in my department whose commitment to Gene Roddenberry's vision has already been noticed by Region 5 members. This year, LT Jari James was honored *Region 5 Officer of the Year 2007*, and the presentation of the ship's *Departmental Citation Award* was only the icing on the cake. We expect to see a lot more from her. Since Jari is a Stargate fan as well, I thought she might enjoy an airsoft P90 that would complement her Stargate outfit.



Photo 5: ... and a P90 airsoft replica to Stargate fan LT Jari James who was one of the chefs.

Looking back at those eventful two years, I am still amazed what this crew has achieved. What started out on April 11, 2006 with only 15 people has now grown to a respectable, full-size ship of nearly 60 crew members under the commendable leadership of FCPT Cathey Fuller who didn't even know what STARFLEET was three years ago!



Photo 6: The crew of the USS Thermopylae says "Thank you" to a deeply moved FCPT Cathey Fuller for two wonderful years of leadership.

During this time, the USS Thermopylae has proven itself to be a rising star in STARFLEET and has now taken leadership in Region 5. Since the beginning of this year, she is the flagship of this region, and I feel very lucky and honored to be a part of this magnificent crew. To many more years to come!

Live long and prosper!

LCDR Prasith Kim-Aun, DMD
Chief Medical Officer
USS Thermopylae NCC-74703
Region 5, WA (USA)





0720-58-5



NAME: STEIN, MICHAEL
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET
OTHER POSITIONS: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHIP: USS JUSTICE NCC-556; REGION: 7, NEW JERSEY (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS:

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Chief Financial Officer's Report

Greetings, attached to this report is the current Statement of Activities along with a Statement of Financial Position for the period ending, March 31, 2008. This represents the third quarter of our fiscal year which ends June 30, 2008.

As you can see, our largest expense in the month of March 2008 were legal expenses. Almost all of the legal expenses has to do with the rewriting of our governing documents to ensure that they don't conflict with one another. The EC is well aware of these costs and is working with other SFI attorney members to help keep these costs down.

Also, I'd like to announce that detailed financial statements are also available for all members to view on-line at the SFI home page. Please sign in using your SCC# and password to access the members only section. Once in this section, you will be able to see the full details of the Statement of Activities Report and not just the summary format that is printed here.

As to Sales Tax compliance, I'm pleased to report that both Texas and Alabama state back taxes are paid and current. We are however, still waiting for the interest and maybe some penalties from AL on the back taxes. Birmingham City's back taxes for IC 04 was paid with no penalties due. So, we are making much progress and will continue to do so in the future.

Joe Horton, my Fundraising Officer from Region 7 is preparing to roll out a fundraising program with Global Resource to benefit STARFLEET finances. As previously discussed, this program provides a great recycling program that will pay STARFLEET for used ink jet cartridges, laser toner cartridges, cell phones and iPods. This company also provides the postage to cover the cost of shipping all items to them.

Once again, we're still looking for someone to fill the position of Tax Compliance Officer. If you would like to work on an EC level and have some Accounting or Finance background with some sales tax experience preferably, then please apply for this position. Please send your real life resume and STARFLEET resume along with a cover letter explaining why you would like this position, to my attention at CFO@sfi.org.

On a last note, please remember to renew your membership at least two weeks and if at all possible

30 days prior to your membership expiration date. This way, it will ensure you get the CQ on time when it's sent out.

Should anyone have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to send them to my attention at cfo@sfi.org. Either I or one of my staff will be happy to respond to your request as soon as possible.

COMM Michael Stein
Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET

STARFLEET International Statement of Activities July 2007 - March 2008

	July-Dec 07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Year To Date
Operating Revenues:					
Membership Dues	\$ 10,873	\$ 12,079	\$ 2,424	\$ 4,464	\$ 29,840
Donations and other fund raisers	190	142	58	66	455
Quartermaster Sales	856	-	76	1,966	2,898
Other Income	75	-	-	-	75
Total operating revenues	11,994	12,221	2,558	6,496	33,269
Operating expenses:					
Communique' Expenses	3,664	1,928	3,032	895	9,519
Membership Package	3,036	2,718	1,176	1,566	8,497
Quartermaster Supplies	87	575	1,007	557	2,226
STARFLEET IC Expenses	599	-	526	-	1,125
Scholarship Awards	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Bank Charges & Fees	818	571	145	173	1,707
Election Expense	2,185	1,323	-	-	3,508
Equipment & Software	89	500	425	330	1,344
Legal Fees	-	-	-	4,653	4,653
Insurance Bond	610	-	-	-	610
Supplies	245	-	371	-	615
Transition Expenses	102	30	-	265	397
General Office Expenses	4,048	2,424	941	5,422	12,834
Total operating expenses	14,434	7,644	6,683	8,440	37,201
(Loss) / Income	\$ (2,440)	\$ 4,577	\$ (4,125)	\$ (1,944)	\$ (3,932)





1720-01-620



COMMANDANT, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

NAME: ROBERTS, JOHN
 RANK: MAJOR GENERAL
 POSITION: COMMANDANT, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS
 OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
 SHIP: USS ANASAZI NCC-62001; REGION: 17, NEW MEXICO (USA)
 ACHIEVEMENTS:

Attention On Deck!

STATE of the SFMC

Greetings Marines!

Bank Account Information

We started the month of March with a balance of \$937.89. We had deposits in the amount of \$395.62 and no withdrawals during March so the current account balance remains at \$1,333.51.

We had deposits in the amount of \$157.45 and no withdrawals during April so the current account balance stands at \$1,490.96.

SFMC 25th Anniversary

Yes, you read that right. This year (IC 07 to IC08) is our 25th Anniversary for the SFMC. It snuck up on the GS and we apologize for that. We are, however, working on a special item we plan to unveil at IC to commemorate this anniversary. Stay tuned.

Honor Award Nominations

Honor Award Nominations are due to the Deputy Commandant, Aaron Murphy, no later than May 10, 2008. Any awards other than Honor Awards that you would like to have issued at IC are due to me no later than May 10, 2008. Our email addresses appear at the end of this post.

Awards Changes/New Awards

In an effort to make sure we are using our awards system to recognize those among us who are deserving and to make sure the awards reflect our needs for that recognition, here are changes to the Awards and new Awards. These changes will be reflected in the upcoming MFM revision that will be released for IC/IM as well.

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

Issuing Authority: Commandant

Frequency: As needed (one award per marine per year maximum)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Olson Ribbon

This award is given to any member of the SFMC who has distinguished himself or herself with exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the SFMC over an extended period of time. This Marine will have performed above and beyond the normal duties of grade, branch, specialty or assignment to the degree of special recognition from key individuals of the SFMC. Simple experience of an individual is not adequate basis for this award.

To qualify for this award, an individual must have already been awarded the SFMC Service Commendation at least twice and have served in a leadership role in the SFMC on the Brigade level (or above) for at least 2 years. Leadership role means serving as BDE staff or service on the GS as a member, their deputy or as part of the GS member's staff, the service does not have to be in the same role, but must be continuous. At the discretion of the issuing authority, the continuous service requirement may be waived for just and stated cause in favor of 5 years total service as outlined above. At least three (3) years must pass between issuance of this award to any specific individual.

Distinguished Service Cross

Issuing Authority: General Staff

Frequency: As needed

Ribbon Description: Black ribbon with 3 red stripes (1 thick centered and 2 narrow at edges)

This award is given to any member of the SFMC to recognize their lengthy and dedicated service to the SFMC. Recipients of this award will have demonstrated their dedication to the SFMC over extended lengths of time in a variety of positions of responsibility within and benefiting the SFMC. This Marine will have consistently performed above and beyond the normal duties of grade, branch, specialty or assignment to the degree of extraordinary recognition from key individuals of the SFMC. Simple experience of an individual is not adequate basis for this award.

In order to qualify for this award a candidate must have already received the Commandant's Meritorious Service Award (CMSA) or STARFLEET Cross and continued to serve the SFMC in a leadership or staff position above the MSG level for at least 3 years after receipt of the Commandant's MSA or STARFLEET Cross. In order to receive this award, after meeting the basic qualifications, the General Staff must vote to issue the award by at least a 2/3 majority. At least five (5) years must pass between issuance of this award to any specific individual.

This Award will be worn immediately below Gold/Silver Nebula, if earned by the recipient of this award.

Cadet Initial Entry Training Award

Issuing Authority: COTRACOM

Frequency: As needed (one award per marine

maximum)

Ribbon Description: White with Bronze Anchor Device

The Cadet Initial Entry Training Award is awarded, automatically, to any Cadet who completes Cadet Advanced Marine Basic Training (PD-7) at the SFMCA. Once a cadet has reached the age of 15 and is no longer considered a cadet by the SFMC, this award converts to the Initial Entry Training Award, at which time the Bronze Anchor Device is removed and replaced with the Bronze Torch Device.

IC/IM 2008

Only 3 months to go until the Annual International Conference and International Muster, this year held in Ithaca, NY. The menu has been decided and you can now go to the IC website and register for IC, the Mess Night and all the other goodies that goes along with IC at www.ic2008.org. hope to see you all there!

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:

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

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

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

MGN John Roberts
 Commandant, SFMC
 CO, USS Anasazi NCC-62001





0322-89-18



INFOCOM, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

NAME: MURPHY, AARON
RANK: MAJOR GENERAL
POSITION: DEPUTY COMMANDANT
OTHER POSITIONS:
SHIP: USS ARK ANGEL NCC-1889; REGION: 3, TEXAS (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS:

Every now and then, we, General Staff officers, look around us, take a deep breath to let the world stop spinning for a moment, and have a moment of think about the events that we've been a part of. Lately, that's been the case for me. There is not more than a couple of days go by that I don't talk to the Dant or to one of the many marines in the Corps on Instant Messenger (IM) or through e-mail. It's been said that if you aren't growing and adapting, then you're dying. I think that the SFMC is definitely not dying, as we continue to adapt to the changes going on around us.

I can't believe it. This year makes seven years that I have served as Deputy Commandant, SFMC. It was at IC 2001 in Kansas City that Deidre Rickard stepped down as DepDant and Wade'O (Wade Olson) appointed me as her successor. It was with great pride and honor that accepted the appointment to the Number Two position in the Corps and it's been a wild ride ever since. These past seven years have seen two Commandants, five Commanders-STARFLEET, and numerous General Staff officers. Everyone of them has brought a special insight and approach to

the role. To this day, I value every one of them and their contributions to the Corps that we love.

Over the past seven years, we've watched the Corps grow, evolves, "Adapt and Overcome". Not all the changes have been met with joy and happiness, but almost always with professionalism. The 20th anniversary of the Corps has come and gone. Now, the 25th anniversary is upon us. We've gone from eight branches to nine, with the addition of Maritime Operations, and several new specialties (Professional Development) and colleges. We've seen the migration from one set of ribbons to another, as well as the addition of a few new awards, including a way to reward outstanding service and support by our naval counterparts, whether as individuals or as a chapter or region. We've learned to drive on, work and play hard, while still playing well with others. I have nothing but the upmost respect for the officers and enlisted personnel that make up this organization. I salute every single one of you.

As I initially said, it was with great pride and honor that I accepted this position, and it is with that same

pride that I continue to serve. Don't get me wrong... there are days that I ask myself "Why the <insert appropriate colorful metaphor here> did I ever take this job?!?", but then I look at the marines under my watch and it all becomes clear. I took this job to make a difference. For the good of the Corps and the marines that make up its heart and soul... that's what keeps me here. It's been a long seven years, but I will keep doing the job for another seven years or beyond, as long as you'll keep me and I feel that I can continue to keep the Corps strong and make it a place where the marines under my watch will be proud to be a part.

Semper Fi!

In Service to the Corps,

Aaron Murphy
Major General, SFMC
Deputy Commandant
STARFLEET Marine Corps



112-50-835



TRACOM, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

NAME: O'BRIEN, BRUCE
RANK: COLONEL
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER TRACOM
OTHER POSITIONS: R5 RECRUITING OFFICER
SHIP: USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-63550; REGION: 11, NEW ZEALAND
ACHIEVEMENTS:

TRACOM Report

Greetings once again from TRACOM - home of the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy.

With the appointment a few months ago of the DOIC, Scott Anderson, we have been able to initiate and instrument several key projects – all aimed at either improving or expanding the services offered by TRACOM. This activity has seen significant improvement in areas such as student database records; the development of new Training Awards; assistance with the refurbishment of key manuals and exams; and the initial forays into research and study that will lead to the future development of new courses, exams and possibly schools.

While it has been a pretty hectic period for us, we have taken some time to reflect on the “what else can we do” scenarios – and we have certainly been able

to generate some good, practical ideas that will hopefully be of benefit in the future.

We have also been developing a core program that will ultimately create a ‘better’ use of the Brigade Training Officers (BTO) that are scattered through a few of the Brigades and with the recent appointment of a couple of keen and energetic Marines to these posts, we have confidence of being able to better integrate these important positions into a valuable tool for TRACOM and the SFMCA.

It is our intent that every Brigade will have an effective BTO appointed and if your Brigade does not currently have a Marine in this position, we would suggest you approach your BDE OIC, or the CO,TRACOM if you wish to know more. It would also be of value that any potential candidates for these positions, first study the appropriate section in the

TRACOM Policy & Procedures manual (available from the SFMC website), to ensure they understand the criteria associated with the role.

We also intend to provide a brief outline from one of our SFMCA schools, in each issue of Communiqué – and to start this off, we include a small column from the INFANTRY school.

At TRACOM, our major focus is in providing a service to Marines and students. If we can be of any service to you or if you have any ideas, questions, comments or even criticisms to make, we will welcome your communication. Please feel free to let us know what you think of the good, bad or ugly so we can hopefully, continue to make improvements.

Colonel Bruce O'Brien
Commanding Officer TRACOM





0223-01-810



NAME: OLSON, LINDA
RANK: MAJOR GENERAL
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER FORCECOM
OTHER POSITIONS: QUARTERMASTER SFMC; DOIC OF 674TH MSG
SHIP: USS RELENTLESS NCC-81001; REGION: 2, FLORIDA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS:

FORCECOM Report

Reporting date: May 1, 2008

Brigades NOT reporting:

10th, 14th, 15th, 17th

Units NOT reporting:

781st, 724th, 786th, 787th, 011th, 014th, 075th,
801st, 501st, 201st, 22nd, 226th, 242nd, 276th,
643rd, 668th, MSG.

Brigade strength (active/reserve):

1st - 42/28
2nd - 33/32
3rd - 48/20
4th - 35/ 9
5th - 24/37
6th - 02/10
7th - 47/43
8th - 2/ 2
9th - 09/01
10th -
11th - 8/25
12th - 38/47
13th - 01/03
14th -
15th -
17th -
20th - 2/0

Strike groups Activated:

- 666th MSG, Richard Harris, daggetb13@yahoo.com
- 101st reactivated

Strike groups Deactivated:

None

Recruits:

None reported

Discharged:

Daniel Vanderwood, Monika Reinholz, William Staats,
William Staats, Jr.

Promotions:

John Caverly, 2LT
Jason Eklund, CPL
Norman E. DeRoux, BGN
Thomas King LTC
Shawn McVay, MAJ (rank correction)
Shawn Van Der Bergto, 1st Lt.
Glenna Juilfs, COL
Christina Doane, COL
Shirley Burton LT
Doug Sleigh LT
Chris Hindman LCDR

Jeffery Higdon LGN

Changes in leadership:

- 154th MSG OIC From: LTC Christine Anderson, To:
LTC Christopher Bayonet
- 342nd Gunnery Sergeant Tony Walker appointed
NCOIC
- 347th DOIC Angelita Deluna-Schnoor appointed
acting OIC till the Unit votes on a new OIC
- 216th MCAPT Chris DeVriendt takes over 455th OIC
Joseph

Awards issued:

Leadership Device With Silver Wreath

Darlene Harper, Wesley Kincaid, Christina Doane,
John Johnston, Kenneth Norris

Leadership Device With Gold Wreath

John Johnston, Kenneth Norris

Marine Proficiency Award

Steve Harper, Kenneth Norris

Medical Proficiency Award

John Johnston, Harvey Mattern II, Kenneth Norris,
Cindy Norris, Rudolph Ault

Professional Development Award

Steve Harper, Christina Doane, John Johnston

Parachutists wings device

Jason Smith, Kenneth Norris

Special Operations Device

Kenneth Norris

IET

Chris Pittarelli, Darlene Harper, Steve Harper,
Kathlene Harper Cook, Wesley Kincaid, Melinda
Kincaid, Jason Smith, Monty Smith, Robert A. Torres,
Christina Doane, Angelita Schnoor, John Johnston,
Harvey Mattern II, Kenneth Norris, Joshua Earl,
Richard Harris

Mecha Sash Device

Robert A. Torres

Naval Unit Citation

USS Thermopylae

Naval Achievement Citation:

FCPT Cathey Fuller, USS Thermopylae

Good Conduct

Bill Rowlette, Darrell Thomas, Joseph Gallagher,
James Cecil, Rey Cordero, Curtis D Bellman, Timothy

Allen Cordero, Aaron Gregory, Matthew D Moyer,
Robert Temple, Kimberly Temple, Mark Webb, Cindy
Norris, Ken Norris, John Johnston, Elizabeth
Hapsburg-Kell, Harvey J. Mattern II, Mark West, Kyle
Schugart, Donald Williams

Marine Muster

John Caverly, Angelina Christian, Peter Christian,
Mitch Dunn, Joseph Fuller, Kenneth Hill, Jerome
"Gunny Hawk" Stoddard, Norman E. DeRoux,
Stephen C. Idell, Courtney Martin, Craig Martin,
Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin, Nadine
Romero, Keith Beardsley, Steve Eizenberg, Arlene
Garrison, Patrick Garrison, Russell Garrison, David
Hughes, Christine Jordan, Adan King, Deborah King,
Tom King, Jared Larson, Robin Larson, Patrick
McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Robert H. Rand, Jr., David
L. Kania, Shawn McVay, Michael Mocer, Chris
Wallace, Raye Crews, Sunnie Planthold, Anne Zecca,
Richard Graham, Fred Crews, Linda Olson, Wade
Olson

Embassy Duty

John Caverly, Angelina Christian, Peter Christian,
Mitch Dunn, Joseph Fuller, Kenneth Hill, Jerome
"Gunny Hawk" Stoddard, Courtney Martin, Craig
Martin, Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin,
Nadine Romero, Keith Beardsley, Steve Eizenberg,
Arlene Garrison, Patrick Garrison, Russell Garrison,
David Hughes, Christine Jordan, Adan King, Deborah
King, Tom King, Jared Larson, Robin Larso, Patrick
McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Robert H. Rand, Jr., David
L. Kania, Shawn McVay, Michael Mocer, Chris
Wallace, Raye Crews, Sunnie Planthold, Anne Zecca,
Richard Graham, Fred Crews, Linda Olson

Joint Service

John Caverly, Angelina Christian, Peter Christian,
Mitch Dunn, Joseph Fuller, Kenneth Hill, Jerome
"Gunny Hawk" Stoddard, Courtney Martin, Craig
Martin, Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin,
Nadine Romero, Keith Beardsley, Steve Eizenberg,
Arlene Garrison, Patrick Garriso, Russell Garrison,
David Hughes, Christine Jordan, Adan King, Deborah
King, Tom King, Jared Larson, Robin Larson, Patrick
McAndrew, Lea Morgan, T Robert H. Rand, Jr., David
L. Kania, Shawn McVay, Michael Mocer, Chris
Wallace

Great Barrier Expedition

John Caverly, Angelina Christian, Peter Christian,
Mitch Dunn, Joseph Fuller, Kenneth Hill, Jerome
"Gunny Hawk" Stoddard, Courtney Martin, Craig
Martin, Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin,
Nadine Romero, Chris Wallace, Raye Crews, Sunnie
Planthold, Anne Zecca, Richard Graham, Fred
Crews, Linda Olson



Marine Honor Guard

John Caverly, Angelina Christian, Peter Christian, Mitch Dunn, Joseph Fuller, Kenneth Hill, Jerome "Gunny Hawk" Stoddard, Steve Eizenberg, David Hughes, Tom King, Patrick McAndrew, Raye Crews, Sunnie Planthold, Anne Zecca, Richard Graham, Fred Crews

Leaders Commendation

Heather Martin, Keith Beardsley, Arlene Garrison, Patrick Garrison, Russell Garrison, David Hughes, Christine Jordan, Adan King, Deborah King, Tom King, Lea Morgan, Robert H. Rand, Jr., James Stewart

Brigade Achievement Award

Michael Martin, Sarah Martin, Steve Eizenberg, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Deborah King, Tom King, Lea Morgan, Robert H. Rand, Jr.,

Brigade Service Commendation

Joseph Fuller, Jerry "Gunny Hawk" Stoddard

Legion of Valor

308th, USS Gunslinger; 503rd, USS Thermopylae; 674th, USS Relentless

Star of Valor

David Hughes, 555th, PFC Adam Andrews

Shield of Valor

Jari James, 503rd, Kenneth Norris

Sword of Valor

Kenneth Hill, 503rd,BDR; Bill Downs 321st

Cross of Valor

Norman E. DeRoux 521st, Joy Fink 321st, BGN Neil Yawn

Streamers Issued

REPORTING-2007: 5th Brigade, 503rd, 521st, 555th

Participation ACTIVITY-2007: 5th Brigade, 50 rd, 521st, 555th

RECRUITING-2007: 503 rd

5th BDE 4th Battalion BN NCOIC-2007: 503rd, 555th

5th BDE 4th Battalion BN OIC-2007: 503rd

5th Brigade BDE OIC-2007: 521st

MUC-2007: 521st, 503rd, 555th

5th Brigade BDE TO-2007: 503rd

SERVICE-2007: 503rd, 555th

VALOR-2007: 503rd

5th Brigade BDE DOIC-2007: 555rd

Unit Activities Report Dated May 1, 2008

111th MSG Members of the unit went on a away mission to Gatlinburg to see the Wax Museum, Aquarium, and Star Cars. Active marines held a beer and wing night out at one of the local watering holes. Active recruiting is still a ongoing process.

198th Donations of household goods and clothing were made to Goodwill. Cadet Nathaniel Schultz continues his studies in karate. LT Adriane Lopes continues to volunteer her time at the Little Loomhouse Foundation. Donations of beverage can pull tabs were made to support the Ronald McDonald House Foundation. The MEU supported the annual Louisville, KY Polar Bear Plunge as well as the New Jersey Polar Bear Plunge. Members participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Kentuckiana Bowl for Kids' Sake. We raised over \$200 for this worthy cause.

113rd - Held general meetings discussed upcoming food drive for local food bank. Started planning for Christmas toy drive. Planning for Memorial Day weekend Marcon convention and attending the opening of the Lima Company Memorial display at the Ohio State House that weekend.

130th - Just some email discussions. With some talk of turning our little outfit into our own Ship.

162nd -Just started back as a Support Unit. We are a military police unit.

182nd -Unit activity is low, recruitment efforts continue. Glenna Juilfs and Christina Doane were promoted to Colonel by the R1RC on 16 February 2008

154th - Everyone is preparing for the Spring start of many events.

101st MSG Reactivated onboard USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215 on April 16th,2008

5th BN - This has been terribly disheartening. The only active unit as of this date in this once very active BN is mine own, the 161st.

78th cleaned local bike trail,Attended R2 summit,Had meeting and cook out at CO's house.

674th - Members attended the R2 Summit in Montgomery. Collected cans for MacDonald House, collected Campbell soup labels, collected Betty Crocker points. L. Olson is a member of the Relay for Life Team and crocheted an afghan to be raffled off to raise funds, team total is \$2500 and the relay is May 2. Collected donations for March of Dimes. D. Lacey and J. Lacey walked in the March for Babies in honor of their daughter Abbegail, who was born premature and lived only 17 days. They raised \$1050.00. Sent relief goods for Honduras, Care packages to troops in Iraq. Had movie nights. Participated in Reading Challenge: Wade Olson pages read 5,34; Linda Olson pages read 15,824. Sent postcards to soldier in Iraq from vacation spots.

609th Had guests Jill and Dennis Rayburn,They viewed lift-off of Shuttle Atlantis. Toured MOSI in Tampa. Attended R2 summit and Sunnie was in Color Guard and gave a panel on Klingon self-defense.

631st Berry Jackson participated in adopt a highway. Anne Zecca donated platelets, Participated in March of Dimes, Anne Helped with the Blood drive at R2 summit. Participated in the Reading Challenge. Anne Zecca pages read 421 pages Oliver Savander pages read 1403pages

640th MSG Hosted Region 2 Summit. Several members received promotions. Daniel Sleigh won Dalmuti. Shirley Burton 4th place in Texas Hold 'Em. FCapt Nancy O'Shields won Commanding Officer of the Year. Commander Jan Sleigh was named Officer of the Year. Lt. Shirley Burton co-hosted panel on Star Trek v. Firefly vs. Heroes. Lts. (jg) Shirley Burton and Doug Sleigh both promoted to full Lieutenants. Check to Brantwood Children's Home delivered by FCapt. Nancy and Lt. Shirley.DANT'S Reading Challenge: Monthly and individual numbers have been reported to reading@sfi-sfmc.org. MSG total YTD: 76,896. MSG total for January 08: 8,648, February 08: 7,165 and March 08: 6,932. 654th MSG BDRs Yawn & Green attended the Dec 07 Hephaestus meeting. Jan

canceled due to Snow.

677th MGEN Rebecca Louise Self went to the R2 Summit and the Starfleet Marine Corps Muster. Served as helper to Nancy O'Shields while a marine. Rebecca also gave blood as a marine.

666th OIC designed logo, it is being edited currently, attending cookout with Jubilee crew, also in attendance was Zone 4 Coordinator BGD Larry K. Morris. Unit made away mission to local flea market, in search of weaponry and uniform items. Prices were scouted and plans are being made to equip unit.

645th MSG James has been tied up with his family. His wife is undergoing chemo therapy. I attended the R2 Summit where I gave a pint of blood for the Region Blood Drive missing most of the Muster which I came in at right at the end. I stood security at the quartermaster room and ended up being awarded the Starfleet Cross by the Fleet Admiral and 2nd Brigade OIC at the awards presentation Saturday night. Both of us (James & I) are working on getting our uniforms put together. I've been taking classes while running an Academy College, a chapter and a Region program.

308: Weekly get together continue for games, general BS-ing and planning for future events, held a fund raiser for the local El Paso Rescue Mission. Unfortunately, it didn't go off as well as hoped, and we just broke even. We hosted the Anniversary Party for the USS Gunslinger, USS Lone Star and also the IKV Doq nej (The Empire[TE]) We tried a mini-summit style approach, and had a lot of fun doing it. Although the panels we wanted to do never really materialized, we did show some fan films during the morning events. Later that night we had a formal dinner, and an awards ceremony in which everyone had a great time. We had visitors from several different ships, not only from SFI, but also from some of the Klingon clubs around. There were rep's from the ISS Tomahawk and USS Mir (both SFI) and also the IKV Black Demon (TE) and the IKV Strangle Hold.

314th: Attended monthly meetings. General socializing.



321st: Gathered Campbell's labels & Betty Crocker points for charity. Books read for the Commandant's Reading Challenge

325th: Working to rebuild unit and recruit

328th: as of StarDate 200803.27 I was promoted to the rank of Staff leader at the Carmike Cinemas movie theater that I currently work at. I am currently trying to see if Chris Nix is going to renew his membership with

StarFleet or not. I also took the next step to recruit possible new members. By getting a co-worker, and a lady at a local library to attend this month's U.S.S. Tejas crew meeting. I am still working on ship specs, and an idea for a Star Trek movie script that when I am done with it I hope the Paramount at least considers it for a future Star Trek movie. I am also been a member of the Texas Army State Guard for over one year on my second term of military service with the State Guard! On StarDate 200804.06 I went on an away mission to the NASCAR Race at the Texas Motor Speedway. Where I witnessed a multitude of different life forms displaying different styles of emotions and ideas!

333rd: Still working on recruiting, going to Dallas ComiCon April 5-6 to start large scale recruit effort.

342nd: The 342nd MSG executed a Lazer Tag Tournament in March with nine buddy-teams competing in a double-elimination bout for supremacy. In addition to this event, the unit relocated to DFW for one weekend to engage in paint ball and battle tech exercises with our DFW contingent. The unit continues to have an active schedule, with parade deck drill and classroom once per month, in addition to gaming and outdoor events.

347th: Northern Flights BGN Joy and BGN Byron Flynt have been working with local churches in painting and remodeling projects. The Southern Flights BDR. Jeff Schnoor, LTC. Angelita Deluna-Schnoor, LTC. NormaYbarra, PVT. Isaiah Schnoor, have been providing security detail at Semi-Pro games and assisting with providing honors before and prior to game beginning. Marines also donated 1500 magazines to the Local USO to be shipped to overseas troops. We are currently working to collect items to be donated as care packages to overseas troops. And are planning our next trip to assist in the Ronald McDonald House we will also be working a booth at the upcoming fiesta events here in San Antonio. And will be using this time for recruitment.

348th: Attended TR anniversary party, 1 TR meeting, game night at Dan Stockelman's house. and Attended All-con

6th MSG: the Unit participated in a easter basket drive and is preparing for their paint ball challenge on April 20,2008.the unit is also preparing for a parade in May.

1st MSG: Reading challenge additions for Truman Temple, Tom Pawelczak, Cyndi Temple, Robert Temple, Howard Leidner and Kimberly Temple . Still collecting soda top tabs for the local Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. OIC just recently moved.

Just celebrated 43rd birthday. Tom Pawelczak challenge totals: 57 books @ 26,190 pages; Truman Temple challenge totals : 31 books@ 15,101 pages Kimberly Temple challenge totals: 24 books@7818 pages; Cyndi Temple challenge totals: 22 books@6520 pages Robert Temple challenge totals: 7 books@1789 pages Howard Ledtner challenge totals: 8 books@3000 pages. (titles sent separately from report) take up too much room.

At the 5th Brigade Muster during February, we were able to present award certificates prepared using the SFMC award template. These included awards earned during 2007 as well as the new awards being announced at the Muster. This involved many hours of work creating the e-certs by Joe Dorffner, SFMC E-certs officer. I then printed the certs on heavy card stock paper, so they had a nice look and feel when presented. I would like to include here a "mention in dispatches" thank you to Joe Dorffner for his long hours of assistance getting our awards made in time for presentation at the Brigade Muster during February 15-17, 2008. A "mention in dispatches" thank you is hereby given to the members of the 555th MSG, USS Antares, who helped plan and hosted the 5th Brigade Muster during February. A "mention in dispatches" thank you is hereby given to BGN David Kania for his assistance in scheduling the Brigade Muster location and time within the RadCon event. I took "medical leave" from March 11-25 for surgery in Portland, Oregon. BDR Russ Garrison, BDE DOIC, was in charge as "Acting OIC" during that time. I am still rehabilitating, staying with in-laws rather than in a rehab facility, and don't know how long this will take for recovery. This report is being prepared on my laptop, sitting for short periods in a chair to write before taking another break to rest.

503rd - Six members of the 503rd MSG attended the Brigade Muster at Radcon, Feb 17-19. There were a lot of awards for the 503rd ! We each took our places as the guard of honor for the Brigade Muster, carried colors at the Antares Banquet, and stood as side party for the Region V Summit. We also participated in the USS Wildhorse NCO club which was a great success. Every officer had to be escorted by a non-com. Marine Night at the Movies continues to be a huge success. Last month we watched "Enemy at the Gates". This month we watched "The Longest Day". We are averaging six to ten Marines at each showing. We had a large number of Marines attending each of the ship meetings. It continues to be one of our most fun social events every month.

521st: In March we had our Chapter/MSG meeting.

555th: During January - March, 2008, the USS Antares and the 555th have contributed 145 hours & 21 minutes in community service time cutting, sorting, counting, and shipping coupons for our Overseas Coupon Project. To date, we have sent \$31,613.53 in coupons to our three overseas military bases. We continue to "march" towards our goal of \$250,000 for the year. . We continue to support the projects that are ongoing with our unit-the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission and the Benton-Franklin Humane Society. We are already underway preparing for our involvement this year with Toys for Tots as this reporting officer has made contact with a member of the Marine Corps League in the area and has expressed our interest in

assisting with the program this year. Celebrated with the newly commissioned USS Antares, NCC-75030 on 15 February 2008. Members of the USS Destiny and the USS Thermopylae shared in the festivities. Region 5 Regional Coordinator FCAPT Cathey Fuller shared some fine words of encouragement to the crew of the Antares and a great meal that was prepared for all.

565th MSG 080316 Ships Game and Movie Day.

809th is recruiting for the USS Riverside, members are taking SFMCA classes and participating in a trivia tournament.

849th members are participating in the reading challenge, recruiting, and preparing for Region 6 summit. BGN Tom Webster has read 3 books: Star Trek Klingon Empire A Burning House, ISBN-10#: 1-4165-5647-8, 401 pages The Klingon Gambit, ISBN#:0-671-83276-X, 158 pages Star Wars Darth Bane: The Rule Of Two A Novel of The Old Republic, ISBN#: 978-0-345-47748-4, 310 pages

725th MSG: 3/23/08 Away Mission to Cape Kennedy

707th MSG: participating in the OCP / Overseas Coupon Program" since November 1st 2007 86th MSG: Attended a Star Trek Meetup Meeting at the Empire Diner in Parsippany, NJ. Continued working on our 4th Star Trek Fan Film, "Street Fight" & 5th ST Fan Film, "Pria." Attended Creation Con at the Crown Plaza Meadowlands Hotel, 0803.07. Met Dominic Keating (from Enterprise) and got his autograph. Passed out some STARFLEET/Justice flyers while there.

717th MSG: Assisted with OCP coupons for supported bases

777th MSG: Donate to the united way, donated at Red Cross Blood Drive.

742nd MSG: A small contingent went to Farpoint. Fun was had.OIC went to Las Vegas and The Star Trek Experience

714th MSG: Planning for upcoming Spring and Summer Away Missions occupied most of the time frame since our last report.

728th MSG: 1st meeting was held 15 FEB 08. This was our time to set officers, mission statement and handbook . The units informational highway was chosen as follows: Unit E-MAIL meu764thsfmc@yahoo.com All the units mail will be directed here for general information and non starfleet contacts a web site and newsletter will and is set for overall acknowledgment of the unit as well as a recruiting items that will be posted on all community bulletin boards and sci-fi licks. These are as follows: 764th's web site is <http://www.freewebs.com/764thshadowhawks/>. The newsletter is <http://www.myspace.com/shadowhawks> Meeting was held 15 Mar. A design of 3 patches were voted on with the winning design on our main page of the units web site. Viewed preview on the final season of Battlestar Galactica. As well as presented into on Shore Leave, IC 2008, and Comic-Con.Talks on table for Comic-Con, more in-



formation to be added into our handbook and its presentation on the web site, uniform styles leaning toward First Contact/ Insurrection, but with the blood stripe remaining on pants. My last words were on making sure all memberships are handled asap and the start of utilizing the SFMC and STARFLEET Academies including what courses that are required.

740th MSG: This months meeting was held on Feb. 17 2008 at 2pm at my (Jim McClure, OIC) house. We opened the meeting with the reading of Jan. Minutes and officers Reports. We went onto discuss old business. Items that were discussed were several different conventions, R7 awards, Kennywood Amusement park, RenFaire, Camping trip Aug 22-24 at Cooks Forest in Pa., our flyer contest that is postponed till March's meeting. Also, the new Star Trek movie postponed till May and Comic con. We also did mention that Maquis Gras was cancelled for this year and it is yet unknown if Maquis Gras will be back next year or not. 15 March 2008 was the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. Myself (Jim McClure) and MCAPT be'taj (Amber Thompson) attended and marched with the Pittsburgh Irish Festival volunteers. It was a very chilly morning but we both braved the cold and wore our kilts. It was fun, this being my first time to march in the parade. At the end, we noticed a man across the street that looked a bit like Scotty from a distance. We crossed the street to check him

out and he was actually dressed like Scotty, doing a pretty good Scottish accent too. Afterwards Amber and I headed for the strip district to takepart in more St. Pat's Day merriment. 2008-03-16 This month's meeting was held at Ron Seymore's house. We discussed upcoming cons, Irish Festival, St. Pat's Day, and Race for the Cure. On Fleet side, Chris Hindman was promoted to LCDR. The April meeting was scheduled for the 20th at Ron's house again

8th Brigade - I have sent the Reading list to DOIC FCOM - April - May, 2008 SFMC Reading Challenge I'm the only one from the 360th to send the list in. Col. Philip J. Kern, Jr. 360th MSG Impeachable Offense: The conspiracy Grows, Neesa Hart ISBN: 9781414300368 pages: 318; Necessary Evils - Wahington Will Be Changed Forever, Neesa Hart ISBN: 9781414300399 pages: 308; Soon - The Beginning of the End, Jerry Jenkins ISBN: 9780842384070 pages: 347

211th - Our recycling, and stamp collection activities continued. Neighborhood charity mailings were sent for American Diabetes Assoc. & American Cancer Society. Marine members discussed the upcoming 2008 Region 12 Summit and our ship and MSG participation in the event. GST Peggy Brem was away interviewing for jobs out of state. Margaret Smith, mother of GST Brem and COL. C. K. Smith, had major cancer

surgery and is recovering nicely for someone aged 86. Caring for her caused the delaying of some 211th activities.

225th: Finally out of winter. Found out that one of our pet projects, The annual Rantoul Charity Airshow, has been canceled by the charity. We are upset, but understand economic necessity.

263rd: Major General Jeffery Higdon promoted to Lieutenant General on 25 Feb. 2008 Lieutenant General Jeffery Higdon appointed SFMC Historian.

210th – Prepare layout for unit newsletter. Update members on information from STARFLEET headquarters. Unit meeting on March 19, 2008. Discuss away mission to Region 12 Summit in May.

286th - Donated blood at the local blood bank.

13th BDE OIC attended Penguicon with R13 recruiting initiatives to represent the SFMC and pass along information. Several interested perspective members were given STARFLEET applications and information about the SFMC as well.

20th Brigade unit meetings held.



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SERGEANT MAJOR, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

A Message from the SGM SFMC: May 2008

As I write this, I have been the Sergeant Major of the Starfleet Marines for almost two months, and those two months have not all been spent getting used to being on the General Staff. Among other things, a new course for the NCO Studies department of TRACOM is being developed, and I am continuing the process of attempting to get in touch with every NCOIC in the Corps.

The latter has proved a bit more difficult than I originally envisioned, for several reasons, one of them being the slot of NCOIC is not filled in all units. Still, I am making slow, steady progress on this.

One of my stated goals as SGM SFMC was to raise awareness of the accomplishments of the NCOs and enlisted members of the Corps. To that end, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the most recent winner of the 4th BDE Star of Valor, SSGT Robert Temple of the 1st MSG aboard USS Centurion. Well done, SSGT Temple!

One of my unstated goals was to see if I could ever convince anyone to form a Marine unit where the

highest-ranking individual was an NCO, and they planned to keep it that way. It seemed a bit of wishful thinking, until I got word of the 313th MSG "Riven Seraphim", newly formed aboard the USS Joan of Arc. All the members of the 313th are NCOs, and none of them has any plan to become an officer. It causes a few odd kinks in the chain of command, but let me say that I'm not the only one on the GS delighted to see the only all-NCO currently unit in the SFMC (and, as far as we can tell, perhaps the only all NCO unit ever in the SFMC). So, special recognition goes out to SGT Michelle "Biohazard" Blake, CPL Artemis "Shakes" O'Conner, and CPL Frank "Mouse" Miller for going bravely into unknown territory. I'm sure we'll enjoy the journey.

Remember that if someone from the enlisted ranks in your unit, battalion, or brigade has received recognition, or done something interesting, I'd like to hear about it and share it with the rest of the Corps, and indeed, all of Starfleet.

When you look at a listing of the General Staff, you'll note that my office is listed third, just below the Dant and Depdant. Is it because I'm a particularly wonderful and important person? Nope, it's because, to the SFMC, every enlisted member is that important.

Never forget that you have a voice at the highest level of the Corps, and your opinions and ideas are not only welcome but also needed at that level.

If you have any thoughts, concerns, or questions, send them on to me. That's part of what I'm here for. If I don't have the answer, I'll ask someone who does. I've even been known to answer questions from officers, so don't let rank be an issue.

Now that I've made that offer, let me remind you that I'm not alone. The entire General Staff is open to any questions, comments, or ideas you may have, and any one of them would be happy to hear from you. In my experience, they're a fine group of people, one of the best teams I've ever worked with, and I'm proud to be part of that team.

Semper Fi!

MMSGT Jerome "Hawk" Stoddard
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Remember, I'm pullin' for ya; we're all in this together.





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ACHIEVEMENTS:

Begin transmission...

Greetings marines,

Once again coming from deep within the bowels of the SFMC Data Warfare Center it's time for the bi-monthly INFOCOM report. Things in the past couple of months have been a little crazy, from Marine hiding Horta eggs, to the discussion of various serious and controversial issues. Before I move onto my full report I would like to wish a hearty welcome to the Corp's new DCOTRACOM, Colonel Scott Anderson, Sr. I have worked with Scott before and I am looking forward to working with him in his new capacity as DCOTRACOM.

SFMC Manuals

For the most part the SFMC manuals are completed and ready to go. As always these updated manuals will be released at this year's STARFLEET IC. Also about the same time a new CD ISO will be released on the SFMC website and will be available for download. Also for those in attendance at this year's IC there will be a limited number of CDs containing the SFMC manuals available.

The SFMC Websites

The SFMC websites continue to work well and they have received an overall positive response from those that use them. I continue to fix any issues and problems that are found either by myself or a marine who visits the pages.

I am also pleased to announce that the SFMC Quartermaster store is officially open and ready for business. The SFMC Quartermaster store is a full-fledged online store with a shopping cart and all the other bells and whistles that one can find in an online store. The SFMC Quartermaster store accepts payment via Check/Money order as well as PayPal. The SFMC Quartermaster Store is the only place where you can find the SFMC custom ribbons, and other official SFMC branded merchandise. So if you need ribbons for the IC or your Brigade muster head on over to the SFMC Quartermaster store at <http://qm.sfi-sfmc.org> and pick them up. However there appears to be an issue with international orders, namely that there are no shipping options available. I am currently working on this and I hope to have the issue solved

by press time. If by some chance this is not done by press time, international orders can be made via email to the SFMC quartermaster, by sending an email to qm@sfi-sfmc.org.

As everyone is probably aware by now, there are lingering issues with the SFI database not sending out email notices regarding grade being entered for courses taken. Therefore I would like to announce that a new tool is available for students of the SFMCA. With the SFI DB sending out email intermittently the Ecerts system has been severely hobbled. In order to work around the problem I have created a form which students may request Ecerts for courses that they have taken but have not received their Ecerts for. The form can be accessed under the Students menu under Forms by picking Ecert Request Form. This form should only be used if you did not receive a conformation email from the DB that a grade has been entered into the system. Also please allow 3-4 weeks from the time of request to receipt of the requested Ecerts.

Another addition to the SFMCA website is a report form for the Brigade Training Officers to use. This form is a basic report form and should be used on a monthly basis. The form can be accessed under the Staff menu by picking BTO Report Form.

The Future

The next big project that is on the horizon for INFOCOM is working on finding and evaluating online testing solutions for the STARFLEET Marine Academy. It is hoped that sometime this year students will be able to take courses online and have their tests graded and scores given to them almost immediately. Right now the project is in the discovery stage and a report is being prepared for COTRACOM outlining the various options that are available to the SFMCA.

I have been in contact with the Chief of CompOps regarding adding SFMC reporting functionality to the database. It is once again on the CompOps to do list. I will keep the Corps apprised of the progress of this project.

The Staffing

As of writing this article I have yet to receive any applications for the position of DCOINFOCOM. There-

fore I'm keeping the application period open until I receive a sufficient number of applicants from which to make a decision. So any interested individuals should meet the following requirements;

1. Be a member of STARFLEET in good standing
2. Have taken and passed: OTS (Officers Training School through SFA), PD-10 (SFMCA), and PD-20 (SFMCA).
3. Have dependable Internet access and email.
4. Have at least an intermediate knowledge of HTML. Javascript, PHP, and SQL database management are a plus but not required.

The duties of DCOINFOCOM include but are not limited to the following;

1. Use Joomla to administer and update the SFMC and SFMCA websites.
2. Use Mailman to administer the various discussion lists that the SFMC runs.
3. Moderate the SFMC list.
4. Assist COINFOCOM or other General Staff members as needed.

Any interested individual who meets the requirements can send their STARFLEET/SFMC and real world resumes along with samples of work (or links to) to infocom@sfi-sfmc.org. I have changed the application period to an open ended one and once enough applications are received I will make a decision.

Need help with your group's website?

If there is any Unit, Battalion, or Brigade that needs help in setting up a website or fixing one please feel free to contact me and I'll be more than happy to see what I can do to help.

End Transmission...

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DCOTRACOM, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

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ACHIEVEMENTS:

Greetings Marines!

I am your Infantry Branch Director and DCOTRACOM, COL Scott A. Anderson, Sr. and I are very proud to tell you that recently we had the pleasure to launch a new course. The Infantry Branch began the IN-23 Basic Sniper Course on April 5th and in the first hour had 5 requests. The course has taken off nicely and we are looking forward to several other courses that may include a History of the SFMC Infantry and a course on Mountaineering.

The Infantry Branch is only seconded to the Professional Development in activity here in TRACOM

and as such we are looking at developing only the highest quality courses for each of you. Also, in the works for the Infantry Branch is a possible Infantry Branch Device and in that we will recognize all Marines who have taken and will take the Infantry School exams. If and when approval is given on this device the Marines who have taken the appropriate course will have that device automatically added to their database record.

Let me end this by saying that in the last year or so that I have been your Infantry Branch Director that I have seen some of the greatest men and women come through the doors of my section of TRACOM.

Knowing that each of you enjoys taking these courses makes it all worth while to me and I think I have as much fun working with you as you may in taking the exams. The school bell rings and I must get back to the students of TRACOM. Thanks to each of you from your Infantry Branch Director.

COL Scott A. Anderson, Sr., SFMC
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QUARTERMASTER, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

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Hello Fellow Marines,

The SFMC Quartermaster unveiled its NEW ONLINE STORE since the last reporting period and business has been brisk. There are orders coming in weekly and I have had to revise my policy on shipping. Before I tried to get the orders to the post office asap, but with the price of gas and the distance from both my home and work to a US Post Office, I have decided to only mail packages on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So if you place an order before either of these days, it will be shipped on the next ship day. I apologize for any future delays in receiving packages on your end, but I simply can't continue to go to the post office 3 and 4 times a week.

If you haven't been to the new online store check it out (<http://qm.sfi-sfmc.org/>). Sean did an amazing job of getting it up in a minimum amount of time from the decision to go ahead with it. I hope you all like it. I am still accepting snail mail orders and personal checks/money orders if you choose not to use the store or paypal option. Because of these non internet orders the inventory may not always reflect accurately. I will let you know if something that you have ordered is not available. Otherwise, you will be the proud owner of SFMC merchandise following the closest ship date to the receipt of your order. Please pay attention to any taxes due when you are filling out your order forms.

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COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The Recuperative Value of Getting Together with Members

As I stated at the Region 1 Summit, this year, no one who hasn't sat in the Commander's seat can understand the stress that comes with the position. I'm not the first to say that and I'm sure I won't be the last. I really believe (and have been told by others) that some of the problems I have had come from a lot of unfinished business from the previous administration, my desire to bring about change in the organization, and the ability of those who are resistant to those changes to use the Internet to try to distract me and keep me from focusing on those changes. Regardless of the reasons, being the Commander, STARFLEET, does carry a certain amount of stress and whether or not the levels I am experiencing is a subject for debate some other time. The fact remains that the first 125 days of my administration have been stressful.

As I recently recounted at that same summit, I like to think back to the days when I joined STARFLEET. I have been a Star Trek fan from the first episode I ever watched. I went to a convention to see George Takei in Charleston, SC and encountered members of STARFLEET – more specifically, members of the USS Charleston. I joined both organizations. As a member of a local chapter, I met some folks who I still call my friends today. Jamie Young (with his gale-force-wind-resistant hair), Victor Swindell (whose birthday is two days before mine) and Bill Herrmann (someone I think of as my brother) were on the Command Staff; Dave and Quyn Horner are still dear

friends, Barbara Slater (the current CO of the Charleston) and Carl Lewis (who later was the CO of the Dominator) and I even met Brad Pense (the former RC of Region 3) when he was a member of the crew. Mandi was about 14 at the time and my daughter Ashley idolized her – we are all still more like family than friends.

As I became more involved, I reached out and met other members of STARFLEET through TrekNet, a telephone-connected network of computer bulletin board systems that linked Star Trek fans and STARFLEET members. That is how I came to know and befriend Rob Lerman and his family. Other friends came along as I went to STARFLEET regional and international conferences and local conventions: Linda Neighbors (now Smith) and Willy Smith, Sashi German, Mike Smith, and Lisa Paradise, come to mind. And later, as a member of the EC, I became friends with Mike Smith, Dennis Gray, Jerry Tien, Bob Vossler, Jesse and Terri Smith, Blair Learn and Liz Woolf. It was during my first term as CompOps Chief that I met Dave and Leslie Ryan, Bob Chin and other members of Region 15 and later people like Sam Black, Robert Westfall, Greg Trotter, Joost and Susan Ueffing, Sandy and Karen Berenberg, John and Mary Kane, Wade and Linda Olson, Gumby, Scott Akers, Les Rickard, Mike Mallotte, Dave and Linda Kloempkin, Helen Pawlowski, Marlene Miller, John Roberts, Martin Lessem, and so many others that I've left out here.

I say this because, when I think of STARFLEET, I realize that, at least to me, STARFLEET is these people – some of my dearest friends. And then I

realize that STARFLEET is also so many people that I haven't and may never have a chance to meet.

This is what keeps me going as I try to work for STARFLEET. It's the people who make up STARFLEET that are the most important and when I have an opportunity to get together with the members of STARFLEET, I am renewed.

I often hear it said that STARFLEET is about fun and some ask, "What happened to the fun?" Well, I'll tell you that there is still fun out there. Many of us still have fun with our chapters, and I've certainly seen fun at the regional summits and the international conferences that I've been to. Even now, when I go to summits -- like the Region 2 Summit (the "Butt Summit") and the Region 1 Summit that I've attended so far, this year – and avail myself for questions and to discuss issues, I still have a wonderful time with old friends and meeting new ones.

I want to express my appreciation of you folks and I hope to get around to more chapter meetings, Regional and STARFLEET events during my term in office – I need the therapeutic effect of having some fun with you!

FADM Sal Lizard
Commander, STARFLEET



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First the unpleasantness:

Since becoming the Commander, STARFLEET, on January 1st, I have made some unpopular decisions. Well, by unpopular, I mean that I have gotten plenty of negative feedback from at least one AB member and several members who participate in the online forums.

As everyone who received my letter knows, I have hired a law firm to review our operations and governing documents and advise us where we need to change with regard to the laws and practices appropriate for our type of organization. Several have told me that we have enough legal expertise that could have provided the same services for free. Now, it is true that we do have a couple of paralegals and a member with a law degree that have been offering their legal opinions and pointing us to various internet resources, but I believe that we need an attorney that specializes in non-profit corporate law to advise us. We have attorneys in STARFLEET that are criminal lawyers and family lawyers. We have members who have studied law and taken law classes and we have a bunch of members who provide their legal opinions but I really thought that we needed an attorney with those previous qualifications – after all, a podiatrist is a doctor but you wouldn't go to him for chest pains except in an emergency and then he's to step aside as soon as a doctor more suited to your needs became available. Of course, some are only complaining about the cost but it's hard to find someone who meets those qualifications and wants to work "pro bono" – trust me, I tried to talk our attorney into it.

And then there's the matter of the letter. I sent a letter out to every primary member of STARFLEET to explain those things that I saw wrong with STARFLEET. And while some objected to my use of the term "threat" as opposed to "issues," I chose that word because I believe that ignoring the issues make them threats. Of course, the "threat" idea also resulted from someone calling me a "threat to STARFLEET" and it set the tone of my thoughts in the letter. I was advised to send the letter to the membership by our attorney. There were several reasons for doing so:

- We have issues with our governing documents and issues concerning how we operate.
- We are supposed to be a membership-driven organization – the members are the only ones empowered to change our constitution.
- The membership has a right and needs to know about our issues so that they can understand the need for change and the need for their vote to make those changes happen.
- The Communiqué is sent out bulk rate and we

have delivery issues with it.

- First Class mail is an appropriate means to address the membership as people don't always read the CQ or even all sections of it – most people will read a letter sent to them.

The question came up about the cost for sending out those letters. While I think any associated attorney fees will be found in the CFO's report, I know that the postage cost was \$872.91. The paper and printing were donated. A lot of members were upset about that expenditure and I understand that concern. I also believe in what we are trying to accomplish and so I have committed to "putting my money where my mouth is" by pledging a \$50/month donation to STARFLEET's legal fund each month of my administration. Adding that to the monthly fees for the toll-free numbers, my personal monthly donations come to around \$150/month. But I believe in this organization and I will show my resolve to help as much as I can. I invite others to do the same. It may not be a lot in the "big picture" but as someone recently told me, "Every little bit added makes it a little bit more."

One of the things that I learned from that mailing is that many members have told me that their chapter leaders "shield" them from what goes on in STARFLEET outside their chapter. One of the other established methods of communicating with the members is supposed to be passing information to the Regional Coordinators who are supposed to pass it to their chapter COs who, in turn, pass it to the STARFLEET members of their chapters. As I understand it, it's not being done in all chains and sometimes, it is "filtered" before it's delivered.

And now, the pleasantness:

Our Public Relations Officer has been contacted by the National Geographic Channel about the possibility of filming portions of our 2008 International Conference for a show about fandom. If everything works out and they do send a crew to film us, I think it might provide us with good exposure and can be a wonderful opportunity to gain new members.

Kris and Mike Klufas have presented the EC with more than 60 promotion requests so far this year and have already mailed out the first batch of certificates for me to sign. The promotions team is still catching up on the backlog that was discovered from the previous Promotions Officer. They are working hard to get out the certificates from last year as well as those approved since the start of the year.

Our Awards Director is preparing to present awards at this year's International Conference. She has also ordered the Lucite awards and the plaques

that were supposed to be handed out at last year's IC and a replacement from those presented at the 2006 IC. Hopefully, those have been received by those deserving members by this time – please let me know if you haven't received an award that was promised you.

Our Personnel Officer has begun advertising some of the current openings and collecting resumes from folks interested in working for the betterment of STARFLEET. You don't have to be one of the "old-timers" in STARFLEET or be a "high-ranking" member to serve in a Regional or STARFLEET level position. As a matter of fact, service is a great way to earn rank. Don't hesitate to contact Dennis if you are interested in serving at the 'fleet level.

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Introduction to the VCS STARFLEET Resources Center

My name is BDR Jeff Schnoor I am the new VCS Director of the Fleet Resources Center. I over see all the departments that are here to help make your STARFLEET experience fun. I'm a Region 3 member and the Commanding Officer of the ISS Thunderwolf and the 3rd Brigade Commander of the SFMC. I have also served in several other positions through out the fleet. I've been a member of STARFLEET for 12 years. 5 years of that Active and the rest as an Associate member due to my military status at the time. We have a lot of great resources for all the different interests of the Regions and STARFLEET. We cant do it all ourselves and would like to get your help if you are interested in helping to make a difference contact me and the STARFLEET Director of Personnel with a STARFLEET Resume and Real World Resume and tell us what you can do. If you are serving or have an interest in any of the fields below we are currently working to bring every webpage up for every active department.

My email is issthunderwolfco@live.com or the Director of Personnel at personnel@sfi.org.

Our organization was created for and should be about fun. The reason why people join our organization is that we provide a fun diversion from everyday life. To have future growth we need to give our membership a reason to stay. That reason is fun. The FRC was designed to act as a support system in making our Regions and Chapters more successful. Who better would know what would be successful than the Chapters in the Regions themselves? It will be our goal to listen to what Chapters and Regions have to say as to what brings them fun and then channel our resources to help make that fun a reality in that particular area. Each Region is unique in its culture, people and environments and it only makes sense that someone in California would not know what the people in Maine would do for fun. I guarantee you surfing are not big in Maine but neither is ice fishing in California. The FRC can go a long ways in bridging the gap to the question... "What do I get for my membership money?" Members will see that STARFLEET is here to serve the Chapters and Regions, not the other way around. Our goal is to cultivate an atmosphere of cooperation and service to the membership by supporting their efforts in having fun. We believe fun can be infectious and this is one Psi 2000 virus, we would love to spread! The Fleet Resource centers are based on the premise that people join STARFLEET to have fun. So the first step is to identify the answer to the simple question... What does STARFLEET offer that provides fun? What the Fleet Resource centers attempt to ac-

complish is to create programs that will help support members and Regions with the resources necessary to have fun in their areas of interest.

STARFLEET Costuming Guild- Director Vacant

Many of our membership love to dress up in snappy uniforms or as their favorite alien race. Have you ever wondered who can create costumes for you in our organization? Are you willing to try it yourself but need a little help? Maybe you know how to do it but need to find suppliers to do so? Then the STARFLEET Costuming Guild will be your place to go for creating your masterpiece!

STARFLEET "Echoes from Space" Troupe – Director or Vacant

Do you like to sing or dance? Are you known as the King or Queen of Karaoke? Then why not show off your talents for all of STARFLEET to see. The "Echoes from Space" program will tap into the artistic talents of our members and give them center stage at our events. How about an "Echoes from Space" CD? The sky is the limit!

STARFLEET Movie & Video production Guild-Director Vacant

There is no doubt that each chapter in STARFLEET has its own unique personality that sets it apart from all others. One of the greatest ways to assist in chapter growth is to spotlight that very same uniqueness in personality and show it off to prospective members. This is exactly what the STARFLEET Movie and Video Guild is designed to do. The Movie and Video Guild will be a resource in which members can reach out to in order to produce a video promoting fun and growth throughout our organization. Think of the fun Regions, chapters or even individuals can have in producing it and the resulting fun, energy and pride created by showing it off to the public. Fun and growth, a winning combination!

STARFLEET Ambassador Corps- Director Janice Graham

Diversity is STARFLEET's greatest asset. Its ability to include differing thoughts and ideas has lead to many great fun activities within our organization. Its time we take that diversity one step further. There are many organizations out there that also want to have fun. Why not take advantage of such opportunities by



encouraging joint ventures that will help promote friendship and fun. That's what the STARFLEET Ambassador Corp is all about. Their mission is to make contact with other organizations to see if there is something that we can mutually gain from collaboration with one another. It is our hope that such joint activities, friendships will develop, fun will be had and the resulting growth will be good for all concerned. The STARFLEET Ambassador Corp will be on the forefront of such growth.

STARFLEET Medical Corp- Director Vacant

One of the most rewarding of human endeavors is the looking out for the wellbeing of others. In today's road of life there are certainly many potholes to avoid and from time to time, despite our best efforts, we fall into one. The purpose of the STARFLEET Medical Corp is to provide a resource and helping hand that will benefit the membership. By providing basic First Aid and CPR training to STARFLEET members, we can greatly enhance our ability to care for our friends and family. In addition the "Fitness for Duty" program will continue to provide our members with healthy lifestyle options, tips and information that will help our membership to continue down the road we call life and hopefully avoid some of the potholes along the way. The STARFLEET Medical Corps goal is to view our members as precious and to provide healthy resources to utilize so that we may keep all our members around for a very long time.

STARFLEET Counselor Corp- Director LCDR Isa Gunther



For an organization to be successful in programs that benefit its members, it must be in tune with the wants and needs of its membership. In order to achieve this level of member participation, an avenue must be created to facilitate this communication. This is what the STARFLEET Counselors Corp is designed to provide. Though not created to mediate conflict, the counselors Corp is there to listen to how the membership feels about the performance and value of STARFLEET programs and is given the op-



portunity to express how they think things can be improved. STARFLEET belongs to its members and by utilizing the Counselors Corp members can now have a direct influence on the direction of their organization.

Personal Introduction by LCDR Isa Gunther:

Greetings, Fellow STARFLEET Members.

My name is Isa. I joined the Star Trek fandom at the age of six, and have recently rejoined and become more active in the fandom. I joined STARFLEET International in 2006, and I currently serve on the U.S.S. Asgard in Ohio. I am also honored to serve 'Fleet as the Resource Coordinator for the ship's counselors' corp.

My goal for the Counselor's Corps is to revitalize and redefine the role of the ship's counselor by increasing the knowledge base and expanding the "job description" of the ship's counselor. This will not be a simple or a quickly accomplished task, but I have full confidence in the counselor of this Fleet.

That being said, I would like to get to know where the counselors are and what ships still need counselors. I ask that all ship's counselors send me an e-mail at prodigaltrekker@gmail.com with your name, region, and ship name. Also feel free to include any questions, comments, or concerns in your e-mail so that I can get an idea of where we stand and where we would like to go. From there, we can work together to rebuild and redefine the Counselor's Corps.

I look forward to working with you all.

In Service to 'Fleet and Fandom,

LCDR Isa Gunther
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STARFLEET Chaplain Corps- Chaplains Coordinator MGEN Dennis Rayburn



Faith is an important foundation in many people's lives and for many of our own membership. A long-standing program in STARFLEET, the Chaplain's Corp will continue to provide the membership with an avenue to express their own individual spiritual-

ity and provide a forum in which to express their faith to their "higher power".

STARFLEET Alternate Universe- Director BGN Byron Flynt

By far the most ambitious of all the Fleet Resource programs, the STARFLEET Alternate Universe has the potential of being the most fun and the most rewarding. There are many fans in the Star Trek experience that are drawn to STARFLEET because of the potential fun of belonging to an organization that gives them an opportunity to living out their particular



ing types who love to design new gadgets to have fun with. Still other loves the on-line fantasy worlds in which to explore. What the Alternate Universe program proposes to do is to combine all facets of our fandom into one cohesive unit. Wouldn't it be fun to create an entire universe in which we can have as our playground! In STARFLEET we have the talent and we have the technology, all we need is to tap into it all to make it a reality.

STARFLEET Special Operations- Director COL Jack Kern (<http://www.sfi-sfso.org/>)



Personal Introduction by COL Jack Kern:

I joined Starfleet in 1998.

During my time in Starfleet, I have held several positions on the ship, Regional, and SFMC levels. I served the USS Mir as the Chief of Operations and the USS Dauntless as the 2nd Officer, Chief of Operations, and XO.

I have also, served as the SGM of the 17th Brigade and the SFMC SGM. I assisted in writing the first NCO course for for the SFM Academy. I have served the Quarter Master for SFSO.

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If you are interested in STARFLEET Special Operations please contact me at Jack Kern kern.pj@gmail.com. We are looking for dedicated Men and Woman interested in serving in the various Special Operations Department of the STARFLEET Special Operations Corps. If you had a unit in the past please contact me about reestablishing your unit in our directory. Our site is under construction but we can be found at: <http://www.sfi-sfso.org/>

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The STARFLEET Science Corps Serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET.

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STARFLEET Engineering Corps- Director Vacant

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Starfleet Annual Campaign's Focus on Our Chapters

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- Admiral Marlene J. Miller USS Renegade, Region 1

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of the 'Fleet! Once again Starfleet's Finest have been busy spreading Fun, Friendship, Fellowship throughout 'Fleet's Fandom! Following are some of the activity highlights gleaned from your submitted MSRs covering March and April, 2008.

Region 1: USS APPOMATTOX participated in a local food pantry which helped 110 families, they also held a membership drive; USS HEIMDAL continues doing wonderful things for the Region; USS INDIANA crew attended a convention in New Jersey; USS JAMESTOWN crew had a model building session, collected coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project and money for the March of Dimes, participated in Raven Con; USS JURASSIC getting plans solidified to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NASA at the Lewis Field

Campus in Cleveland, Ohio; Received a box of yarn, ribbons and lace to help in making afghans, baby blankets and beanies for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and the Pregnancy Resource Center; crew continues to collect Box Tops 4 Education and Campbell's Soup Labels; USS LIBERATOR had members from another ship visit, and collected \$6,850.62 in coupons for the OCP; USS ODIN continues recruiting; USS OMEGA GLORY continues multiple projects locally and nationally; USS RENEGADE continues interacting with its Triplet Sister Ships (USS Morning Star and ISS Troubadour Station); USS RONALD E. McNAIR continues collecting coupons for the OCP with a grand total of \$1,265.55; USS RUTLEDGE continues supporting U.S. Armed Forces at home and overseas; USS STAR RUNNER sends care packages to deployed Soldiers in Iraq.

Region 2: USS HAISE crew brought donations of food to be delivered it to The Gleaners, a non-profit organization that distributes donated food to local shelters; USS ROBINS welcomed a returning Airman from his tour of duty in Korea; crew is working with City Hall, the City Animal Shelter, Pet Smart and other city businesses to organize a "Walk on the Wild Side" to benefit the Animal Shelter; USS SPIRITWALKER donated food and treats to their local Animal Shelter.

Region 3: ISS THUNDERWOLF helped the SFMC Collect 5000 magazines for donation to the USO to be shipped to overseas troops.

Region 5: USS ANTARES built and manned a checkpoint for the local March of Dimes March for Babies and donating 9 lbs. of cat food and 10 lbs. of newspaper for puppy bedding to the local Humane Society.

Region 7: USS DeBRAAL collected coupons for the OCP; USS NIAGARA crew held a bingo night for a local nursing home; USS PRIDE OF BALTIMORE had a joint poker night with crew members of the USS RICHTHOFE; USS SOVEREIGN collected coupons for the Fleet Coupon Drive and also ink cartridges for the treasury.

Region 8: USS DAUNTLESS crew members participated in a Blood Donation Away Mission.





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STELLAR VISIONS

It's been a long time in coming, but once again it is time for the next installment of "STELLAR VISIONS." STELLAR VISIONS is a publication by STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association that is published intermittently that in the past has showcased the artistic and literary talents of its members. This issue will do the same, but we are opening three new categories that have been created mainly due to the development in technology since the last issue. Here are the new categories:

**DIGITAL ART (CGI and Photoshop compositions)
STAR TREK PROP-MAKING
TREKNOLOGY (Scientific Developments by members)**

All submissions should be sent to cq@sfi.org no later than September 31st

**You can also send submissions to the Editor in Chief of
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