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Just When I Thought I Was Out... They Pulled Me Back in!!!

By Commodore Jon Lane

Your new Chief of Communications

Remember that scene from “Star Trek: The Motion Picture” where McCoy first beams up to the Enterprise? The scene goes something like this...

Kirk: Well, for a man who swore he'd never return to Starfleet--

McCoy: Just a moment, Captain, sir. I'll explain what happened. Your revered Admiral Nogura invoked a little-known, seldom-used reserve activation clause. In simpler language, Captain, they drafted me!

Kirk: They didn't!

McCoy: This was your idea. This was your idea, wasn't it?

Now, it didn't happen for me exactly like that, but it sorta feels that way, let me tell ya'. One minute I'm minding my own business, the next I'm the new Chief of Frackin' Communications for STARFLEET.

Let Me Take a Step Back

I've been in STARFLEET for--oy!--twenty-five years. I won't give you the full history and resume (I'll save that for a future issue), but suffice it to say that, if it's happened in Fleet, I've been there, done that, got the T-shirt, and in some cases, MADE the T-shirt.

And so it came to pass that, at IC2007, the then-Chief of Communications, Dixie Halber sought me out and begged me to take over production of the STARFLEET Communiqué. There were only three issues to go for the year, they were already quite late, and no one else was willing to take the job. With her promise of help for me from other Fleet members, I volunteered to produce those last three issues for the previous STARFLEET Administration.

The sprint to the end of 2007 was wild. I didn't

get quite as much help as I'd hoped, and despite my own rushing, there were still late CQs for reasons frustratingly beyond my control. Issues #142, #143, and the strangely half-sized #144 were my legacy to STARFLEET. Not the prettiest issues, not the worst either. But they brought us to the end of the second Les Rickard administration, and now a new team was coming in. I was, mercifully, done with the STARFLEET Communiqué. I could return to my previously scheduled, peaceful life. Or so I thought...



Commodore Jon Lane demonstrates that resistance is, indeed futile.

(Photo supplied by Jon Lane)

I Didn't Vote for Sal

It's no secret. My support was initially behind Joost Ueffing, although I eventually voted for Emmett Plant. I had nothing against Sal Lizard personally; I simply believed he had made some bad decisions during his campaign, such as opting to minimize his participation on the STARFLEET Election Chat List. Sal was aware of my disapproval, and he even took me aside at last

year's IC in Denver to explain his reasons. I didn't agree with those reasons, but I honored them and respected Sal for being open with me.

After Sal and company took office in January, I continued to be less than thrilled with their performance. And I didn't keep my mouth shut, either. While I'm not a rabble-rouser, and I always try to be polite and courteous when I disagree with someone, I still stridently disagreed with a number of the actions being undertaken by the new administration. Many in my home region (Region 4), as well as elsewhere in the Fleet, were feeling as though many high-level decisions were being made without a lot of visibility to the general membership. And I freely admit that my voice was a vocal one on the Region 4 chat list.

So you can imagine my nervous reaction to seeing an e-mail from Sal Lizard, the Commander, STARFLEET himself, saying simply, “Jon, please give me a call at your earliest convenience.”

Oh, frack! Now I'd done it! I was being called to the principal's office!

Why Sal Wanted Me

As it turned out, Sal wasn't contacting me in order to blast me with full phasers. No, instead he wanted to offer me the position of Chief of Communications, STARFLEET. Peter Christian had to step down for personal reasons, and Sal thought I would make an excellent Comm Chief.

The first thing I asked Sal (and I kid you not) was, “Okay, dude, if I say ‘no’, who do you call next?”

Sal said no one. He really didn't have a “go to” guy if I turned him down. Rob Kitson had expressed some interest in the position, but Sal wanted someone with a longer history in the organization, and Rob has been a member of Fleet for a relatively short time. And of course, I had done three issues of the CQ before.



"But I don't agree with your policies, Sal. I think you've made some bad decisions, and I've told people that. I'm not gonna sit on the EC and just agree with you. In fact, I'll probably be a major pain in your you-know-what."

Sal didn't care. He wasn't looking for another "Yes Man". He wanted the best officer for the job, and he appreciated my openness and honesty. In fact, Sal said he was counting on me to speak my mind and tell him what I wasn't happy with.

So I told him—almost immediately—before I even accepted the position. I told Sal he needed to communicate better and more frequently with the rest of Fleet. Many people were feeling as though decisions were being made at the highest levels with no input from the membership or even the Admiralty Board. "Sal," I said, "You can fix this if you can communicate more. And if I'm gonna be Chief of Communications, then it'll be my job to the nag the living daylights out of you to COMMUNICATE. Are you sure you can deal with that? 'Cause I can be really annoying!"

Sal simply said, "Bring it on."

Sheesh, now what was I gonna do? If I wanted to squirm out of this, I needed a better reason to say, "No." I tried time and scheduling. Doing the CQ was a fulltime job-and-a-half. But Sal pointed out that Prasith Kim-Aun would continue to

be CQ Editor-in-Chief, and Pete Christian would be helping him. Rob Kitson would be collecting articles and content. All I would need to do would be oversee the team and participate in the EC and EC/AB policy discussions. (Oh, that and fix all the problems with the CQ, but I'll get to that in my Communications report elsewhere in this issue.) In other words, Sal said, with a team supporting me, the work wouldn't be as bad as I feared.



I was almost ready to accept the offer. But there was one last hurdle I had to climb: talking to my wife, Wendy. She remembers how stressful it

was for me getting CQ 142, 143, and 144 out the door. There is also another potential complication: my wife and I will be starting the adoption process at the end of this year. With adoptions, it's impossible to know when you'll get a child. It could be weeks, months, or a year or more. But as soon as the baby comes, my life will change forever. Wendy said that, if being Comm Chief gets in the way of being a father, the kid stays and the EC position goes.

And so I told Sal about that, too. It's not a definite, but I wanted him to know that he could be out looking for another Comm Chief in six months or a year. Or not. I wouldn't know until it happened. He understood, but he was confident I could set things up in the Communications Department so they would run smoothly, not take that much of my time, and/or be ready for a new Vice-Chief of Comm to step in for me if the need arises.

So with no other branch to cling to, I took the plunge and accepted the Comm Chief position, and here I am. I've taken the job to serve STARFLEET and to help this club that I've loved being part of for a quarter century.

...and I kinda always wanted to serve on the EC anyway.

COMM Jonathan Lane
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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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Hello, all. I'm glad to be coming to you now as we have passed our first IC. It was great to get to see everyone, and I can't put into words what it meant to get to "preside" over that very special "commitment ceremony" at the IC's Closing Ceremonies. I'm also glad to have made it through the ECAB meeting with a renewed sense of teamwork and camaraderie amongst all the members of the body. While I've been on film shoots since the IC, the department, as a whole, has been moving along.

The biggest news is the formation of the Member Recognition Department. I've stated since the election that I strongly believe in recognizing all that the members of this great organization do. This department has grown out of the need to appropriately recognize our members through both the Awards and Promotions programs. This will better facilitate communication between these very important member-centric branches of our organization so that the right level of recognition is given to all members based upon the submitted accomplishments.

Sometimes a promotion is warranted. Other times, the individual awards will be utilized. Additionally, a ribbon program is being developed to go along with all the STARFLEET awards, including both individual and annual awards. Linda Kloempkin has agreed to come on board to administer the new program. Linda can be reached at recognition@sfi.org.

Additionally, Kris Klufas will be hanging around to help on the promotions side of things. Liz Woolf, on the other hand, has communicated an ever-increasing workload at her office since the first of the year; I have made the decision to give Liz a much deserved break from her Awards

responsibilities. I know she has put a lot of herself into the job over the years, but she needs to worry about her real-world job now and I want to thank her for all she has done. Stay tuned to hear about further developments on the Member Recognition Department.

The Quartermaster's business boomed at the IC. Since then, it's quieted down a lot. Pete Mohney describes something like becoming the new incarnation of the Maytag Repair Man. What say you? Anyone think they can lend Pete a hand with

Inspector General Robert Westfall has been busy with three investigations, four RC elections, and a move. Yes, that's right. Robert's finishing up a move on top of all the fun stuff at work and with the IG's office. There are a few more RC elections to take care of as we wrap up the year in addition to the other day-to-day issues that creep up for the IG.

At the end of this year's IC, IC 2010 was announced as being hosted by Greg Trotter and Troy Cash at Sequoyah State Park in Wagoner, OK, being held July 29 to August 1. It's definitely going to be an IC not to be missed. Stay tuned for more information from Greg and Troy as we get past IC 2009, which, for those who don't remember, will be held in Greensboro, NC. It's never too early to be thinking about putting in a bid for the next IC down the line. Bids for IC 2011 will be due early in 2009. While that sounds far off, it'll be here before you know it. If you are interested in submitting a bid, get in touch with Mark Anbinder at ic@sfi.org for more information. He can help with the sort of details you will need to nail down to make your bid more attractive and potentially successful.

In closing, let me say that the one thing that keeps me on track is you, the members. I enjoy the opportunities I get to travel and visit the various regions and chapters around the 'Fleet. I'm the lucky one in this organization,

getting to know more and more of you, the members. Don't slow down. Keep up all the great work out there!

FADM Sal Lizard
Commander, STARFLEET



*Dinner with the Marines: Sometimes Santa needs a little something to get him through the conference.
FADM Sal Lizard breaks bread (and bourbon) with the Corps at Friday night's Marine Mess dinner.
Photo: Mark Anbinder*

his boredom? Additionally, CompOps has been working to automate ordering from the Quartermaster with an online store. Stay tuned for its official launch once the inventory and pictures are loaded onto the site.





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The STARFLEET Volunteer

One of the main driving forces that makes our organization a success is the willingness of its members to volunteer. For decades now, STARFLEET has benefited from such members, who contribute their talents and abilities to help advance the "Roddenberry Dream". However, as time has gone by, the challenges of becoming a volunteer have grown so much so that there is a downward trend in volunteerism in all segments of society, not just STARFLEET.

Basically, it boils down to three factors that affect whether a member is willing to volunteer or not. These factors are time, responsiveness, and expectations. If you are in a position of working as a volunteer, either in a leadership role or support role, these factors will create new challenges for you, and ultimately our organization, because it is how we handle these challenges as a whole that will ultimately determine how successful we will be as an organization.

Time

Members in STARFLEET today feel increasing pressures and demands for their time. Time is becoming a precious commodity and many in our organization are saying they just don't have enough hours in a day or week to do all the things they must/want to do. There is a lingering perception that volunteer work in STARFLEET requires a long-term commitment. While we know that there are many ways for members to become engaged in short-term activities, it is still true that many volunteer positions in STARFLEET do require an ongoing commitment.

I do not think the issue of time is a passing trend. Members will continue to feel pressures for their time. Our challenge as members of STARFLEET is to make it so that the time spent is worthwhile and rewarding. At times, volunteering in STARFLEET can be a burden if the volunteer feels as though his or her time is either being wasted or unappreciated. All of us have to be realistic and sympathetic in understanding that the priorities in how volunteers use their available time can change and that, from time to time, STARFLEET projects must take a back seat. On the other

end of the spectrum, it is also realized that projects or assignments still have to be done, so if time does become a factor, perhaps it's time to change the volunteer work assignments to ease the burden. This balance should always be maintained, keeping in mind the needs of the volunteer and the needs of the organization. Communication and teamwork are key in addressing both. All volunteers and volunteer leaders should know each other's time parameters and create a support system that can distribute the workload when spare time becomes an issue.

Responsiveness

We are living in a time when members expect answers, information, and resources to be available NOW! We seem to live in a constant state of immediacy. Fax machines, e-mail, and the Internet have helped to create an expectation that communication should happen instantaneously.

Back in the early days of STARFLEET, when everything was communicated by snail-mail, a volunteer had plenty of time to develop a program, then mail it off. While the Postal Service was doing their thing, the volunteer had that time in between letters to utilize as they wish. Today, the norm is for someone to send me an e-mail 20 minutes before requesting an immediate response from me. Likewise, I find myself sending e-mail and then feeling impatient when I do not receive a response within minutes. My expectation is that the other person is sitting at their computer waiting for my message!

We have been conditioned to want immediate access to information, resources, and people. We expect to be supplied with answers promptly. And for those whom the volunteer serves, they expect you to keep them well informed of all that is happening. This has been a major complaint of the CQ; it's always out-of-date. Our challenge is to find ways to communicate information and resources quickly and equitably to all volunteers and members.

Perhaps it's time to turn our response expectations down a notch. We must continually remind ourselves that this organization is entirely made up of volunteers, who have to work for a living, have real-life

responsibilities and do not always carry the latest electronic gadgets that allow immediate responses. Their lifestyle may require some time away from the computer and from STARFLEET to take care of those real-life priorities that we all have, so that they may serve the organization more effectively. Again, balance is the key here and having a reasonable expectation of response times.

Changing Expectations

STARFLEET, like any other volunteer organization, has changing expectations of what is wanted from volunteer service. What we do not want to do is to create a "hostile volunteer environment". What do I mean? A hostile volunteer environment exists when a volunteer experiences negative comments from members while attempting a project within STARFLEET, and because of this, all the motivation and joy of volunteering go right out the window. Let's face it: all of us from time to time have disagreed with the structure of the organization or the value of any particular project or program. It is our right to feel that way. However, it is neither kind nor fair to the volunteer that you do so in an aggressive or rude manner. Most volunteers want to make a difference. They think their ideas are good to pursue, if given an opportunity, and that they should be given a fair chance to carry through with their ideas. If it doesn't work, then no harm, no foul. However, if it works, it's a benefit to the membership and a real morale booster for volunteerism. Not all programs are designed for all members. Perhaps only a small segment may benefit from a program, but what's wrong with that? STARFLEET is about IDIC and we should always be willing to explore new ways of doing and looking at things.

In conclusion, volunteering in STARFLEET is a cornerstone of our success as an organization. All of us must do our part in making sure that, by our thoughts and actions, we are giving support to our volunteers and providing the occasional slap on the back for a job well done. Help them feel appreciated and valued, and our organization will continue to grow for the foreseeable future because of it.

Gary Halverson
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U.S.S. BONAVENTURE CELEBRATES TWENTY YEARS AS A STARFLEET CHAPTER

The crew of the *U.S.S. Bonaventure*, the Triad Chapter of Starfleet, celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a cook-out at Gibson Park in Jamestown, North Carolina on Saturday, June, 14, 2008. Over fifty people attended this function, joining the crew of the *Bonny-V* for hamburgers, hot dogs and good times. Special guests at this celebration included Tim Rickard, the creator of the comic strip *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*; Matt Corey, the writer whose original concept became the basis of the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode, "True Q"; and crewmembers from the *Bonaventure's* sister chapter, the *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*. Other local clubs that had representatives at the cook-out included the *I.K.V. Stormbringer*, the Triad chapter of the *Klingon Assault Group*; the *Science Fiction Fantasy Federation*; and the *North Carolina Webcomics Coffee Clatch*.



Cook out 2008 and crowd.

The anniversary party was highlighted by an award ceremony that recognized various members of the *Bonaventure* for their service to their chapter, the community and STARFLEET. Two major awards were presented during the ceremony. First, the Garth Order of Tactics was given to former Fleet Admiral Les Rickard. Rickard was nominated for this award in recognition to his recent tour of duty in Iraq. Second, the Let Me Help Award was given to Lea True. True was nominated for this award in recognition of her coming to the aid of a motorist who had been injured in an accident and staying with this person until paramedics could arrive on the scene. Also during the awards ceremony, Tim Rickard was made an honorary member of the *Bonaventure*, and crewmember Rene Boles was officially promoted to the rank of captain.

The anniversary party concluded with the giving away of door prizes that had been donated by the crew. Prizes included *Bonaventure* T-shirts, *Bonaventure* patches, Region One patches, *Star Trek* comic books,

an original call sheet from the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode "The Child", and a DVD collection of *Star Trek: The Animated Series*. It was noted dur-



Communications Chief Dan Johnson presenting Honorary Membership and T-shirt to Tim Rickard, creator of the "Brewster Rockit" comic strip.

ing the drawing for the DVD collection that it was from one of the animated episodes, "The Time Trap," from which the *Bonaventure* originally took its name.

The anniversary party marked the *Bonaventure* officially turning the Big 2-0, but members of the ship had been working hard in preparation for this special an-



Kayla Rose receiving the Victory Junction Gang Award from Captain Phillip Dedmon.

niversary for almost a year. Along with the ship's recent upgrade to an Emissary-class Heavy Cruiser, the crew has also designed a new ship's logo, begun plans to start-up the ship's newsletter again, and has launched not one, but two, online sites. The first is the chapter's official site <http://www.ussonaventurencc102.org> and the second is a crewman's blog, <http://ussonaventure.blogspot.com/>

CREATOR OF BREWSTER ROCKIT MADE HONORARY MEMBER OF THE U.S.S. BONAVENTURE

As a part of their twentieth anniversary celebration as a STARFLEET chapter, the crew of the *U.S.S. Bonaventure* recently welcomed aboard its first honorary member, cartoonist Tim Rickard. Rickard, who lives in Greensboro, NC and works as the staff artist for the Greensboro News and Record, is also the creator of the comic strip *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! is a hilarious send-up of the science fiction genre. Astute readers can find satirical shots taken at everything from *Star Trek* to *Stargate*, superhero films to super disaster movies and 1950's cheesy drive-in flicks to modern, special effects laden event films. The action revolves around *Brewster Rockit*, the hapless commander of the less-than-stellar crew of the space station, R.U. Sirius. *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*, which has been syndicated by Tribune Media Services since 2004, currently runs in more than fifty newspapers in the United States, as well as newspapers in Canada and Stockholm. The strip's first trade collection, *Close Encounters of the Worst Kind*, is also available from Andrew McMeel Publishing.

Rickard was made a member of the *Bonaventure* crew at the ship's recent twentieth anniversary cook-out, which was held at Gibson Park in Jamestown, NC on Saturday, June 14. During the ship's award ceremony, Rickard was officially welcomed aboard by the ship's captain, Phillip Dedmon. Rickard was presented with a special certificate of membership and also given a gift from the entire crew, a *Bonaventure* T-shirt that sported the ship's new logo.

Does your local newspaper not carry *Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!*? You can get a daily fix of *Brewster Rockit* and the rest of the R.U. Sirius crew on the world wide web by going to:

<http://www.gocomics.com/brewsterrockit/>



U.S.S. Bonaventure Awards

Part of the 20th anniversary cook-out that the *Bonaventure* held included the presentation of awards to various crewmembers. Below is a full list of honors that were bestowed on the members of the chapter.

Bonaventure Service Awards

James Austin, Rene Boles, Eric Bowman, Diane Craighead, Gordon Craighead, Rachel Dedmon, Anjanette Gibson, Scott Gibson, Dan Johnson, Les Rickard, Chuck Rizzo, Stephanie Roane, Jill Salmons, Kayla True, and Lea True

Garth Order of Tactics

Les Rickard

Community Service Award

Diane Craighead, Gordon Craighead

Bonaventure Green Award

Dan Johnson

Bonaventure Academy Award

Diane Craighead

Blog Award

Elaine Witkowski

Bookend Award

Tony Dickerson

Victory Junction Award

Kayla True

Let Me Help Award

Lea True

"Scotty" Award

Eric Bowman

Captain Emeritus Award

Scott Gibson

Starfleet Region One Legion of Merit Award

James Austin, Scott Gibson, Les Rickard, Chuck Rizzo

CAPT Charles Rizzo

Executive Officer

USS Bonaventure NCC-102-A

USS ATLANTIS NCC-75018



NAME: CAROL THOMPSON

RANK: ADMIRAL

POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER

OTHER POSITIONS: VICE COMMANDANT, SFA

SHIP: USS ATLANTIS NCC-75018; REGION: 10, ALASKA (USA)

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USS SOL Celebrates Her 25th Anniversary!

On August 1st, 2008, the crew and friends of the *USS Sol* NCC-1733 in Fairbanks, Alaska celebrated 25 continuous years of service to STARFLEET.

Commissioned on August 4, 1983, her first CO was Trina Anderson, considered the "mother" of the ship. Other Commanding Officers were Robyn Russell, Donna Namet, Carol Thompson, and now William B. Swift.

Over the years, the crew compliment has grown and waned, sometimes teetering on that line between starship and shuttle status. The ship



Commanding Officer Captain William Swift and Executive Officer Commander Mike Whyant.

Photo: Carol Thompson

After the feeding frenzy (pot luck) and the cutting of the cake, some of the celebrants retired to the Commanding Officer's living room where they watched "Free Enterprise," a comedy about Trek fans. Others got caught up with members they hadn't seen in a while. A good time was had by all.

Submitted by

Admiral Carol Thompson

CO, USS Atlantis

Vice Commandant, SFA

And former long-time member of the USS Sol



Members and friends of the USS Sol NCC 1733.

Photo: Carol Thompson

has seen cadets come and go, Marines come and go, and a number of members who literally grew up in the chapter leave for lives elsewhere. But the chapter, like the Energizer Bunny, keeps on going and going...

Sixteen crew, family, and friends showed up to share in the celebration at Captain Swift's home in Fairbanks. They had a special cake made and the R10RC Paul Reid had a special lucite trophy made for the ship. It arrived in time for members to enjoy.



Members and friends of the USS Sol NCC 1733.

Photo: Carol Thompson





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NAME: URVAND, MICHAEL
RANK: ADMIRAL
POSITION: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET
OTHER POSITIONS: FLAG COMMANDER
SHIP: USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125; REGION: 6, NORTH DAKOTA (USA)

Operations Report

Stardate 10808.24

Greetings again from STARFLEET Operations! We've had a bit go on here over the last few months, but before I get to that, I want to take a few moments to apologize for a bit of a lag in response-time coming from Operations.

Sometimes, our everyday lives can overtake our 'Fleet jobs, even at the EC level. When that happens, the EC department head would normally call upon the Vice Chief to take over until he or she has gotten things under control and can re-assume his or her duties. What happens, though, when both the Chief and the Vice Chief are knocked out of commission? Unfortunately, we found out over the last couple of months, as Kimberly Donohoe and myself were both seriously ill. While I won't speak to Kimberly's issues, as privacy dictates, I will go into my situation in a bit more detail.

The last year for me has been especially hectic, with work, starting Graduate School, the 'fleet election and, when Sal's team won, taking office. During that time, I found myself feeling progressively worse and worse. At first, I chalked it up to overwork and the lingering effects of a car accident that I had in November of last year, but no matter how much sleep I got on the weekends, I never seemed to feel any better. Things were especially bad in the weeks leading up to IC in Ithaca, but sometimes you just have to power through. About two weeks after IC, however, my fiancée said "No more" and booked me for a full checkup. As it turns out, I was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Since then, there has been the requisite shock, research, and reaching out for, and receiving in great numbers, support from members. For that I am truly thankful. While I was being sick and being diagnosed, I noticed that Kimberly wasn't contacting me daily like she normally would be. Those of you who were at IC know that Kimberly

was unavailable for most of Saturday of IC due to illness. What no one knew, not even me, was that Kimberly continued to be ill long after getting home from Ithaca. She didn't want me to worry about her, as I was dealing with my own issues, and so kept hers from me. After we both came clean about our health issues, we realized that we needed some downtime in order to heal and get back up to full strength.

Two weeks ago, I announced on starfleet-I that

Just prior to press time, Admiral Mike Urvand resigned as Chief of Operations, STARFLEET. Replacing him on a go-forward basis will be Vice Admiral Kim Donohoe, who has served as Vice-Chief of Operations up until now. More information from and about Kim Donohoe will be presented in the next issue of the Communiqué.

Operations would be in low-power mode while Kimberly and I get a handle on our illnesses. Does that mean that Operations is shutting down completely? Not at all! What it does mean is that there will continue to be some lag time in responses coming from this office for a few months. I have discussed this with Sal and he is in complete agreement with me on this. The important work of Operations will continue, though manual MSR's will probably be filed later than normal (an incentive for those who are continuing to snail mail or email their MSR's to use the database). We will be continuing to update the VR and commission chapters. I am also opening a new position in Operations to help with the workflow. I am now taking applications for an

MSR Processing officer. This officer's main responsibilities will be to verify entry of MSR's into the Fleet database, manually enter when necessary, and report those statistics to me. Anyone who would be interested in this position should contact me at ops@sfi.org.

I also have an announcement, as we have filled the last sub-department in Operations. Former CS and R12RC, VADM James Herring, has agreed to come on board as STARFLEET Recruiting and Retention Officer. James will be working with the various departments that have a public face and coming up with strategies for not only recruiting new blood into the fleet, but also to keep those valued members who are already with us. You'll be hearing a lot more from Jim in the coming weeks and months, as he has already hit the ground running with some great ideas.

Finally, we have three new chapters who are being commissioned into full service as Starships of the Line. They are:

- U.S.S. Devil's Tower*
NCC-79431 – Cheyenne, WY
- U.S.S. Atlantis*
NCC-75018 – Wellington, NZ
- U.S.S. Azrael*
NCC-73339 – Carville, LA

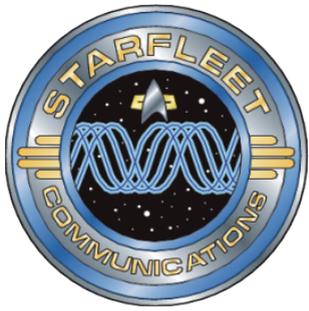
Congratulations to these chapters and their crews! I'm sure that they will continue their fine service to STARFLEET.

Just a final reminder for COs: Please get your MSR's in by the 5th of the month in order to be counted on time. While Kimberly and I are running behind right now, we will be entering MSR's into the database based on receipt date and not entry date, so please get your reports into the DB on time!

That's all for now!

ADM Michael Urvand
Chief of Operations





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NAME: JONATHAN LANE

RANK: COMMODORE

POSITION: CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

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ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USS AVENGER NCC-1860; FORMER SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, REGION 7; DESIGNER OF THE AWARD-WINNING USSANGELES.COM WEBSITE; CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 2005 REGION 4 CONFERENCE

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Communications Report

The Journey of a Thousand Light-Years Begins with a Single Jump to Warp One.

What the heck does that mean?

Elsewhere in this issue, I told you who I am. Now I'd like to tell you what I'm planning to do. No sooner had I been announced as the new Chief of Communications than I started getting e-mails from members telling me exactly what they felt was wrong with the *Communique* and how they thought I should fix it. A few people actually gave me deadlines, saying they had 100% confidence that the very next CQ would be a vast improvement over previous issues.

As you can see...not so much.

Hence, the title headline of this Comm Report. Much as I'd like to snap my fingers and have CQ rival *Newsweek Magazine* in quality and content, that just ain't gonna happen. Things will begin to improve, but it won't turn on a dime overnight. However, here's a list of what I have started doing to improve the Communications Department and on what I'll be continuing to work in the coming months.

Printing

I've started getting bids from printers. In fact, during my second week in this job, I called 17 different printers from New Hampshire to Montana to right here in southern California. The vast majority couldn't come close to the price we are currently paying per issue (about \$900 for 2,200 copies). Most printers submitted bids ranging from \$3,000 to \$9,000 (yowch!) for a single issue. Almost no one offered newsprint (it's kind of outdated), but that left us with few ways to keep costs down other than fewer pages and mostly black and white issues. I'm still collecting bids and talking with printers, but expect the newsprint and current print quality to continue for at least the next issue or two. Sorry, folks... printing is expensive, and I may have to look far and wide to find a reasonable alternative.

Design and Layout

Almost everyone told me to ditch the black page background for the online version of the newsletter. For people who liked it for the TNG computer look and feel, let me explain that some folks were trying to print out their own copy of the PDF file they downloaded, and that was blowing through their black toner cart-

ridges faster than a bottle of scotch in Engineering on NCC-1701. So we'll be designing our CQ pages on a white background from now on.

I've also heard folks frustrated with the type size and text density of the recent issues. That dilemma is going to be a little harder to solve. We're getting a lot of submissions (great!), and that means a lot of text has to be squeezed into each issue. Having less text or larger text means either fewer articles or else fewer photos. Personally, I'd like more photos, larger photos, and larger text...but that would mean fewer articles. And so the dilemma persists.

This'll be a bit of trial and error to get the right balance. I am going to try initially to go for less text and more photos, but some chapters and authors might have to wait a issue or two before what they submitted sees print. Maybe folks will end up wanting to return to more articles and denser text; we'll have to see what happens. Feel free to drop me an email at comms@sfi.org with your thoughts. Just remember, it's very likely everyone will have different--albeit strong--opinions. I'm going to try to make the majority happy...assuming I even get a majority!

Didn't Get Your CQ?

So here's the way we used to handle missing CQ's. First of all, STARFLEET would print 100-or-so extra copies of each issue, and those extra newsletters would be kept in the possession of the Comm Chief. Also, CQs with bad mailing addresses would be returned to the Comm Chief by the U.S. Post Office. Sound reasonable so far?

Well, here's where the system started to break down. Most people who don't receive their CQ in the mail end up inquiring at the Starfleet Help Desk. Many times the missing CQ is due to a bad mailing address, which the Member Services Director corrects (after talking to the member) and then changes in the STARFLEET database. Then the Member Services Director must inform the Comm Chief to mail out the replacement CQ to the member's new address.

With two different people and so many disparate steps involved in the process, many members would end up waiting months or longer for a replacement CQ.

So one of the first changes I made was to have old and extra issues of the CQ sent directly to the Member Services Director. At the same time, the Post Office will return the bad address/undeliverable CQs to the Member Services Director, as well. With this

new system, the guy getting the calls and e-mails from members who didn't get their CQ will have the back issues right there in his house, ready to mail out replacements immediately. He can even match a CQ that was returned by the Post Office to a member with a corrected address. One degree less of separation and a more streamlined process...let's see if it gets things working better.

CQ Proofreaders

When I first took this job, some of my closest friends in STARFLEET were the first to congratulate me and offer to help out if I needed it. Suckers! They were each immediately hired as proofreaders. Welcome Alex Rosenzweig and Will Devine of Region 7, and Jennifer Cole, Janice Willcocks, and Susan Fox of Region 4 as Editors on the Comm Team. Not everyone will work on each issue, but they're my "go to" guys and gals for proofing.

Also new as of this issue, although it doesn't really affect most of you, is that we are now utilizing a special Starfleet FTP server to keep all CQ resources. This includes graphics and logos, current articles, old articles, and new and old photos. To keep things organized for us, each new issue of CQ (as we make it) will have separate folders for unedited and edited articles, and raw photos versus ones that have been cleaned up for printing. Finally, we'll have an extra folder for any article that doesn't make it into the current CQ for space reasons. Those "squeezed out" articles will have top priority for the next issue.

Regional Relay Officers

I have asked each Regional Coordinator to appoint for me a Regional Relay Officer (RRO). This member can be anyone in the region, from a cadet up through the VRC or even the RC. The idea is that I'm going to start sending out regular e-mail updates on things. They'll be short and sweet, quick reports on the topics currently being discussed by the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board. These e-mails won't include long details, as those will be reserved for the regular reports. But I know a lot of people in Fleet wonder about the day-to-day discussions of the EC/AB. Wanting to help increase the transparency and improve communication, I am creating the RRO program. The RRO's will receive these e-mails and other important announcements, and it will be their job to forward those messages to their regional chat list (and let me know they've done so). Also, if there is a particularly spirited discussion of an issue on their regional chat list, the RRO can send me a summary



of what points are being made, and I can relay that to the EC/AB.

Star Trek Photos

For many years, STARFLEET has shied away from printing photos of the crews, aliens, and episode stills of Star Trek because those items are the property of Paramount (or more recently, CBS Television Distribution). I am working to find contact information for their Media Relations office to see if I can get our fan club permission to use Star Trek photographic content for our newsletter. Hopefully, they'll be happy to help out fans of their franchise. Keep your fingers crossed, my friends.

The Communications Team

To finish up, I want to tip my hat to a great group of people I have helping me. First is CQ Editor-in-Chief Prasith Kim-Aun. A relatively new member of STARFLEET, he is incredibly enthusiastic about this organization and about being able to play such a major and visible role in serving the membership. I'll talk about this in later issues, but let me say for the record that laying out the CQ is one of the most thankless jobs in STARFLEET. Do it well, and almost no one says, "Hey, great job." Screw it up, and everyone jumps down your throat. And yet, for all the complaints, almost no one says, "Here, let me lend you a hand." That's because no one wants to touch the grenade. So whether you love the CQ or hate it, be thank-

ful that someone like Prasith Kim-Aun is working so hard to make it for you in the first place... 'cause seriously, without him, I have no idea who else in this fan club would step up to the plate to take over.

Next up is Rob Kitson, Content Editor. Rob is the basket into which submissions to CQ should be sent. People will send their submissions to CQ to Rob at trektallguy@yahoo.com or submissions@sfi.org. He'll catalog incoming articles and photos, organizing them so the Comm Team can look through them and prioritize what gets into the current issue and what can get pushed to a future issue.

Now, I didn't really know Rob Kitson when I took this job, but so far I've been extremely impressed with how rapidly he has responded to my e-mails and requests, and how agreeable he has been in general. Some STARFLEET members sent me e-mails early on with negative comments about Rob. To be blunt with them and everybody, I think that kind of nastiness has no place in this club. As far as I am concerned, Rob Kitson comes to me with a clean slate. So far, Rob has done everything right--responding quickly to my e-mails and phone messages, doing things I request of him with skill and reliability, and even offering to take on more tasks if I'd like him to. Until Rob drops the ball in a major way, people in 'Fleet looking to disrespect Rob Kitson will have to do so over my shouts of praise and appreciation.

And finally, there's that Pete Christian guy, my predecessor. Having forgotten to detach the bungee cord, Pete has stuck around to keep playing in the sand-

box. For the time being, Pete will be serving as my Vice-Chief of Comm until another candidate steps forward. Pete eventually wants to be just an Associate Editor on the CQ. But for now, he's filling the Vice-Chief role so we continue to have a fully staffed department.

It'll Be a Wild Ride

I've been in STARFLEET for 25 years. In that time, I don't think I've ever seen a Chief of Communications who wasn't controversial in some way. Usually, he or she somehow managed to screw up the Communiqué in one way or another...at least someone was always unhappy at any particular time.

I have no illusions that I'll buck the trend and not screw up at some point. In fact, I can pretty much guarantee that I'll be human and err and give folks good reasons to complain about me. But please know that I took this job aware of the minefield I'm walking into...because I love this club, I love the people who love this club, and I believe in what STARFLEET is and what we stand for. My staff and I will try our hardest to make the Communiqué a proud publication of this proud organization. We might not always hit the ball out of the park, but know that we are constantly striving to give it our all.

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

COMM Jon Lane
Chief of Communications



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CONTENT EDITOR, STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE

NAME: ROBERT KITSON
RANK: MAJOR
POSITION: CONTENT EDITOR, STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE
OTHER POSITIONS: CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER
SHIP: USS WILLIAM O. DARBY NCC-12474; REGION: 4, CALIFORNIA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: 2008 SHIELD OF VALOR

Greetings,

Those of you who do not know me, I am MAJ Robert J. Kitson of STARFLEET Marine Corps. I have been a member for years, but I only cared about reading the CQ and avoided anything STARFLEET on the Internet because I was too busy trying to save another international Star Trek club from going off into the sunset. I won't bore you with the details, but around January, 2008, I was looking for my CQ to see how STARFLEET was doing. I think you know what happened.

While the members who put together the most recent CQs are talented and did the best they could, the issues were not as good as they were when I joined. I am here to correct that situation. You see, a CQ is only as good as the submissions it receives. We could have the next Andy Worhol lay



out the CQ, but if the submissions are lacking, he won't do any better than what our current team is trying to do.

I am the Content Editor, and if I do my job right, I will NEVER BE CONTENT. I want articles, pictures, drawings, opinion editorials, reports, short stories, and anything else you want to see in the CQ sent to me.

You can email me at:
Trektallguy@yahoo.com

I know that is not how my contact information is listed on the roster. I still want you to send your submissions wherever it is told to you to do so elsewhere in this CQ. But if you want me to make sure it is seen by the layout team, please also send it to my Yahoo account. I would rather get doubles of

1 submission than zero of many submissions because something happened at sfi.org.

Look for writing competitions from this office in the future, but for now, please send me your thoughts on what you think the content each issue of the CQ should have, and I will compile a synopsis for my next article.

Lastly, I challenge all chapter leaders to have your members submit an article as to why they like their chapter and/or STARFLEET. The chapter with the most printed submissions in any CQ will get a "We Like to Communicate" certificate suitable for framing from me, the Content Editor.

Now get writing and taking those pictures.

Kitson Out.

MAJ Robert Kitson
Content Editor, STARFLEET Communiqué





1512-01-15



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RANK: ADMIRAL
POSITION: COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY
OTHER POSITIONS: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHIP: SFR 1501 SS IAN FLEMING; REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER CO OF USS EQUINOX; FORMER OTS DIRECTOR; FORMER DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

I can't think of a better way to start my CQ submission than to announce some incredible achievements. Those that have been to the IC have already heard much of the following, but many who were not so fortunate to make it will be happy to read on. I do apologize for the lateness of these announcements, but at the time it appeared that CQ 147 might be out prior to the IC and I didn't want to spill the beans.

I am very proud to announce the names of the four individuals who have become the recipients of STARFLEET Academy Scholarships for 2008.

They are, in order of approval:

James Doohan/Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship goes to James R. McLain from *U.S.S. Tejas* out of R3.

LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship goes to Jennifer J. Scott from *U.S.S. Omega Glory* out of R17.

Space Explorers' Scholarship goes to Angel Avery from *U.S.S. Flying Fox* out of R7.

DeForest Kelley/Dr. Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship goes to Darlene Topp from *U.S.S. Hadfield* out of R13.

Congratulations James, Jennifer, Angel, and Darlene!

Every year, the Academy presents Squadron Awards to the best adult students (Red), cadet students (Blue), and family of students (Gold). Due to the fact that it is a large listing, I will be including these at the end of this article.

Students of our Academy are not the only recipients of awards. Each year, some of our staff receive awards, too. They were chosen by their peers, as well as the administration, for the profound work they have accomplished through the year. I'm proud to announce and congratulate the following:

Dean of the Year: Carolyn Donner
 Institute of the Year: Institute of Science Fiction Studies (Each director shares this award. They are: Angel Avery, Dean Rogers, Truman Temple and George Ann Wheeler)
 Director of the Year: Carol Thompson
 College of the Year: Angel Avery (College of the Macabre)
 Support Staff Member of the Year: Jayden Tyronian

Academy Statistics

Here are a few statistics about the Academy:

New SFA courses always see a huge influx of students. Topping the list of favorite Colleges (in no particular order) are the College of Intelligence Operations, College of Survival Studies, College of Xeno Studies, College of Security, College of Economics, and College of Sci-Fi Cinema.

Areas in which we would like to see more participation are the Vessel Readiness Certification Program, the Marine Unit Readiness Program, and the Cadet Colleges. We have expanded this Institute considerably in the past year, offering entry-level courses in a variety of subjects.

The Academy Degree program has seen 42 graduates since it opened last August. Awarded so far are 6 Associates, 3 Bachelors, 5 Masters, and 28 Doctorates.

From the desk of Support Services Coordinator, Vice Adm. Wayne Killough, Jr.

Academy Awards: Our annual Squadron Awards for 2008 have been sent to their respective recipients. I would like to thank Truman Temple and Scott Anderson for all of their hard work this Award Season, and I would like to personally congratulate all of this year's Squadron Award recipients!!

Now for that list of Squadron Award Recipients.

Gold Squadron:

Leaders of the Year: Larry Dale French, Sr. and Debbie French
 Klingon Warrior Academy: Larry Dale French, Sr. and Debbie French
 College of Temporal Physics: Larry Dale French, Sr. and Debbie French

Blue Squadron:

Leader of the Year: Taysha Tutt
 Assistant Leader of the Year: Christopher Hewitt
 Cadet Cardassian Orientation College: Taysha Tutt
 Cadet College of Borg Technology: Taysha Tutt
 Cadet College of Law: Taysha Tutt
 Cadet College of Security: Christopher Hewitt
 Cadet Preparatory School: Amber Rowlette
 Cadet Vulcan Orientation College: Sean Carpenter

Red Squadron:

Leader of the Year: Wayne M. Smith
 Assistant Leader of the Year: Christopher Bayonet

Assistant Leader of the Year: Eric Johannson
 Assistant Leader of the Year: Sean Niemeyer
 Assistant Leader of the Year: Bruce O'Brien

Institute of Alien Studies

Andorian Orientation College: Richard W. Hewitt
 Cardassian Orientation College: Lauren Christensen
 College of Borg Technology: George Edwards
 College of Xeno Studies: Eric Johannson
 Klingon Warrior Academy: Andrea Benton
 Romulan Orientation College:
 Masibindi Mother Courage
 The Gorn Academy: George Edwards
 Vulcan Orientation College: Chris Lane

Institute of the Arts

College of Communications: Melissa Lauritzen
 College of Economics: Eric Johannson
 College of Genealogy: Joyce Fink
 College of History: Erik Stubblefield
 College of Law: Donald Dorbrin
 College of Mythological Studies: Bruce O'Brien

Institute of Foreign Affairs

College of Down Under: Carolyn M. A. Zimdahl
 College of European Studies: Jacinda Thorsen

Institute of Intelligence and Espionage

College of Bond, James Bond: Scott A. Anderson, Sr.
 College of Cryptography: Andrea Benton
 College of Intelligence in Media: Wayne Killough, Jr.
 College of Intelligence Operations: Monika Reinholz
 College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi: Wayne M. Smith
 College of Military Intelligence: Eeric Baldwin

Institute of Leadership Studies

Officer's Command College: Paul G. Bond
 Flag Officer's School: Sean Niemeyer
 Starfleet Officer's Leadership College:
 Christopher Bayonet
 College of Recruiting: Roy Willis

Institute of Military Studies

College of Security: Richard Rutledge
 College of Starship Operations: Sean Niemeyer
 College of Strategy and Tactics: Bruce O'Brien
 College of Survival Studies: Sandi Rust

Institute of Science and Technology

College of Archaeology & Anthropology:
 Bruce O'Brien
 College of Computer History: Wayne M. Smith
 College of Cyberspace: Scott Sawyer
 College of Engineering: Eric Johannson
 College of Medicine: Larry Dale French, Sr.
 College of Temporal Physics: Debbie French



STARFLEET Officer's Radio School:
Christopher Bayonet
Vulcan Academy of Science: Larry Dale French, Sr.

Institute of Science Fiction Studies

College of Fantasy Realm: Erik Stubblefield
College of the Macabre: Wayne M. Smith
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Sharon Norris
College of Sci-Fi Television: Wayne M. Smith
College of Star Wars: Travis Littou

Institute of Star Trek Studies

College of Federation Studies: Jopsephine Fisher
College of Parallel Studies: Richard W. Hewitt
College of Star Trek Literature: Sean Niemeyer
College of Star Trek Chronology:
Christopher Bayonet
College of Treknology: Sharon Norris

WOW, those were quite a number of awards.
CONGRATULATIONS to all of you!!

And congratulations to the following Boothby Award winners of the year....

Omega + 50:

Truman Temple 5/25/2008

Omega:

Truman Temple 2/27/2008

Emerald:

Truman Temple 1/5/2008

Ruby:

Truman Temple 11/22/2007

Sapphire:

Truman Temple 10/3/2007

Pearl:

Wayne Killough, Jr. 6/8/2008

Topaz:

Wayne Killough, Jr. 1/28/2008

Garnet:

Wayne Killough, Jr. 12/15/2007, Erik Stubblefield 5/31/2008, Sean Niemeyer 6/10/2008, Wayne Smith 6/26/2008

Amber:

Wayne Killough, Jr. 9/25/2007, Wayne Smith 3/11/2008, Erik Stubblefield 3/26/2008, Sean Niemeyer 2/25/2008

Trilithium:

Wayne Killough, Jr. 8/28/2007, Thomas Pawelczak 12/14/2007, Erik Stubblefield 1/17/2008, Wayne Smith 2/24/2008, Sean Niemeyer 2/25/2008, Larry French, Sr. 2/26/2008

Platinum:

Erik Stubblefield 9/27/2007, Dean Rogers 12/13/2007, Larry French, Sr. 12/29/2007, Wayne Smith 12/29/2007, Scott Anderson 12/31/2007, Sean Niemeyer 1/27/2008

Zirconium:

Erik Stubblefield 9/27/2007, Sean Niemeyer 10/3/2007, Wayne Smith 10/3/2007, Larry French,

Sr. 10/18/2007, Scott Anderson 11/19/2007, Bill Rowlette 11/23/2007, Carol Thompson 5/25/2008

Titanium:

Erik Stubblefield 7/23/2007, Wayne Smith 7/25/2007, Sean Niemeyer 8/23/2007, Larry French, Sr. 9/4/2007, Scott Anderson 9/4/2007, Carol Thompson 12/24/2007

Dilithium:

Larry French, Sr. 7/14/2007, Carol Thompson 10/01/2007, Josephine Fisher 2/15/2008, Jan Sleigh 3/29/2008, Greg Franklin 4/20/2008, Richard Hewitt 5/27/2008

Diamond:

Carol Thompson 7/18/2007, Jan Sleigh 10/8/2007, Josephine Fisher 8/15/2007, Cathy Edgington 12/17/2007, Richard Hewitt 1/13/2008, Bruce O'Brien 1/28/2008, Angel Avery 2/29/2008, Douglas Mayo 5/21/2008, Eric Johannson 6/6/2008, Antonio Lopes III 6/25/2008, Nancy O'Shields 6/30/2008

Latinum:

Angel Avery 7/20/2007, Josephine Fisher 10/23/2007, Antonio Lopes III 9/14/2007, Bruce O'Brien 11/27/2007, Richard Hewitt 11/27/2007, Greg Staylor 12/19/2007, Christopher Esquibel 1/8/2008, Teri Lotta 1/28/2008, Eric Johannsen 4/7/2008, Carolyn Zimdahl 4/11/2008, Ros Haywood 5/27/2008, Nancy O'Shields 5/31/2008, John Kiwi Kane 6/6/2008

Gold:

Carolyn Zimdahl 8/2/2007, Josephne Fisher 8/15/2007, Elva Currie 8/20/2007, Monika Reinholz 9/27/2007, Greg Staylor 12/19/2007, Betty Ann Leverance 2/29/2008, Eric Johannsen 3/04/2008, Ros Haywood 3/9/2008, Sharon Norris 4/7/2008, Gary Hollifield 5/3/2008, Graham Smith 5/5/2008, Nancy O'Shields 5/6/2008, Susan Mahffrey 5/10/2008, Joseph Fuller 5/10/2008, Carolyn Donner 6/20/2008, Darlene Harper 6/30/2008

Silver:

Barbara Paul 7/24/2007, Gary Hollifield 8/3/2007, Graham Smith 8/3/2007, Raye Crews 8/23/2007, Monika Reinholz 9/7/2007, Chris Bayonet 9/27/2007, Jill Rayburn 10/14/2007, John Chiaromonte 10/18/2007, Gary Amor 11/2/2007, Sharon Norris 12/28/2007, Ros Haywood 12/28/2007, Eric Johannsen 3/4/2008, Jayden Tyronian 4/8/2008, Jared Fielder 5/1/2008, Donald Dobrin 6/20/2008

Bronze:

Sharon Norris 7/26/2007, Pamela Michaud 7/26/2007, Chris Bayonet 9/5/2007, Ros Haywood 9/16/2007, Donald Dobrin 10/17/2007, Martin Lessem 10/18/2007, Jeremy Skelton 10/24/2007, Paul bond 12/12/2007, Steve Harper 1/8/2008, George Edwards 1/22/2008, Bill Downs 1/22/2008, Chris Jacobs 2/15/2008, Eric Baldwin 3/6/2008, Thomas Guertin 3/12/2008, Marcus Easterly 3/16/2008, Sharon Ann Clark 4/8/2008, Tim Johns 4/15/2008, Richard Harris 4/18/2008, Rebecca Self 4/26/2008, Catherine Ramsey 5/1/2008, Jari James 5/6/2008, Shirley Graham 5/11/2008, Marlene Miller 5/13/2008, Deborah Butcher 5/18/2008, Oliver Savander 5/18/2008, Donald Dobrin 6/1/2008

College of Xeno Studies

"To seek out new life...and new civilizations..."

<http://acad.sfi.org/courses/alien/xeno.shtml>
by Captain Ros Haywood, Director

You've heard of Vulcans and Klingons, tribbles and quadrotriticale. You've seen the Kazon, the Ferengi, the Ceti eel, and the Tuvok orchid. You're familiar with George and Gracie, Porthos, and Spot. Now it's time to "boldly go" and learn about the other wonders of the universe – the other sentient species in all four quadrants, the flowers and fungi, the creatures and creeping things. There's more to Star Trek than just photon torpedoes!

STARFLEET Academy offers a wide range of courses to help you become a well-rounded individual or an expert in your field, and now we offer 37 additions to your ever-broadening horizons! Courses on subjects as diverse as Betazoid customs, how many legs there are on a Ba'ku turtle, what kind of olives Tom Paris likes on his pizza, and more!

The College of Xeno Studies is the place to go to expand your knowledge. The College is divided into three Schools: the School of XenoAnthropology, the School of XenoBotany, and the School of XenoZoology. Each course in each School has 20 questions (text, graphics and true/false, but no essays!), and the sources are varied: the Internet, the Star Trek Encyclopedia, and Star Trek episodes and movies.

The Cadet College of Xeno Studies also includes many of these courses and is continually growing.

The School of XenoAnthropology has 24 courses on individual species, grouped together in Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta Quadrants. Each Quadrant also has its own Overview, which includes questions on assorted cultures and civilizations, their traditions and anatomies.

The School of XenoBotany deals with the trees, flowers, shrubs, vines, moss, fruit, vegetables, seeds, berries, herbs - and more – that appear in various series.

The School of XenoZoology has courses which cover Star Trek animals and insects from Adosian slugs, through butterflies, le-matyas, and targas, to the Zyznian mouse. There is also a specialist course dedicated solely to our furry little friend, the tribble.

So what are you waiting for? Increase your knowledge of the Star Trek universe in which your heroes live! Get to know the life-forms that surround them, and deepen your understanding of the good, the bad, and the downright ugly that they deal with daily!

That's all folks for this issue...see you in the next.

Peg Pellerin
SFA Commandant





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

Dear Prigal,

So, what's the deal with Edgar Station? All the official records list it as a very minor agricultural station. Why does it need a Marine presence?

Need to Know

Dear Need,

Official records and Starfleet databases are very secure, and all the information in them is up to date, accurate, and tells the whole story. If you believe this, I may be able to get you a very good deal on some Vulcan patents.

Officially, Gunny and I are stationed here because it's the only Federation facility in the area, and we needed quarters. Officially, the reason for our being here is to act as training cadre for the local forces. After all, what other reason would there be to assign two veteran enlisted Marines from a Spec-Ops MSG to an agricultural station? Any rumors about research being carried on here are not corroborated by the official records, so obviously they can't be true.

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

You've mentioned some of Prigal's Laws? How many are there, and can I get a list of them?

Signed,

A Big Fan

Dear Fan,

I'd be happy to send you a complete list. I accept latinum, Federation credits, or barter in the form of rare and unusual articles. This is in accordance with Prigal's Law Rule Number 34: Almost anything is negotiable, for the right price.

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

I understand Gunny just lost his dog. How's he taking it?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

He's holding up pretty well, all things considered. Recent events have kept him busy, and that's always good.

One of the local yokel sergeants made the mistake of saying "It was just a dog." Gunny got real quiet, and I looked around for a blast shelter. Then Gunny grinned, and I started digging a blast shelter. But all Gunny did was point to his new Master Gunny's stripes, and say "Sergeant, you keep showing that kind of judgment, and you'll make second looie in no time, because you have very little future as an NCO."

I predict an interesting life for that poor clown. Gunny was the inspiration behind Prigal's Law Rule Number 12: Don't get mad. Don't get even. Get ahead.

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

In your informed opinion, what's the real difference between officers and senior NCOs?

Confused Cadet

Dear Cadet,

If you'd asked about the difference between senior NCOs and junior officers, like 2LTs, my answer would be: about twenty tonnes of common sense.

However, since you asked about officers in general and senior NCOs, let me put it a different way. Think of officers as waste treatment engineers, and senior NCOs as plumbers. They both require the same specialized knowledge, and are very close in function, but the plumber has to deal with a lot more cr_p on a daily basis.

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

Gunny is never shy about letting us know he hates snow and cold weather. How do you feel about it?

Signed,

Frosty

Dear Frosty,

Well, that depends. Snow offers good cover for a lot

of activities while it's falling, but makes it easier to track someone down while it's just lying around on the ground.

I think Gunny over-reacts to the snow here a little. I mean, it's not as bad as Rura Penthe, or the Breen home world...not that either of us have ever been there, according to all the official records.

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

What would you like for Christmas?

Santa's elf

Dear Elf,

That's a tough one. Would a full pardon be asking too much?

Prigal

 Dear Prigal,

I read about your fight last month with the unknown aliens. Have you learned anything more about them? And how does it feel to be a bit of a hero?

Signed,
 Your Biggest Fan

Dear Biggest,

Sorry, but all details have been classified by some pretty scary types at fleet intelligence. I think Gunny gives the unclassified parts in his log this month.

As for being a hero ... well, truth be told, I don't feel like a hero. I just got mad. Gunny says most heroes are just ordinary troops who happened to be more mad than scared at the time.

Besides, even though it was twelve to one, it's not like I was facing Starfleet Marines or even Jem 'Hadar. Those clowns made Ferengi look competent.

Prigal

Got a question only Prigal can answer? Send it to pvtprigalsfmc@hotmail.com. Note that neither this newsletter nor Prigal's 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.)





1515-01-15

NAME: GARRICK HALVERSON
RANK: VICE ADMIRAL
POSITION: VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: SFR 1501 SS IAN FLEMING; REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)



The Dream in Action!

Our Values: *Respect. Integrity. Diversity. Fun.*

Our organizations 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. 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. The Annual Campaign's primary mission is to successfully bring to fruition these goals and principles.

"Respect"

We live in a fast-paced society with e-mail, instant messaging, Blackberries, and cell phones. Society keeps speeding up, and often we take on more than we can do. It is easy to lose sight of some basic truths that never change, like using the words "please" and "thank you." The temptation is to cut short all

unnecessary words in our communications because we have such busy lives. The danger of this is that we lose the personal touch, care, and relationship connection we all desire as human beings. Words can have tremendous power. They can build people up or tear them down.

True caring for and being respectful of others causes others to want to help you because you took a little extra time to say please, thank you, or make some other meaningful gesture. The old saying is that you reap what you sow. If you sow caring, you get it in return. If you sow selfishness, you get that back in return.

As happens in life; sometimes I may complicate things or you may even not like me. If we would just take care of the basics of treating people with respect and not giving in to the pressures of personalities, looking good or proving a point, we would have a much more enjoyable life and, at the same time, be surprised by the results.

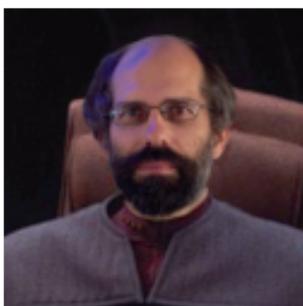
People walk through fire for you and with you if you simply show respect. Some other "simple, kind gestures" that don't cost a lot of time or effort include smiling, telling someone something they did right to encourage and build their confidence, stopping to shake someone's hand and say hello, or, when in disagreement, attack the issue, not the person. The latter is much easier said than done, but it will pay off more than a hundred fold if you can remember to keep your cool. Slow down just a little to make sure you are implementing the basic "Laws of Respect." This will produce positive momentum for STARFLEET now and in the future.

"The Power of Respect:

Remembering courtesy in our fast-paced society."

DOUG DWYER, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
NOVEMBER 1, 2006
PROFESSIONAL REMODELER

VADM Garrick Halverson
Commanding Officer, SFR 1501 SS Ian Fleming



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NAME: JAMES CECIL
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OTHER POSITIONS: STARFLEET PETFLEET MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING
SHIP: USS COMMONWEALTH NCC-74670; REGION: 1, KENTUCKY (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: SFA KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY APPRENTICE 101-104; SFA COLLEGE OF RECRUITING 101; SFMC INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING AWARD; SFMC AEROSPACE AE-10, AE-20



U.S.S. Commonwealth Activities

Greetings, Starfleet members,

I am writing to tell you about two exciting programs that the *U.S.S. Commonwealth* is undertaking. The first one is called "Hailing Frequencies" and the second program is "Project Genesis".

The Hailing Frequencies program that the *U.S.S. Commonwealth* is doing is collecting used cell phones and turning them over to Cell Phones For Soldiers, who in turn send the discarded cell phones in to get calling cards for our troops overseas. Our Project Genesis Program is through the Funding Factory Recycling Program. We are recycling our empty printer ink and toner cartridges and earning funding for our operating costs, or we can get office equipment. If you would like to help us acquire additional funding for our operating costs or FREE office equipment, this is a FREE and easy program, but it won't work without your support.

By recycling items you would normally throw away, we are earning points that we can turn into cash to use for our operating budget or spend on new office equipment. Not only will we receive much-needed funding, but we will be doing our part to help save the environment!

With over 300 million cartridges thrown away last year alone, this presents a great opportunity. Let's make this recycling program a huge success by working together to collect as many empty ink and toner cartridges as we can.

To send your discarded cellphones to us, send them to the following location:

Hailing Frequencies
 U.S.S. Commonwealth NCC-74670
 511 Letcher Ave.
 Richmond, KY 40475

To donate your ink and toner cartridges, send them to the following locations:

Project Genesis
 U.S.S. Commonwealth NCC-74670
 511 Letcher Ave.
 Richmond, KY 40475

If you have any questions about these two great opportunities, please feel free to contact me about it via subspace communication (e-mail). Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Captain James Cecil
Commanding Officer
U.S.S. Commonwealth NCC-74670
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NAME: WARREN PRICE
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SHIP: USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796; REGION: 1, TENNESSEE (USA)

Greetings, STARFLEET.

Since my ShOC report didn't make it to issue 147, I will have two reports in this issue of the Communiqué.

Communiqué 147 Report

I am happy to announce the following launched Chapters-in-Training:

Welcome the *USS Odin* to STARFLEET. This is a correspondence chapter and is currently based in Louisville, KY. For info on joining this ship, please contact COL Antonio J. Lopes III at ajlopes3@att.net.

Welcome the *USS Pride* of Baltimore to STARFLEET. This is a correspondence chapter and is currently based in Glen Burnie, MD. For info on joining this ship, please contact COMM Gary M. Ensey, Jr. at gmensey@aol.com.

Welcome back the *USS Odyssey* to STARFLEET. This is a meeting chapter and is currently based in Hattiesburg, MS. For info on joining this ship, please contact CAPT Ronald S. Patton at hobcnt@aol.com.

I want to remind everyone that we are still looking for additional schematic artists in the Office of Schematics Artists. If you have some experience in this area, please contact me (shoc@sfi.org) or DTS (dts@sfi.org) at your earliest convenience.

I attended the Region One Summit back in May and had a wonderful time despite being on the summit committee and having to work. The summit always seems to rejuvenate me. We talked about some regional business, but most of the weekend was devoted to fun. There were the Friday evening movies, the Saturday afternoon panels, and the free lunch (hot dogs/hamburgers). COMM Matt Moyer and I cooked while FADM Sal Lizard served; this was a good touch to the mid-day. Then the evening had the customary banquet, charity auction, costume contest, and dance.

Communiqué 148 Report

Welcome the *USS Tang*, Region 1 to STARFLEET. This is a correspondence chapter based out of Liberty, KY. For info on joining this ship, please contact COMM Peter Lutz at petelutz@windstream.net or visit their website at <http://www.usstang.org>.

Welcome the *USS Elizabeth R.*, Region 15 to STARFLEET. This is a correspondence chapter based out of Las Vegas, NV. For info on joining this ship, please contact FCPT Ellen Majka at candlebabes65@charter.net.

Welcome the *USS Leonidas*, Region 4 to STARFLEET. This is a meeting chapter based out of Apache Junction, AZ. For info on joining this ship, please contact CMDR Jonathan Krieger at lahcommander@mchsi.com.

Welcome the *USS R'uustai*, Region 4 to STARFLEET. This is a correspondence chapter based out of Las Vegas, NV. For info on joining this ship, please contact CMDR Krystal Rubenstein at captain@ussruustai.net.

Welcome the *USS Aurora*, Region 5 to STARFLEET. This is a meeting chapter based out of Seattle, WA. For info on joining this ship, please contact CMDR Brian M. Pickett at breimh@gmail.com.

There will be other chapters launching in the next few months. Watch for it here.

Department of Technical Services News

One new vessel reservation was received, using an established class.

Work on the DTS sub-site is slowly resuming. With his other projects complete, VADM Mike Dugas has been turning his attention to the DTS site, and is working on a draft design.

The decommissioning of the following vessels was noted per the report of ADM Mike Urvand, or from other sources, and their names are now listed as "on hold," as per

standard protocol, pending any decision to re-activate those vessels:

USS Rutledge NCC-74215, *Defiant*-class escort

Schematic Artist

ADM Carol Thompson has completed her first project as a schematic artist, the *Hermes*-class (Pegasus variant) scout. The various sizing issues have been resolved, and the results have been excellent. Meanwhile, this class will be featured in the next *Starship Highlights*, which will be sent in once the first issue gets published!

I attended the International Conference that was held in Ithaca, NY in June. I attended my first ECAB meeting as a member of the Executive Committee; I had been to a couple of ECAB meetings in the past as an assistant to the Regional Coordinator. I want to thank all the fine people who were instrumental in putting on a great IC this year. You all did well.

Now, a little about me. Let's see, how about this...I am a charter member of our local Humane Society. I am a lifetime member and I foster between 9 and 12 dogs at a location that is not at my house. I have served on the Board of Directors for three years. I rely on volunteers to help me when I go on my out-of-town trips. I have three dogs of my own, two Chihuahuas and a husky/Shepherd mix.

Feel free to contact me. My door, err, e-mail is always open.

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WANTED: ARTISTS FOR STARSHIP AND STATION SCHEMATICS

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR PROJECTS WITH DTS

By ADM Alex Rosenzweig, Director, Department of Technical Services, STARFLEET

The Department of Technical Services (DTS) is seeking talented artists to help execute engineering drawings of starships and space stations. The selected candidates will create engineering schematics from rendered or photographed images, work with groups creating new vessel designs to visualize those concepts, and extrapolate from existing schematic images to create other views that may not as yet exist. This work is both technical and creative, and requires both an understanding of Star Trek's technology and an ability to accurately draw Star Trek space vehicles, either by hand or by computer.

Volunteers can apply to serve on a stand-by basis, taking on projects on a periodic basis, or may volunteer for just a single project with no long-term commitment. All that DTS seeks is a willingness to contribute and the talent to do so with high-quality work.

To volunteer for a project, please contact DTS and include the following:

- 1] A brief description of abilities and experience relevant to creating schematics. This can include either "real life" or Starfleet experience.
- 2] An estimate of how quickly one can produce detailed and accurate drawings.
- 3] Top plan and side elevation drawings of any one of the following starships:
 - * Constitution-class heavy cruiser (Original Series *Enterprise*)
 - * Enterprise-class heavy cruiser (*Enterprise* from the "Classic Trek" feature films: refit-1701/1701-A)
 - * Galaxy-class large exploratory cruiser (*Enterprise-D*)
 - * Sovereign-class heavy cruiser (*Enterprise-E*)

[NOTE: Please submit one of only these four ships! Your creativity and ability to draw other vessels is appreciated and important, but by having potential artists submit drawings of the best known ships, it is possible to demonstrate ability to portray Star Trek's technologies, and it becomes easier to objectively assess everyone's relative capabilities.]

Drawings may be submitted in either electronic or hardcopy format, but if submitting electronic files, please be sure they can be printed out in black-and-white. In general, .bmp, .gif, .tif, and .jpg formats are preferred. Please check with me if you wish to use another format.

Send resumes, cover letters, and art submissions to:

ADM Alex Rosenzweig
Director, Department of Technical Services,
STARFLEET
980 Linwood Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267

E-Mail: shoc-dts@sfi.org

Current projects needing attention include:

Athabaska-Class Exploratory Cruiser
 Champion-Class Space Control Ship
 Edinburgh-Class Space Control Ship
 Falcon-Class Exploratory Cruiser
 Survey Vessel Antares ("Charlie X" Remastered)
 (Others to follow...)

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing what you can do.

Archer-Class Scout

Submitted by Alex Rosenzweig

First introduced in the novel series, "Star Trek: Vanguard," the *Archer*-class is a small, compact scout vessel introduced in the mid-23rd Century, not long after the Constitution-class was first commissioned.

She's established to have a pair of phaser emplacements.

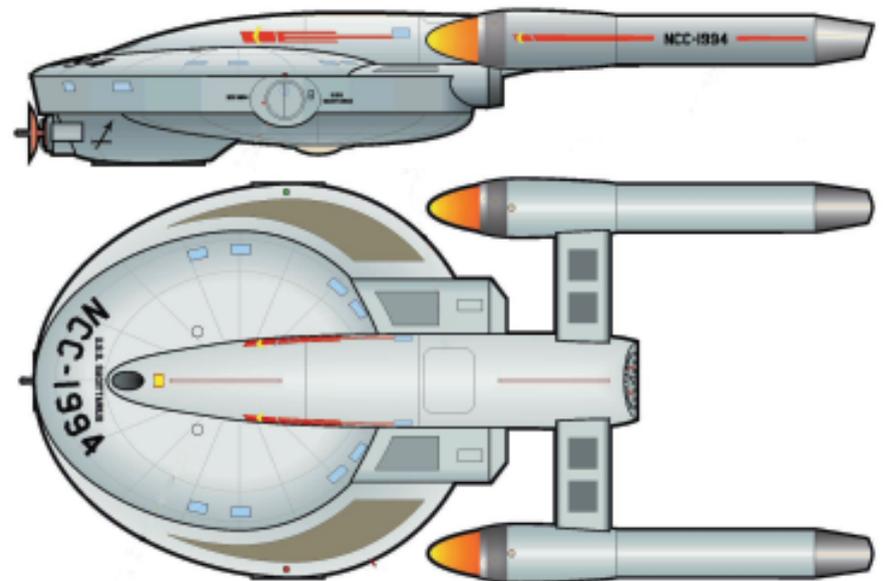
Not much else is yet known about the *Archer*-class, but designer Masao Okazaki shared the following:

"The layout pretty much follows the description in the first Vanguard book when Lt. Xiong (I think that's what his name was) leaves Sagittarius. He exits his room, equipped with bunks, and goes aft. He passes some lockers, then meets the engineer outside the mess hall. He climbs a ladder to a small transporter alcove above. There are stairs a half deck up to the engineering deck, which is similar to that on a *Connie* with an "open" plan and catwalks along the sides. Engineering becomes a single deck in the tail, where a matter/antimatter reactor can be found. The bridge is at the very front of the saucer, with 2 x 2 seating like a runabout. There's a viewscreen but no window. The XO and Captain's cabins flank the bridge. The sickbay/CMO's office is opposite the mess hall. In the ventral bulge is a "garage" with a ramp to offload stuff."

Known vessels of the *Archer*-class include:

<i>Archer</i>	<i>Artemis</i>	<i>Kyudo</i>	<i>Longbow</i>
<i>Arjuna</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Locksley</i>	<i>Sagittarius</i>

(*Archer*-Class Design by Masao Okazaki)



The ship's physical dimensions are as follows:

Length Overall: 46.2 meters	Secondary Hull Length: 28.9 meters
Beam Overall: 21.9 meters	Secondary Hull Beam: 5.1 meters
Draft Overall: 8.9 meters	Secondary Hull Draft: 3.5 meters
	(Secondary Hull includes dorsal spine and tail)
Primary Hull Length: 26.3 meters	Nacelle Length: 21.0 meters
Primary Hull Beam: 21.3 meters	Nacelle Beam: 3.1 meters
Primary Hull Draft: 6.9 meters	Nacelle Draft: 3.1 meters
(Primary Hull includes impulse deck)	





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OTHER POSITIONS: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Chief Financial Officer's Report

Greetings! Attached to this report is the current Statement of Activities along with a Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2008, which also is our fiscal year ending.

Once again, I would like to mention that detailed financial statements are also available on-line for all members to view 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 presented here.

Unfortunately, we've ended our fiscal year in the red by about \$11K.

Other than Communiqué and Membership

processing expenses, legal fees were the third-highest expense for this fiscal year. I do believe, in the coming months, that our legal fees will be much lower as per the budget that was reviewed by the EC/AB during the last IC meeting.

Joe Horton, our Fundraising Officer, has recently rolled out a fundraising program with Global Resource to benefit STARFLEET finances. This company provides a great recycling program that will pay STARFLEET for used ink jet cartridges, laser toner cartridges, cell phones and iPods. Since this company provides the postage to cover the cost of shipping all items to them, please contact Joe directly at irontrkchef@aol.com to get a mailing label sent to you.

To date, 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, preferably with some sales tax experience, then please apply for this position. Please send me 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.

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 - June 2008								
Operating Revenues:	July-Dec 07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Year To Date
IC & Summits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ -	\$ 137	\$ 73	\$ 343
Mail In	1,918	847	98	1,341	30	681	925	5,810
On-Line	8,955	11,322	2,351	3,023	2,949	2,206	2,286	33,152
Return Checks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adj for Donations	-	90	25	33	53	54	77	332
Membership Dues	\$ 10,873	\$ 12,879	\$ 2,424	\$ 4,464	\$ 2,806	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,207	\$ 38,973
Interest	190	52	32	33	30	31	29	397
MP Donations	-	90	25	33	53	54	77	332
Special Donations	-	-	-	-	1,213	285	200	1,498
Scholarship Funds	190	142	57	66	1,295	370	306	2,427
IC Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SF QM	619	-	51	1,561.76	244	1,344	1,540	5,359
SFMC QM	237	-	26	404	157	447	79	1,349
Quartermaster Sales	856	-	76	1,966	401	1,790	1,618	6,798
Banquet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STARFLEET Int'l Conference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	75	-	-	-	319	-	(139)	255
Total operating revenues	11,994	12,221	2,557	6,496	4,911	5,191	4,993	48,364
Operating expenses:								
FedEx Shipping	295	-	138	-	-	-	306	739
Postage for CQ	1,786	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	68	5,855
Printing for CQ	1,583	1,928	895	895	260	300	2,205	8,066
Communiqué Expenses	3,664	1,928	3,032	895	260	2,300	2,580	14,659
General Supplies	207	146	-	337	374	-	79	1,144
Give-A-Ways	-	-	-	-	892	-	-	892
Membership Certs	-	1,571	-	-	-	-	-	1,571
Piney Boxes	249	-	125	-	12	-	128	514
Postage for MP	2,000	1,800	-	1,000	127	-	-	4,127
Printing for MP	580	-	1,052	230	361	551	1,022	3,795
Membership Packages	3,038	2,718	1,176	1,566	1,766	551	1,229	12,042
IC Merchandise	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
SF QM	-	110	-	397	-	30	1,066	1,604
SFMC QM	-	464	-	-	803	(30)	93	1,330
Sales Tax Paid/Registration	-	-	1,007	160	961	-	67	2,195
Shipping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quartermaster Supplies	87	575	1,007	557	1,764	922	1,226	5,216
IC Awards	-	-	-	-	-	-	821	821
IC Banquet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IC Flags	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IC Hotel	150	-	-	-	-	-	2,924	3,074
IC Other Expenses	-	-	526	-	46	250	-	822
IC Sales Tax Paid	449	-	-	-	-	-	-	449

STARFLEET International Statement of Activities July 2007 - June 2008								
Operating Revenues:	July-Dec 07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Year To Date
STARFLEET IC Expenses	599	-	526	-	46	250	3,745	5,166
Scholarships	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship Awards	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Bank Charges	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Credit Card Fees	244	-	1	-	-	-	-	244
Monthly Fee	313	37	37	-	-	-	-	386
PayPal Fees	261	520	108	173	147	153	218	1,580
Bank Charges & Fees	818	571	145	173	147	153	218	2,225
Election Expense	2,185	1,323	-	-	-	-	-	3,508
Communications Dept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CompOps Dept	89	300	425	200	69	-	-	1,083
QM Software	-	-	-	130	-	-	-	130
CS Department	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	200
Equipment & Software	89	500	425	330	69	-	-	1,413
Legal Fees	-	-	-	4,653	2,089	776	1,559	9,077
Insurance Bond	610	-	-	-	-	-	-	610
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	275	-	-	275
CFO Department	148	-	267	-	-	-	138	554
CS Department	37	-	16	-	889	-	77	1,018
Communications Dept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CompOps Dept	-	-	88	-	73	-	-	161
IG Office	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Ops Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Promotion Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shakedown Dept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VCS Dept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	245	-	371	-	962	-	215	1,793
Transition Expenses	102	30	-	265	-	-	-	397
General Office Expenses	4,048	2,424	941	5,422	3,543	929	1,992	19,297
Total operating expenses	14,434	7,644	6,683	8,440	7,379	4,030	10,771	59,381
(Loss) / Income	\$ (2,440)	\$ 4,577	\$ (4,125)	\$ (1,944)	\$ (2,468)	\$ 1,161	\$ (5,778)	\$ (11,017)



STARFLEET International
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2008

	Total
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	\$ 1,051
International Conference Odd	50
International Conference Even	50
Main Bank Account	8,207
SF Savings & Scholarship Fund	24,682
SFMC Marines	1,133
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 35,173
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	35,173
Total Assets	\$ 35,173
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued expenses	7,094
Total current liabilities	\$ 7,094
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,000
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	38,096
Net Income	(11,017)
Total Equity	28,079
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 35,173



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August 18, 2008

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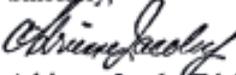
Dear Mr. Stein:

We would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$125 from STARFLEET International. Your organization's support and confidence in the work we do is so important to us.

While reading scores of children in Philadelphia's elementary schools are improving, we know that much work remains to be done to bring families and the entire community into the effort. This money is important to our agenda and to the success of this effort. Your efforts in supporting our mission is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for helping us to help Philadelphia's school children reach their potential.

In order to comply with IRS regulations, this letter confirms that GPUAC/PHILADELPHIA READS has not provided any goods or services, in whole or in part, in consideration of this contribution.

Again, many thanks for your help; we are most grateful for all your ongoing support of our organization and the children of Philadelphia. Thank you for helping us to raise a city of readers.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Jacoby Ed. D.
Executive Director

Editor's note: The following statement is an addendum to CQ #147 and was accidentally omitted. My sincerest apologies.

STARFLEET International
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2008

	Total
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	\$ 1,043
International Conference	50
Main Bank Account	8,248
SF Savings & Scholarship Fund	27,537
SFMC Marines	1,334
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 38,211
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	38,211
Total Assets	\$ 38,211
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued expenses	3,047
Total current liabilities	\$ 3,047
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,000
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	38,096
Net Income	(3,932)
Total Equity	35,164
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 38,211





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NAME: JONATHAN LANE
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET
OTHER POSITIONS: CHIEF KIBITZER
SHIP: USS ANGELES NCC-71840; REGION: 4, CALIFORNIA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USS AVENGER NCC-1860; FORMER SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, REGION 7; DESIGNER OF THE AWARD-WINNING USSANGELES.COM WEBSITE



My New Feelings about Star Trek XI

This is going to be hard to explain.

Right now, there are two camps in the world of Star Trek fandom. In one group are fans who have been starving for more Star Trek and are totally psyched that J.J. Abrams has come on board to create the highest budget Star Trek film ever. They're super-excited to see the characters of Kirk, Spock, McCoy and the rest finally being resurrected and brought back to the forefront of Star Trek. And if there are a few tweaks here and there, some pieces of Trek canon not religiously adhered to, so what? Trek is back, baby!

Then there are those fans who are dreading the inevitable. After all, who but William Shatner could ever play James T. Kirk? Those original 79 episodes of the sixties were and are sacred. You can't just go back and redo everything, making the Enterprise look different, rewriting history. Kirk and Uhura at Starfleet Academy at the same time??? Preposterous! We've all invested too much of ourselves into this franchise

over the past four decades--learning trivia, memorizing dialogue, bonding with these characters until we know more about them than we do about members of our own family. You can't just come in out of nowhere and start changing this and that. It's sacrilege!

Some fans are so incensed by what they feel is a betrayal, a broken promise to respect Star Trek and then turning around to screw with what has been established--even slightly--that they are refusing to ever go see this film on principle. I respect their decision, even though I personally wouldn't miss this movie.

But up until this past weekend, I was still in camp #2. I've been dreading this new Star Trek film. And if you don't want spoilers, please skip to the next paragraph right now. I've been dreading it because I always held to the image of Cadet Kirk as a "walking stack of books with legs," as Gary Mitchell described his friend in the second Star Trek pilot. Kirk wasn't some punk

kid with a rebellious attitude. Kirk didn't serve on the Enterprise under Chris Pike! Spock did, but Kirk did his early starship duty on the *USS Republic* and the *USS Farragut*. Starfleet uniforms in Pike's time didn't have black collars. And wasn't the Enterprise built in orbit?

I was worrying that I was going to simultaneously love and hate this film at the same time. And I was getting angrier and angrier as more details leaked about the plot of this film. This new stuff would contradict the old stuff, and suddenly this "Trek 2.0" would become the new canon. All those years of Star Trek trivia contests--wasted time. I was downright pissed at J.J. Abrams!

And then I saw him in person...

I was at the San Diego Comic Con on July 26th. Despite my misgivings about the new film, I was shocked and terribly disappointed that there was almost no promotion for *Star Trek XI* anywhere.



Paramount's booth had a small area dedicated to Trek, but it played that same trailer (the one with the *Enterprise* being welded together) over and over. There were laptop computers where you could register for a Star Trek movie poster

Christmas 2008). So the movie will still be completed on that initial timetable. But because the release date was moved back to May of 2009, they're assembling the film in an atypical order. More specifically, they're spending more time

with them, feel scared with them, and I so want them to succeed.

"In my mind, that's what Star Trek has always been most about: caring about the characters and their story. It's so hard to explain it to you until you see it, but they've just done such an incredible job, and I can't wait for all of you to see it, too. I know you're going to love it."

Now, I know there are cynics out there who will jump on these words and say that nothing J.J. said excuses his breaking continuity and violating canon. And that's why I said that you had to be there. It wasn't what he said; it was how he said it. I guess he infected me with his childlike enthusiasm and eagerness. When a 7-year-old comes home with an ashtray, it's unlikely to be a Michelangelo sculpture. And yet, if you're a good parent, you get just as excited by this achievement as you would by any artistic masterpiece. And that's the way I now feel about J.J. Abrams and *Star Trek XI*.



Photo: Jonathan Lane.

and get your picture taken...and then later retrieve online. And they had a couple of sweepstakes raffles partnering with Intel to win either a computer or a computer bag. But there were no "exclusive" previews of the new film. No panels to discuss *Star Trek XI* where the producers and actors would appear on stage. In fact, with the exception of a panel entitled "Star Trek: Dead or Alive?" and a Klingon dramatic play, there was virtually no Star Trek programming at all during all four days of Comic Con! I was flabbergasted.

In fact, the only place where J.J. Abrams was appearing onstage at all was for a panel about the upcoming TV series "Fringe" (sort of "Lost" meets "X-Files" meets "Alias"). He appeared on a panel that also included Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, who co-wrote the script for *Star Trek XI*. (A side note: these three guys are hysterical together. If you ever get a chance to see them at a con, pay the money. It's worth it.)

Of course, J.J., Bob, and Alex weren't there to discuss *Star Trek*. "Fringe" is being developed by Warner Brothers, not Paramount. Nevertheless, I sat through the panel to see if they would say anything at all about the new film. And in fact, they mentioned a few things in passing, but nothing much.

Then, with only about five minutes left, the moderator, a fellow from "Television Week" named Joe Adalian, stopped the audience questions to finish up with one of his own. He asked J.J. and company directly about *Star Trek*, and why there wasn't a new trailer at the con.

To his credit, J.J. took total responsibility for that. He said that they were still on their original schedule (back when the release date was set for

completing and perfecting the digital effects (a rarity in *Star Trek* film-making, as FX are often rushed). So most of the footage J.J. has to show includes areas of green-screen and sections that say "Insert shot of phaser firing here." So had the movie still been coming out at Christmas, Paramount would certainly have been pushing for a new trailer already. Instead, they're focusing more of their energy on editing and special FX. But J.J. was sincerely sorry for the lack of a new trailer and accepted the full blame.

And then something happened.

I hate it when people say, "You just had to be there to understand." Obviously, you likely weren't there, and all you have to go on is what I am about to write here. And I will try to come as close to quoting J.J. as I can. But please understand that it wasn't so much what he said as how he said it. Imagine in your mind the most enthusiastic *Star Trek* fan you've ever seen--someone just like us who really loves the show and the characters. Imagine the kind of energy that a child has when he's come home from school with an ashtray he made in pottery class or an A+ on his math test. Imagine that tone of voice as you read what I'm about to write...

"I really want you all to see this movie," J.J. said. "Not just because I made it, but because it's just so special. These actors have all worked so hard and thrown themselves completely into these roles. You really care about what happens to all of them. I'm still in the stage of editing where there are gaping green holes in the scenes and long gaps where the establishing shots should be, so you know it's all fake. And yet, even with this obvious limitation, as I watch this film take shape in the editing bay, I get swept up in the story and the characters--I laugh

It might be just an ashtray. Or it might be the statue of David. But the one thing I can no longer do with a clear conscience is to be at all angry or negative toward J.J. Abrams or his co-writers. These are fans--as hopelessly geeky as the rest of us--presented with their lifelong dream: to make a *Star Trek* movie. Maybe it isn't the movie you or I would make, but they have done it with love and dedication and attention to detail (maybe not all the details you wanted, but detail nonetheless).

I can't get angry at that. I can't resent them for doing their best and truly caring. The last couple of *Trek* movies were made by people who weren't fans: Rick Berman and Brannon Braga. Shatner only made *Star Trek V* because he wanted to write and direct a movie himself, just like Nimoy did. Shatner was never a fan. Indeed, many of the show runners of *Star Trek* in the modern era weren't fans...not like us. Manny Coto in season four of *Enterprise* WAS a fan, and look what he was able to do. J.J. Abrams is a fan, too, through and through.

So I now feel as though we have been given a gift: the fans are in the captain's chair for this film. And they're trying their best. I am going to give them their shot. I will approach this movie with an open mind. Pre-judging and/or resenting it is just starting down the road to anger and hatred...the path to the Dark Side it is (oops, wrong franchise). Instead, I am officially getting off my high horse and supporting J.J., Roberto, and Alex. I hope I'm not wrong, but even if I am, I can't criticize the ashtray that was made with so much love.

I am now 100% looking forward to *Star Trek XI*, whatever it turns out to be.

Commodore Jon Lane
USS *Anges* NCC-71840





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What an IC!

*By Admiral Marlene Miller,
 U.S.S. Renegade, Region 1*

What a fantastic International Conference! It was my first IC in a million years... Well, actually, the Starfleet gathering I went to in either the late '80s or early '90s wasn't even called an International Conference. But... I'm looking forward to attending IC'09 if all works out.

I drove the six hours from Campbell, Ohio to Ithaca, New York, taking in the fabulous scenery through the Allegheny National Forest and the Finger Lakes. Prior to arrival at the hotel, I secured a motorized Go-Go Scooter to help one of the *U.S.S. Renegade's* Triplet Sister Ship COs, Helen Pawlowski of Troubadour Station, get around. Helen joined me shortly and took to the Scooter like she'd used one all her life! She LOVED it and thrilled in popping wheelies or running over toes as often as possible!

Minutes later, we met up with six representatives of the *U.S.S. Thor's Hammer*, who flew for nine hours from Reykjavik, Iceland to New York's JFK airport,



USS Accord member Commander Peter Green poses for a photo with IC guest Robin "Saavik" Curtis.

Photo: Mark H. Anbinder



Transfer of Power: IC Co-Chair and Accord CO RADM J.C. Cohen (r) transfers command of USS Accord to Captain Will Devine during Sunday's closing ceremony. Photo: Mark H. Anbinder

then drove six hours to Ithaca. They lamented that the GPS (Global Positioning System) voice isn't always very friendly. The crew kept making wrong turns because the GPS voice would tell them to turn...just as they were passing the road! We spent a bit of time getting to know each other...but the amazing thing is, even though this is the first time Helen and I actually MET them...we felt we'd known each other all our lives. Helen had been working with them for about 17 years, leading them into joining Starfleet and forming a chapter. They are DEFINITELY Helen's "kids". And they treated her as one would treat royalty. In fact, Helen was presented with a Viking hat and proudly wore it day and night. Finally, the IC was their time to shine. And shine they DID! The love and warmth among them spread throughout the IC.

A sneaky part of the weekend was when Helen and I secured a birthday card for Gudjon and I pestered... er... um... I mean...I asked everyone in my path to sign it (asking everyone to write small so lots and lots of signatures would fit on the card). It almost got to be a joke when I found myself asking the same people to sign! Thank goodness...no one ran screaming as they

saw me approach. Even our super guests, Robin Curtis and J.G. Hertzler, happily signed the card!

All eight of us sat together at the banquet. We put eight tiny cupcakes on a plate with beer can candles around them, and one musical candle in the middle. Then, the whole world (well, at least those at the IC) heard my horrible voice begin singing "Happy Birthday". Thank goodness everyone joined in and drowned me out! Gudjon was visibly overcome with emotion as he stood up and bowed a heartfelt "Thank You" to all. What a fantastic surprise for him!

Another of the highlights of the IC was that Helen Pawlowski was awarded a Starfleet Lifetime Membership and Carolyn Donner was awarded an Honorary Membership.

At one of the sessions, Sal mentioned Helen's Pteradactyls of Trek (POTS) department, which Helen had founded many, many years ago. Sal intends to broaden the scope of POTS and will be inducting 'Fleet members who qualify. Originally, the POTS award was given to Starfleet members who were around in the '60s and watched The Original Series from Day 1. However, Sal will broaden the scope a bit and award certificates and/or buttons to 'Fleet members age 75 and better. After much good-natured teasing between Helen and Sal, J.G. Hertzler (Martok on DS9), who stood at the back of the room during the session, hollered out that he wanted to meet Helen! And meet her he did! They got along famously!



Special Guests: Robin "Saavik" Curtis and J.G. "Martok" Hertzler speak to pleased attendees on Saturday afternoon. Photo: Mark H. Anbinder





Auction Time! Greg Trotter and Alec Frazier help out at IC 2008's charity auction, raising bucks for STARFLEET's scholarship fund.

Photo: Allyson M.W. Dyar.

Speaking of J.G. and Robin... It was a pleasant surprise to have them in attendance. They both live in upstate New York; J.G. is on the faculty of Cornell University, teaching drama, and Robin runs a real estate business. When they heard that Starfleet was meeting in Ithaca, J.G. immediately offered to come join us, and talked Robin into it, as well! After their Q&A session, they each signed autographs and allowed photos to be taken. What wonderful guests they were!



Helping Out: USS Niagara's Carol "Cricket" Courtney helps at the IC'08 registration table.

Photo: Mark H. Anbinder

Another highlight of the weekend happened after Region 7 RC Joe Hoolihan handed out several awards to R7 individuals. As Joe was finishing his presentation, Sal gruffly asked for the microphone. He then growled that Joe was out of uniform!

Hummm??? Actually, Joe's Next Gen dress uniform was spot on! The look on Joe's face (and on most of ours) was genuine puzzlement! Sal then handed Joe four-pips-in-a-box and promoted him to full Admiral! Joe's promotion was met with thunderous applause and cheering! What a surprise for him! The look on his face was classic!

Next came the auction to benefit Starfleet Academy's Scholarship Fund. Folks had donated various Trek memorabilia, and people bid on them. The *Thor's Hammer* crew scarfed up a whole bunch of the stuff, saying it was hard to come by in Iceland. One of the funniest bids was when an autographed photo of Patrick Stewart (Ahhhhhhhhh! Patrick Stewart!!) was presented. Sigmundur (one of the *Thor's Hammer's* crew at our table) started bidding. As much as I'm a Patrick Stewart fanatic, I

let him take the bid. Why? Well, he started bidding against himself!!! I can't match THAT!!! After the auction, quite a few fellow attendees told Helen and me to sit them down and explain that one doesn't normally bid against oneself! But they knew what they were doing! Even J.G. got in the act when he saw us all together at the bar!

Another member of our Project Triplet sister ships, Admiral Sherry Anne Newell, CO of the *U.S.S. Morning Star* (R12) donated an unopened Avon set of TOS dolls: Kirk, Spock and McCoy. Andrew, from *Thor's Hammer*, won the bid at \$75.

Finally, we had the closing ceremonies. Sal handed out a couple of more promotions, including promoting Todd Brugmans to Rear Admiral! Todd's an artist in the truest sense of the word. His PowerPoint presentation of the Chapter Roll Call at the General Session was fabulous! Todd made slides for each region and each chapter in the region. He created special slides for Starfleet's Chapters-in-Training. They are SO funny...and got quite a few laughs. My favorite is the Region 1 Chapter-in-Training *U.S.S. Tang*. For those of us old enough to remember *Tang* being the drink of U.S. astronauts, this slide got some great laughs. Actually, the *U.S.S. Tang* was named after a famous WWII battleship.

And then came the closing ceremony to best all closing ceremonies! Sal proceeded to perform what seemed to be an impromptu "Joining Ceremony"! He

told how ship captains and others of that type had been joining folks together for eons and ages, and he thought he should follow the tradition. He called Helen to front-and-center and asked her to choose her joining partner. The choice was made the night before, since Sigmundur took Helen's Viking helmet off, and put it on his own head! Helen politely informed all present that when a man puts a woman's helmet on his head...they GOTTA get married! From stage front, Helen promptly pointed to Sigmundur as her joining mate! Now the *Thor's Hammer* crew had partied long and hard into the previous night and Sigmundur was sitting with his head in his hands...while taking on a ghastly shade of green. When he didn't stand up right away, two of his shipmates (brothers Tomas and Gudjon) grabbed him on either side and dragged him up to the podium. Helen's Second, Carolyn Zimdahl, was chosen, as was Sigmundur's Second, Gudjon. Sal had some words of wisdom, reminding the joining party to respect each other's cultural traditions and so forth...then pronounced the two "Joined". He instructed that they now show their affection in whatever manner their cultures dictated...so they did a fanny rub! It was hilarious!



If you watched any of IC 2008's festivities on our streaming webcast, this is the guy to thank! Larry Barnes and his portable AV cart helped to bring the weekend to viewers around the world. You can still watch at www.ic2008.org.

Photo: Mark H. Anbinder

Finally, the "official" IC was over, but many of us mingled in the lobby, exchanging phone numbers and saying our parting "goodbyes".

Although it's an often-used cliché, it was fabulous putting faces to names. I left Ithaca feeling very satisfied, although I didn't get a chance to talk with everyone. But now I'm thinking about signing up for IC'09 in Greensboro, North Carolina in August! If all goes well, Helen and *Thor's Hammer* will be there, too!



International Conference



Honorary Viking

Lifetime Award winner Admiral Helen Pawlowski sports the Viking helmet presented to her by her USS Thor's Hammer friends as she addresses the crowd. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)



Flat Les & Real Les

The real Les Rickard couldn't attend IC'07, so was represented by his cardboard counterpart in Denver. This time, both of them made it! (Photo by Will Devine.)



Uniform of the Day

R13 RC Dave Blaser lookin' sharp for Saturday morning's General Session. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)

'Dant and Dan

SFMC Commandant (and part-time Supreme Court Justice) John Roberts with IC Chair Dan Adinolfi. (Photo by Allyson M.W. Dyar.)



If I had a Hammer...

FADM Sal Lizard welcomes the six visitors from Iceland's USS Thor's Hammer, the farthest-traveled and nearly the best-represented chapter at the IC! (Photo by Mark H. Anbinder.)

At the Falls

IC attendees enjoy the highest falls in North America, Taughannock Falls, in Trumansburg, up the lake from Ithaca. (Photo by David Kloempken.)



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Shuttle Zhang Heng

One IC'08 attendees arrived in style in this tricked-out Toyota Prius! (Photo by Will Devine.)



Closing Ceremonies

Honorary Viking Helen Pawlowski and friends during closing ceremonies at the IC. (Photo by David Kloempken.)

Dead Dogs

Accord's outgoing and incoming COs, RADM J.C. Cohen and CAPT Will Devine, relax with the gang Sunday night at the Dead Dog Party. (Photo by Allyson M.W.)



STARFLEET Takes The Cake!



Welcome *USS Elizabeth R.*

An image of the *USS Elizabeth R.*, IC chapter-in-training, graces a cake presented to them by their support ship, the *USS Nelson*. (Photo supplied by Doug Mayo.)



USS Bonaventure Hits 20

A yummy cake with the new *Emmissary-class USS Bonaventure* on it. (Photo supplied by Chuck Rizzo.)



USS Sol Turns 25-Years-Old

The ship's bell of the *USS Sol*, next to their cake and 25th Anniversary trophy. (Photo by Carol Thompson.)





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The IC to Me

by Admiral Helen M. Pawlowski,
 Troubadour Station, Region 12

The IC committee may have called it the "Back to School IC," but IC 2008 to me will always be the IC of the Vikings.

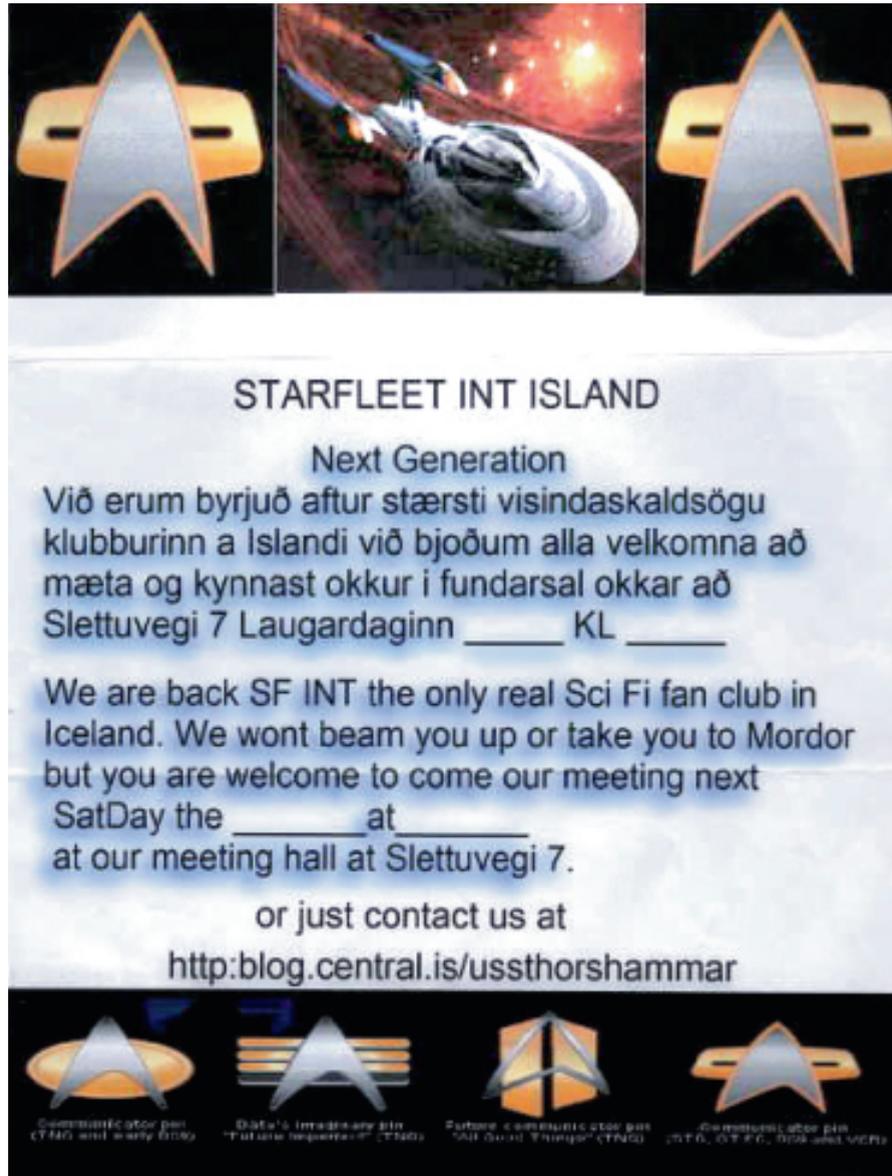
They came as 6 strangers from Iceland, filled with determination to absorb as much of the Starfleet experience as was possible to drink in and left, 5 days later--strangers no longer--with almost 200 new friends.

They brought with them a wonderful gift: the reminder to each of us the reason we have joined STARFLEET in the first place--our initial attraction to this wonderful organization before our vision became clouded by politics, dissention, and a lack of that spirit of camaraderie with which we were initially greeted.

Their innocence of spirit and determination to live up to the ideals of Roddenberry's dream of IDIC made us recall our initial goal. This group has a wonderful ideal: to expand throughout Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, and Denmark) where Star Trek has a huge fan base, to create another Region. [Note of Chief of Communications: Scandinavia is currently served by the existing Region 9, covering all of Europe.]

By employing cultural and family ties, they hope to encourage their contacts to establish enough ships to create a new Region at the top of the world--continuing the tradition of putting the "International" in STARFLEET International.

To our newfound northern buddies—Skoal!



The Popsicle Fleet

The "Popsicle Fleet" is reviving in Iceland and the crew of "Thor's Hammer" is going aggressively after new members by placing posters in prominent places in their area.

Often people are not aware that such a thing as a Star Trek fan club exists; this is one way to attract attention.

GO THOR'S HAMMER!!

It pays to advertise. So, what's holding YOU back?

Adm. Helen M. Pawlowski
Fun, Fellowship, Friendship

"Trash or Treasure"

Dear COs,

I'm asking for your help...actually I'm looking for a way we can help each other.

Every club needs a way to raise money--for our favorite charity, a boost for the treasury, or just a kitty to cover the coffee at the meeting.

The big thing today is recycling.

With this in mind, I'm asking everybody in STARFLEET to come up with an idea for converting a throw-away item into something that can be transformed into a Christmas ornament, a bookmark, or something that can be sold at a church bazaar, a craft show, or a yard sale.

At the 2008 IC, one of the attendees lost the little clasp that held his communicator pin on. He went to the bar, got a bottle cap and, putting the cap inside his uniform, shoved the pin through it turning the cap into a temporary "holder-on'er." Practical and cheap -- temporary solution.

I'd like to gather as many novel ideas as I can so that I may create a craft manual which clever and handy people can use to rework recyclables that they would otherwise throw away. This manual

would be sent to any crafter who requested it, and credit for ideas would be given for each project in the manual, in the CQ and at the next IC. I'm sure it would be possible to acknowledge each contribution with a certificate of appreciation and the RC would be kept informed of all those who were part of this effort.

All I'm asking for is a chance to pick your brains and the pleasure of turning trash into treasures...will you help?

Contact me at:

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1527-01-15



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ECAB Report - August, 2008
Office of the Vice-Commander,
STARFLEET

Membership Services

June report for Member Services

In June we processed 50 total tickets:
98% are closed
2% remain open

Category Report:

- 28% Renewal/Join
24% Database
20% CompOps
10% Operations
8% Academy
4% Misc.
2% CQ
2% Membership Processing
2% Suggestion

Turnaround Report:

- 6% <24hrs
6% 24hrs
6% 48hrs
6% 72hrs
12% 96hrs
58% <120hrs
4% >120hrs
2% Open

Issues this month:

- AOL Users
Database Emails
SFI Site Logins

Suggestions posted on the Helpdesk:

I don't think it's fair to the chapters, or members, to expect us to produce recruiting information for STARFLEET as well as for our chapters. To that end, I've got a few suggestions for HQ-level recruiting:

1. Develop a packet of materials that chapters or regional recruiting officers can order from STARFLEET that includes professionally-printed flyers. We're an international business. It's time to stop looking like we're run out of someone's basement. Printing shops work on bulk-scale pricing, so the more we buy, the cheaper they are.

2. Regarding recruiting tables... Folks don't tend to keep flyers. They'll keep useful things, like bookmarks, pens, and magnets. Having pens with the sfi.org logo on a recruiting table will keep our brand with a prospective member longer... After all, who

throws out a pen before they use it? Magnets are useful, too, and there's other merchandise that could be explored.

The key, though, is setting aside money in the budget to pay for marketing expenses. We have to spend money to get members, and I'm tired of paying out of pocket for that. If that means dues have to start increasing, then do it. If everyone shares the cost of marketing, then no one's getting favorable treatment, and no one has to spend additional out-of-pocket cost for such materials.

Plus, standardized materials coming from HQ will have a consistent look and consistent branding, which helps prospective members remember who we are.

July report for Member Services

Member Services Helpdesk received a total of 49 tickets, 7 of which are still open. (The missing 8 tickets, for those doing the math, are SPAM.)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes Join/Renewal (16), Membership Processing (7), Operations (5), Database Access (5), Computer Operations (3), Misc. (2), Academy (1), Suggestions (1), Complaints (1).

The Join/Renewal tickets mostly dealt with trying to find the link to the Join/Renewal page. Tickets concerning MP dealt with a lack of patience and not understanding that joining or renewal is not instant. The Operations ticket dealt with name changes and chapter transfers. The 5 Database Access tickets were password issues. CompOps tickets dealt with being locked out of the members-only side of the SFI site. The Misc. tickets were related to two errors, one with rank, one with an award. Listed below are the Suggestion and the Complaint that was received through the HelpDesk.

The complaint posted to the Helpdesk
Not much of an overhaul, if you ask me.

I had an email a while ago saying that there was going to be an overhaul of the sfi site, which I see there was, but I have yet to see any changes made to the region/chapter finder for the region to which I belong, despite me saying that the list is way out of date.

There are four groups (chapters) listed for Region 20. Three of the sites linked to no longer work; those groups disbanded ages ago, and even the link that

does work, links to a chapter that no longer exists.

It doesn't make me want to renew my membership later this year when the person who is listed as being the Regional Coordinator for Region 20 isn't even a member of a Trek group any more and doesn't really care much about STARFLEET anymore, as the Saratoga no longer exists.

Is anything going to be done about this? And is there any way of finding out who IS still a true member of STARFLEET and resides in the United Kingdom, apart from myself and my fiancé?

Surely we can't be the only two?

PS: Yes, I know at least three of the chapters in Region 20 don't exist anymore (that you have listed in your chapter/region finder), as I have spoken to people (members) face to face and they have confirmed this. Plus one of the former members of one of those three chapters told me the other chapter/group folded ages ago.

The Suggestion posted to the Helpdesk
Membership costs for other countries.

I just found your site and believe it to be one of the best I have ever found about Star Trek. I was looking through your chapter list to find one near me, here in Mexico, and I see there are none.

After reading more about your organization and deciding to become a member, I realized why there are no members for Region 18. You are charging \$20 dollars for membership, which might not be a lot of money for you, but here it is a lot. Just so you can take it into consideration, people in Mexico, which is not as bad off as the countries below us, make an average of \$1,450 pesos a month, which—divided by the current exchange rate of 10.50 pesos per dollar—is about \$138 dollars a month, so \$20 dollars is a hefty sum for us (about five days' pay).

I would very much like to be a member and help start up Region 18, but due to what I and several of my friends deem to be an excessive membership fee for those of us that do not make money in dollars, we cannot afford it.

Hopefully, you will take this message into consideration and realize that several thousand people in Third World countries cannot afford this type of cost. Maybe you can figure out a way of lowering your costs for these countries, by not sending printed promotional material, or something of the sort. Maybe even just create a one-time fee for these people (including me).



Another option would be to allow us to pay in contributions to your efforts (site, design, programming, graphics, etc...).

Well, I think you get the point and I hope you can see the benefits of allowing more people to join, even if there is not the same profit margin for your organization.

Fleet Resource Center

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Reporting Cycle: July 08

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STARFLEET Crafting and Costuming Corps: CAPT

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STARFLEET "Echoes from Space" Troupe: Vacant
STARFLEET Movie & Video production Guild: Vacant
STARFLEET Medical Corps: Vacant
STARFLEET Engineering Corps: Vacant
STARFLEET Military and Veterans Corps: Vacant

Summary of Services Provided by Each Department

Alternate Universe

The Alternate Universe program proposes to combine all facets of our fandom into one cohesive unit to create an entire universe which we can have as our playground. This would be done by assisting ships and members of the various groups to gain ideas and assistance in bringing their own universes into the Alternate Universe one.

Ambassadors Corps

The STARFLEET Ambassador Corps's mission is to make contact with other organizations to explore the potential for mutual gain from collaboration between our organizations. It is our hope that through such joint activities, friendships will develop, fun will be had, and the resulting growth will be good for all concerned.

Counselors Corps

The STARFLEET Counselors Corps, though not created to mediate conflict, is there to listen to how the membership feels about the performance and value of STARFLEET programs, and to give members the opportunity to express how they think things can be improved. STARFLEET belongs to its members and by utilizing the Counselors Corps, members can have a direct influence on the direction of their organization.

Chaplains Corps

Faith is an important foundation in many people's lives and for many of our own members. A long-standing program in STARFLEET, the Chaplains' Corps will continue to provide the membership with an avenue to express their own individual spirituality and provide a forum in which to express their faith to their "higher power".

Crafting and Costuming Corps

The STARFLEET Crafting and Costuming Corps is the resource department for these areas and for STARFLEET members to get information and assistance in costuming and creating crafts at all different levels.

Special Operations

The STARFLEET Special Operations unit is a small group of dedicated and highly-trained individuals committed to the defense of the Federation through the use of covert and quiet countermeasures, with the goal of maintaining the peace and sovereignty of the principles we hold dear.

Sciences Corps

The STARFLEET Science Corps serves as an informational and communications resource for the Regional

Sciences Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and chapter Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. Its mission is to enhance interest in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible. It accomplishes these services via the internet (STARFLEET Sciences website, Science-Lab list server), articles in STARFLEET publications, and presentations at STARFLEET meetings.

Summary of Activities this Reporting Period

Alternate Universe

Working to create necessary information to create website and to assist STARFLEET members with writing or creating an Alternate Universe scripts. Information to be distributed soon. Also working to help create a new program in the FRC or under our department for veterans' recognition. I have been helping veterans of the WW2 destroyer USS Richard P. Leary (DD-664) by making a web page to help keep their history alive.

Still working on the STARFLEET Military and Veteran Corps. Up and running also.

Ambassadors Corps

I attended the IC in Ithaca, NY. Marlene Miller was there, and one other Ambassador Corps staff member attended, Helen Pawlowski, who was awarded the Lifetime Membership Award! Congratulations to her!

Counselors Corps

Various contacts made and arrangements for listservs to be set-up. The goal for the Counselors' 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. He is currently working to get his website up.

That being said, I would like to get to know where the counselors are and what ships still need counselors. I am asking that all ship's counselors send me an e-mail with your name, region, and ship name. I am preparing to submit an article for "Fleet Channels". I am also working on creating a program for those that are licensed counselors to help STARFLEET members in times of emergency.

Chaplains Corps

We are almost ready to announce the reopening of the Chaplains Corps. The only holdup is that the SFI-I list is down. We are in a holding pattern, waiting on that as we were told that it would be back up very soon.

I am starting to sketch out ideas for the webpage. I'm going to be discussing it in detail with my Vice Chiefs. Along with Gerry Perkey, I've asked Russell Ruhland to resume his post as a Vice Chief. His main job at this time is overseeing the listservs operated by this resource, which he has been doing since he first took that job a few years ago. He served as acting head of Chaplains during the last two years, as well. We have begun a roll call of persons subscribed to the current Chaplains/Counselors Department list, seeking to get names and positions in order to make splitting the list into two separate ones easier.



Chaplains have begun to check in, so we are starting to rise from what some thought was the dead.

Crafting and Costuming Corps

To get website up and going to provide crafting and costuming ideas to STARFLEET members. Blog is helping.

Special Operations

This Director is currently on leave due to a death in the family. He will return by the next reporting period. He is currently restoring four of the last officers of command before the SFSO shut down, and is working from scratch to get them up and operating again.

Current units in Regions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17.

Command staff is in place.

Sciences Corps

1. Posted STARFLEET Sciences news updates to STARFLEET general list, Science-Lab list, and several regional lists.
2. Posted general science news items, web reports to Science-Lab list.
3. Attached is an Excel spreadsheet summarizing the growth in the number of hits on the STARFLEET Sciences web pages.

Summary of Future Plans and Goals for Department

Alternate Universe

Hoping to establish and assist those interested in applying an alternate universe to their STARFLEET Experience and give alternative information on other programs.

Ambassadors Corps

We plan to contact COs next and let them know about us so they can pass it on to their crews that we do know that they are there, they do matter, and they are appreciated. I'm also planning to put something into the next CQ for unassigned members who would like to hear from us once in a while, but I will NOT contact them; if they wish to, they can contact one of us so we aren't invading their space. But we want them to know they are appreciated, too.

Counselors Corps

Submitting a CQ article to find out where the ships' counselors are and to establish a communication and information resource for them. Regional directors for the SCs, preferably those with real-life counseling/social work/liaisoning/networking experience, are sought.

Chaplains Corps

Plans for the next few weeks include continued work on the website, getting the department list up and running, and starting to get feedback from the chaplains of STARFLEET on what they need and want from this resource. So, as you can see, this department is starting to stir from its slumber. I am awaiting a response regarding who my is counterpart on the Counselors' side, so that they and I can coordinate the final division of the old Chaplains/Counselors Department.

Crafting and Costuming Corps

Have put a blog up on Yahoo for costuming and crafting ideas for uniforms and other resources to assist fleet members.

Special Operations

Get the website up and running. With this we'll be able to attract some of the folks who are still out there who aren't sure if we're back.

Sciences Corps

Continue to post interesting and informative news items to Science-Lab list; ongoing.

Prepare a science article for the next issue of the Starfleet Communiqué (this one may be about something I learned at the American Geophysical Union international conference in Acapulco, or it could be a combined article discussing science activities of Starfleet Sciences, Region One Sciences, and the USS Alaric). Decide on content of Starfleet Sciences Handbook. Add history of science web articles to website. Continue to add web links and content to web page, post science items to Science-Lab list, and submit articles to Starfleet Communiqué.

Summary of Problems/Issues/Concerns of Department

Alternate Universe

None this period; beginning assignment.

Ambassadors Corps

Having problems with getting RCs to respond to my requests and to post to the Regional Lists. I've had real-life interference. With the loss of my father, I have to find somewhere to move to and am packing things for that, so things are getting moved around and now I can't find some info for this report (soon as I run across the Vessel Registry, I'll send the contact info for Sherry and Danni).

Counselors Corps

Desiring to help rebuild the Counselors in the various regions, I need to be able to post to the various regions Lists. Working to separate and get the old information from Dennis who was overseeing the program before.

Chaplains Corps

None this period. I am waiting to get a webpage together and getting information together, restoring hope in a program people thought was dead.

Crafting and Costuming Corps

Currently working on blog list with information and waiting for website.

Special Operations

Ongoing project.

Sciences Corps

Other than having so much to do and so little time to do it, both in my 'Fleet life and in my "real" life, there were no difficulties encountered this month. After years of fine-tuning, this department is humming quite well. Have no suggestions on how to improve Sciences and the STARFLEET Science Corps as a whole, at this time.

FRC Directors' Report Summary

The FRC Department is slowly getting on track. We have been able to get several web pages up and are currently getting the proper information posted on them. I am working with every group, offering assist-

ance, and finding out what their needs are in order to perform their duties. I will help to assist these groups in establishing communications with the various regions and throughout 'fleet.

I have requested that the Departments prepare an article to be submitted in the upcoming StarFleet Communiqué. I have received one from the Chaplains' Department and Counselors Department, and I will be submitting one myself and also asking for applicants for the open positions.

I have tried to contact the 'Fleet Personnel Officer to post for the open positions and have not heard back from him. I will continue to try to fill every open position available in the department. I began the FRC Military and Veterans Program and moved Byron Flynt over from the Alternate Universe Department to that Program as Acting Director. He is running a similar program in Region 3 and is having great success. Other regions are asking him for advice on beginning a similar program. He is my ship's XO and has been working in the Alternate Universe department. You should read some of the stuff he created for ship history!

I reposted open positions to the unofficial list today and to all regional lists that I could access. I also contacted the Communiqué and asked again to be sure that they will publish the article. I also took care of a deal between Gerry P. and Dennis R. There was a lack of communication, and it was resolved as I contacted both parties and discovered they had lost the contact information and other information that they had exchanged at the inception of the program. Issue resolved. Region 13 was the only region that denied me access to post to their list. I don't wish to step out of place.

Office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Commodore Jon Lane, reporting for duty! I'm trying to hit the ground running and getting some things done in this here Communications Department. Among the first things I'll be doing is trying to get Pete Christian to mail the archived CQs to Bran Stimpson so that the Help Desk can send out missing CQs to members directly, without having the extra degree of separation of Bran having to relay the request to the Comm Chief who then mails out the missing CQs.

Next up will be getting some bids from other printers, including the folks in New Hampshire that Sal deals with. Our current printers in Oklahoma are charging approximately \$900 per issue of the CQ (assuming it's not a half-sized issue like #144). They are charging an additional \$300+ for mailing. In talking to nearly a dozen printers over the last two days, I've discovered two things:

- 1) We ain't gonna find a \$900 bid anywhere in this country... not even if we keep using newsprint and black and white for all but the cover and center spread. Some printers wouldn't even bid on our project because they couldn't come down under \$5,000! (Believe it or not, the most expensive printer was called "Printing for Less" in Montana, and they were over \$9,000!) The printers who didn't run screaming



are going to try to come as close to our current price as they can, and most will have their bids to me before the end of the week. Since I'll be in Vegas this weekend, I won't have the bid info to you guys 'til next week. Then the fun REALLY starts... 'cause I doubt we'll get any bids that aren't at least \$500-\$700 over what we're paying now per issue. But we'll see; my fingers and toes are crossed.

2) The Trotters' relatives in Oklahoma are actually quoting us a pretty standard rate for mailing. All of the printers I spoke with either offer mailing services themselves or else have a nearby service they use. Everyone quoted a minimum (which we would be with 2,000 pieces) of between \$300 and \$350.

Next item!

For the RCs, I'd like to make a special request of all you wonderful people. I would like each Region to assign me a Regional Relay Officer. This will be my go-to guy or gal for disseminating important e-mails to the regional lists (mostly 'cause I don't want to have to subscribe to two dozen or more lists if I can help it-- I'm an awfully slow reader). The RRO can be the RC, the VRC, or just a regional busy-body who's always posting to that region's list. I'd actually prefer the RRO not be the RC (you guys are so busy anyway), as I'd like the RROs to be assigned as part of the Communications Department. The RROs will get e-mails from the Comm Chief directly, and I'll request that each one inform me when the e-mail has been forwarded to his regional list. They will serve until they aren't doing their job reliably, in which case I'll ask the RC for a replacement. That's another reason for the RRO to not be the RC.

All this is to try to put the "Communications" back into, well, "Communications." It ain't just the CQ. That's only once every 60 days (gods, I hope!). "Communications" also includes important messages from Sal, updates on the goings on "behind the curtain" of the ECAB. No, we don't have to share the confidential stuff, just the occasional "Hi, how are ya, here's what the EC has been focusing on this past week/month/whatever." A little updating can go a long way.

Office of the Commandant STARFLEET Academy

We have nine closed colleges. Eight of these are on a temporary basis, either because they are revamping or the directors are on a leave of absence. A couple of the directors have just e-mailed us, letting us know that they will resume in a couple of weeks. All is running smoothly.

Office of the Chief of Shakedown Operations, STARFLEET

Starfleet Shakedown Operations Command Update –June/July 2008

We had 16 out of 17 Chapters in Training report for the month of June.

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The following are chapters that have launched in June:

R1: *USS Tang*

R15: *USS Elizabeth R.*

R4: *USS Leonidas*

The following are chapters that have launched in July: None

The following chapters were decommissioned in June and July: None

I have one chapter that is on Standby: USS Battleborn

Possible new launches in August could be:
Region 4 – *USS R'uustai*
Region 5 – *USS Aurora*

Chapters cleared for Commissioning in June and July were:

R2: *USS Starquest*

R7: *USS Blackheart*

R7: *USS Hecate*

R17: *USS Devil's Tower*

Vice ShOC Jerry Tien reported:

Activities

1. Provided help to training chapter members on IRC (#starfleet)

Problems

1. Some chapter info/command change requests from training chapters have been in the queue for a while. CompOps needs to follow up.

Department of Technical Services News

One new vessel reservation was received, using an established class.

Work on the DTS subsite is slowly resuming. With his other projects complete, Mike Dugas has been turning his attention to the DTS site, and is working on a draft design.

The decommissioning of the following vessels was noted per the report of ADM Urvand, or from other sources, and their names are now listed as on-hold, as per standard protocol, pending any decision to reactivate those vessels:

USS Rutledge NCC-74215, Defiant-Class Escort

Schematic Artist

ADM Carol Thompson has completed her first project as a schematic artist, the Hermes-class (Pegasus variant) scout. The various sizing issues have been resolved, and the results have been excellent. Meanwhile, this class will be featured in the next Starship Highlights, which will be sent in once the first one gets published!

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET

Fiscal Year Approvals

The Fiscal Year Regular Payments by department have been approved by the EC.

These payments were based on the budgeted items that were presented at the IC 2008 in Ithaca, NY.

Federal Form 990

The CFO's Office has been busy spending a lot of time in getting the data ready for the Fiscal Year 2008 in order to begin work on the annual Federal Form 990 for STARFLEET. However, we are still waiting for responses to several questions from Mark Anbinder for IC 2008 and the Starfleet QM reports for the period ending June 30, 2008.

Sales Taxes

We have not been able to file the Quarterly Sales Tax Reports for the period ending, June 30th to the State of AL, Jefferson County, a monthly report for the City of Vestavia Hills and the NY State Sales Tax Return. The reasons for this are as follows.

The Quartermaster reports have not balanced once to date. Although, we keep redoing the QM reports on a monthly basis, the QM keeps putting the following month's data on the previous months report. In addition, we haven't received copies of shipping receipts and also cash sales are left off the Petty Cash on hand total. Further, we have one receipt with no sales invoice to match it up with since February 2008. We also have eight invoices to which we've charged shipping charges, but we don't have the receipts of these shipping costs from February to May 2008.

To date, we've not received a corrected July 2008 report from the QM. The June Report that did not balance had some July financial data on it, plus the cash sales that the QM made put the Petty Cash balance at what we believe should be \$181.95 as of June 30th and \$350.42 as of July 31st. Our original plan was to have \$100 on hand for the QM to cover postage with a maximum amount of \$200. Again, to date we have not received the necessary info from the SFI QM.

Mark Anbinder sent in an IC 2008 report that did not balance with the cash on hand. Mark had sent us two sets of figures for additional sales that do not match and has not responded to several emails with questions that we had about this. In order to complete the NY Sales Tax Return that was due June 20th, we needed a corrected sale total. To date, this remains an open issue with no response from Mark about this. We're still waiting for a corrected IC 2008 Report as of June 30th, also in order to complete the Federal Form 990 Tax Return.

I'm happy to report that we did receive a complete and balanced report from the IC 2009 Committee for June 30th and July 31. However, we have not yet received a July report from the IC 2010 Committee.

As a final note, the CFO's dept. has worked very hard to pay all the back taxes that were due and get STARFLEET out of paying penalties and interest, which in fact we've accomplished 85% of the time. However, if we don't receive correct reports when they are due and our reminders and/or questions go unanswered, we have no choice but to delay payment of sales taxes to the appropriate tax agencies. This creates new penalties and interest for late filings of sales tax payments to those tax agencies.



1231-26-41

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A Tale of the Triplets

By Admiral Sherry Anne Newell
 CO, USS Morning Star NCC 4126, Twelfth Fleet

Once upon a time, in a land not so very far away, there lived a trio of -- well, if not little old lady admirals, at least a threesome of Starfleet officers who had reached what is generally termed "the age of discretion" - and then some.

They already felt "connected" by virtue of their commitment to the Annual Campaign, but little did they know that they were actually -- TRIPLETS! This was a truly surprising revelation because they inhabited two different regions served on three different ships, and--judging by their nicknames, at least, appeared to be three different species--one, a rabbit ("Wab"); another, a pig ("Piglet"); and one, a horse ("Dobbin").

Nonetheless, they all shared the same mother--Starfleet--and they discovered a number of other interesting similarities as well. There were interesting differences, too, of course, but these made them happy since they had learned to CELEBRATE differences.

Comms flew back and forth among the three, and, ere long, "Project Triplet" was born, a cooperative endeavor among their three ships--no rules, no regs, no requirements, just fun and friendship in fandom as they work together in a spirit of harmony on their various charitable endeavors (stampede stamps, Campbell's labels, BC UPC's, BC box tops, OCP coupons, knitted items for the homeless and for local animal shelters, etc.).

They realize, of course, that a more formal structure is necessary for The Big Organization, but their informality works for them, helps keep

them connected, reflects a positive image of Starfleet, and benefits their fellow beings on the old home planet.

What more could three aging admirals ask for? (Any more undiscovered siblings out there?)

Note from the Chief of Communications: Project Triplet was started by three "grandes dames" of Starfleet (ADM Marlene Miller of the USS Renegade, Region 1, ADM Sherry Anne Newell, CO of the USS Morning Star, Region 12, and ADM Helen Pawlowski, CO of Space Station Troubadour, which launched off the USS Morning Star a number of years ago in Region 12). These officers also serve in the Annual Campaign and in the Ambassador Corps. All three have served in Starfleet Academy together and are currently combining their talent and resources in several charitable endeavors.



0131-43-18

DIRECTOR OF IOCS: CROC, STARFLEET ACADEMY

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SHIP: USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D; REGION: 1, VIRGINIA (USA)

Modherr oiuu'n Lloannen'galae Eredhin Khre'Riov Ekhaem tr'Hveinn

For those of you who do not read Rihannsu (or Romulan), here is the translation (roughly): "Challenging all Starfleet's Cadets, by Vice Admiral Richard Hewitt."

First off, I am VADM Richard Hewitt, the Director of the Cadet Romulan Orientation College at the Institute of Cadet Studies (IOCS:CROC) within Starfleet Academy. I have three courses in the CROC school. They are: CROC 101 - The People and the Tal'

Shiar; CROC 102 - The Government; and CROC 103 - Military, Technology & History. All these courses are free if taken on line.



Well, here is my challenge for all Cadets in SFI. First, you need to go the Starfleet Academy web site at <http://academy.sfi.org/index.php>. There you will be able to request all three courses. Then all you need to do is to take them and pass all of them with a score of 100% (Distinction). Once a Cadet has done this, I will send them a Romulan pin (at no cost to them).

Mnekha daendle (or Good fortunate). I hope to hear from a lot of you Cadets soon.

VADM Richard Hewitt
Director of IOCS: CROC





NAME: DOUGLAS MAYO
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: REGIONAL COORDINATOR
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: USS NELSON NCC-74804; REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: ADP-DOCTORATE IN FEDERATION STUDIES, ADP-DOCTORATE IN SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES



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U.S.S. Nelson Celebrates Its 5th Year As Commissioned Chapter

On July 13th, banners, bells, balloons, and burgers and many friends were in attendance at Look Park in Florence, Massachusetts, as members from Region 15 traveled from far and near (Dave and Ruth Forrand from the *U.S.S. Darwin* drove in from the eastern part of Massachusetts) to take part in the dual celebration, one of which was the *Nelson's* 5th anniversary as a commissioned chapter in STARFLEET.

Adding another cause for celebration, the *U.S.S. Nelson* became a proud mother on June 19, 2008. On that day we gave birth to healthy bouncing chapter in training called the *U.S.S. Elizabeth R.* under the Command of the *Nelson's* former XO Ellen Majka, with Deb Kowal serving as her XO. As with any birthing experience, our responsibility as the mother ship (or support ship) is to help in any way we can to make sure the *Elizabeth R's* journey through the 6-to-10 month chapter-in-training process is a smooth one. For those crew who transferred from the *Nelson* to the *Elizabeth R.* we want you know your cabins aboard the *Nelson* will always be available for you anytime.



Ellen Majka and Lauren Gans from the U.S.S. Elizabeth R

The *Elizabeth R.* is named after *Elizabeth R.* the 1st; and the *Nelson* is named after Admiral Horatio *Nelson*. Regional Coordinator Doug Mayo (CO of the support ship) presented to the crew of the *Elizabeth R.* their official launch certificate from ShOC as a chapter in training, and a specially-decorated cake with the IC08 famous chapter-in-training image depicting the *Elizabeth R.* as a hockey puck being slapshotted to launch.



The picture depicts most of the crew from the U.S.S. Elizabeth R. From right to left are: Deb Kowal (XO), Ellen Majka, Dennis and Sandy Burke, Dylan & Ed & Lauren Gans (not pictured was Eva), and Alan Majka.

Attendees marveled at a banner traveling around the surrounding trees depicting a time-line of all the significant events and awards that the *Nelson* has achieved in 5 short years. Flying in the background was the UFP flag, the STARFLEET flag, and the *Nelson's* own WWII ship's bell that was heard ringing throughout the celebration. Ann Mayo of the *U.S.S. Nelson* had set up an introduction cache for those interested in doing a little geocaching, on the hunt were Doug Mayo (*Nelson*), as well as Ellen Majka, Deb Kowal, and Sandy Burke all from the *U.S.S. Elizabeth R.* A quarter mile walk later, the team zeroed in on and found a cache filled with items that



Some of the founding members of the Nelson that were in attendance on July 13th's celebration Alan & Ellen Majka, Doug & Ann Mayo, Kathy Mullins, and Deb Kowal.

featured both chapter links to the United Kingdom. Inside the cache were Carr Crackers, Earl Gray Tea, and a lime.



Pictured from right to left are Kathy Mullins (*Nelson*), Deb Kowal (*U.S.S. Elizabeth R.*), and Regional Coordinator of Region 15 & Commanding Officer of the *U.S.S. Nelson* Doug Mayo.

In just five short years, we have established ourselves to be a dedicated, charitable, but fun-loving STARFLEET chapter. What we are very proud of is our continued commitment to the military service personal and their families through the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP). Over the past five years, we've collected, sorted, counted, and sent in well over \$800,000 worth of coupons to this very worthwhile cause, no small feat to be sure.

Submitted by
Commodore Douglas Mayo
Region 15 Regional Coordinator
Commanding Officer
U.S.S. Nelson NCC-74804
The Flagship of Region 15





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COMMANDANT, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

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

Attention On Deck!

Greetings Marines!

Bank Account Information

We started the month of June with a balance of \$1,147.07. We had deposits in the amount of \$78.75 and withdrawals in the amount of \$92.50 (QM Inventory) during June so the current account balance stands at \$1,133.32.

SFMC 25th Anniversary Coins

At IC the new SFMC Challenge/Collector Coins were unveiled. We have a standard full color design that was struck in three different metals: Black Nickel, Gold, and Silver. The Black Nickel is the Coin for GS members, the Gold is given to Honor Award Winners, and the Silver is for sale to everyone in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the SFMC. We have very few coins left, and they are in the SFMC QM Store. Cost is \$10 each; get them now while you can. After the Silver are sold out, we will be re-ordering in Shiny Brass.

SFMC Scholarship program

As previously posted to the list, the GS has created and implemented a Scholarship Program and Fund Raising Challenge for the SFMC membership. It was unveiled at IC and kick-started with the sale, at auction, of 4 complete sets of the new SFMC Coins. I am

pleased to report we have raised \$1,140 for the Scholarship fund. The coin sets were purchased by Joe Fuller, Joe Dorffner, Paul Reid, and a gentleman from Iceland who is assigned to the Thor's Hammer. If anyone knows his name, please let me know so I can make sure to properly credit him.

Let's get busy with donations and see if we can get \$2,000 in the account by the end of the year!

IC/IM 2008

Our thanks to the members of the USS Accord for their hospitality during the International Conference and Muster held in Ithaca, NY. A good time was had by all, and we had a good turnout (about 26 people) for the 2nd Annual Mess night. Several new ideas were unveiled or proposed at the IM, and we are looking forward to many more good things in the future. The SFMC is strong and getting stronger.

I look forward to IC/IM 2009 in Greensboro, NC. Make your plans now and register online at www.ic2009.org.

What do YOU want from the SFMC?

The members of the General Staff have received very little feedback about what you, the members, would

like to see from the SFMC General Staff.

If you have ideas you think we should take a look at, please let us know. You can reach the members of the General Staff as follows:

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Commanding Officer, Forces Command:
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Commanding Officer Training and Doctrine Command: tracom@sfi-sfmc.org
Commanding Officer, Information Command:
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Remember, we are here to serve you and your needs. We can't do that without your input. Help us make the SFMC even better.

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

MGN John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC

Editor's note: The following articles were relayed via BGN Sean Niemeyer.

PROPOSED Change to the Organizational Structure of the SFMC for FICTIONAL Purposes

The following item is for discussion only. No action on this plan is currently under consideration by the General Staff and may not ever be considered by the GS. The GS was consulted on the basic outline to get their input, but nothing has been discussed at this time.

This idea is just that. It is one more way we might use to help make things a bit more fun and interesting for you and your unit. You can use this (if it were to ever be implemented) to add to any role playing you may do, any unit organization you may want to set, or in any other way that makes your time in the SFMC more enjoyable for you and your unit.

I bring it to you to get your input and ideas. I ask you to consider it and let myself and the GS know your thoughts. Depending on the responses we get, we will decide if it is something that should be given further consideration or simply allowed to fall by the wayside.

Under this plan, the SFMC unit types will be determined by the numbers of marines they have assigned to them. The ranks listed are nothing more than guidelines to be used by the units if they choose to role play or use this system in their fiction or other activities.

NOTE: The term Marine Strike Group (MSG) is a generic term which will be used to describe an individual unit of any size from Squad to Regiment. MSG numbers and the overall manner in which units are activated will not be changing under this plan, if it is adopted.

Fire Team: Smallest individual unit. Requires only 1 marine, usually led by a Lance Corporal. Each Fire team can be as large as 2 marines.

Squad: Requires 2 marines to start, led by a marine holding the rank of Corporal, Sergeant, or Staff Sergeant. Each squad can be as large as 4 marines.

Platoon: Composed of 3 squads, must have a minimum of 8 Marines to form a Platoon (3 squads of two Marines each plus a Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant). Platoons are led by a Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, or Captain who is assisted by his Squad Leaders and the Platoon Sergeant.

Company: The "standard unit" of the SFMC, consisting of 3 Platoons. Must have a minimum of 18 Marines (two 8-man Platoons as indicated above plus a Company Commander and First Sergeant) to form a Company. Each Company is composed of at least 2 Platoons. Companies are commanded by a Captain, Major, or Lieutenant Colonel who is assisted by the Platoon Leaders and a Company First Sergeant (NCOIC).

Battalion: Must have a minimum of 39 Marines (two 18-man Companies plus a Battalion CO, XO and SGM) to start. Each Battalion is composed of at least



2 Companies. Battalions are commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, or Brigadier General who is assisted by the BN staff (BN XO and the MSG Commanders) and the BN First Sergeant (NCOIC).

Regiment: Largest Individual Unit size and composed of 2-3 battalions. Regiments must have at least 85 marines (two 39 man Battalions plus the Regimental Commander, XO, SGM and Regimental S1, S-2, S-3 and S-4) to form. Regiments are commanded by a Colonel who is assisted by XO, Regimental Staff and the BN Commanders, and the Regimental Sergeant Major (NCOIC).

NOTE: Companies in a given area (close proximity) may petition to join together and form Battalions and Regiments. Permission must be obtained by Forces Command, and the petition to form these units (if using more than one given units Marines) must state who will be the BN/Regimental Commander and the proposed unit's Command Staff. This would be comparable to a Task Force or Combat Group.

Brigade: Composed of all units in individual States within the United States or similar areas in countries outside the United States. Commanded by a Brigadier General or Major General who is assisted

by his XO and the Regimental/BN/Company Commanders and the Brigade Sergeant Major.

Division: Composed of a geographic area made up of several States within the United States or countries. Commanded by Brigadier General, Major General, or Lieutenant General who is assisted by XO's (usually 2) and the Regimental Commanders, as well as the Division SGM. Division Commanders also act in a manner similar to the SFI AB, as a deliberative body.

Awards Issued at the 2008 SFMC International Muster

Distinguished Service Cross

Wade Olson
Martin Lessem

Cross of Honor

Laurie McFarland (898th MSG, 17th BDE,
USS Anasazi)

Sword of Honor

Phillip Dillard (898th MSG, 17th BDE,
USS Anasazi)

Shield of Honor

Jari James (503 MSG, 5th BDE,
USS Thermopylae)

Star of Honor

David Hughes (555th MSG, 5th BDE,
USS Antares)

Legion of Honor

674th Marine Strike Group (2nd BDE,
USS Relentless)

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

Sean Niemeyer
Linda Olson
Aaron Murphy

STARFLEET Cross

Sean Niemeyer
Aaron Murphy
Marie Wilson
Bruce O'Brien
Jerome Stoddard
John Roberts
Linda Olson
Dave Blaser

SFMC Service Commendation

Scott Anderson
Joe Dorffner
Truman Temple
Antonio Lopes
Kenneth Hill

Marine Honor Guard

Paul M Reid
Thomas C Guertin
Larry D French Sr
Joseph C Dorffner Jr
John "Kiwi" Kane

SFMC International Muster Award

Sean Niemeyer
Lauren Niemeyer
John Roberts
Martin A Lessem
Paul M Reid
Joe Fuller
Thomas C Guertin
Cathey R Fuller
Kenneth Hill
Jonathan Slavin
Benjamin Slavin
Larry D French Sr
Matthew Moyer
Carolyn Zimdahl
Gary Halverson
Wayne L Augustson
Rosy Dorffner
Joseph C Dorffner Jr
Thomas Pawelczak
Carol Stewart
Joe Hinson
John "Kiwi" Kane
Glen Diebold

Leader's Commendation (Issued by Commandant, SFMC)

Rose Dorffner
Lauren Niemeyer
Benjamin Slavin

Leader's Commendation (Issued by CO TRACOM COL Bruce O'Brien)

Daniel Dreesbach
Sofyan Sahrom

Leader's Commendation (Issued by SGM/SFMC MMSGT Jerome Stoddard)

Adam Andrews
Nelson Cerame

Great Barrier Award

Sean Niemeyer
John Roberts
Martin A Lessem
Paul M Reid
Thomas C Guertin
Larry D French Sr
Joseph C Dorffner Jr
John "Kiwi" Kane

TRACOM Commander's Award

Sean Niemeyer

Naval Unit Citation

USS Relentless
USS Accord



SFMC Scholarship Program

The STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) shall award, if monies on hand allow, one scholarship in the amount of \$250 (this amount and the number of scholarships may be increased at a later date by the General Staff, as the program receives more donations). This Scholarship shall be awarded every year that monies allow.

A separate, interest bearing account will be set up to hold all funds collected for this scholarship. Funds in the scholarship account will not be used for any other purpose while the SFMC Scholarship Program remains active. Should the SFMC Scholarship Program be terminated, any funds in the account will be donated to a suitable charity selected by the SFMC General Staff.

The awarding of this Scholarship will be administered by the Commanding Officer of the Training and Doctrine Command or his/her designee. A committee will be created consisting of the COTRACOM (acting as the committee chair) or his/her designated representative, one (1) other member of the GS, two (2) SFMCA Branch/School Directors, and three (3) Brigade Training Officers. These people will be charged with reviewing all applications and selecting the recipient of the SFMC Scholarship.

The Scholarship will be announced and awarded at the International Conference/International Muster held each year. The monies will be paid within thirty (30) days of the start of the recipient's Fall Semester at an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Checks will be made payable to the recipient's account at said educational institution and not to the recipient directly.

The criteria for the Scholarship are:

1. Be a member in good standing of the SFMC (active or reserve) at the time the monies are to be paid.
2. Recipient must have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution and be enrolled for at least "half-time" status.
3. Recipient must be enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training Corps program (ROTC), or the equivalent at the educational institution (for those who are returning or starting school later in life, this requirement may be substituted for an honorable discharge from your country's armed forces, verifiable by submitting a copy of your military discharge papers or current service with the equivalent of National Guard or Reserves).
4. Complete the application form.
5. Submit a personal essay addressing the following items in detail:
 - a. Why are you applying for this scholarship?
 - b. What SFMC and STARFLEET activities are you involved with?
 - c. In what other extracurricular activities do you participate? (Academic, athletic, interscholastic, non-SFMC/STARFLEET interests, career-related, volunteer opportunities, etc...)
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, academic advisors or professors, employers, community or other volunteer leaders, and SFMC/STARFLEET leaders (i.e., your CO, MSG OIC, BDE OIC, Member of the GS, etc...). NOTE: You may only have one (1) STARFLEET reference.
7. An official copy of your latest transcript. If you need a written request from the scholarship office, contact the Scholarship Coordinator immediately.

Fund Raising Challenge for the SFMC Scholarship Fund

The Members of the General Staff have personally pledged at least \$100 in donations to the SFMC Scholarship Fund and hereby challenge all Brigades,

Battalions and Marine Strike Groups of the SFMC to raise at least \$100 in donations to the SFMC Scholarship Fund by December 31, 2008, and each calendar year thereafter.

Any Brigade, Battalion or MSG which raises at least \$100 in donations by the deadline will receive authorization to add a special streamer to their unit guidon. The Brigade, Battalion, and MSG which raise the most in donations, above the \$100 minimum, by the deadline will each receive the Meritorious Unit Citation and special recognition by the General Staff.

Donations can be made by personal check, money order or PayPal. If donating by PayPal, please make sure to indicate in the Comments section what MSG, BN, and BDE you are part of so proper credit can be given. Contact the Scholarship Coordinator for more information on where to send your donation.

SFMC Scholarship Fund Streamer

Awarding Authority: COTRACOM

Frequency: Annual (one per year)

Description: Green with White Lettering. Lettering is SCHOLAR and the year of the award.

This streamer is awarded to the unit (Brigade, Battalion, or MSG) for donating at least \$100 to the SFMC Scholarship Fund during the year of award.

SFA Scholarship Fund Streamer

Awarding Authority: COTRACOM

Frequency: Annual (one per year)

Description: Green with Red Lettering. Lettering is SCHOLAR and the year of the award.

This streamer is awarded to the unit (Brigade, Battalion, or MSG) for donating at least \$100 to the STARFLEET Academy Scholarship Fund during the year of award.



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FORCECOM, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

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

Marines,

Here are the most recent numbers for the Corps. There were several Brigades that failed to report in this period. I imagine that some of that was due to preparation for the International Conference and Muster.

Wade and I were unable to attend this year, but we heard it was a wonderful event and everyone had a great time. We are hoping that you will all plan to attend the International Muster in Greensboro, NC next

August, as we are members of the host committee and have a lot of great stuff planned.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all the Marine and STARFLEET members who were given awards and promotions at the IC/IM. I would also like to remind everyone to take a look at their MFM and read the qualifications for the awards available. If you know someone who qualifies for an award, please go to the award request form on the site and submit them for consideration. These forms come to my office to be directed to the awarding authority for each award. I haven't seen a lot of requests in this past year. Please use this method of rewarding our members for their efforts on behalf of the Corps and their Communities.

Also, I would like to apologize for the failure to

award the Reading Challenge this year. In an attempt to better track the reading competition, I have decided that the information MUST once again be included in the regular reports. If your unit wishes to participate, please be certain to include the marine's name, unit number, book title, author, ISBN number, and number of pages in the book. I will also require a complete unit roster for the participating units. I realize from the most recent reports that there is no special place on the form for this information and I will ask INFOCOM to attempt to correct this oversight. Until that time, please list the information in the Mission Data area.

If you have awards that are not entered in the



database or have an incorrect date on the entry, please send the following information to me and I will make the correction: name, SCC#, name of the award, and the date of award (please note if already listed but date is incorrect). I do need all of the information listed to make a proper entry. TRACOM entered a lot of past awards into the database a few weeks ago, but the dates of the awards are the date they were entered and not the date the award was actually presented. FORCECOM needs to correct this if possible. Please take a moment to look at your personal information and let me know if anything needs to be corrected or updated.

I would also like to take a moment to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who has sent cards, letters, and packages to the members serving in the Armed Forces. Having a son on active duty in Iraq, I realize more than ever what these things mean to those who are on the front lines protecting our freedoms. Thank you so much for your efforts on their behalf.

I hope everyone is having a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing many of you in the remaining months of 2008.

**MGen. Linda Olson, SFMC
COFORCECOM**

FORCECOM CORPS Data

Brigades reporting:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 20

Brigades NOT reporting:

8th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 17th

Units NOT reporting:

006 MSG OIC Name and Rank: MCpt Jason Smith
Email: atlantismediation@sbcglobal.net
011 MSG OIC Name and Rank: LTC Anthony Spotts
Email: spotts1701@yahoo.com
014 MSG OIC Name and Rank: MAJ. Joe Butts
Email: sfcom1@cox.net
666th MSG OIC Richard Harris1, 501st MSG, *USS Crusader*, Adam Smith has not renewed membership in SFI).
801st MSG, no current OIC information
809th MSG, Christopher Pittarelli, LTC chrispittarelli@bellsouth.net
832nd MSG, Leo Rogers, Lt. pillarmitchell@yahoo.com (recently reactivated, email address may not be good)
7th BDE -2nd Battalion (DC): (Battalion Report never received) None Reported
707th MSG *USS Britannic* 725th MSG *USS Starlord*, OIC Col Michelle T Podesta, Email: mpodesta@aol.com
724th MSG *USS Thor*, OIC Major Douglas Creamer, reddragon@cablespeed.com
786th MSG *USS Top Gun*, OIC: Colonel, Dean Rogers, tomcat1701@yahoo.com
787th MSG *USS Matrix* BDR Sean Meyer, Acting OIC, obi_sean_kenobi@comcast.net
41st MSG OIC Name and Rank: None Listed
716th MSG OIC Name and Rank: None Listed
Email: njel@aol.com

788th MSG OIC David Ferber, 791st MSG, OIC Dean U'Delstone Email: secchiefsov5@msn.com
201st MSG, OIC – Schoon, Rob Sr., 203rd MEU, OIC - Frayser, Tim, 222nd
MSG, OIC: Gomez, Rolando R., 226th MSG, OIC: Hoover, Wade, LGN, 242nd,
MSG, OIC: Dunivan, Chris, 276th MSG, OIC: Dal L. "Tiny" Glenn

Brigade strength (active/reserve):

1st BDE - 34/24
2nd BDE - 29/37
3rd BDE - 50/26
4th BDE - 40/13
5th BDE - 26/39
6th BDE - 03/10
7th BDE - 47/43
10th BDE - 4/ 4
11th BDE - numbers unavailable
12th BDE - 36/46
15th BDE - 17/16
20th BDE - 2/0

Changes to roster:

Discharges - Bill Rowlette, Sharon Rowlette, Amber Rowlette, Marcus Clay, Shaawn Clay, James Stewart, Darrell Thomas, James Cecil, Joseph Gallagher, SD Flynt, Kate Flynt, Othella Spruger, Helen Flynt, Pam Rhine, Terrence Seidel, Wayne Yocom, Jr., Bill Frazer, Richard Kamens

Recruits:

LT Patrick Litton, Chloe Lopes, Harold Spears, Peter Yohe, Kenneth C. Gifford, III*, Nikki Green, Blake Begin, Camille Ann Hedrick, Gerald Purkey, Randall Purkey, Melanie Chapin, Erik Ruehl, Jonathan David Slavin, Doris Chase, Lyndsey Chase, Shirley Kolb, Ian Halverson

Strike groups activated:

102nd, MSG, Branch: Special Ops, Nickname: Gray hawks, Motto: Exploring and Defending the Frontier of the Federation, Unit OIC: BDR Dennis Relyea, Unit OIC e-mail: trekker_55@comcast.net
307th MSG, Branch: Special Operations, MAJ Scott C. Lanham, "Sine Pari" ("Without equal", also the motto of USASOC)
313th (NCO run Unit) Reporting officer: Michelle L Blahut SGT (NCOIC)
E-mail: mikeblahut@hotmail.com, MSG Branch: Combined Forces, Nickname: Riven Seraphim
Motto: Tread lightly, strike quickly, and leave an impression.
68th MSG, assigned *USS Peacekeeper*, OIC: COL Dave Lowe
6th BDE - 832nd was reactivated when Leo Rogers renewed his membership

Strike groups deactivated:

111th MSG - Unit disbanding
11th MSG: ship went belly up. Members looking for a new home.
14th MSG: ANGELFIRE went belly up; Marines looking to change status to MEU.
977th MSG: Members of unit no longer active. Chapter does not wish to continue.

Changes in leadership:

154th - COL Christopher Bayonet to OIC
166th - Pvt. Mike Lane is now the official OIC.

3rd BDE - Jared Fielder was appointed to the position of Battalion DOIC
555th - 1. Robert H. Rand, Jr. – Dropped DOIC 0804.17 David Hughes – Appointed DOIC 0804.17 263 – New OIC – MAJ James Craig 63541; New DOIC – 1LT William Hof 64832
12th BDE - MAJ Kathy Mullins appointed OIC of 3rd BN

Promotions:

John Caverly, 1LT, Mitch Dunn, MCPT, Joseph J. Fuller, COL, Camille Ann Hedrick, MCPT

Awards issued:

Silver Nebula
Harold Spears

STARFLEET Cross

Christine Anderson, Scott A. Anderson, Sr.

2008 Cross of Valor

Antonio J. Lopes III, Michael McGowan

Sword of Valor

Scott A. Anderson, Sr., Truman Temple, Allen Glenn

Shield of Valor

J. Eric Davis, Rob Kitson, Sherry Newell, Kathy Mullins

Star of Valor

Robert Temple

2008 Legion of Valor

198th MEU, 1st MSG Truman Temple, Stephen Dallas, Glendon Diebold, Carolyn Henderson, Roy Henderson, Howerd R. Leidner, Keith Manley, Thomas Pawelczak, Monika Ruth Reinholz, Terrence Seidel, Catherine Temple, Cynthia Temple, Kimberly Temple, Robert Temple, 225th MSG 'DedEx'

Brigade Service Commendation

Scott A. Anderson, Sr., Rey Cordero, Antonio J. Lopes III, John Kane

Brigade Achievement

Matt Moyer

Meritorious Unit Citation

Christine Anderson, Kenneth Gifford, III, James Nicholson, Scott A. Anderson, Jr., Charles Anderson, 166th MSG, 111th MSG, 163rd MSG, 196th MSG, 198th MEU, 1st, 14th, 21st & 75th, 980th MSG, Kathy Mullins

Leader Commendation

Harold Spears, Thomas Carroll, Kathy Mullins

Marine Honor Guard

James Nicholson, Rey Cordero, Jeffrey Webb, Tony Walker, Jessica Hench, Tina Short, Cody Wyatt, Adam Andrews, Joshua Earl, Justin Earl

Great Barrier Expedition

Harold Spears, Christine Anderson, Scott A. Anderson, Sr., Kenneth Gifford, III, James Nicholson, Scott A. Anderson, Jr., Charles Anderson, Rey Cordero, Matt Moyer, Mike Lane, John Kane, Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, Jeffrey Webb, Randi South,



Tony Walker, Jessica Hensch, Tina Short, Jay Takahashi, Cody Wyatt, Adam Andrews, Joshua Earl, Justin Earl

United Nations
Steve Harper

Community Service Citation

Scott A. Anderson, Sr., 198th MEU, Rey Cordero, Melanie Chapin, Rick Ervans, Arlene Garrison, Patrick J. Garrison, Russell J. Garrison, David Hughes, Christine Jordan, Deborah King, Tom King, Jared Larson, Robin Larson, Patrick McAndrew, Lea Morgan, Erik Ruehl, David Lee Kania, McKenzie Lee Kania, Shawn McVay,

Good Conduct

Rey Cordero, Matt Moyer, Curtis Bellman, Aaron Gregory, Timothy Cordero

Brigade Muster

Harold Spears, Greg Franklin, Christine Anderson, Scott A. Anderson, Sr., Kenneth Gifford, III, James Nicholson, Scott A. Anderson, Jr., Charles Anderson

Joint Service Award

Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn, Courtney Martin, Craig Martin, Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin

Embassy Duty

Scott A. Anderson, Sr., James Nicholson, Rey Cordero, Matt Moyer, Mike Lane, John Kane, Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, Courtney Martin, Craig Martin, Heather Martin, Sarah Martin, Shelby Martin,

Academic Excellence Award

Catherine "Kit" Ramsey, Rebecca Louise Self, Greg Franklin

Marine Proficiency Award

Peter Yohe

Naval Achievement Citation

CAPT Diana Maloy, *USS Rubicon*

1st MSG was awarded 5 streamers for

- Legion of Valor
- Meritorious Unit Citation
- BDE OIC
- BDE DOIC
- BDE NCOIC

14th MSG was awarded 3 streamers:

- Meritorious Unit Citation
- BN OIC
- BN DOIC

21st MSG was awarded 3 streamers:

- Meritorious Unit Citation
- BN OIC
- BN DOIC

75th MSG was awarded 1 streamer:

- Meritorious Unit Citation

BRIGADE MISSION DATA

1st Brigade

The 1st Brigade had their Muster on May 4 2008 at Pigeon Forge TN, Many items were discussed in the short time provided as other events took longer than we had time for.

162 -Attended 1 st Brigade Muster and still revamping the unit

102 - May 16-18 2008 Attended a Boy scout event, assisted in building a new shelter on the premises of Camp David Crockett , the building is known as the OA Shelter; May 24, 2008 Cub Scout Wolf Den 2attended a Flag placing ceremony at the Mountain Home VA Hospital Cemetery where along with 200+ Scouts and Scouters placed flags at the head stones of all those who fought and died for our freedom.

154 - The following members of the 154th attended in some capacity the 2008 Region 1 Summit: COL Christine Anderson, COL Scott A. Anderson, Sr., 1LT Kenneth Gifford, III, SSGT James Nicholson, SGT Scott A. Anderson, Jr., CPFC Charles Anderson. Many awards were issued to the members of the USS Glory this year with the STARTFLEET Cross being issued to both the CO, COL Scott Anderson, Sr. and the XO COL Christine Anderson. The Sword of Valor, Brigade Officer of the Year, was awarded to COL Scott Anderson, Sr. as well as the Community Service Citation and the Brigade Service Commendation. SSGT James Nicholson was a member of the Brigade Honor Guard this year and in doing so received the Marine Honor Guard award. Promotions went to two of our Sr. Officers this weekend with both LTC Chris Anderson and LTC Chris Bayonet being promoted to the rank of Colonel. 1LT Kenneth Gifford proposed to his girlfriend, Danaan Riley, at the Summit this year by getting down on one knee in the middle of the dance floor and by way of a sign language interpreter his words were made into voice while professing his love and desire to spend the rest of his life with Danaan. So now we look forward to both the USS Glory and the USS Appomattox enjoying many happy years together through the joining of these two young people. SGT Scott A. "Scottie" Anderson, Jr. graduated from the Tiger Cub program within the B.S.A. Cub Scouts. In the graduation Scottie received his 1 year pin and an award for exceptional attendance. Also the cadets of the 154th all participated in a BSA event called the Bicycle Rodeo. At the rodeo the children learned about bicycle safety and sharing the road with cars and pedestrians. Afterwards the cadets all got a patch for participation in the event and a trip to get a bite to eat at the replomat. SSGT James Nicholson completed his second campout with the BSA as a Boy Scout and he prepares for the rest of his summer campouts. James is nearing completion of his first major step in the BSA stages of advancement, the Tenderfoot. His troop leader is very confident that James will be a First Class Scout by summers end, what an achievement for a young man in his pre-teens.

The cadets went to the local holosuites to see the latest Speed Racer film. Nice to have a generational film that all can enjoy. Several members of the

154th and the USS Glory met at Chestnut Ridge State Park for a Memorial Day Picnic. Those in attendance enjoyed a day of fun and games with members MCPO Glenn Chrise and Cadet PFC Charles Anderson getting down to some oldies music too.

113th - Visited the Armstrong Museum on May 18. 113th mailed coupons to their adopted Marine Base in Japan.

166th - Rey Cordero delivered awards issued at the Region One Summit to 113th members. 166th - BDR Rey Cordero attended the Region One Summit in Pigeon Forge, TN

111st - a few members still are in the process of taking marine academy courses. This unit is being disbanded

198th MEU: Donations of household goods and clothing were made to Goodwill. Cadet Nathaniel Schultz continues his studies in karate, earning his red belt. LTCMDR 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. 2 new recruits have joined the MEU. We welcome LT Patrick Litton and CDT Chloe Lopes!

2nd Brigade

640th MSG Six members went to Birmingham to join the Hephaestus for a cookout and games. We concluded the Dant's Reading Challenge and the Captain's Reading Challenge on May 31. Lt Dena DeFilippo won 1st place, Ens Jean Jordan won 2nd place, Cmdr Jan Sleigh won 3rd place, FLCapt Nancy O'Shields won 4th place, Ens Kris Jordan won 5th place, Crmn Dominic Sleigh won 6th place and Lt Doug Sleigh won 7th place.

654th MSG BGen attended a Hephaestus meeting with BDR Green. BDR Green visited Europe on a cultural trip.

677th MSG April - Took two bags of food, and several treats to the Animal Shelter here in Decatur. The OIC and DOIC went on several day outings. We had a ship dinner after the meeting. We wished a Happy Birthday to Catherine "Kit" Ramsey (April 27) from the 677th and we drank a toast to former member (John W. Self-April 13th) who died in 2006. May- Took six bags of food, and several treats to the Animal Shelter here in Decatur. The DOIC has taken many Starfleet Marine Corps Academy test as well as many Starfleet Academy tests this month. The OIC and DOIC went on several day outings. One outing was to see " Indiana Jones: The Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls" and "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" We wished a Happy Birthday to Starfleet (May 23) and two local members Molly White (May 17) and John Christopher Self (May 28). No anniversaries this month.

78th - cleaned local bike trail,.

674th - Collected cans for MacDonald House, collected campbell soup labels, collected betty crock-



er points. relay for life, collected donations for March of Dimes. Loaded containers for disaster relief. OIC and Doic went to Las Vegas experience. Had movie nights. Send packages to Service men in Iraq.

609th - Had dinner with other ships in the area.

631st - Fund raiser for the pregnancy center. Walk for Life, Dinner with other ships in Tampa area, Anne Zecca donated platelets, Participated in March of Dimes,

3rd Brigade

308 - Weekly get together's continue for games, general BS-ing and planning for future events A major reorganization of the main chapter has resulted in the promotions as follows: MAJ Elizabeth Hapsburg-Kell, CPT Cindy Norris, 2LT Rudolph Ault, LCPL Apryl Kaylor, LCPL James Stephens, Cdt LCPL Veronica De La Rosa, Cdt 1SG Angel De La Rosa, Cdt PFC Elizabeth Norris, Cdt PFC Alicia Norris, We have been doing a lot of world domination type gaming (various types of RISK), and are looking forward to perhaps a BGE Level challenge at Summit, or Muster. This challenge would pit the best player each MSG has to offer against each other.

313rd - 12 April 2009: The three unassigned members meet to discuss the details on forming a new unit.

26 April 2009: The CO and XO of the USS Joan of Arc visit the group of Marines and give approval to charter the 313th MSG on their ship. 27 April 2009, the 313th MSG was chartered, attached to the USS Joan of Arc.

04 May 2009: The two active Marines attend their host ship's meeting and introduce themselves to the crew.

31 May 2009: All 313th Marines attend the USS Joan of Arc's "poker night."

314th - Attended Ship meetings. Trips to Houston Zoo

321st - Activities in the Past 60 Days: Gathered Campbell's labels & Betty Crocker points for charity. Took water, non perishable foods, clothing, and hygiene items to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. • Books read for the Commandant's Reading Challenge are attached and listed below. Comments/Problems/Suggestions: • Members are still active in the chapter writing articles and participating in the Reading Challenge (*see attached).

325th - Date: 5/24/08 Legasy Movie Theatre, Indian Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull I was unable to attend this event, but understand a few members showed up to watch the movie and have lunch at macaroni grill afterwards. Date 5/2/08 – 5/8/08 Joe Pool Lake, Texas Spring Informal campout, Time once again for this low key, low stress event. 7 tents. 10 present to play. There was gathering around the campfires to sing, read poetry, and tell jokes. The kids bicycled on the pavement. The adult groups bicycled the off road track. Various foods were sacrificed to the open flame. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend. I suggest to all you Starfleet fokes get to know your other local

clubs be they Fleet, or not, the more the merryer when doing fun things as this. Date: 4-26-08 Location: Danville, Arkansas Wind, We arrived around sunset to the campground / farm of "Chicken Phlughker" Mike and quickly set up or individual camps. The next day dawned with much dew on the tent, but clear of any rain clouds, it was nice and breezy. I was awoken by the Neigh of a horse and the bellowing of cows. I greeted the other early risers and prepared my morning meal of Raman noodles. Later as the day warmed, we gathered and watch the staged being assembled for the evening events. I was honored by their requested to keep score for the games. After the battles were done, the civilians took turns batting at each other with the padded weapons; I personally found it quite amusing to watch. We gathered for a feast of BBQ Pork and Deer meet, it was the best thing that I've ever sat down to. After we had dined well. The ceremonies were held and the awards were dispersed accordingly. The awards were as follows: 1st overall: Lord Jester/ QidWi, 2nd overall: Lord Spike, 3rd overall: Lord Rotoq', 1st place Batleth: Lord Jester, 1st place Mekleth: Lord Spike, 1st place Daqtaq': Lord B'alrahg, 1st place Freestyle: Lord Rotoq', Ferocity in battle: Lord Salek, Bringing the Thunder: Lady Kat, FUBAR award: Lady Alishia (She took herself out of a non-combat event and gave herself a shiner!) Murphy was given an award, for trying his best to ruin our weekend! They took the certificate, set it on fire, and threw it in the pit to burn. On a personal note, Lord Salek lost his Grandmother the very morning of this tournament. We howl for his loss and for his spirit. For those who could not make this event, you missed out on some good food, fun and fellowship Try to make the next one, you won't regret it!!! I am recommending to my friends to save up and go to their local Klingon events as they will find them the greatest of fun, and they may just walk away with new respect and new friends.

333rd - Summit Prep

342nd - The Highland Rifles held standard Drill Days on 12 APR and 17 MAY 08. These days consisted of parade deck D&C practice, followed by classroom focused on initial entry training for the newer members and prospective members, with tabletop tactical training following instruction. We attended the USS Corsair's commissioning in Baton Rouge, LA and acted as an honor guard for the USS Corsair during the ceremony. The evening was spent aboard the USS Kidd, a WWII Destroyer that allowed us to spend the night and tour the ship. Sunday morning, we were tapped to assist with the morning colors at the museum and veteran's memorial.

17 MAY 08 we attended a WWII reenactment at Camp Mabry as part of our training day. We saw demonstrations of WWII small arms from the ETO, as well as a simulated assault on a German position. An M4 Sherman was involved, the show was quite impressive. Following the reenactment, we toured the Texas Military Forces Museum before returning to our normal training location for tabletop tactical training.

31 MAY 08 WO1 Cory Matt was married to his beautiful bride, Martha and embarked on his honeymoon. The Deputy Commandant, CPT South, LTC

Murphy, MSGT Baker, PFC Phifer, PVT Post, "Guido" South of the USS Ark Angel, and the Murphy's younger children Amanda and Brendan were in attendance.

345 - Small meeting, no major functions.

347 - Southern Groups Activities: We donated 3000 Magazines collected for the USO Recreation Center. We also collected supplies and donated them to the Ronald McDonald house. And provided Security for a semi-Pro football team. Worked on Recruiting for new Marines.

Northern Groups Activities: Provided Color Guard at a church for Memorial Day service. Members attended 3 scheduled movie nights.

348: Attended a sector meeting. Saw Iron Man and Indian Jones. Away mission to Little Rock.

4th Brigade

1st MSG: Collecting soda tops for Ronald McDonald House. Members participating in the Commandants reading challenge. Two MSG members will be at IC in Ithaca.

75th MSG: working with other local ST/SF groups for joint events. Premier of Indiana Jones movie, Same for Iron Man Working with local BSG group on future events together, working with Cadet Program, work on Squadron logo

5th Brigade

The request from COFORCECOM to include specific information in the Unit Reports about books read for the Commandant's Reading Challenge has brought home to us the tremendous volume of participation the 5th Brigade marines are giving to the Challenge. I have included this information in Section IV: Awards and Certificates, with a sub-section titled "Commandant's Reading Challenge."

503rd MSG PROMOTIONS THIS REPORTING PERIOD: LTC Joe Fuller to COL, 2LT John Caverly to 1LT, 1LT Mitch Dunn to MCPT, 1LT Camille Hedrick to MCPT [new on Unit roster], MGSgt Jerome Stoddard [appointed to] SGM of the Marine Corp!, MCPT Angelina Christian to MAJ [on Feb-Mar report] In April we attended the ship's meeting and social. We also had great attendance at Fleet Night and Marine Night at the movies. We are still actively engaged in the Overseas Coupon Program with Marines contributing about 1/2 of the \$27000 sent thus far.

In May we attended the Thermopylae Anniversary Party! MCPT James ramrodded the kitchen to great effect assisted by COL Ken Hill, 1LT John Caverly and COL Joe Fuller. A wonderful time was had by all. COL Hill ran the Marine Night at the Movies which was well attended.

521st MSG - Chapter meetings held on April 13 and May 11, 2008. 521 MSG participated in the McMinnville, Oregon UFO Parade by entering a float again this year. There were Klingons from three KAG chapters in Washington and Oregon, as well as Feddies and others on the float and walking along side handing out candy to the kids. Our Marines present included Steve Idell, plus Craig, Heather, Courtney, Sarah, and Shelby Martin. Note: BGN Steve Idell has already received the maximum number of Embassy and Joint Service awards.



555th MSG - 26 April 2008: The 555th participated in March of Dimes March for Babies. Much preparation went into this event (Community Service hours listed below). 26 May 2008- Patrick McAndrew assisted the Tri-City Young Marines with their participation in a Memorial Day Service at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland, WA.

We have begun participation in the SFMC Reading Challenge. Pages read will be submitted separately to BN & BDE OIC. During April and May, the 555th has contributed an additional 117 hours and 15 minutes towards their community service streamer. This time includes: March of Dimes March for Babies - 82 hours; stuffing finish line packets — 7 hrs & 50 mins; Arlene Garrison, 3 hrs & 25 mins; David Hughes, 3 hrs & 25 mins.

Stuffing checkpoint goody bags — 7 hrs & 30 mins by Russ Garrison, Arlene Garrison, Christine Jordan, Erik Ruehl, Tom King, Jared Larson, Robin Larson, Patrick McAndrew; Lea Morgan and David Hughes, 45 mins each.

Making bookmarks for checkpoint give-away — 25 hrs & 40 mins; Patrick McAndrew, 7 hrs; Lea Morgan, 18 hrs & 40 mins. March for Babies checkpoint - 41 hrs; Tom King, Debi King, Patrick McAndrew, Lea Morgan, PJ Garrison, and Arlene Garrison all 4 hrs & 30 mins each; Erik Ruehl 2hrs; Melanie Chapin 1 hr; Russ Garrison & Jared Larson 3 hrs each. Overseas Coupon Program — 36 hrs & 15 mins; Rick Ervans, 26 hrs & 15 mins; Christine Jordan 3 hrs.

Miscellaneous service projects - 7 hrs, Erik Ruehl 6 hrs at Sharefest; Erik Ruehl 1 hrs at Tri-City Gospel Mission. 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. We are anticipating that our venue will be at the opening of the new "Harry Potter" film, due out in November.

565th MSG - 080404 Attended USS Wildhorse poker night 080412 Celebrated Yuri's Night (anniversary of humanity's first ride into space as well as the space shuttle's first flight) 080426 Coordinated safety and logistics at the March for Babies also we had a unit member participate in the activity raising funds for this charity. USS Rubicon gathered at McDonalds for post event activities. 080509 Going away party for USS Rubicon XO 080510 Astronomy Day at LIGO Hanford Observatory with astronomy exhibits, displays, activities, and lectures. 080524 Assisted in cargo space cleanout for the USS Rubicon Planning an outing for stargazing at the Moore Observatory in June Planning a trip to Las Vegas the Experience in July Unit providing support for the upcoming Tri-City Comic Con October 11th, 2008 - Tim Russ will be making an appearance.

6th Brigade

Brigade activities: Some Marines are attending IC 2008.

7th Brigade

86th - 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."

714th - May 10th, 2008 Elements of the 714th, along with ship's crew from ISS Lexington and civilian friends attended a showing of the classic film Blade Runner in the Landmark Loew's Theater, Jersey City, NJ. We reveled in the magnificence of a 'palace' style movie house from the 1920's and were treated to a 35mm print on a large screen that far outweighs any dvd attempt to show this film in a home theater. We shared a meal at the VIP Diner, known for the many scenes shot there for the HBO series The Sopranos, which is located only two city blocks from the Loew's Theater. A good time of camaraderie was had by all.

May 23rd 2008 Elements of the 714th MSG off of the ISS Lexington, gathered early in the morning of May 23rd and proceeded to pier 92, on Manhattan's west side, to participate in the 4th annual NYC Fleet Week Blood Drive for the troops. The drive was held on the hanger deck of the helicopter landing ship USS Kearsarge. Following the donation, we were allowed to tour the ship from stem to stern and from bilge to flight deck.

Static displays of various vehicles used to transport marines and used by the Marines as fighting platforms were available to touch, climb aboard and ask the very expert young men and women stationed at the displays questions about. The group had the opportunity to board an LCAC [Landing Craft Air Cushioned] and to also explore an armored personnel carrier, view a main battle tank and then continue up the ramps to the flight deck.

Sea Knight, Apache, Cobra and Sea Stallion helicopters were on display and open for walk through. What caught the collective eye of the group on the flight deck; however, was the V-22 Osprey short landing and take off tilt wing aircraft. A hybrid of airplane and helicopter, this relatively new to the fleet aircraft has already logged many hundreds of hours in Iraq and Kuwait carrying troops, mail, cargo and most importantly wounded from the field to hospitals. Our tour continued, after a wait to get on board, on USS Leyte Gulf, a guided missile cruiser. A very knowledgeable female Petty Officer 2nd class led the tour group to which we were attached and gave a detailed explanation of the weapons systems, the hull dynamics of the vessel, and the duties of the crew beyond their own rank and rate while at sea. Leaving USS Leyte Gulf, the group from the 714th walked a few more blocks north to the pier where three Canadian ships were docked. The frigate Toronto was our destination. A tour of that vessel was a hand off tour, unlike having one sailor take us about Leyte Gulf, on Toronto, each portion of the vessel was hosted by a rate who had his or her main duty station at the point where the tour stopped. We learned that aviation on board a Canadian vessel is handled by that country's Air Force not a naval air arm as in the US Navy. We learned that many of the weapons systems on board Canadian vessels were the same as those aboard their American counterparts, although the primary mission of the Canadian naval forces is coastal patrol and law enforcement role. We departed the ships having seen a good deal of hardware, having learned a good bit about the men and women who serve aboard or and our neighbors ships

at sea, and having made the contribution of blood donation to assist the wounded and recovering from Iraq and Afghanistan.

777th MSG - Members attended joint outing of the Brigade and Region at Hershey park in April 2008.

740th MSG - MEETING DATE : 2008-04-20 We had our monthly meeting at Ron's house on April 20, 2008 at 2pm. We opened the meeting had the reading of the March meeting minutes and went into the Officers Reports. The only report was that George Edwards has transferred to the U.S.S. Hecate in Pittsburgh, Pa. Old business included a recap of the Auto Show. Larry and Debbie went to the Auto Show and had a nice time. We talked about the upcoming Comic-Con and Region 1 Summit. The Comic-Con was held on April 27, 2008 from 10am to 5pm. We held a panel on Religion in Star Trek. We had an average crowd with lots of questions. Those in attendance were Larry and Debbie French, Jim McClure, Ron Seymour, and Amber Thompson. We then went out to dinner at TGIFriday's with the local Star Wars Group. We discussed the Region 1 Summit prices. There were only 3 people going. They were Larry and Debbie French, and Jim McClure. We also added that the Camp Dover Peace Conference was going to be having a reunion from April 24 to April 26, 2009. We talked about the Race for the Cure on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008. We also touched on our new flyers, reserving 2 campsites for camping this year, and got prices and reserved 2 hotel rooms for the Pittsburgh Irish Festival in September. New Business involved opening up our Personnel Officer position, since George Edwards has transferred to his new ship. We had Chris Hindman step up to the plate and take the position with the help of Beverly Steff as his assistant. We went over the duties of that position as well as the Chief of Operations position. We talked about the new Harry Potter movie coming out on November 21, 2008 and the new Chronicles of Narnia movie coming out on May 16, 2008. We will be going to see those 2 movies as outings. meeting Date: 2008-05-18 Activities: This month's meeting was held in conjunction with a trip to the movies to see The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. A good time was had by all. We were also joined by Matt Moyer of R1. We had dinner at Eat-N-Park after the movie and held our meeting after diner. Our Fleet CO Debbie French announced that Myself, Larry French and Debbie would be receiving awards from R1 for our help at the R1 summit. We recapped the R1 Summit, The Pittsburgh Comic Con and the Race For The Cure. Upcoming events discussed were IC, Shore Leave our annual camp-int trip and Beach Bash. We also discussed the R7 RC elections. Our next meeting was planned for May 8th, 1500 hrs(2pm) at Ron Seymore's house.

742nd MSG - We did scout out a location for a good MSG Family Event. Also the OIC and some of our officer's have been taking tests with the SFMCA.

764th MEU - MEETING DATES : 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/ 31 still working on uniforms. A casual look will be the SFMC polo shirts & jeans; went to the south jersey comic-con & toy bonanza May 18th, all were able to find a few collectables. 5/31 meet-



ing was held at phila wizzard world 2008. A blast for all Shore Leave is the big thing for us to see if we can a turn out for but also trying to keep it close till we get well under way. new sections are being worked on our handbook

10th Brigade

Members of 424th MSG ("The Smiling Cats") from USS Majestic

LCpl Barrington had four (4) regular SAR training sessions, and also included the following: Two (2) ELT searches (Outcome: Positive, found). While out for an evening walk on May 13th @ 19:35 in New Westminster, LCpl Barrington rendered first aid at a major role-over vehicle accident and assisted paramedics once they arrived on scene on May 17th @ 20:30 in Coquitlam, LCpl Barrington intervened in a domestic violence incident in a Safe-way parking lot involving a young mother, with her two young children, and an abusive male on May 22th @ 19:56 in Langley, LCpl Barrington rendered first aid at another major vehicle accident and assisted paramedics once they arrived on scene while commuting home on the Metro Vancouver Skytrain on May 29th @ 22:00, LCpl Barrington rendered first aid to an unconscious, unresponsive male who had collapsed at Gateway Skytrain Station in Surrey (suspected of being hypoglycemic). LCpl Barrington volunteered his First Aid services to the International Vancouver Marathon on May 4th. MGen Reid volunteering at his local church for 1 ½ hours per week MGen Reid continuing his studies in Resident Care Attendant Maj Bisson continues to update the chapter website. Nothing else to report.

12th Brigade

OIC and DOIC continued planning for future Brigade event

211th - Our recycling, and stamp collection activities continued..

1Lt Dianne Scheffing took and passed the on-line SFMC academy first level Command Support course.

American Lung Association Neighborhood mailing sent out by MSG. Hexum's MSG do these at the monthly meetings.

Marine members discussed the 2008 Region 12 Summit, which we attended in force. A good time was had by all.

GST Peggy Brem has accepted a job in California and relocated, while continuing her SFMC contacts and participation via Email. Margaret Smith, mother of GST Brem and COL. C. K. Smith, has recovered from her cancer surgery and is now enjoying good health for her advanced age. GST Brem and COL. Smith with to thank all who sent prayers and good wishes. Some members have expressed the intention to attend ARCHON Science Fiction convention in Collinsville, IL later in the summer. 211th MSG plans to attend the Saint Louis Science Center's schedule of free movie showings outdoors this summer. We did so last season and members enjoyed the ambiance and the good fellowship with other groups of like interest in the metro. community. A BBQ outing was held at COL Smith's residence. Minimal culinary casualties were reported.

225th - Sent 5 marines to Region 12 Summit 2008

in May. Had a wonderful time. Began plans for increased summer schedule.

263rd - CO, USS Black Hawk authorized the new leadership of 263rd to have a Logo/Seal created for the MSG an have contacted Major General Michael McGowan for assistant. Co, USS Black Hawk has also authorized 263rd Leadership to change MOS if they feel it is needed. 263rd will continue to support USS Black Hawk efforts to stage a USS Black Hawk gathering at Lowden State Park (Home of the Black Hawk Statue) and will invite the 2nd Battalion & 12th Brigade Units as well as other science fiction clubs trout the Illinois Sector.

210th - Unit attended Region 12 Summit. attendees: WEBB, CLANCY

Activities: Marine Muster, hosted reception Friday night. Attended reception by 225 MSG on Saturday Night.

Published unit newsletter: The Black List <http://fed-chaplain.tripod.com/news/spring2008.pdf>

216th - 21 hours volunteer time in Wounded Warrior Program at Landstuhl Regional Hospital, Landstuhl Germany.

16 hours medical (canine) rehabilitation services volunteered to the Pulaski Barracks Stray Animal Facility working with animals after orthopedic surgeries. Recertification in both Combat Lifesaver Course (Army) and BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED) Program (American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Care Course).

274th - Planned Summer theatre trips, and participated in gaming exercises.

15th Brigade

987th - 4/27/08: Members participated in a charity "Ride for the Troops" sponsored by a local bike group.

5/10/08 - Members participated in USS O'Bannon's bad movie day.

5/18/08 - Members helped place flags at veteran's graves in several cemeteries in Sanford.

Note: DOIC 2LT Austin is STILL going through several painful knee surgeries at this time.

95th - Members of the team attended an Anime Boston Reunion in the Boston Common. It was a really cool event and we had a lot of fun with the new friends we made at Anime Boston. We also went out and found our first Geocaches of the season starting with a new one also in the Boston Common. Our meeting this month was at the Brand new home of Tony & Louisa. We used the meeting to plan our activities for what is going to be an amazing summer. We'll kick off with the 2008 summit. We plan on a trip to castle Island, Battleship cove and some bigtime geocaching not to mention cons and Regional events. May - We Kicked off with the Annual Region 15 Summit. What an amazing weekend this was. We got to see our Region family, and had a BLAST! The theme was in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Space Station Ian Fleming. The décor for the event was unbelievable. All Great James Bond stuff everywhere. We were very proud that three of our team were promoted at the summit. Rob Langer, Larry Henderson and Paul Fest all got promoted. We enjoyed The amazing dinner made by Ruth Fishman, and partied like crazy

on Saturday night. Some of us even made it to the Marine Muster on Sunday morning. We want to thank the whole region for such an amazing time and definitely look forward to next year. As the month went on we sent 3 different teams to see the new Iron Man movie, and it was amazing! Our team loved it. Our meeting this month was at Borderland State park where we set up for the Region 15 Geocaching event in June. We hiked, found a geocache, and just enjoyed the day. After the meeting we went to go see the new Indiana Jones movie (great movie summer) and had a blast with that. We polished off the month with a trip down the cape to a little event put on by Arisia called Relaxicon. It was a laid back weekend of walking and soaking in the hot tub, and finding a few geocaches. We hung out with the Arisia folks as well as folks from UNIT and attended a plnning meeting for the upcoming New England Fan Experience in Cambridge in November. We polished off the weekend with a trip to Battleship Cove and had lunch on the USS Massachusetts. What an amazing ship. One of our Engineers on Ares Paul Scabroni work on the ship and is helping to restore this amazing vessel.

907th - The activities of the 907th for the last couple of months have been centered around the preparations for the Region 15 Summit and the celebration of SS Ian Fleming's 10th Anniversary. Tom and Gary were both heavily involved in preparing for the summit. Gary helped procure decorating elements for the banquet and party. Tom assisted with decorating, designed and produced all of the printed materials for the summit including the ID badges and programs. The primary activity in the month of May was the Summit/Anniversary party itself. Tom and Gary both wore their chapter polos for the summit but at banquet/party time, our favorite agents wore their best tuxes and bowties. As is usual, both Tom and Gary participated in Karaoke. Gary performed "From Russia With Love" among other songs, and Tom's rendition of "Thunderball" is the talk of the region.

Tom conducted the 15th BDE Muster on Sunday.

911th - Worked on possible logos to be used for the Divisions. Working on adopting a base in the OCP program. Updated the Ship and MSG websites.

980th - Appointed 3rd BN OIC. Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Springfield Technical Community College on May 29th with a certificate in Graphic Arts Technology. Attempted to donate blood. Clipping of coupons for OCP continues.

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POSITION: TRACOM SERGEANT MAJOR
OTHER POSITIONS: ACADEMY DIRECTOR, NCO
SHIP: USS HORNET NCC-1714-D; REGION: 1, NORTH CAROLINA (USA)

Greetings Marines,

My name is Master Gunnery Sergeant John Kiwi Kane. I have a dual role at TRACOM: in one role I am the TRACOM Sergeant Major, and as so I also run the Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

What is an NCO, you ask?

An NCO is a Non-Commissioned Officer from the Rank of Junior NCOs (E-4's Corporal or Petty Officer 3rd Class through E-5 grade Sergeant or Petty Officer 2nd Class), which function as first tier supervisors and technical leaders, up through Senior NCOs (E6 Staff Sergeant or Petty Officer 1st Class through E9 Grade Sergeant Major/Master Gunnery Sgt or Master Chief Petty Officer).

What is the NCO Academy, you ask?

The NCO Academy is the school that instructs its students in the fine art of becoming a Professional Soldier. Being a Marine is more than a career choice, it is a life choice. This is where beings go to become Marines.

The NCO Academy offers the following courses:

NCO-10 Basic Development. This is step one in the NCO Development Program. This course delves into the role and responsibilities of the Non-Commissioned Officer in the SFMC and issues relevant to an NCO in a SFMC unit.

NCO-20 Advanced Development. This is step two in the NCO Development Program. This course delves more deeply into the role and responsibilities of the Non-Commissioned Officer in the SFMC and issues relevant to an NCO in a SFMC unit.

NCO-30 Non-Commissioned Officer Development Degree. The final step of the NCO Development Education Program, applicants for this course have two options:

NCO-30A. For the final step in the Non-Commissioned Officer studies, the student must complete an independent studies project. The independent studies project must either consist of a paper or another approved project. The student MUST submit a topic or project description to the Branch Director for approval. Once approved, the student will then have 10 weeks to submit their independent studies project for grading. After submittal and if the student receives a passing grade, then the student will be awarded a Bachelor of Military Science Degree with a Concentration in Non-Commissioned Officer Studies.

NCO-30B. The student will be sent five essay questions to answer, and will be required to get three "GO's" for a passing grade, four "GO's" will pass with Distinction, and five "GO's" will pass with honors.

Successful students in either option will receive a Bachelor of Military Science Degree with a concentration in Professional Development, and the Enlisted Students (Private/Crewman (E1) thru Master Gunnery Sgt/Sergeant Major or Master Chief Petty Officer (E9)) and all Warrant Officers can attach a numeral "3" to their NCO Development Ribbon. This Ribbon is only available to the Enlisted and the Warrant Officers.

While these courses are designed primarily for Enlisted persons, nothing keeps an officer from taking them. In fact, taking at least the basic NCO-10 course might prove useful in understanding your NCOs.

Future Plans

In the near future, we are planning to release a Senior NCO Manual and some courses that will teach Marines how to be Senior NCO's. There are other courses in the pipeline as well.

In service to the Corps,

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RPS Makes Debut at IC 2008

Ithaca, NY – The STARFLEET Marine Corps has added one more tool to its arsenal for conflict resolution, RPS, otherwise known as Rock-Paper-Scissors. Yes, you read right: rock-paper-scissors. This year the SFMC unveiled a few new challenge coins: a black-nickel one for members of the GS, a gold one for winners of the Honor awards, and a silver one to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Corps. A single set of all three was placed up for auction after the Saturday night banquet, with the proceeds going to the newly established SFMC Scholarship fund.

The Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, Major General John Roberts, knew of at least three bidders who had made their intentions to bid known. What he didn't know is what would occur that night during the auction would go down in Corps history as

the Battle of the Joes. When bidding commenced at \$100, the three known bidders, Joseph Dorffner Jr., Joseph Fuller, and Martin Lessem, stood at the back of the room so that their bids would be clear. What no one counted on were two unknown bidders jumping in and quickly driving the price up. Soon Martin was forced to retire and so was one of the unknowns. So in the end it came down to Joseph Dorffner Jr., Joseph Fuller, and the one unknown bidder. With three bidders left, the auction took an interesting turn.

Seeing a problem, that they were both willing to continue bidding, Joseph Dorffner Jr. and Joseph Fuller overcame and adapted and began playing rock-paper-scissors to see who had the honor of making the next bid. Though impromptu, the rock-paper-scissors session could not have been better scripted. Both Joes, for a time, would make the same hand gesture tying and then retrying to win the round.

"I heard some laughter and I didn't think anything of it. Then it got louder and I had to look up," says John Roberts. Looking up, he was greeted with the sight of two marines playing rock-paper-scissors.

The rock-paper-scissors session could have probably continued for a while, but John Roberts stopped it when he revealed that he had three additional sets and asked who was willing to buy them for \$250 apiece, the current high bid. Four people raised their hands, including the two Joes. At the end of the night, the four that were willing to purchase the coins at the high bid walked away with a set of SFMC coins. However, the laughter and the talk about what had happened at the auction continued long into the night. Those couple of minutes during the bidding are destined to live on in SFMC lore for the foreseeable future.

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SFMC Presents Its First Conflict Resolution Award

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Hunt Valley, MD – Rock-paper-scissors, it is a game that everyone has played at some point in time for one reason or another. One such game took place between Joseph Dorffner, Jr. and Joseph Fuller at the STARFLEET International Conference the last week in June. The reason for the impromptu game was to determine who would be next to raise the bid on a set of STARFLEET Marine Challenge Coins. Little did they know this event would come back to haunt them.

Shortly after the charity auction had ended at the STARFLEET International Conference, the STARFLEET Marine Corps Commandant, Major General John Roberts, and the Commanding Officer Information Command, Brigadier General Sean Niemeyer, began discussing the night's events. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that some-thing had to be done in

honor of the impromptu rock-paper-scissors game that had taken place during the auction. Several items were discussed, and it was decided that some sort of award should be made and presented when possible to both Mr. Dorffner and Mr. Fuller. The details of the award were left up to Mr. Niemeyer.

Mr. Niemeyer decided the only way to truly enshrine the event was to make a shadow box type award that contained a certificate, a photo of the event, a rock, a piece of paper, and scissors, safety scissors to be exact.

We all know that STARFLEET Marine Officers shouldn't play with sharp pointy things as they might hurt themselves. After procuring the necessary items to assemble the award, Mr. Niemeyer went about putting everything together. What emerged was the STARFLEET Marine Corps Kit, Resolution, MK1. The kit even had a label on the glass, "In case of conflict break glass..." and a small hammer type device was attached to the side to facilitate the glass breaking.

With the Resolution Kit completed, the only thing left was to present



Col. Joseph Fuller (left) and MGen. Joseph Dorffner Jr. play a round of rock-paper-scissors to determine who will bid next on the set of SFMC coins at the auction at IC2008. Photo supplied by Sean Niemeyer.

the award. The most fitting time to do so was at the 7th Brigade Muster at Shore Leave 30. After attending to all the necessary business, Mr. Niemeyer stood up and began regaling all those in attendance with the events surrounding the auction of the SFMC Challenge Coins. After he was done, he produced the Resolution Kit from a bag and presented it to Mr. Dorffner. The award was presented to him "In recognition of for his ability to think outside the box and to identify a problem, adapt, and overcome, and in doing so resolving a conflict."

Needless to say, Mr. Dorffner was surprised by the award and turned bright red to match his uniform top. Everyone in attendance laughed for quite some time after.

This award will only be awarded once more, and that is to Mr. Fuller. The when and where of the presentation are being kept somewhat secret so that Mr. Fuller will be just as surprised when he receives his.



Major General Joseph Dorffner Jr. holds up his newly awarded Conflict Resolution Award. Photo supplied by Sean Niemeyer.





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Greetings Marines,

Well, it finally had to happen: I had to leave the confines of the SFMC Data Warfare Center. This time it was to attend the IC. Well, next time I go out on a business trip, I'm going to lock my office up. Seems that some industrious marines decided that they would play a practical joke on me while I was away. A group of them snuck into my office and wrapped everything in aluminum foil. I'm still finding things wrapped in foil. Needless to say, I was not amused and they are now on latrine duty for the next month. Oh, the fun.

The IC

Ithaca, NY, a decent sized town in the middle of nowhere, but the drive there wasn't bad, except for the construction on Interstate 81. I arrived on Friday morning and waited roughly 3 hours before the hotel had a room available for me, even though other people were checking in. On the flip side, my wife and I went to Cornell University and walked around a little while just to see what the campus was like. Of course, I would have liked to walk around a little while longer, but Mess Night was that night and I needed to get ready. Upon arriving to the hotel, we had to wait yet another 30 minutes while our room was readied. I got my room with just enough time to get ready for the Mess.

This year's Mess was more a dinner with the Commandant, since only 25 people signed up, which was half of last year's attendees. Hopefully, next year will have more people attending, as IC2009 was the first IC to bid after Mess Night was instituted and so actually has plans for that night built into the bid. The food was good and so was the company. There were a lot of discussions going on, some pertaining to FLEET, others to the SFMC, and then others to just about anything and everything. My wife and I enjoyed the Mess and are looking forward to attending next year's.

As always, General Session was, shall we say, interesting to say the least. The 7th BDE Color/Honor Guard did a good job in posting the colors. After General Session broke, it was time for "Lunc" (that's what it was on the program!). I think that we overwhelmed the kitchen because it took an hour from ordering our food to actually receiving it...although it was hot, so I cannot complain about that. Of course, the next item on my agenda was the muster.

The muster was heavily attended, and that was good to see. There were several announcements of importance that were made:

1. The annual Honor awards were presented along with some miscellaneous other awards.
2. The first Distinguished Service Cross awardees were presented with their awards.
3. The official unveiling of the 25th anniversary SFMC challenge/collector coins.
4. The changing of the SFMCA Cheating policy (which is located in the new TRACOM Policies and Procedures Manual 2008 Edition).
5. The establishment of a SFMC scholarship fund and associated challenges.
6. A discussion-only point was brought up and briefly discussed.

As is my custom when I attend IC's, I brought with me quite a few CDs that contained the SFMC manuals. Those went quickly, and I did not have to bring them home with me. After the muster, it was time to relax and prepare for the Banquet. Well, I tried to get some work done on the SFMC site, and was denied by the hotel's wireless network. Seems as though nearly everyone in attendance had some sort of wireless device, and as a result, we overloaded the network.

Saturday night at the IC was by far the best time I had at the IC. The Banquet went well, but it wasn't until the auction that things really got interesting. The SFMC, in order to secure funds for the new scholarship fund, was auctioning off a complete set of challenge coins (one black-nickel GS version, one gold Honor Award version, and one silver 25th Anniversary edition). There were three known bidders, and let's just say that things took an interesting turn. In the end, the top four bidders all received sets, as there were three more sets being held in reserve. Needless to say, the highlight of the auction was watching Joseph Dorffiner and Joseph Fuller identifying a problem, adapting, and over coming it.

After the Banquet and auction, a good-sized group of Marines and FLEET members congregated in the bar where we all stayed for several hours. It was here that Joost Ueffing threw down his challenge coin and thus began the mad rush for everyone to dig theirs out of their pockets and throw them down as well. It was almost comical the way things happened; a hand came over the Commandant's shoulder and there was a loud clank as metal hit the wooden table were I was seated, then silence as everyone tried to figure out what had just happened, followed by a flurry of activity as everyone scrambled for a their coin. In the end, only one person did not have their coin (they left it in their room), and true to custom, they bought the round

of drinks. Before calling it a night at the bar, everyone there made toasts to friends, family, and friends on active duty or those who had retired, and to those standing the final watch. In my 12 years being in FLEET and being a member of the SFMC, that Saturday reaffirmed why I keep on renewing my membership and why I am still in this organization.

Sunday saw the closing of the IC with closing ceremonies actually finishing early. My wife and I said our good byes and started on the way home. I'm really looking forward to next years IC, and I'm definitely making plans to attend. So I'll see everyone there.

SFMC Manuals

Any updates to the SFMC manuals have been completed, and the updated manuals were released at this year's IC. As always, when attending an IC, I had a good number of CDs containing a complete set of SFMC manuals available for those in attendance at the muster. Out of the 45-or-so CDs that I brought with me, I thankfully returned home with none. One of the questions I asked prior to the IC and during the IC is whether or not people would be willing to purchase CDs that contained the SFMC manual library on it for a nominal fee. So far the response has been positive and it looks like it will be something that I pursue later this year. I have to work out the logistics of supplying and selling the CDs. However, the plan is to sell the CDs for somewhere around \$6 or \$7 apiece. This would allow me to recoup any materials cost, and then the remaining profit would be donated to the SFMC scholarship fund.

Another item that was brought up was instead of putting the manuals on CD, why not put them on USB Flash Drives? I am currently looking into this as I write this article. I hope to have something to report by the time this article is in print.

SFMC Websites

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

The Staffing

As of writing this article, I have received only a handful of applications for the position of DCOINFOCOM. Therefore, 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.

Folks, I need someone to fill this position. If you have the experience and want to give it a shot, please send your letter of interest and resumes to me. This is a

prime opportunity for someone to truly get involved in the inner workings of the Corps and to get their foot in the door at the international level for the SFMC.

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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Greetings everyone from one of the newest STARFLEET Chapters, USS TANG NX-581!

The name we selected for our chapter has taken a bit of good-natured ribbing and many think that we have actually named ourselves after the popular breakfast drink. Not to worry, we're not offended. However, we would like to present the story of the WWII submarine that we chose our name from. We did this in order to honor those officers and men, and the sacrifice most of them ultimately made in service to their country in its fight against fascism.

We (the crew) had given much consideration and thought to what name to select for our chapter. We wanted to do something out of the ordinary, and a variety of names were considered and discarded, including names of ships from other navies. We

wanted a historical name, but one that was not all that well known, as with some of STARFLEET's better known chapters who have selected the honored names of American Battleships, Aircraft Carriers and Destroyers. So we turned our attention to the Boats of America's Silent Service, we narrowed our field of selection to WWII and settled on the USS TANG. We we're impressed with her record and her crews sacrifice. This is in no way intended to implicate that other ships or submarines in the US Military deserve any less consideration, but the TANG seems a good fit for us.

As we look over the chapters of STARFLEET, some us became curious as to why the chapters selected the names they chose. Perhaps others will post an article describing their selection journey here as well.

I had originally intended to sit down and write the article but found that I could not improve on the following account obtained with permission from the U.S. Navy's COMSUBPAC Public Affairs Office. The account and a list of Sailors lost on the final patrol and a list of the few survivors can be found at: <http://www.csp.navy.mil/ww2boats/tang.htm>

The TANG's patrol Logs can be found here: <http://www.geocities.com/rrowe50/306/ss-306.html>

It is with the deepest respect that we re-print and present the story of their final patrol here.

Commodore Peter Lutz
CO, USS TANG NX-581/NCC-581

USS TANG (SS 306)

The Final Patrol

TANG under Cmdr. R.H. O'Kane set out from Pearl Harbor on September 24, 1944, to begin her fifth war patrol. On 27 September she topped off with fuel at Midway and left there the same day, heading for an area between the northwest coast of Formosa, and the China Coast.

In order to reach her area, TANG had to pass through narrow waters known to be heavily patrolled by the enemy. A large area

stretching northeast from Formosa was known to be mined by the enemy, and O'Kane was given the choice of making the passage north of Formosa alone, or joining a coordinated attack group (SILVERSIDES, TRIGGER, SALMON, under Cmdr. Coye in SILVERSIDES) which was to patrol off northeast Formosa, and making the passage with them. TANG chose to make the passage alone and these vessels never heard from TANG, nor did any base, after she left Midway.

The story of TANG's sinking comes from the report of her surviving Commanding Officer.

A night surface attack was launched on October 24, 1944 against a transport, which had previously been stopped in an earlier attack. The first torpedo was fired, and when it was observed to be running true, the second and last was loosed. It curved sharply to the left, broached, porpoised and circled. Emergency speed was called for and the rudder was thrown over. These measures resulted only in the torpedo striking the stern of TANG, rather than amidships.

The explosion was violent, and people as far forward as the control room received broken



limbs. The ship went down by the stern with the after three compartments flooded. Of the nine officers and men on the bridge, three were able to swim through the night until picked up eight hours later. One officer escaped from the flooded conning tower, and was rescued with the others.

The submarine came to rest on the bottom at 180 ft. and the men in her crowded forward as the after compartments flooded. Publications were burned, and all assembled to the forward room to escape. The escape was delayed by a Japanese patrol, which dropped charges, and started an electrical fire in the forward battery. Thirteen men escaped from the forward room, and by the time the last made his exit, the heat from the fire was so intense that the paint on the bulkhead was scorching, melting, and running down. Of the 13 men who escaped, only eight reached the surface, and of these but five were able to swim until rescued.

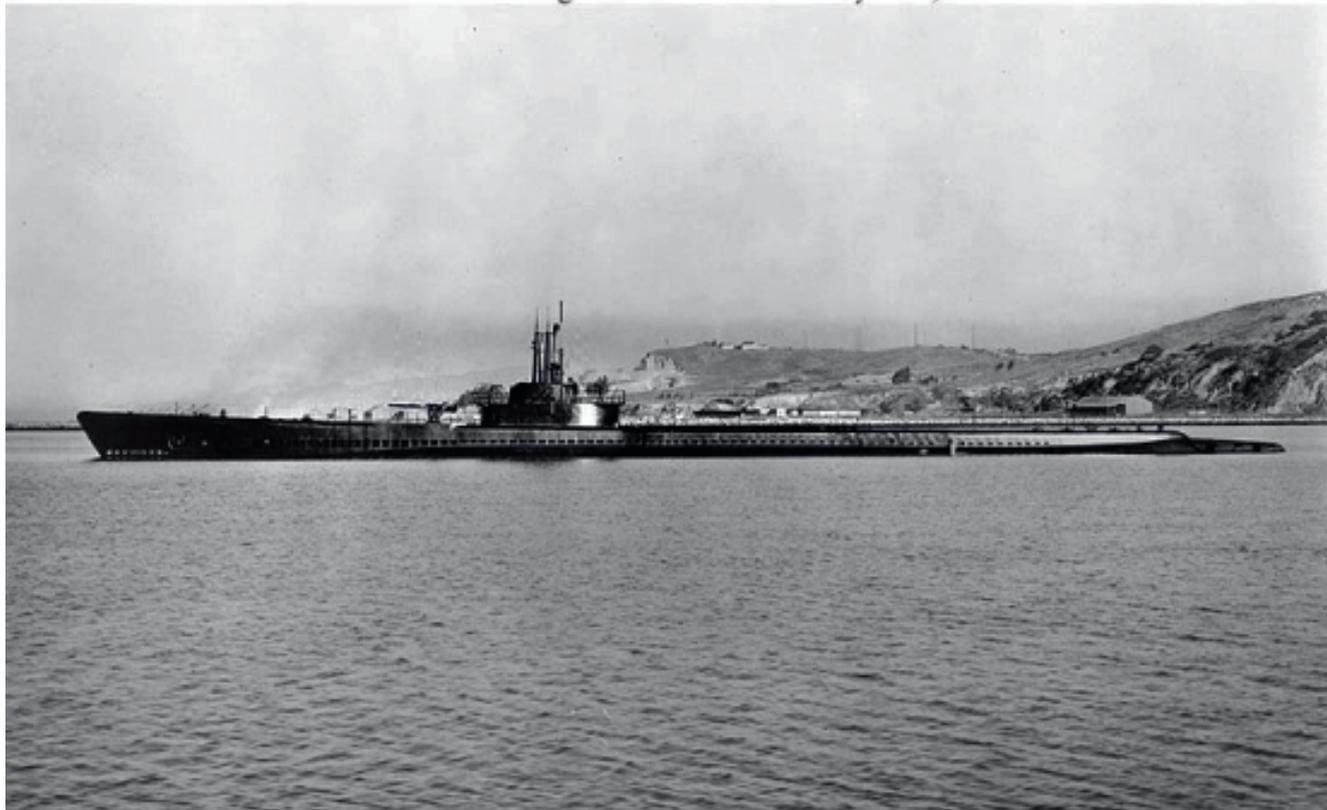
When the nine survivors were picked up by a destroyer escort, there were victims of TANG's previous sinkings on board, and they inflicted tortures on the men from TANG. With great humanity, O'Kane states, "When we realized that our clubbing and kickings were being administered by the burned, mutilated survivors of our handiwork, we found we could take it with less prejudice."

The nine captives were retained by the Japanese in prison camps until the end of the war, and were treated by them in typical fashion. The loss of TANG by her own torpedo, the last one fired on the most successful patrol ever made by a U.S.

Photo # NH 93850 Commander Richard H. O'Kane. Portrait by Albert K. Murray



Photo # NH 42273 USS Tang off the Mare Island Navy Yard, December 1943



submarine, was a stroke of singular misfortune. She is credited with having sunk 13 vessels for 107,324 tons of enemy shipping on this patrol, and her Commanding Officer has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On her last patrol TANG fired twenty-four torpedoes in four attacks. Twenty-two torpedoes found their mark in enemy ships, sinking 13 of them; one missed, and the last torpedo, fired after a careful check over, sank TANG. This vessel was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation twice during her career. Commander O'Kane has been called the Submarine Force's most outstanding officer; he served as Executive Officer of the very successful WAHOO before taking command of TANG.

In her five patrols, TANG is credited with sinking 31 ships, totaling 227,800 tons and damaging two for 4,100 tons. This record is unexcelled among American submarines. In her first patrol, spending February 1944 west of Truk and Saipan, she sank three freighters, a large tanker and a submarine tender. TANG's second patrol was in the area west of Palau, east of Davao and at Truk. She made no ship contacts worthy of attack, but at the latter island she rescued twenty-two Navy airmen during a carrier-based strike at Truk on April 30 through May 1, 1944. This vessel's third patrol was in the East China

and Yellow Seas. Here she sank six freighters, a tanker, and a large aircraft transport. She covered the waters along the southern coast of Honshu in August 1944. She sank a freighter, a large transport, a tanker and two patrol craft, while she damaged another freighter and small craft.

Photo # 80-G-227987 Rescued airmen aboard USS Tang, 1944



(Article and photos courtesy of the United States Navy, Commander Submarine Force; <http://www.csp.navy.mil/ww2boats/tang.htm>)





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LT CDR Tracey Behn receives a certificate of appreciation at USS DeBraak's fifth anniversary celebration dinner at An Poitin Stil. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)



L-to-R: Wayne Augustine, Joe Dorfner, Jr., and Bob Vosseller.



Mike Allen snaps a photo at USS DeBraak's fifth anniversary celebration. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)



Wayne Augustson at the meeting where his victory in the R7 RC election was announced. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)



ADM Joe Hoolihan presides over his last R7 meeting as RC before stepping down. (Photo by Mark Anbinder.)



Longtime R7 staffer Beryl Washington at Sunday morning's R7 meeting. (Photo by Anbinder.)

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