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We Lost Her Too Soon

As you will note in the below stories sent by fellow staff members of the Academy, Carolyn's big hobby was SFA. I'm reading all these stories, and I'm getting to know someone whom I'll never get to meet...except, hopefully, in the hereafter. She definitely was a wonderful person. Carolyn joined STARFLEET in June of 1996. She took over as director of the College of Law in May of 2004. She created several courses for several colleges within the Academy campus. Two of the Colleges she created and directed were the Cadet College of Law back in April of 2005 and then the College of Military Intelligence in June of 2006. She received many awards within STARFLEET and SFMC, as well as earning 250 Boothby Awards. She was a very active individual within our halls of learning.

Peg Pellerin, SFA Commandant

and Vulkan Cons in Cleveland. She even spent a Christmas vacation in 2007 with the Diebolds, visiting Buffalo and the Niagara crew. Carolyn was a lovely lady, and I miss her deeply.

Several years ago, when she tried to apply for a passport so she could go to Toronto for Polaris (formerly Toronto Trek), she found that she didn't have a birth certificate. She wrote to a sister who went to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in question. Well, the sister couldn't find a certificate for her! Now it so happens that I'm a Jeff Foxworthy fan, and one of his "You might be a Redneck if..." things was, "You might be a redneck if there's no record of your birth...ANYWHERE!" Of course, me being me, I sent that to Carolyn. Well, she had also told Truman Temple of her difficulties, so naturally I "cc"-ed the e-mail to him, as well. Truman came back with "You didn't!!!" or words to that affect, to which I answered, "I sure did!" Need I say that Carolyn LOVED IT! And, eventually, her birth certificate DID turn up. I don't remember what the problem was exactly. For some reason, I think there was a spelling error. She got her passport and joined the Niagara and the Hadfield in Toronto every summer since.

Thanks for letting me share.

Commodore Tom Pawelczak
XO, USS Niagara and Intern Director, College of MIH

My experiences started as a student of Carolyn's. Some of you who have been around for awhile know that several years ago I was taking up courses like there was no tomorrow. Well, I stormed into Carolyn's College of Law, and I guess I did quite a job on impressing her as she made me the College of Law Red Squad nominee for 2006.

She wrote me on several occasions, most notably asking me if I would care if she recommended me to the IG for a possible job in that department. We ended up trading phone numbers not too long before IC 2006 and had quite a few chats, mostly about church and God and that kind of stuff. We also were supposed to meet at IC 2006, but happenstance kept us from actually meeting. But apparently, she had a rather long chat with my oldest boy, James. Needless to say, they too became fast friends, and Carolyn always kept up on all of the activities of all three of my boys ever since. We also chatted about her daughter and grandson and all of the goings on there too.

My funniest moment was when I was talking to her on the way back from a Bible Quizzing Tournament, and I got pulled over. Well, the getting pulled over itself was not funny, but the reactions she had both before and after were. In the following months, I would tell her of the different strategies I had in fighting the ticket, and she was the first one I called as I walked out of the courtroom. (By the way, I won the case, and Carolyn was as excited as I was over that one.)

Carolyn Maureen Avery Zimdahl, 51, of Champaign, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at 3:31 p.m., at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Carolyn was born March 1, 1958, to Elisha and Lenearl "Nora" Avery in Washington, D.C., who preceded her in death, along with a brother, Clarence, and a sister, Dorothy.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise Zimdahl, of Rantoul; a grandson, Khalil Muhammad, of Rantoul; a godson, Curtis "Steve" Scott of Wisconsin; a goddaughter, Tiara Kelly of Rantoul; sisters Rosalyn Nixon of Maryland, Alice Avery of Washington, D.C., Stella Joseph of Georgia, Kathy Bingham of California; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

After graduating from high school in 1976, she enlisted in the U.S. Army, where she served for four years. Once she was discharged from the Army, she moved to Illinois.

Carolyn attended Parkland College in Champaign, where she earned her associate degree in Elementary Education. After completing her education at Parkland, she began working at the University of Illinois as an office support specialist in the Recreation and Park Resources Department, where she remained employed until her passing.

As a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Champaign, she served on the trustee board, was a member of the choir, taught Sunday School, and held the position of church clerk for several years.

Carolyn's hobbies included being an avid Star Trek fan, a devoted Illini fan, reading, sewing, knitting, and spending time with her family, friends, and loved ones.

I'll always remember that one of the e-mailed birthday wishes that I received on my birthday was from Carolyn Zimdahl, a long-time member from region 12 and known to some members simply as "CZ". I've seen Carolyn's name several times since I've been in STARFLEET and only briefly met her at the IC last year in Ithaca, NY. She was the one who acted as Helen's bridesmaid in the mock wedding there. When I sent her back a "thank you" note, she wrote back, and before long, we had an email conversation about our age (she was just a few years younger than I am), her health, and how much we cared about STARFLEET. She also talked about how often we don't meet people who still become familiar with us. Carolyn told me that she was looking forward to meeting me at the International Conference in North Carolina this year. I expressed the same to her, and our e-mail conversation ended.

Another member relayed to me that Carolyn had subsequently contacted her to express her delight at our "electronic chat." Hearing that made me feel good, too. Unfortunately, Carolyn passed away a week later, and I'll never be able to meet her after all. I wish that I had been able to get to know her before I lost the opportunity.

It certainly speaks of the fragility of life that we all share. None of us knows how many "tomorrows" we have, so let's make the most of our "today's." Enjoy your life and try not to let too much, especially the things that don't really matter, take this day from you.

Sal Lizard, Commander, STARFLEET

I'm having a hard time dealing with CZ's passing, and I'm sure some of you are, too. Carolyn wasn't only an on-line friend; she was a close personal friend, joining Glen, me, and the rest of the Niagara R7, Hadfield R13, and R1 ships at Polaris in Toronto





CAROLYN "CZ" ZIMDAHL

MARCH 1, 1958 — MARCH 29, 2009



Then came the news of her fall and the broken bones she had. It was sad to hear that she suffered as she did during those weeks: not being at her own home and not being able to go to work. I can still hear her voice in both excitement and in despair over the years. I shared a great deal of good times and a few bad times with her, and I will treasure them all. She will be greatly missed, and I am sure that we'll actually get to meet in Heaven above someday along with Truman.

BDR Scott A. Anderson, Sr.,
SFMCD Director, STARFLEET Officers Leadership College

It's never easy to "accept" the passing of a friend, and Carolyn "CZ" Zimdahl was definitely a friend. Even though we only met face-to-face a few times, we'd exchanged e-mails for a million years...well, okay, maybe only four or five years, but it seems as though we've known each other a whole lot longer. CZ was the kind of person who was always there and would never turn a friend down, no matter how silly the request was.

CZ, Helen Pawlowski, and I (and quite a few others) were at the IC in Ithaca, New York this past June. It was at this IC that a contingent from the USS Thor's Hammer from Iceland (who Helen refers to as the "Popsicle Fleet") made the trip across the big pond. Sigmundur, one of the Thor's Hammer gents, "proposed" to Helen...and she accepted! Sal cooked up a mock "wedding" and CZ agreed, rather reluctantly, to be her "bridesmaid." At one point, the "wedding" got a bit risqué... and the audience could feel the heat radiating as CZ fanned her blushing face!

You can view the YouTube video by Andrew Cubero under: "IC2008 Wedding Helen Sigmundur" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16NzmmtnHgM>

Admiral CZ, you're missed more than you know.

Marlene Miller, Vice-Commandant, SFA

The news that she had been promoted to Rear Admiral couldn't have come at a more opportune time for Carolyn Zimdahl...she had barely absorbed her joy when her life was cut short by a fatal heart attack.

A fall a few weeks earlier had laid her up with a broken ankle, and her income tax refund allowed her to buy a laptop, a toy that connected her to one of her greatest interests: STARFLEET.

Carolyn was the sort of member anyone would wish for. For her, the idea of IDIC came first, and she found friends all through the Fleet because of her loyalty and enthusiasm.

Her other big love was her Grandson, Khalil. When she broke her ankle, she went to live with her daughter and was able to spend quality time with the boy.

She'd loved her job at the University of Illinois - Urbana and looked forward to going back to work when her ankle permitted.

Her enthusiasm for Roddenberry's dream and her participation in the partial realization of it through her membership on the USS BortaS leaves us just one thing left to say: "Quapla! Wherever you are."

Admiral Helen M. Pawlowski, Troubadour Station (Region 12)

I first came in contact with CZ in 2005, when I took her law courses. She was pleasant on the Internet, and we became fast friends. As the months went by, I asked her if I could do a few courses for her college, and she accepted my offer, leading me to do the forensic courses for her. It was not long after that I received the posting as Dean of the IOIE. I asked CZ if she would consider doing the Military Intelligence courses. She said yes to this, and she asked if she could be the beta tester for me. That was a major blessing as she had a talent for finding the little things that improved the courses.

We first met at the Vulkan Convention in Cleveland, and my wife and CZ struck a friendship right off the top. They became close, talking on the phone two times a week. In 2007, CZ came to spend Christmas with us; her family was doing other things and would be away. We had some of the best times going places and just enjoying each other's company. CZ came back and spent a few days after the Toronto Polaris con that year, and the two ladies and I were having so much fun that none of us wanted CZ to go home.

We were invited to attend the R12 summit that next year, and were more than glad to visit. After the IC in Denver, Ruth and I stopped in again and had dinner with CZ as the two gals went craft shopping. We did not have a chance to see her again till she came up for the IC in Ithaca and spent a week after it with us. This warm, pleasant woman made herself a welcome part of our family. Last Christmas she wanted to come up, but things got in the way. However, my one daughter wanted to make sure she received the quilt she had made for CZ and bugged me until I made sure she had received it.

The day she slipped and broke her ankle, she called my wife from the hospital knowing Ruth would be worried because she had missed her regular call. We found out how she hated having the cast on the leg, and she would spend an hour or more talking to Ruth about the things going on and how it drove her crazy.

CZ had called Friday night and said friends from her ship were coming over and bringing dinner, and that Monday she would see the doctor about getting the cast off.

Tom called me Sunday night to ask if I had been checking my e-mail, and did I see the message about CZ? I had not, but before I went to the computer, Ruth called CZ's phone number,

getting her voice mail. When I told Ruth about the news, she was extremely heartbroken and could not stop crying for hours.

If things had not been the way they are, we would have been leaving tomorrow to attend the funeral. But the family things will not allow for it.

So Ruth and I will send flowers and have a prayer at the time of the service in her memory. It does seem the good die way too young, and CZ was definitely one of the good. God is blessed to have her with Him now.

Glen Diebold, USS Niagara
Dean, IOIE and Director CSS, CIO

There were many times we exchanged emails when she couldn't sleep at 3 or 4 am. She had just asked me what it's like to do the job that I do in "real life," and I sent her a ton of pictures showing some of the "tools of the trade" which I use.

In one of her last emails, she asked if she could come to work with me for a few hours when she was in Michigan the next time.

The thing I'll never forget about her is how well she 'fit in' with us at the R13 Summit when she came a couple of years back. She has a great sense of humor, and is one of the sweetest people in 'FLEET' I've ever known.

She started chatting with everyone after she came in the door (well, after Richard Dean fixed her glasses that she broke on the train ride to Michigan for her), and wasn't shy with anyone at all. It was like she was a part of R13 for years. Of course that was our last R13 summit, and there were just a few of us there, so it was more personal than prior R13 summits.

Joseph Sare, Regional Coordinator, Region 13

On Behalf of the USS Centurion and the 4th Brigade, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the officers and crew of the USS BortaS, as well as the friends and family of Rear Admiral Carolyn Zimdahl on her passing.

This comes as a great shock to me, as Carolyn and my late husband Truman were good friends. He always spoke very highly of her, and when he passed away, I got many emails from her showing her concern and sadness over his passing. And now to hear of her passing 7 months to the day of his passing is very hard for me. She will remain in the hearts of many, and I know she will be missed by all who knew her.

Hailing Frequencies Closed.

Cyndi Temple, 4th Brigade Officer in Charge





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COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Report from the Commander, STARFLEET

Hi to all my fellow members of STARFLEET. I look forward to this time each issue so that I can let you all in on the happenings here in the CS's office. As I sit down to write this article, we are about a month away from the US premiere of the new movie, and anticipation is at all time highs. I know I'm looking forward to hanging out with my fellow fans (and some new ones, too!) to see the movie in its final form. And, speaking of things in their final form, the new look and feel for www.sfi.org will be out for all to see by the time this hits your mailboxes. From the previews I've been given, I want to go ahead and let everyone know that this joint production between our Computer Operations and Communications departments will knock your socks off. There's something for everyone there. Good job, John, Jon, and your teams!

I was sad to receive Wayne Killough's resignation as the Region 12 Region Coordinator. I wish Wayne well on his future endeavors and thank him publicly for his service. The IG's office has just completed Region 12's election process, and I'm happy to announce here that Jeff Higdon has won that election. Welcome to the AB, Jeff. I look forward to working with you in that capacity.

Teresa Remaly in the Personnel Office continues to do a great job as a central clearinghouse for all of our open positions. If you haven't visited her "help wanted" website at www.personnel.sfi.org, what are you waiting for? There are jobs for all skill levels and skill sets.

On the Quartermaster front, Pete Mohny is hard at work clearing out old inventory to make room for new items in time for the IC. Speaking of new items, now's the time to get in touch with Pete if there's something you think he should be offering. Whether it's something that he's sold out of or something that hasn't ever been offered before, no idea is a bad one. Additionally, one final re-inventory is being completed so that

the final loading can be completed into the online shopping cart. After many promises and false starts along the way, we'll have this open to the public (hopefully) by the time this issue reaches your hands.

One of the most active departments is Member Recognition. Linda Kloempken has worked through the backlog. To date,



GETTING PAST THE PAST. AT THE REGION 2 SUMMIT, DAVE LOWE (LEFT) POSES WITH SAL LIZARD. ALTHOUGH THEY'VE DISAGREED ON SOME ISSUES, THEY'RE STILL FRIENDS IN FLEET.

we've had over 40 promotion nominations put before the EC for consideration. It's always great to see what another member has to say about someone and all the bragging that goes into promotion nominations. That said, I'd like to take a moment to mention that when you nominate someone for a promotion, all we have to rely on is the write-up you provide.

You should give as complete of a description of as many of the nominee's accomplishments and activities as you are able, and that list needs to date only to their last promotion. We can't consider things that a nominee has already been recognized for. You can submit your nominations online. And, if you are hoping to surprise someone at a particular event, please note that in the submission and also give us at least a month to be able to properly consider your nominee and to have the certificate ready and available to you in plenty of time. This goes for submissions for Individual Awards, too. I want to see more of our members being recognized for all the time and hard work they give and for everything they do at all levels of STARFLEET, from their chapter all the way up. One last word about the backlogs: Linda has gotten out over 100 certificates recognizing promotions dating back into 2007. If you didn't get yours, get in touch with Linda at recognition@sfi.org to get all fixed up.

As I wrap this up, I just want to take a few moments to say that I had a great time down at the Region 2 Summit. Their hospitality reminded me just how much I love this job. I'm looking forward to heading down to the Region 1 Summit as well as over to the Region 15 summit. I'm more than glad to try my best to work things out so that I can attend your events, both at the regional and chapter level. And, if I can't attend in person, I'm more than happy to attend virtually via Skype or by recording a special message for you to play at your event. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible as I travel around the regions and, especially, at the IC in August. I'm always available and up for talking with you, your chapter, or your region in any number of ways.

Have a great time with your membership and I hope you enjoyed your screening of *Star Trek*.

--Sal

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VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Report from the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

So, on with the continuing saga of Dave in a Plane (mostly because I'm looking to give you folks an idea of who I am and a glimpse into how I approach things.)

When I last left off, I'd talked a bit about how my latest lessons were flying a plane slow enough without it falling completely out of the sky which is really fun; it gives you a good long time to look around you, see things, and enjoy the freedom of being up in the air.

This time around, my latest lessons were centered around stall training, something that is a requirement for flight training here in Canada, but not in the U.S. (at least, according to my instructor.) It's essentially slowing down the plane and pulling up the nose to cause a deliberate stall so you can learn how to recover from it in case you do it for real when you're flying.

My instructor tells me that if you enjoy roller coasters then you'll enjoy stall (and, later, spin) training. Me, I'm not so good with roller coasters. The initial drop scares the living daylights out of me, completely, truly--Freakout with a capital F. So when my instructor told me that, I was a little hesitant to get in the plane for my first lesson in stall training.

The sensation is... well, it's hard to describe, but it's not completely like a roller coaster. You still have the buildup and the anticipation of what's coming and how it's going to happen, but you don't have the steady forward motion that you experience in a roller coaster. In fact, each time I've done it, we were at almost a complete stand-still, not moving forward but staying almost perfectly in place.

There's a number of sensations that you feel as the plane slowly goes through slow flight and gets close to stalling: the nose of the plane goes way up, the controls feel sloppy or mushy, you'll feel a bit of a shudder through the controls, you hear the stall horn, then you get to the actual "event" of the stall.

That feeling is pretty close to the feeling of a roller

coaster. The nose of the plane pitches over, it feels unstable, you start losing altitude--if you're lucky, you don't have the sensation that one of the wings is dipping on you. The feeling is well, a bit scary, at least for me, being the guy who isn't really completely comfortable with roller coasters.

Now, on to what's been going on with the VCS department.

As always, members of my team will be talking more about the things that they're dealing with in their particular areas of the department, but here's a short synopsis of things that are happening:

The Annual Campaign - Our Short Story Contest is in-progress, but we are very short on submissions. We're definitely looking for submissions from all those budding authors out in STARFLEET.

The SFMC - As always, the SFMC continues to be generally very stable and provides very good services to our Marine members. The new merchandise that was made available from the Marine Quartermaster has been selling very, very well--don't wait too long to get yours! Check out the SFMC Quartermaster's page on the SFMC website to see some of the great things that are available.

The AoD Extra has been coming out in the months between when the CQ is published and has been keeping members abreast of things happening with the SFMC.

As with everything in STARFLEET, there are always things that are taking place which require us to be flexible, dynamic, and adjust how we're doing things and the SFMC is no exception. There have been some changes in policies that have taken place as a result of finding some areas where we can improve services and how we work internally, and I think that the General Staff have done a good job in finding ways to correct those issues and address the service improvements for all members of the SFMC. If you've been reading the CORPS-L list, AoD Extra, and the AoD section of the CQ, much

of those policy changes will already be something you're aware of. But if you haven't kept up on it, please don't hesitate to talk with your unit OIC and ask them to fill you in on the recent changes.

The Fleet Resource Program - We're undergoing some temporary staffing placements with the FRC at the present as a result of the Director of our program, Jeff Schnoor, taking some personal leave. As a result, we're going to see that things are a little bit delayed in the department as we work out some of the temporary staffing concerns and get things coordinated in the department again.

We still are in need of FRC Directors, specifically for the Crafting and Costuming Corps, the Engineering Corps, and the "Echoes from Space" Troupe. If you'd like to see how you can help in any part of the FRC, please drop a line to my Chief of Staff, Bob McCann, and myself, and we'll work to get your help best placed and coordinated with our staff in the FRC.

Constitutional Reform - We are in-progress of addressing membership options for our Cuban members. The Committee has been formed and we've begun some preliminary discussion in regards to the issues that need to be addressed. At the time of this posting, I've provided the committee with an initial 19 areas in the STARFLEET Constitution alone that will need to be addressed.

The going is slow, unfortunately, due to a number of factors -- members of the committee being extremely busy due to work and home commitments, as well as their various STARFLEET commitments -- but we are seeing some elements come together and discussion starting to take place.

As always, this is not an exhaustive list of the things that are happening or expected to be happening in the VCS department.

All the best to each and every one of you in STARFLEET. I look forward to writing more for you again in 60 days!





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CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Communications Report

STARFLEET's Media Blitz

Wow! Just...wow!

I've been a member of STARFLEET since 1983, and I have never, EVER seen STARFLEET get the kind of press coverage that we did when the new *Star Trek* film premiered. While media interest always increases when new *Trek* films come out, we didn't have nearly this much exposure when "Nemesis" premiered in 2002, or "Insurrection" in 1998...or really any *Trek* movie or series.

In the four weeks leading up to the premiere of the new *Star Trek*, STARFLEET members and chapters were featured in the following national media outlets:

The New York Times
Newsweek
The Wall Street Journal
The New York Daily News
The Boston Globe
Maxim Magazine

In these local news outlets:

The Daily Record in Morris County, New Jersey
The News and Advance of Lynchburg, Virginia
The Pittsburgh Post Gazette
 South Carolina's *The State*
The Advocate in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
The West Virginia Gazette
The Asbury Park Press in New Jersey

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WashingtonPost.com
 PressOfAtlanticCity.com
 Boston.com
 NJ.com
 AirlockAlpha.com

And on television:

MSNBC
 Fox 5 in New York City
 CBS affiliate News10 in Tampa Bay, Florida
 Q13 Fox in Seattle
 WAFB Channel 9 news Baton Rouge, Louisiana

But it's been a long road...getting from there to here. Let's take a look at how the pieces all came together.

It Started Last Year

Back in 2008, it looked like STARFLEET was floundering in terms of marketing ourselves. Membership was sliding, the CQ was late, little was happening on the recruitment front, and there was no concerted marketing or PR plan anywhere

in sight. Members were, quite rightly, concerned.

The first order of business was to get the *Communiqué* back on schedule, looking a little better in terms of quality (so chapters could use it for recruiting), and actually having a little *Star Trek* sprinkled in amongst all the fan club news and articles. That process began after the summer and continues through today.

The next step was to wake up the STARFLEET Public Relations Department. This finally happened late in the year when Admiral Brandt Heatherington, a PR guy in the real world, was given the go-ahead by our Commander, STARFLEET, Sal Lizard, to start figuring out ways to get the STARFLEET name out there better than we had been doing. In the opinion of some STARFLEET members, this PR directive took too long to get started. But with an all-volunteer organization, you can't always do everything on an optimum timetable. Nevertheless, by December of last year, Brandt was off to the races...and what a job he did.

First of all, Brandt tracked down (with the help of a lead from a friend of mine), the person at Paramount's PR company in charge of handling the red carpet premiere in Hollywood. This took months of persistent calling and sleuthing, numerous instances of phone tag, and finally a flurry of last minute e-mails. The result: Paramount reserved up to 200 VIP spots for STARFLEET members in the bleachers of the red carpet premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theater and a special screening of the new film later that evening, a week before it opened nationally.

Brandt also set up STARFLEET's first-ever and second-ever national Press Releases. The first Press Release, sent out in early March, was a test of sorts. We used STARFLEET's new strategic partnership with Space Services Inc. as "news" to seed the first release and see how well PRweb, the company Brandt found to issue the release, would do. And they did okay, but not great. We had used the second-to-lowest service tier (to save money), and you get what you pay for.

But that's why we did the test. The second Press Release would come out just a few weeks before the new movie, leading into and building upon its momentum in the media. This time, the Press Release would be just about STARFLEET, the fact that our club was celebrating our 35th anniversary. And to ensure better media coverage, the Executive Committee approved raising the service level from \$140 to the highest level of \$360 for this one release.

And the strategy worked! The higher tier accomplished two things. First of all, it got the press release out there. But more importantly, PRWeb did a bit of Search Engine Optimization (SEO) magic to get the STARFLEET website address (www.sfi.org) to show up at or just below the top of

Internet searches for "Star Trek fan club". This was critical when it came time for news media outlets and theater promotional coordinators to find fans for the new movie release. And that brings us to the next critical piece of the puzzle...

Ah, The New SFI.org Website

I talked about the new website at length last issue. Suffice it to say that getting the STARFLEET website redesigned before the new movie came out was of (forgive me) *paramount* importance. But it wasn't just enough that we design a pretty, new, eye-catching website or that we make it easy to sign up (although those were definitely two requirements).

The most important thing, going into this new movie release, was making it very easy for people to figure out how to contact us. We even put an obvious "Contact Us" button at the very top along with instructions for the press to contact pr@sfi.org, and we featured the toll free STARFLEET phone number. As a backup, we placed the Staff Listings prominently in the main navigation menu, and "Communications" was one of the sub-menu options, with e-mail and 800-number contact information for yours truly.

And, indeed, the press started calling and e-mailing us. As planned, the majority of contacts came to either Brant Heatherington, Sal, myself, or the HelpDesk (usually via the toll free number). And we were always quick to get back in touch with people who left us voicemails or e-mails (never more than 24 hours later, and often within not more than an hour or two).

And who called? Well, first there was a reporter from *Maxim* magazine wanting to do a mock "debate" between a prominent Trekker and an equally prominent *Star Wars* fan. This reporter contacted Sal, and Sal passed him along to me, and in the May, 2009 issue of *Maxim*, on page 69, STARFLEET and our website URL were mentioned as I went toe-to-toe with one of the leaders of the 501st Legion *Star Wars* fan club.

Some STARFLEET members were a little uncomfortable with a magazine like *Maxim* (sort of *Playboy* with clothes on...but not many clothes) featuring STARFLEET, although we can't complain about millions of readers in circulation (and they did call us, after all). But it wouldn't be long before we got an interview request from the much more respectable *Wall Street Journal*. A reporter called our toll free number and spoke to Member Services Administrator Bran Stimpson. Bran immediately called me and told me she was on a deadline. Fortunately, I was home to get the call and immediately phoned her back. The following Friday (April 24), STARFLEET was mentioned in the "Weekend" section along with a few quotes from yours truly. No web



address, but STARFLEET's name and the fact that we are one of the oldest and largest *Star Trek* fan clubs in the world was mentioned.

And then theaters started calling and e-mailing us...looking for Trekkers to appear in costume at their *Star Trek* movie premieres (and offering us free movie passes in exchange). Most of these requests came in to either myself or Sal, and again, we were fast to respond. Theater chains in the Northwestern U.S., in Dallas, in the Maryland/Virginia area, in Brooklyn, New York, and in Ontario, Canada all contacted us. And each time, I provided them the e-mail addresses of local chapter COs and RCs. (Fortunately, our new website allows users to search for chapters by state!)

And the news media kept coming, too. Requests came in from *Newsweek* magazine, from the *New York Daily News*, and from Fox 5 news in New York City. We had to rally members from New York and New Jersey at the last minute to be part of their Friday news programming.

And speaking of last minute, on the Thursday the movie opened, both the *Washington Post* and MSNBC contacted me urgently needing a Trekkie. The *Washington Post* wanted someone to do a live chat for an hour answering questions about the new movie. And MSNBC needed a costumed member for a live TV interview in Burbank, California. (Fortunately, I live in Los Angeles and was able to get to Burbank in 45 minutes...right after I finished the live chat!) The *Washington Post* live chat featured multiple mentions of STARFLEET and our URL ('cause I made sure to sneak it in everywhere I could). And even MSNBC introduced me as "Commodore Jon Lane, Chief of Communications for STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association."

It was a crazy few weeks!

And Let's Not Forget The Chapters!

STARFLEET operates on two levels: globally and locally. And while the EC and many of our Department staff members were handling things at 30,000 feet, the boots on the ground were our chapters and local members.

Many chapters set up recruitment tables and kiosks at their local theaters. Members from Boston and New Jersey to Florida and West Virginia and from Louisiana out to Seattle got themselves local news coverage with theater recruitment efforts.

In the meantime, Headquarters was trying to help out chapters as best we could. The first idea was to take the surplus CQs that we have left over after we mail issues to our members and utilize those for recruiting. As mentioned in a previous issue of CQ, we pay for a minimum of 3,000 copies of CQ, no matter how many we end up using. In the past, this resulted in hundreds of unused CQs just being tossed into the recycle bin. I hated to waste perfectly good CQs like that...especially since we were paying for them anyway. Initially, we thought it would work to sell the surplus through the STARFLEET Quartermaster, allowing chapters to buy batches of the extra issues cheaply and use them as they wanted.

Unfortunately, "cheaply" soon proved to be a pipe dream. The cost of shipping the surplus CQs from the printer to the Quartermaster, and then covering the second round of shipping to the chapter, made the cost of ordering them

unreasonable. The surplus copies sold well at regional summits, when they could be handed to someone rather than mailed. But mail order sales were anemic.

Then we came up with the idea of a surplus CQ Lottery! Instead of shipping several hundred extra copies of CQ to the Quartermaster, we would send the QM only about 200 or so and send the rest, in boxes of 100 each, to chapters/regions whose names were drawn randomly in a lottery. Each issue we would do this, starting with CQ #151. The winners wouldn't have to pay anything...just sit back and



receive the issues. After all, we would have been paying to ship them from the printers to the QM anyway. Now we would just be shipping them from the printers directly to the chapters/regions.

Our first CQ Lottery was a huge success. We had 29 chapters enter, and nine of them won (all but one receiving their shipment prior to the movie release to use for recruiting...the one that didn't, the *USS Devil's Tower* in Wyoming, had a glitch with FedEx, and for some reason the package got stuck in Kansas). The nine winners will not be entered again until all the other entrants have had a chance to win once. If you and your chapter/region would like to enter, too, just e-mail your name, chapter/region, shipping address, and phone number (don't forget the phone number!) to comms@sfi.org.

The other thing that Headquarters was able to do--albeit at the last minute--was to finally produce some STARFLEET recruitment materials that can be downloaded from our website (go to the "Documents" section), printed out, and photocopied. Among these are a new grayscale tri-fold brochure, the membership application, and a new poster...all in PDF format..

Now, this "last minute" situation was largely my fault. As brochures are arguably a Communications project, I dropped the ball on getting recruitment materials designed as I focused on the new website and getting CQ #151 out the door prior to the movie release. However, fate lent us a hand (or rather, a kick in the behind) when STARFLEET was contacted by a promotions coordinator from a theater in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. This woman asked if we had any members who could come to her theater in costume and help with some fun audience activities. While our

own Vice-Commander of STARFLEET, Dave Blaser, lives in Ontario, he is over two hours away, and there weren't any closer members. However, not wanting to miss an opportunity, Dave used marketing copy that was written for our new website to put together a quick tri-fold brochure to photocopy and mail to this woman to hand out to fans in her theater.

Sending the rough draft to the Executive Committee and to Member Services for review and approval, the next person to pick up the torch was Bran Stimpson, Member Services Administrator. Bran is engaged to fellow STARFLEET member Christina Sievers, who is a graphic designer. Christina took Dave's draft and turned it into an awesomely-designed, attractive marketing piece. Quickly approved by the EC, the new tri-fold brochure was immediately posted in the "Documents" section of our new website for members to download, print, copy, and distribute before the movie. In fact, I myself made 150 copies at Kinko's prior to the red carpet premiere to give out to fans in the bleachers during the movie star arrivals.

STARFLEET Out In Front

Quite a busy fan club we've got here, huh?

Last year, and as recently as a few months ago, some of our more "vocal" members were complaining on the club online chat lists that STARFLEET was collapsing, and that other *Trek* fan clubs were looking down their noses at us. These members claimed that groups like IFT, UFPI, Starfleet Command, KAG, and many others were snickering at STARFLEET's political

infighting, loss of members, and general disorganization.

Now, while I personally doubt that our fellow fan clubs are quite that pretentious or that they spend all that much mental effort even thinking about STARFLEET, the fact remains that none of these other clubs has achieved nearly the level of press coverage these past few weeks that STARFLEET has. I'm not trying to be competitive here--we're all of us on the same side--but it's just something to acknowledge. STARFLEET has done itself proud during the media blitz that accompanied the new *Star Trek* movie release.

Sure, you could argue that, with all the media frenzy, it would be nearly impossible for a *Star Trek* fan club NOT to get noticed. But we weren't just noticed--we were *sought out*. After the first couple of media people contacted me, I started asking them, "How did you find out about us?" Lauren Schuker, of the *Wall Street Journal*, gave the most common answer: "I did a search for 'Star Trek fans' on the Internet and looked at a few websites. Yours looked the most impressive and made you guys come off as professional and easily accessible."

When it came time for the red carpet premiere, Paramount invited STARFLEET members to be there. They did not invite other clubs. Now, with 200 spots, there was room for more than just our STARFLEET folks. Ultimately, we had about 50 or 60 Fleeters (some traveling to L.A. from as far away as the East Coast). But I opened up the initiation to other *Trek* fan clubs, as well. By the time of the Hollywood premiere, STARFLEET members were joined by nearly 100 other *Trek* fans--friends, family members, co-workers, and members of other fan clubs--but all knowing that the invitation had come from STARFLEET.



And It's Not Over Yet!

Theater chains contacted us, news reporters contacted us, and through it all, STARFLEET came off as well-organized, professional, and most of all, a fan club we were all quite proud of...and for good reason! STARFLEET is still going strong. I'd expected the e-mails to stop coming after the movie was released, but in the last week, I've continued to receive communications from professional folks with *Star Trek* on their minds.

First, a number of promoters are looking to have STARFLEET put their *Trek*-related press releases on our website...and we have the perfect spot in our "Sci-Fi and Trek News" section (no need to clutter up our home page). Then I got an e-mail from a person connected with the Marriott Hotel chain wanting to offer a special 20% discount on their *Star Trek* promotion package for Philadelphia. The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia is currently hosting the traveling *Star Trek* museum exhibit

until September of this year. Marriott is offering a special package (through September), and STARFLEET members will get an additional 20% off if they register at a special website and show their STARFLEET ID card at check-in. (Details are on our sfi.org website.) And finally, I received an e-mail this week from Paramount's PR person (the one who invited us to the Hollywood red carpet screening). Seems they have some leftover swag (promotional items) and wanted to know if STARFLEET would like it. So I now have several boxes of posters, promotional cups, bumper stickers, and a few T-shirts and caps sitting in my garage. The thousands of stickers will be dropped as freebies into membership packets until we run out. The posters and cups will be sold by the Quartermaster. I'll be shipping the T-shirts and caps to IC 2009 to be auctioned off for charity.

I'll finish up by mentioning that, as I write this, the movie has been out for just over one week, and STARFLEET has signed up approximately 120 new members in that time,

with another few dozen in the queue. As a comparison, in a "normal" (non-movie release) week, we get maybe 10 to 12 new members.

Of course, we'd expect to have a big week when the movie came out, but we couldn't just sit back, do nothing, and assume new members would flock to our club. And we didn't just sit back! Thanks to a concerted effort across our entire organization, we've recruited TEN TIMES our usual amount of members in just one week. With the new interest in and energy about *Star Trek*, I'm hopeful that STARFLEET's ranks will again swell as we enter a new fan renaissance.

And hey, if you want to see all the mentions of STARFLEET in the news of late, go to:

www.InTheNews.sfi.org

Yeah, just...wow!

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CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Operations Report

Looks like we are heading into a busy quarter. The following chapters commissioned since last issue:

USS Marathon (R2), Plant City, FL
ADM David Ryan
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USS Odyssey (R2), Hattiesburg, MS
CAPT Barbara Nicholson
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Based on their progress so far, the following chapters are finishing up their training and plan to commission in 2Q '09:

USS Aurora (R5), Seattle, WA
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USS Hecate (R7), Pittsburg, PA
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USS Leonidas (R4), Apache Junction, AZ
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For the newly commissioned and established chapters alike, two things are critical to maintaining good chapter standing: crew strength and monthly status report. Let's talk about them in this issue.

Crew Strength

One of the ongoing concerns for most COs is crew strength. Surprisingly, our research indicated that help might be closer than most people realize. In addition to new recruits, there are other potential sources:

- 1) Inactive members within the chapter
- 2) Regional and fleet wide unassigned members

It is usually easier to maintain existing customers (members) than recruiting new ones. Therefore, why not take a page from the real world business lessons? Many of the under strength chapters can easily get above minimum strength if we can convince those expired members to renew their memberships.

As for the unassigned members, we can try to match them up with nearby chapters. The work has already begun between Ops and the Regional Coordinators. I will report on our progress in an upcoming issue. In the meantime, I hope everyone who's reading this and not currently assigned to any chapter check out the nearest chapters. Even if you didn't join them when you first joined fleet, things may have changed since then, and you might make some friends with the current crew. If nothing local catches your fancy, look beyond the local chapters. With the improved communications, many folks are

enjoying correspondence memberships like never before.

Monthly Status Report

This is of concern mainly to COs and reporting officers. Thanks to the hard work of folks at CompOps, the e-mail notifications are working much better now. This means Ops/ShOC and RCs are notified of your MSR submissions. In addition, the person submitting the reports will receive a summary too. This should serve as a confirmation of the filing. I recommend everyone to verify your e-mail on file so the SFI database can send the confirmations to the right addresses. The confirmation should arrive within 24 hours of the MSR filing. Be sure to check the spam folder if you don't see it in the inbox.

Finally, here's something on the lighter side. Hopefully, by the time you read this issue, you should have received the tax refund. You might want to book a trip to this year's STARFLEET International Conference in Greensboro, NC. This is a great chance to network with fellow fleet members, enjoy a fun filled weekend, and maybe even receive an award or promotion! For more information, take a look at

<http://www.ic2009.org>.

Hope to see you all there.





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Computer Operations Report

STARFLEET Computer Operations has been quite busy over the last couple of months. I feel as if I have had a chance to get used to the new position and am not quite so harried with the 'learning the job' phase any longer. We have several projects that are coming to fruition or have already been implemented and we are generally pleased with the way things are progressing lately. We could still use some help with our PHP code (Member Application), and there is always room for improvement of our overall services, but feedback coming into CompOps has lately been mostly positive.

Here's a recap of some of the work done in CompOps since the last report:

E-Mail Opt-In

E-Mail Opt-In system complete. This new feature of our Member Application was required by our Internet provider, Dreamhost, due to their policies regarding Unsolicited Bulk E-Mail (UBE)—commonly called SPAM. Dreamhost is a real stickler about SPAM, and while we appreciate their dedication to helping reduce this awful form of advertising, we have had our struggles as a result. Even though our members enter their e-mail address, knowing we will likely contact them with renewal reminders, the assumption of permission to send e-mail is not in keeping with Dreamhost policy. With the implementation of this opt-in system, members will be queried after their next renewal as to whether they would like to 'opt-in' to receiving e-mail from the system (including reminders to renew their membership). We typically send out renewal reminders 1 month, 1 week, and then 1 day prior to member expiration so as to assist members in renewing before their membership expires. The unfortunate aspect of this whole opt-in process is that we are not allowed to send out an e-mail to anyone who has noted their e-mail address in our system with a one-time opt-in request; we must wait until members renew and send the mail at that time. We should (by the time of this writing) have a function on

the Member Application main screen where you can choose to opt-in to receiving e-mail.

Vanity E-Mail Cleanup

We've cleaned up about 600 old e-mail addresses (deleted) from our system. We will soon be offering 'forward-only' addresses to members for \$10/year through our new Shopping Cart area. Thanks go to Bob Chen for his excellent spearheading of this project.

New Website

The next time to you go to www.sfi.org, you may notice a rather startling thing--the entire website has been redesigned from the ground up! The Communications Chief, Jon Lane, and our webmaster have been working very hard to get everything ship-shape and 'just so' in order to really wow the socks off the members. The new website completely replaces our web presence on the Internet. Check it out here: www.sfi.org.

sfi-I Discussion List Maintenance

CompOps initiated a monthly 'cleansing' of the sfi-I list. We will regularly check to ensure that people who are on the list have been expired and have a current e-mail address in the database. Marie Anderson, one of the list moderators, volunteered to perform this monthly task. Thanks, Marie!

AB Ruling on sfi-I List FAQ

CompOps is still awaiting feedback on the sfi-I FAQ rules from the AB. We are making due with an 'interim' set of rules by which we manage the list, but the confirmation of an official set of rules will give us the backing of the AB and make enforcement of the rules a bit smoother.

sfi-I moderator template updated

A new sfi-I moderator warning/reminder template was designed in order to present a friendlier, less threatening reminder to those who transgress the rules. Most feedback has been positive. We have done our best to improve the way that reminders, warnings, and

moderation are carried out on the sfi-I list in order to make the experience more pleasant for all. We aim to present a 'kinder, gentler' face to the members.

PHP Developers Needed

The two PHP developers we had on staff have both resigned, and we are looking for replacements. PHP is not a very 'fun' language to work with and tends to be shunned by some programmers. When an experienced PHP developer is asked, 'do you know PHP?' there is no surety that they will admit to it (even when they know it). We can really use help in CompOps with a number of database issues and long-needed enhancements. Please check out the new job postings if you have good PHP skills! <http://www.personnel.sfi.org/>.

VR Updates Now Monthly!

VR updated on website for March. Thanks again, Bran! We are now updating the VR every month and including an up-to-date VR in the member packet. Please also check out the totally revamped graphics for the VR, Member Packet, and Member Certificate! You may thank Bran Stimpson and Christina Sievers for their work on the VR, Certificates, and artwork.

New Photo for CompOps

Some members very shrewdly noticed that I was not in uniform for my first picture in the CQ. I am afraid I do not have a lot of pictures of myself in STARFLEET uniform--at least not current ones-- so I had to improvise at the last minute for that one. In this issue, you will be able to see the new and improved photo taken for CQ, VR, and other items for the Chief of Computer Operations. (I'm wondering if someone will notice the little 'oditty' with the picture.)

Major Error Corrected with the Nightly DB Processing

Corrected error in Member Database nightly processing where expired members were not

being set to 'expired' and remained 'active' beyond their ending date.

Recruitment Packet

Brenda Bell is working with CompOps on a new Member Recruitment Pamphlet that describes the major activities and programs in STARFLEET.

New Member Processing Team Online!

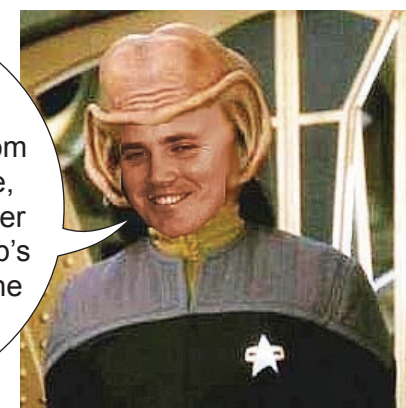
The Denver team of the Member Processing area has now been fully functional for a several weeks. Now CD-only packets are sent from Denver and our printed packets from Main. This division of work has helped to speed up the process of processing member packets. Thanks to Bran Stimpson and his team. CD-only member packets became the default option in February. We are now saving a couple of dollars for each packet, which has greatly reduced the cost of sending out membership materials. We have also made an effort to keep all the materials current on the sfi.org site so that if any of the member materials are needed they may be downloaded and printed.

I wanted to thank the many people who have contacted me, many of whom have become fast friends. The job of CompOps is a complex one that requires a good deal of time, but all that time is made well worth the effort by the members who help out in the department, members who express their support and the friendships that have developed over the course of the last few months.

I work mainly with the Member Processing supervisor, Matt Ingles (who does a fantastic job); Bob Chin, my vice-chief; Jon Lane, our Communications Chief (an absolute WIZ with the CQ and the website design); and the members of the EC in doing most of the work as Chief of Computer Operations. But it's always nice to hear from other members and I encourage anyone who wants to drop me a line.



Here are some **Safety First** recommendations from me: Lt. JG Jim Nave, Regional Relay Officer for Region 8 and Ship's Historian on board the *USS Dauntless* NCC-74214.





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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Report from the Chief Financial Officer

Greetings, along with this report are the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2009.

As noted on the Statement of Activities, our largest expenses year to date are the *Communiqué* Expenses followed by Quartermaster Supplies.

More detailed financial statements are available on-line for all members to view at the SFI Finance home page. Please sign in using your SCC# and password to access the members only sections.

I'm pleased to report that STARFLEET's Federal Form 990 was mailed prior to its due date of February 17, 2009, after it was reviewed and approved by an outside CPA at no cost to STARFLEET.

In regards to membership renewals, I've been asked to pass along this very important information. **When renewing or submitting a new membership application on-line for someone else, please remember to change the "mail to" address to that member's info instead of yours.** By doing so, it informs Membership Processing (MP) that this renewal is for someone else, and it allows MP to verify that the address in the database is correct.

In my last article, I had discussed what had happened to one of the IC 2006 charities that we had sent \$125 to. Attached is a thank you letter from The Center for Animal Health & Welfare for everyone to see.

Joe Horton, our Fundraising Officer, has recently resigned his position to pursue other fund raising activities. I wish Joe well in his future endeavors which now also means I have an opening for a new Fundraising Officer. Should anyone be interested in this position, please forward your real life and STARFLEET resume along with a cover letter to my attention at CFO@sfi.org.

The position of Tax Compliance Officer is also still available as well. We really could use some help in this area. If anyone would like to work on the EC level and has some Accounting or Finance background with some sales tax experience preferably, then please apply for this position. Please send your real life resume and STARFLEET resume along with a cover letter explaining why you would like this position to my attention at CFO@sfi.org.

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.

The Center for Animal Health & Welfare

Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

(Formerly known as Northampton County SPCA)

1165 Island Park Rd. Easton, PA 18042

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January 23, 2009

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Thank you very much for your kind donation of \$125.00. Your kindness will help many of the animals here at The Center find their forever home and give them food, shelter and medical care while in residence.

The Center for Animal Health & Welfare is a "no-kill" community where all healthy and treatable animals, including feral cats, are saved. We teach compassion and respect for all animals, as well as the responsibility of pet ownership and the importance of spaying and neutering. This requires a great deal of support from the community and I am glad to count you as a supporter. The animals thank you!

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Loch
Executive Director



STARFLEET International
Statement of Financial Position
February 28, 2009

ASSETS	Total
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD General Fund A Risk Free	\$ 5,043
CD General Fund B	15,420
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	1,076
IC 2008	2,504
IC 2009	3,102
International Conference Odd	50
International Conference Even	500
Main Bank Account	3,552
Petty Cash SF QM	141
Petty Cash SFMC QM	(5)
SF Scholarship Fund A	3,032
SFMC Marines	1,097
SFMC Scholarship Fund	1,573
Total Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$ 38,085
Other Current Assets	-
Deposits	-
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	38,085
Total Assets	\$ 38,085
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued expenses	-
Total current liabilities	\$ -
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,000
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	38,042
Net Income	(958)
Total Equity	38,085
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 38,085

STARFLEET International
Statement of Activities
July 2008 - June 2009

	July-Dec 08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Year To Date
Operating Revenues:				
Membership Dues	\$ 16,735	\$ 3,269	\$ 2,556	\$ 22,560
Scholarship Funds	2,717	137	227	3,081
Quartermaster Sales	4,846	722	233	5,802
Other Income	473	-	-	473
Total operating revenues	26,806	4,783	3,386	34,976
Operating expenses:				
Communique' Expenses	4,576	4,376	2,866	11,818
Membership Package	2,679	1,235	190	4,104
Quartermaster Supplies	6,525	927	410	7,862
STARFLEET IC Expenses	7,472	-	22	7,494
Scholarship Awards	1,984	-	-	1,984
Bank Charges & Fees	903	117	119	1,139
Election Expense	-	-	-	-
Equipment & Software	-	365	(124)	241
Legal Fees	330	-	-	330
Insurance Bond	553	-	-	553
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-
Supplies	333	-	76	409
Transition Expenses	-	-	-	-
General Office Expenses	2,119	482	71	2,672
Total operating expenses	25,355	7,020	3,558	35,933
(Loss) / Income	\$ 1,451	\$ (2,236)	\$ (172)	\$ (958)

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NAME: WARREN PRICE
RANK: REAR ADMIRAL
POSITION: CHIEF SHAKEDOWN OPERATIONS, STARFLEET
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796
REGION: 1, TENNESSEE (USA)



CHIEF OF SHAKEDOWN OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Shakedown Operations Report

Greetings Starfleet, I am hoping all of you have enjoyed the new *Star Trek* Movie. I have.

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

Welcome the *USS Abraham Lincoln* to STARFLEET. This is a meeting chapter and is currently based in Pomona, New York. For info on joining this ship, please contact Commander Keith S. Shikowitz at: STARBASE63@aol.com

Welcome the *USS Wessex* to STARFLEET. This is a Correspondence chapter and is currently based Temecula, California. For info on joining this ship, please contact Captain David L. Jamison at: davidj4051@hotmail.com

Welcome the *USS Buchanan* to STARFLEET.

This is a meeting chapter and is currently based in York, Pennsylvania. For info on joining this ship, please contact Commander Stacey L. Cress at: stacey.l.cress@comcast.net

Welcome the *USS Pinguin* to STARFLEET. This is a Correspondence chapter and is currently based in Corvallis, Oregon. For info on joining this ship, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Mitch Dunn at: usspinguin@gmail.com

Please remember that you have a source available to you if you want to start a new chapter. It is called the START2007 Manual. It can be downloaded from Starfleet's website in the documents section.

DTS

Work on the DTS site is ongoing. Mike Dugas

has completed a draft of the graphical layout and is now into the coding component of the site. The work site location is here: <http://www.whitestar.org/dts>

ASDB

MGEn Joost Ueffing reports that the main activity at ASDB has been the review and approval of the details on the *Regal*-class proposal from the representative of an old STARFLEET chapter, the *Hakuna Matata*. His design document is fairly lengthy, requiring some time to fully digest and review.

OTI

OTI has seen continuing use, providing reference materials and answering questions of a technical and background nature. In the past month, OTI was contacted by a member interested in information regarding the Borg and some of the more recent history of the

Collective.

Schematic Artist

ADM Carol Thompson has continued to work on the *Saladin*-class, *Cochise*-subclass destroyer. It's proving difficult, since the most authoritative thing we have to work with is a silhouette. But Carol and Alex are trading ideas back and forth and seeing what seems to work.

Feel free to contact me, my door....er, e-mail is always open.

Rear Admiral Warren Price

CO, USS Providence NCC-71796
Chief of Shakedown Operations, SFI R1
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NAME: PEG PELLERIN
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REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER CO OF *USS EQUINOX*; FORMER OTS DIRECTOR; FORMER DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP



COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Academy News

Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

Promotions

CONGRATULATIONS to the following SFA personnel on promotions received:

Jeff Davis to Fleet Captain	Thomas Pawelczak to Commodore
Douglas Mayo to Rear Admiral	Jan Sleigh to Captain
Ron Novak to Commodore	Darlene Topp to Captain
Bruce O'Brien to Brigadier	George Ann Wheeler to Fleet Captain
Nancy O'Shields to Commodore	Carolyn Zimdahl to Rear Admiral

You definitely earned it!

From the desk of the Vice 'Dant: Adm. Marlene Miller

I just finished paying off a growing stack of bills, utilities, house taxes, property taxes, Visa, etc.... and thought, "Wouldn't it be great if someone gave me a few bucks to help?" Well, if you're a member of STARFLEET and a student... STARFLEET Academy is just that: "someone" who can help YOU pay your tuition!

Did you know that Starfleet Academy has a Scholarship Fund you can apply for? Yeppers! Your school can be given \$500 to help with your tuition!

All you need to do is apply for and win any of the TEN (count 'em 10!) scholarships. Please see more information about the 'Fleet Scholarships by Scholarship Director Reed Bates elsewhere in this issue of the CQ. Or check it out online at: <http://academy.sfi.org/student/scholarship.shtml>

Oftentimes, members who want to "move on up" in STARFLEET wonder what they need to do to get those really cool STARFLEET jobs. Two of the first things any budding Chapter CO or XO needs to do is apply for and pass Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC). Many of you completed both of these courses a million years ago, and can no longer find your certificates.

Did you know you can request a replacement certificate from OTS Director Jill Rayburn or OCC Director Marlene Miller? When you write, be sure to give us your name, SCC #, and e-mail address. Also, if you have an approximate date of when you completed these courses, please include that as well. If you need your certificate printed out and surface-mailed to you, please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope.

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 Radcliff, KY 40160

Marlene Miller, Director OCC
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 461 Harmony Lane
 Campbell, Ohio 44405

Did you know Starfleet Academy offers over 900 courses for YOU??

I've just completed a course via the College of the Macabre in the Institute of Science Fiction Studies, School of Creatures. This course is based on a movie I first watched when I was about 10 years old...and it's become one of the "classics." It's "The Blob"! No, not the remake...but the original 1958 version.

Do you remember Steve McQueen? No? What? You're too young?? Oh! Okay... at least SOME of you remember this very talented actor. How about Aneta Corsault? No? How about Miss Crump in the Andy Griffith Show? Ah! Yeah! That's her... and she's in this movie, too!

I enjoyed the heck out of "The Blob" course, and I think you will, too.

Apply for the course via the STARFLEET Academy website:

<http://academy.sfi.org/>

or contact:

George Ann Wheeler, Director
pggannie@aol.com
 114 Weber Street
 Havre de Grace, MD 21078

I also enjoyed reading about the "Goofs" in the movie, at www.imdb.com.

Check it out!

From the desk of the Director of Support Services: Adm. Greg Staylor

STARFLEET Academy Support Services is continuing to work for the improvement of Academy-related services and capabilities. In the last couple of months, we have added over 40 more FAC program courses. If you are not familiar with the FAC program, it allows members to register, download manuals and materials, take the course exam, and receive their diploma completely through an interactive online program. Most of the FAC program courses recently added are from the College of Intelligence In Media, which takes its exam questions from spy and intelligence movies. Most of these movies are very popular action movies, which are fun to watch, giving the student both an enjoyable movie experience and a learning experience as they answer the intelligence-based questions in the exam. Other available FAC program courses include Officer's Training School and courses from the College of Security, School of Security in Trek, The Gorn Academy, and the Starfleet Officer's Radio School.

We are also continuing to update and improve STARFLEET Academy's services and documents, including the SFA web site area. We are looking at ways to make the Academy more accessible to members with disabilities and giving the Academy web site not only a minor visual change but a major functional redesign to make it more user-friendly. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at support@acad.sfi.org. I am always interested in comments, suggestions, and constructive criticism.

WANTED

Position Name:
Graphics Assistant

Detailed Job Description: Create graphic logos and electronic certificates for the various Academy Schools. The member must have a working knowledge of graphic manipulation as well as the ability make certificates in Microsoft Word for individual Directors. Photoshop or an equivalent program is a must, as well as Microsoft Office Suite.

Contact Information: Greg Staylor
director@SFA-Security.com

Real life and SFI resume, as well as a sample of your work, is required.

Position Name:

Awards Assistant/Cadet Awards

Detailed Job Description: Create and issue awards for the upcoming STARFLEET Academy Cadet Awards Program and assist in creating and issuing Academy Awards for the International Conference, (e.g. the Squad Awards).

Level of Skill Wanted for Position: Member should have a working knowledge of graphic manipulation within a word processor such as a Microsoft Word and be able to maintain detailed records concerning awards issued as well as be willing to report monthly to the Director of the STARFLEET Academy Awards Program. Position does require the use of the free Office Suite Open Office and some FTP'ing. Reliable Internet is a must, dialup is okay. 1-2 hours a night maximum during IC Awards season, 15-30 minutes a night on normal nights.

Contact Information: Scott A. Anderson Sr.
sfa.awards@gmail.com

Real life and SFI resume as well as a sample of your talents in a word document file.

Position Name:
SFA Newsletter Editor

Detailed job description: this position will create, edit, and finalize the SFA bi-monthly newsletter through the solicitation and input of SFA Staff (as well as other members and ST personalities) for articles and stories.

Level of Skill Wanted for Position: Knowledge, skills and abilities in creative writing, newsletter formatting, etc. related to the accurate, interesting, and timely publication of the SFA bi-monthly newsletter are required.

Contact Information: Greg Staylor
director@SFA-Security.com

Submissions Required: Real life and SFI resume, as well as a sample of your talents in a word document file.



From the desk of the Awards Director:
BDR Scott Anderson, Sr.

JANUARY BOOTHBY'S

Topaz 650

Larry Dale French, Sr.

Amber 550

Dean Andre Rogers
Bill Rowlette

Platinum 450

George Ann Wheeler

Zirconium 400

Gary Wayne Hollifield, Jr.
Jill Michelle Tipton

Titanium 350

Gary Wayne Hollifield, Jr.

Latinum 200

Rebecca Louise Self

Gold 150

Debbie French

Silver 100

Ricardo Garcia

Bronze 50

Ken Purdie

Kudos to all the above recipients. Every once in a while someone will receive two awards within one month. **Congratulations Gary W. Hollifield, Jr.!** That's a lot of courses!

FEBRUARY BOOTHBY'S

Amethyst 700

Wayne Smith

Topaz 650

Sean Niemeyer
Platinum 450
Josephine Fisher

Titanium 350

Donald Dobrin
Latinum 200
Oliver Savander
Gold 150
Grahame Smith
Ricardo Garcia

Silver 100

Richard Andrew Boudreau
Linda Flythe
Michael J. McGowan
Marlene Miller
Joanne Schoenthaler

Bronze 50

William Hof
Kaith Rush

COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS

CMDR Jan Sleigh, Director

230 Magnolia Dr., Prattville, AL 36067

idsleigh@charter.net

Confused by all the recent financial chaos? Do you need a better understanding of the financial markets? Don't understand what you are hearing on the news about the economy? Then you need to go to STARFLEET Academy's College of Economics (COEC), School of Investing.

The COEC offers 10 courses covering investing and financial basics. The tutorials and resources used will give you a solid foundation and prepare you to delve further into the financial world.

Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science

Maj. Gen. Rebecca Louise Self, Director

4418 Willow Bend Rd.

Decatur, AL 35603-5313

Have you ever wanted to know who digs up dinosaurs...or how about how certain stars got their names? The answers to these questions are in the Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science. The Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science has several courses in the field of science. The courses available at the moment are:

1. Astronomy
2. Archaeology
3. Botany
4. Paleontology
5. Planets

The course on Planets is about to undergo a makeover since the planet Pluto has been downgraded to a minor moon. Until it is updated, I will not count against the answers that include anything about Pluto. Once the upgrade has been done, I will be letting all students know through email or the CQ that the questions have been completely updated and those on

Pluto will now count from the new tests. I hope all students come by and pick one of these courses of science to try. The Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science is creating a new course at this time to add to the course list as soon as possible. If as a student you do not see a course you like, why not write to the Director of the Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science and let her know what type of science you would like a course in to be created? The Director will then try to create a course for that subject if it is at all possible. You can email the Director at cvasa777@aol.com or by regular mail at the above address.

"It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work together in the spirit of cooperation and unity." (Unknown)

Adm. Peg Pellerin
SFA Commandant
academy@sfi.org

USS GANYMEDE NCC-80107



NAME: GEORGE FLANIK

RANK: COMMANDER

POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER

SHIP: USS GANYMEDE NCC-80107

REGION: 1, VIRGINIA (USA)

ACHIEVEMENTS: OTS WITH HONORS; 2007 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COMMENDATION FROM USS HEIMDAL



0114-07-801

Ask "Deep Trek" - #004

The CO of the *USS Ganyমেде* reports monthly on the recollections of a deep background source who worked as a set construction master on the original *Star Trek* television series. He has given this source the name "Deep Trek", whose true identity is known only to him and the CO of the *Ganyমেде*'s support ship.

This month's question comes from Ensign Tina Matteucci:

ENSIGN MATTEUCCI - Describe the sets and props you worked on for the original *Star Trek* television series.

DEEP TREK - My work on the sets included helping to build the mountain face that kind of looked like a cougar. The eyes

were beach balls with light behind them. The natives fed the computer in that episode by feeding fruit and vegetables into the mouth.

Another was the Earth space probe that returned all built up on computer steroids and thought Kirk was his daddy. We floated it all over the set on a dolly with an arm holding a single wire to the top of it.

On another, I helped to build the boulder that fell on and killed an officer that had been enhanced to god-like power by surviving an ion storm on the *Enterprise*.

It was all fun, and earning five dollars and eleven and a half

cents an hour was pretty good money at the time. Always wondered who got that other half a cent, though.

I look back at the electronics (electrics, actually) and can't help but snicker a little.

The props consisted of glassware and salt and pepper shakers that looked like some futuristic appliance that the property master thought looked good.

(Note from George Flanik – Also, remember the turbo-elevator scene from *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*? The wall of the elevator car was partially lined with contoured foam carpet pad material. I know because I used that exact padding under a carpet in my house about the time that movie came out.)





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ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER REGION 13 COORDINATOR



VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

ECAB Report

March 2009 - ECAB Report

Questions and concerns about these or any number of other things happening in STARFLEET should be brought up with your Regional Coordinator first, as always.

AB Discussions and Votes

There have been a few topics of discussion which have been brought up before the AB over the last couple of months, here's a brief summary of those topics:

STARFLEET's Constitution and Compliance with North Carolina Law

The AB reviewed and discussed a request from the EC to have our corporate lawyers provide written documentation identifying the problems with our governing documents and how they are out of compliance with North Carolina's laws, the state in which we are incorporated. Previously, the information provided to us was given verbally and not in written form, and the EC wished to have this documented as to better allow us to work on either amendments to the current Constitution and governing documents, or to re-write them completely.

There was a great deal of discussion among the AB about this, with a request from the AB to be provided with electronic copies of all lawyer invoices. This was provided to each member of the AB in PDF format for their review. The invoices provide short, one-line notes as to what was discussed, but not as much detail as we would appropriately need. The matter went to a vote by the AB.

Engagement of an Accounting Firm for our Annual Review

The accounting firm of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel and La Pilusa, LLC, has been selected by the IG to be nominated to the AB to conduct our annual financial review. This firm provided us a quote of between \$2,200 and \$2,500 for a two-year comparative financial review.

Obtaining a response from a CPA firm that would work with us was a challenge--the IG tried 12 separate accounting firms in the Topeka and Kansas City area with no responses until we were able to finally get a response from one in New Jersey with the help of the CFO.

A brief discussion among the AB took place in regards to this, going to a vote by the AB.

Vic's Place IG Investigation

There were various discussions both within the AB as well as within the EC in regards to this matter. Ultimately, it resulted in two EC motions and one AB motion recommending the reversal of one of their decisions.

All matters were voted upon and noted below.

A brief discussion among the AB took place in regards to this, going to a vote by the AB.

Motions Voted Upon

The full text and record of all votes can be found on the STARFLEET Historian's AB Resolutions web page at:

<http://historian.sfi.org/AB/>

AB09-01: Confirmation of Richard Jolitz as JAG

The STARFLEET Admiralty Board is tasked with appointing and confirming a JAG who is to provide assistance to members in the event that they find themselves subject of an IG investigation.

Region 11 (Ruth Lane) motioned to appoint Richard Jolitz as STARFLEET's JAG, and it was seconded by Region 9 (Dai Rhys-Jones).

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 10, Nay: 4, Abstain: 2

AB09-02: The Matter of Scott Akers' IG Investigation (Blaser v. Akers)

Region 13 (Joe Sare) motioned that Scott Akers not be further 'punished' in regards to the complaint filed by Dave Blaser. Further, that the Admiralty Board draft a letter to submit to him to let him know that the Admiralty Board does not endorse his alleged behavior in this matter but feels that the demotion by the Executive Committee from General to Lieutenant General was sufficient and the AB feels further action is not needed with this issue.

This motion was seconded by Region 9

(Dai Rhys-Jones.)

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 9, Nay: 4, Abstain: 3

AB09-03: Motion to allow the attorneys to document where the MHB is out of compliance

Region 13 (Joe Sare) motioned that we (the AB) recommend to the Executive Committee that up to \$1050.00, or three billable hours, whichever comes first, be allocated to the task of documenting where the Membership Handbook is out of compliance with North Carolina law by STARFLEET's Attorney - Hurwit and Associates.

Region 8 (Owen Swart) seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 9*, Nay: 4, Abstain: 4

*NOTE: Region 15's vote was not sent on the correct voting list (ABVOTE-L) but was incorrectly sent to the AB-L Discussion list in favour of this motion and, as such, was counted as an abstention which resulted in the vote counted as 8:4:4, effectively no majority for or against the motion. In accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, the Chairman of the Board, Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard, cast the deciding vote confirming Region 15's vote in favour of the motion, thus the reason for the additional noted vote.

AB09-04: Accounting Review Motion

Region 13 (Joe Sare) made the motion that the AB approve Philip Hunrath, CPA to conduct the STARFLEET External Audit for the fiscal years ending on June 30th, 2008 and June 30th, 2009.

Region 8 (Owen Swart) seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 13, Nay: 1, Abstain: 2

AB09-05: Motion to Recommend EC Reverse EC09-05

Region 12 (Greg Trotter) made the motion that the Admiralty Board recommend to the

Executive Committee that they reconsider and reverse EC09-05.

Region 9 (Dai Rhys-Jones) seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 9, Nay: 3, Abstain: 4

EC Discussions

EC continues to hold regularly scheduled conference calls to discuss a variety of topics, such as:

- Promotions Director Status Update;
- STARFLEET Public Relations and the upcoming movie premiere;
- Surplus *Communiqués* - what to do with them;
- Financial reporting, how to address some concerns, and issues that will need to be addressed in the coming fiscal year;
- The STARFLEET Quartermaster, supplies, pricing and inventory;
- IC2009;
- NCC Numbers and Chapter Names.

I won't get into the specifics of what was discussed regarding these topics, I'm sure that many of them will be addressed by the various departments in their own reports and articles.

Motions Voted Upon

EC09-01 - Determine a punitive action against GEN Scott Akers

Motion from the Chief of Communications to have the EC determine a course of action regarding responding to the investigation into the matter of Dave Blaser v. Scott Akers (IG investigation number 0605-27002) immediately.

Seconded by the Commander, STARFLEET.

NOTE: The VCS abstained from the vote due to his involvement in the matter and the Academy Commandant was not present for the vote, that absence is noted as an "Abstain" in the voting record below.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2

EC09-02 - Vote on the punitive action against GEN Scott Akers



Motion from the Chief of Communications to vote upon one of the following punitive measures to be taken against Scott Akers based on the findings of IG investigation number 0605-27002:

- a) For a two-grade reduction (from O-11 to O-9)
- b) For a one-step reduction in rank (from O-11 to O-10)
- c) No reduction in rank

Seconded by the Chief of Computer Operations.

NOTE: The VCS abstained from the vote due to his involvement in the matter and the Academy Commandant was not present for the vote, that absence is noted as an "Abstain" in the voting record below.

Result: **Passed for One-Grade Reduction:** One-Grade: 5, Two-Grade: 1, No Grade Reduction: 0, Abstain: 2

EC09-03 - Compensation request from the USS Starquest

Motion from the VCS that the EC offers to send 25 copies of issue #150 of the STARFLEET *Communiqué* to the USS Starquest in consideration for troubles experienced during delays in their commissioning process.

Seconded by the Chief of Communications.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

EC09-04 - Disposition of Vic's Lounge Investigation

The CS motioned that the EC decide upon an action but we stay the execution of the action until after the AB has a chance to review the proposed action and have an opportunity for comments, hoping for concurrence.

Shakedown Operations seconds.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

EC09-05 - Action in Michael Urvand's Role in Vic's Lounge

The CS motioned to demote Admiral Michael Urvand to the rank of Vice Admiral as a result of his participation on Vic's Lounge.

The Chief Financial Officer seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

EC09-06 - Action in Kimberly Donohoe's Role in Vic's Lounge

The CS motioned that Vice Admiral Kimberly Donohoe be demoted to the rank of Rear Admiral as a result of her participation on Vic's Lounge based upon the testimony of others.

Computer Operations seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

EC09-07 - Amendment to Urvand Punishment [EC09-05]

The VCS motioned that Michael Urvand's punishment as decided in EC09-05 shall be amended to allow for 1 year's credit of time-in-grade, making Mike eligible for promotion to Admiral on January 18, 2011.

The Chief of Communications seconded.

Result: **Passed:** Aye: 4, Nay: 2, Abstain: 2

Talk to you again in 60 days!

VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Newsletter Contest Announcement and Rules



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As the STARFLEET International Conference is approaching, it is time for the annual Newsletter Contest. This year, awards will be given as follows:

Most Informative Newsletter – one winner

Best Layout of a Newsletter – one winner

Best Overall Newsletter – awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

The rules for the contest are very simple. Those chapters and/or regions wishing to have their newsletter considered for the awards must submit EITHER an electronic copy via email OR a hard copy mailed to the address below before July 15th, 2009. Electronic copies need to be emailed to me at:

comms-vice@sfi.org

...with the subject of "Newsletter Entry." If you are submitting a hard copy, please mail it to:

**Dennis Rayburn
670 Yates Drive
Radcliff, KY 40160**

Entries received after July 8th will not be eligible.

The newsletters will be evaluated by a panel of judges, and their decision will be absolute and final.

The judges and I are looking forward to seeing your submissions, so please send in your newsletters!





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REGION: 7, NEW YORK (USA)

0717-34-756

USS Niagara Celebrates 6 Years in STARFLEET

The *USS Niagara* held its annual anniversary dinner March 21, celebrating six years as an active STARFLEET chapter.



In addition to the crew of the *Niagara*, several distinguished guests were also present. Representing the *USS Inferno*, a Region Seven chapter based in Pittsburg, PA, were COMM Debbie French, Commanding Officer; BGN Larry French, Sr., Executive Officer; and LTJG Sharlene Hupka, Intelligence Officer. Also in attendance at the event were two representatives from the Klingon Assault Group, *Crimson Knight Fleet*. Representing KAG were ADM Krikor Zantai-Jechwl', Fleet Commander; and M MAJ Grelbr Vestai-Tawl'yan, *Crimson Knight Fleet*, Scarlet Shield Quadrant Commander.

COMM Glen Diebold, the *Niagara's* Commanding Officer, kicked off the evening by announcing several promotions. Darlene Topp received her Certificate of Promotion

IN TRUE KLINGON STYLE, ADMIRAL ZANTAI-JECHWL' DIGS IN, WHILE LT. PETRINA WILSON (LEFT) AND M MAJOR VESTAI-TAWL'YAM WAIT FOR THEIR TURN AT THE GRUB. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY TRIZ.

COMMODORE PAWELCZAK READS A TRIVIA QUESTION WHILE DINNER ATTENDEES PREPARE TO ANSWER. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY TRIZ.



confirming her promotion to the rank of Captain; Jeffrey Triz received a promotion to the rank of lieutenant for service to the ship; Jason Metz and Bridgett Pawelczak were promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

The night's activities included a trivia contest consisting of random questions from the different *Star Trek* television series and movies, and the raffling off of two \$25 gas cards. Prizes, in the form of two *Star Trek* ship models—a Federation starship and a Klingon Battle Cruiser—were awarded to the first and second place trivia contest winners. Admiral Zantai-Jechwl' took first place and chose the Battle Cruiser model (I wonder why). Brigadier General French came in a close second and took the starship model. The two gas cards were won by Lieutenant (JG) Hupka and the *Niagara's* own LT Crystal Layman.

The food for the evening was provided by the *USS Niagara's* Logistics Officer, LCDR Ruth Diebold, and included backed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fried chicken, Swedish meatballs, pasta salad, and a garden salad, with an anniversary-themed cake for dessert.



0317-01-0

NAME: REED LIVINGSTON BATES
RANK: CAPTAIN
POSITION: SFI SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR
SHIP: *SPACE STATION FREEDOM III* NCC-SS001
REGION: 3, TEXAS (USA)

SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR, STARFLEET

Donations Needed

How to Donate:

If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Program:

1. If by PayPal send it direct to epayments@sfi.org with comment that it is for Scholarship Fund and which one, and send a copy to CFO-Vice@sfi.org so the Vice CFO of STARFLEET knows to look out for it and can credit the proper scholarship fund. Also, copy the Scholarship Director at scholarships@sfi.org.
2. If donating via check or money order, please make it out to "STARFLEET" and put in the memo line, "Scholarships—Lowest One" or "Scholarships --[Your Choice]" where you fill in your choice in the brackets. Mail your payment to:

STARFLEET
 ATTN: Scholarship Donations
 P.O. Box 94288
 Lubbock, TX 79493

I also suggest sending an email to STARFLEET's Official Discussion List announcing that you made a scholarship and perhaps challenge other members of your chapter, region, or all of STARFLEET to match your donation. If you don't wish to do it yourself but would like the Scholarship Director to do so, then tell me (Reed Bates) so and I will handle it as soon as possible.

I recently started the Region Three Biggest Loser Challenge and have asked that each participant donate at least \$5 to the scholarship program. They can donate more and I hope they do. I challenge everyone in STARFLEET to do the same.

Please note, contributions, donations, or gifts to STARFLEET: the International *Star Trek* Fan Association, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

If you're coming up for renewal, you may also donate when you renew your membership buy clicking the appropriate boxes on the renewal application or on the renewal application online. Some time soon, they may even change it that you can pick an amount to donate instead of only clicking \$1 each.

I thank you very much for your support of the Scholarship Program AND so do the members who receive them each year. Please continue to support this program. Thank you again.

Reed L. Bates, Captain
SFI Scholarship Director
scholarships@sfi.org

The STARFLEET Scholarships need YOU! We especially need money donated for the following scholarships: La Var Burton (Education), James Doohan (Engineering), DeForest Kelly (Medical & Nursing), Armin Shimerman (Business), George Takei (International), and Space Explorers (General). Each one of these named above are all below the \$500 threshold and we cannot hand them out this year unless we have more donations for them.

Currently, we have enough money in only four (4) scholarships. They are Gene Roddenberry (writing), Marina Sirtis (Veterinarian), Patrick Stewart (Performing Arts), and Law & Order (Law Enforcement).

For more information about each Scholarship or to get an application, please see the Scholarship page on the Academy's website under Student Services at:

<http://academy.sfi.org/student/scholarship.shtml>

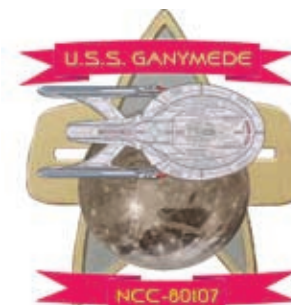
or you can also get an application from Starfleet's website in the download section also has it at:

<http://www.sfi.org/site/download.php>.





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The Origin of the Term “Ship of the Line”

When a ship is commissioned in STARFLEET, her orders and announcements always say that she is now a “ship of the line”. The phrase is taken from naval tradition, but where did it come from?

Beginning with European nations’ first wooden-hulled, sail-powered warships of 14th-century Earth, vessel armament consisted primarily of gunpowder-driven projectiles shot from cannon. Large naval engagements would be fought between fleets of ships. The battle lines would be drawn (another expression taken from naval history) by the each fleet’s admiral or senior officer. Each ship would take position along the battle line across from an opposing ship, too far away for grappling poles and personal weapons, but within cannon range. Pairs of opposing ships would fire broadsides (all or as many cannon as possible simultaneously) at each other until one ship took so much damage that it exploded or sank. If both ships remained afloat after all ammunition was expended, one ship would try to close to grappling range and combat would continue using armed boarding parties. Often, both ships were left barely afloat, severely damaged, burning and adrift, with insufficient crew fit to continue the fight. Escape or rescue was seldom possible,

as few warships of that era carried anything more than a single skiff. Damage control, if it existed, was limited to bucket brigades bailing the bilges by hand. Ships of the line were the most seaworthy and heavily-armed ships a nation could build. Epic battles between fleets of these ships determined what nation would dominate the sea lanes in that region. Ships of the line were used primarily for projecting force.

And so a ship of the line was originally a sailing warship designed for battle with opposing ships of its kind at cannon range, one-on-one. No phasers, no photon or quantum torpedoes, no shields, no emergency force fields to mitigate the effects of a hull



breach, no impulse or warp engines for maneuvering, no subspace radio to summon help, no escape pods or transporters. The ocean was as cold and unforgiving an environment then as the vacuum of space is now.

Although the warrior ethos is firmly entrenched in Klingon culture, in STARFLEET the tradition of ships of the line is not the grim scenario of centuries ago. STARFLEET’s classes of starships are the best designs possible for their assigned missions. Frigates and dreadnoughts are examples primarily meant for battle. Other ship classes are for exploration, science, medical rescue, escort, and colonization. Nearly all of STARFLEET’s starships are armed, but for many the projection of force is not the primary mission. Instead, they must be able to defend themselves to do their jobs.



NAME: ERIC L. WATTS
RANK: CAPTAIN
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371*
REGION: 2, GEORGIA (USA)

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TREKKIES AND TRIBBLES AND KLINGONS, OH MY! THE *USS REPUBLIC* TEAMED UP WITH PETS ARE LOVING SUPPORT (PALS) ATLANTA TO PRESENT A STAR TREK THEME FOR THEIR MONTHLY BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER IN APRIL. HOSTED BY LOCAL DRAG ENTERTAINERS “BUBBA D. LICIOUS” AND “ALEXANDRIA MARTIN,” THIS POPULAR MONTHLY EVENT RAISES MONEY TO HELP CARE FOR THE PETS OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEIR PETS ON THEIR OWN. SEATED: PALS BINGO NIGHT HOSTESS “MARTINA ALEXANDRIA.” STANDING: ATLANTA RADIO PERSONALITY MELISSA CARTER (CO-HOST OF Q100’S “THE BERT SHOW” AND THE NATIONALLY SYNDICATED “TWIST”), *USS REPUBLIC*’S CO ERIC L. WATTS, ZANNETTA LAW, HOSTESS “BUBBA D. LICIOUS”, JEFF TREW, JOANNE TREW, MICHAEL COWART, AND AN UNASSIMILATED BORG. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY ERIC WATTS.

REPUBLIC AND *IKAV NEMESIS* MEMBERS MARCHED TOGETHER AT THE ATLANTA ST. PATRICK’S PARADE. LEFT TO RIGHT: THERESA PARKER, MARK A. OZANICK, *USS REPUBLIC*’S CO ERIC L. WATTS, JOE CAMPBELL, JOANNE TREW, MICHAEL COWART, KEVIN PARKER, JEFF TREW, TONYA SPANKS, AND JOSEPH SCHEUERS. PHOTO BY MIKE ANTOL. BOTH PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE COPYRIGHT © 2009 *USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371*.



these compact Mouse Pads not only light up with a brilliant blue LED light, they also have four USB 2.0 sockets. They connect to your computer with a double-retractable cable, and are imprinted with STARFLEET across the top of the pad. These items are \$26.00 and measure 9" x 7". Postage is \$3 per pad.

Taxes must be applied only for the following states (and are applied before adding postage):

Alabama: 9%; Texas: 8.25%; New York: 8%; North Carolina: 6.75%; Florida: 7.5%.

Payment can be made via paypal to epayments@sfi.org (please make a comment in the "Notes" section at [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) as to what you are buying), or via the mail with a check, money order, or cashier's check made out to STARFLEET, and mailed to:

Pete Mohney
3152 Dolly Ridge Drive
Birmingham AL 35243

Please send any questions to Pete at qm@sfi.org.

For order forms, pictures of all the other items the QM carries, and other information, please see the web page at www.qm.sfi.org.

STARFLEET Polo shirts

These shirts, arrived in stock just a few months ago and come in hunter green in sizes from small to XXXL. They come with a ten year manufacturer's guarantee, and are only \$24, plus \$3 postage.

Order Extra CQs to Help Recruit for STARFLEET and Your Chapter

The Quartermaster's newest item is *Communiqués* for recruiting! Issues #150 and #151 can be ordered in any quantity for 80 cents per copy plus shipping costs. Examples of postage prices for common quantities include: 1 copy: \$1.51; 2 copies: \$2.36; 3-5 copies: \$4.95; 25 copies: \$10.00; 50 copies: \$15.00. Tax for certain states needs to be added prior to postage being added to the total. (See below for tax rates.)



STARFLEET Mouse Pads

The newest item available from the Starfleet Quartermaster.



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NAME: LINDA KLOEMPKEN
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POSITION: STARFLEET MEMBER RECOGNITION, ADMINISTRATOR
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
SHIP: USS CZAR'AK NCC-1798-A
REGION: 6. MINNESOTA (USA)

STARFLEET MEMBER RECOGNITION, ADMINISTRATOR

Flag Officer Promotions











In STARFLEET, promotions up through the rank of Commander (or Lt. Colonel for SFMC) are typically granted by the chapter Commanding Officer. Promotions to Captain (Colonel for SFMC) are typically the responsibility of the Regional Coordinator. Those promotions are usually announced at the chapter and regional level.

on by the 8-member Executive Committee after reviewing nominations submitted by members.

If you have any questions, you may reach Member Recognition Administrator Linda Kloempken at promotions@sfi.org.

Flag Officer ranks are those of Fleet Captain (Brigadier) and above, and those promotions are voted

Congratulations to all of these outstanding members of STARFLEET!

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to	Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
			 				 
George Ann Wheeler	7	USS DeBraak	Fleet Captain	Carolyn Zimdahl	12	USS Bortas	Rear Admiral
Jeffrey Davis	1	USS Indiana	Fleet Captain	Chyrion Stroud	3	USS Tejas	Rear Admiral
Richard Graham	2	USS Khai Tam	Fleet Captain	David Kania	5	USS Wildhorse	Rear Admiral
Bruce O'Brien	11	USS Southern Cross	Brigadier	Douglas Mayo	15	USS Nelson	Rear Admiral
Loraleigh Graves	10	USS Atlantis	Brigadier	Janice Willcocks	4	USS Angeles	Rear Admiral
			 	Joy Flynt	3	ISS Thunderwolf	Rear Admiral
Meg Roach	1	USS Appomattox	Commodore	Keith Marshall	5	USS Daniel Soule	Rear Admiral
Nancy O'Shields	2	USS New Hope	Commodore	Patrick McAndrew	5	USS Antares	Major General
Ron Novak	1	USS Renegade	Commodore				 
Russell Ruhland	2	USS DaVinci	Commodore	Leanna Morgan	5	USS Antares	Vice Admiral
Thomas Pawelczak	7	USS Niagara	Commodore	James Monroe	4	USS William O Darby	Lieutenant General
Jeff Schnoor	3	ISS Thunderwolf	Brigadier General	Raye Crews	2	USS Khai Tam	Lieutenant General
							 
				Pete Mohnvey	2	USS Hephaestus	Admiral





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NAME: EDWIN LESLIE "LES" RICKARD
RANK: FLEET ADMIRAL
POSITION: CHAIR, 2009 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
SHIP: *USS BONAVENTURE* NCC-102-A
REGION: 1, NORTH CAROLINA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER COMMANDER, STARFLEET

CHAIR, 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



2009 STARFLEET International Conference

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEXT GREAT ADVENTURE

Greetings from the IC2009 Launch Control Team!

As I write this short article, we are T-Minus 83 days until STARFLEET's 2009 International Conference takes off for a great weekend--a weekend that celebrates the Small Step a group of people took that started a fan organization that has endured for thirty-five years; a weekend that celebrates the Giant Leap taken by a group of men who dared to accomplish the impossible and land man on the moon forty years ago.

STARFLEET's 2009 International Conference will be held at the Greensboro Airport Marriott in Greensboro, North Carolina from August 6th through the 9th. As I said before, we are a short 83 days from IC weekend. The IC will be here before you know it! Now is the time to register and make your plans to attend. The IC weekend promises to be one of friendship, fellowship, and fun...as well as a productive one in terms of conducting STARFLEET business.

IC registration remains open at the \$35 rate until August 7th when the at-the-door rate of \$40 starts. Besides the registration, members can also reserve their Saturday night banquet ticket for \$35 through June 20th, 2009. Our special guest, astronaut Fred Haise, will speak at the banquet about spaceflight and the Apollo program. There is also the Friday night SFMC Marine Mess, which is also \$35. Finally, we are offering a supporting membership for \$20. Those that choose to support the IC this way will get everything in the membership packet mailed to them at home. To register for the IC weekend, visit our website at www.ic2009.org.

Also, if you are coming to IC, be sure to make your reservation with the host hotel, the Greensboro Airport Marriott. You can find a link to the hotel reservations page on the right side of the IC website www.ic2009.org. Rooms are going fast, and our block is quickly filling up. Once our block is full, room costs will be at the regular room night rate. So reserve your room nights soon.

The 2009 IC will celebrate two milestones: 35 years of STARFLEET and 40 years since the Apollo 11

lunar landing. The weekend will be filled with a series of special events, from an anniversary party with a special cake to a Friday Night SFMC Marine Mess dinner hosted by the STARFLEET Marine Corps. This year's charity will raise money to send a student to the NASA Space Camp in Alabama.

As announced last CQ, we are excited to have a special guest for the weekend that represents the "Giant Leap" of the Apollo Lunar Missions: retired astronaut Fred "Freddo" Haise. Fred, a member of STARFLEET, is spending the weekend with us celebrating our 35 years as well as the 40 years since landing on the moon. Fred will join us in our Friday evening Anniversary celebration. We are also working with Fred to plan a Saturday panel and autograph session. Fred will be our guest and speaker at the Saturday evening banquet.

I am again asking for pictures of fleet members and events from as far back as possible. We would like to put a presentation together celebrating 35 years of Fleet during the weekend. If these pictures are standard film photographs and you cannot convert them, the IC will do so for you and return them. If your pictures are in a digital format, you can send them via email to fleetmemories@gmail.com. We are hoping to find photographs from around the fleet from its beginnings right up to your most recent events of 2009. If you need to mail the photos to us, you can send them to:

Les Rickard
942 Saint Ann Drive
High Point, NC 27265

The IC is planning a special auction for the weekend, on Saturday night after the banquet. If anyone has items they would like to donate for auction, contact the chair, Les Rickard, at chair@ic2009.org. We are working on some special items from the space program as well as movies and TV shows related to the space program. Be sure to come to the auction and look for that special thing that you want to take back with you. Proceeds from the auction will go toward our Space Camp charity.

The IC Program Book is being planned, and ads will be sold to chapters and events. The cost of the ads are ¼ Page \$10.00, ½ Page \$15.00 and Full

Page \$20.00. Ads should be sent to chair@ic2009.org by July 1st 2009. The theme of the event and the program book is retro NASA using mostly black and white. Custom ad work is available from our publications chair, but those ads must also be to me by July 1st 2009.

There will also be local vendors on hand, and panels where members can gather to discuss *Star Trek*, STARFLEET, and other related topics. The discussion panels are still being prepared, and the IC Staff is open to suggestions for panel topics. If anyone attending the IC has any ideas, by all means, feel free to contact the IC Staff with your suggestions. After all, this is your IC, and we want you to be a part of it and contribute to its success.

I have mentioned it already, but to register for the 2009 International Conference, reserve your room at the Marriott, or just get updates, check out the official IC web site at www.ic2009.org. Our web site is the member's one-stop shop for IC09 information. As the IC draws closer, that is the place to go for questions about programming, events, and any guests that are attending the IC. It also gives you helpful links to the hotel, the surrounding Greensboro area, and much more.

You can reserve your room at the Marriott online reservations page by clicking the Hotel Reservation link on the front page of the IC 2009 web site. You can also reserve your rooms by calling the Marriott Reservations line at 1-800-228-9290 or the hotel at 1-336-852-6450. If you do, mention the IC's reservation code "stastaa" to get our special rate of \$95.00 a night plus tax.

Come visit with the Marines during Friday night's Marine Mess dinner. Attend panels on all things STARFLEET and *Star Trek* Saturday afternoon. Enjoy our anniversary banquet Saturday night, then dance with us into the wee hours, enjoying the friendship and fellowship of your fellow members. Take that "One Small Step..." and register for this year's IC and Anniversary Celebration. Then come and enjoy our hospitality as we make "One Giant Leap!" with a fun filled STARFLEET International Conference.

For more information about the IC, contact Les Rickard at chair@ic2009.org.





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RANK: VICE ADMIRAL

POSITION: DEPUTY FLEET HISTORIAN

OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER

SHIP: USS BLACK HAWK NCC-75004

REGION: 12, ILLINOIS (USA)

ACHIEVEMENTS: DIRECTOR-EMERITUS, STARFLEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS; COMPOSITOR & EDITOR, STARFLEET HISTORY WEBSITE

DEPUTY FLEET HISTORIAN

A Brief History of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. (Part 2)

The following is Part 2 of the History of STARFLEET as written by By Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon and Admiral Chris Wallace, with the assistance of Vice Admiral Scott Akers and Admiral Christopher L. Smith.

When part 1 ended, Admiral Rob Lerman had become the 8th Fleet Admiral and Commander, STARFLEET, in January 1993, after a rather controversial election. The Lerman administration had its share of problems, including massive tax penalties resulting from mistakes made when Fleet Admiral Maddox incorporated STARFLEET back in 1990.

The next election in 1994 was to be even more contentious than the last. Admiral Dan McGinnis was again running for the position of Commander, STARFLEET. With a new slate of backers, Fleet Admiral Lerman ran for reelection, and Rear Admiral Janis Moore entered the fray. This time, Admiral McGinnis would win the plurality of votes, thus being elected the 9th Commander, STARFLEET. However the outgoing Executive Committee refused to seat him due to the continuing financial scandal, taking the unprecedented step of revoking his membership. The Executive Committee did, however, swear in the Vice Commander-Elect, STARFLEET - Admiral Deborah Nelson.

Nelson's first act as interim Commander, STARFLEET, was to restore Admiral McGinnis to STARFLEET. Then Nelson named him her Vice Commander, then resigned as Commander, STARFLEET. Consequently in the end and in less than a day after his dismissal from STARFLEET, Dan McGinnis became Fleet Admiral and the Commander, STARFLEET. Fleet Admiral McGinnis then appointed Admiral Nelson as Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

Strife and disagreement were hallmarks for the Administration of Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis. The 'Questar Debacle,' which actually broke a few months into his administration, haunted Fleet Admiral McGinnis throughout his tenure. This arose from Admiral McGinnis' alleged failure to pay *Star Trek: The Next Generation* star Wil 'Wesley Crusher' Wheaton for appearing at conventions hosted by Questar, a company owned by Fleet Admiral McGinnis. Although some STARFLEET members tried to work with the new administration, others were less cooperative and more vocal.

There were several members who, throughout the first few months of 1995, called for Fleet Admiral McGinnis to resign. The most vocal of these members were former McGinnis

Vice Chief of Staff, Fleet Captain 'Ranger' Michael D. Smith, Region 15 Coordinator Rear Admiral Alan Ravitch and former candidate for the CS position, Rear Admiral Janis Moore, who at the time was serving as Region 4 Coordinator. The most vocal and scathing of these voices belonged to Fleet Captain 'Wild Bill' Herrmann, CO of the *USS Rutledge*.

These attacks on Fleet Admiral McGinnis came to a head during the 1995 International Conference in Atlanta when charges of 'Conduct Unbecoming an Officer' and 'Violation of the Officer Code of Conduct' were brought against

During this time of conflict within STARFLEET, many regions and chapters chose to concentrate on their local and regional functions. But some chapters and members decided to withdraw from STARFLEET, some of whom would form another Star Trek Fan Organization.

In the summer of 1996, the United Federation of Planets Internationale (UFPI), was established. Many saw this organization as an alternative to STARFLEET, others saw it as trying to split, break up, or even destroy STARFLEET. The number of chapters withdrawing to the UFPI hit Region 4 especially hard.

The IRS issue was still on the burner. Fleet Admiral McGinnis revealed that STARFLEET still owed back taxes, but he was filing the appropriate forms to make sure that STARFLEET would owe no more. However, no evidence has been found to substantiate that Fleet Admiral McGinnis had ever done this.

But problems with the McGinnis Administration started to come to a climax shortly before the 1996 International Conference in Oklahoma City when the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Deborah Nelson-Maestu, resigned.

Rear Admiral Paula 'Coyote' Schaff was appointed Vice Commander, STARFLEET, while still retaining her position as Region 12 Coordinator. But within a month, Admiral Schaff resigned abruptly, citing the

lack of communications and cooperation with Fleet Admiral McGinnis and STARFLEET HQ.

At that moment, Fleet Admiral McGinnis announced before the beginning of November, 1996 that he would resign the position of Commander, STARFLEET, as well as his own STARFLEET membership, effective on Nov. 14. As McGinnis had yet to appoint a new Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Commodore James Herring, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, and next in the line of succession, became the 3rd Interim Commander, STARFLEET. Commodore Herring refused to take a promotion to the rank of Fleet Admiral, citing the length of time he would be in office, but was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

It was only after Admiral Herring had to personally 'retrieve' records, files, and other materials from Fleet Admiral McGinnis that the truth came out. STARFLEET was in serious trouble both financially and physically. The only trace of funds belonging to STARFLEET to be found were those belonging

35 Years

of



Ravitch and Moore. Admiral Moore was accused of releasing materials (given to her by what appeared to be the Wheaton people) that Fleet Admiral McGinnis felt was a personal problem best handled privately by the courts. Admiral Ravitch was very vocal over the unofficial STARFLEET Listserve. The consequences of these actions would lead to both their dismissals as Regional Coordinators.

A year later, during IC96 in Oklahoma City, Captain Herrmann was brought up on the same charges for his outspokenness over the STARFLEET Listserve, which led to his being reduced in rank to Captain and dismissed as CO of the *Rutledge*. The officers and crew of the *Rutledge* refused to recognize the dismissal, standing by Captain Herrmann as their CO.



to the Scholarship funds. Traces of funds belonging to STARFLEET and other charitable programs administered by STARFLEET were not found at that time.

In response to this unprecedented appearance of duplicity and circumvention by the former Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Herring, acting with the powers of the Fleet Admiral's office and with the approval of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, stripped Fleet Admiral McGinnis of his lifetime membership, which is granted to any former Commander, STARFLEET, as well as taking the unparalleled step of demoting Fleet Admiral McGinnis to the rank of Captain. This was a superfluous action toward McGinnis, as he had already left the organization.

It was during this time the word was sent out to those who had membership renewals due before the end the year to delay their renewals until the next administration assumed power. It was also found that hundreds of membership forms had not been processed. This took until mid-1997 before all these membership forms, as well as the membership forms for those who waited until 1997 to send them in, were finally processed in full.

Meanwhile, attempts to hold the elections of for Commander, STARFLEET, were well underway, despite Captain McGinnis' disinterest and obstruction. Three candidates appeared, Captain John Maestu, Admiral Schaff, and Fleet Captain Michael D. Smith. The voting was delayed because of Captain McGinnis' lack of cooperation before his resignation came into effect. Nevertheless, due to efforts of the Chief of Communications, Rear Admiral Doug Glenn, the election was held on January 3, 1998. Admiral Glenn announced that Michael D. Smith was elected the 10th Commander, STARFLEET.

The first step of the new Michael D. Smith Administration was to reverse the demotion of Captain Bill Herrmann and restore his rank of Fleet Captain. Then Smith issued a statement of apology to Admirals Alan Ravitch and Janis Moore, symbolically rescinding the removal order, noting that although he could not restore them to their previous positions (now held by others), he could restore some dignity to them.

Fleet Admiral Smith also declared that all forms of communications, in particular electronic or e-mail communications, could and would be considered an official way to communicate with STARFLEET, even though the old way, postal mail, was still acceptable. The McGinnis Administration declared electronic forms of communication, especially e-mail, unofficial and thus not to be used during his term of office.

The need for real reform was seen as necessary, so Fleet Admiral Smith appointed a new committee to fashion a new Constitution for STARFLEET. The committee actively sought out the help and advice of all STARFLEET members, keeping the membership updated periodically. Thus, the REFORM of STARFLEET became a hallmark of the Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith Administration.

This document would make the Commander, STARFLEET, more accountable to the membership, take the Executive Committee out of the Admiralty Board, as well as guarantee chapter autonomy and member's rights. The new Constitution was complete and voted on at the end of 1998. It was ratified by a wide margin and put into effect in January of 1999.

Unfortunately, it was reported at the time that the lack of funds inherited from the McGinnis Administration put STARFLEET in the red by more than \$5,000. However, a recent report

from Admiral Chuck Freas reported that figure as closer to \$18,000 inherited from the McGinnis Administration (There were rumors that said that the totals came closer to \$50,000, but this was unsubstantiated).

A novel idea was implemented to only raise the much-needed capital. An Internet auction, organized and led by the Region 3 Command Staff, injected hundreds of welcome dollars which went to help pay this rather large debt. Later, these monies were used to infuse the Scholarship funds. Also, the *Communiqué* was converted from a magazine format into a small newspaper in order to save money in printing.

Then the biggest news of the Smith Administration came on the IRS front almost a year later. Admiral Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, as well as being a Tax Lawyer, negotiated with the IRS on behalf of STARFLEET. In the end, the IRS forgave STARFLEET all back taxes and penalties incurred. This included a sizeable refund of all penalties paid to the IRS. This enabled STARFLEET to pay all outstanding debts, as well as placing the organization back in the BLACK financially.

When Fleet Admiral Smith took office, he also stated that any former members and chapters that wished to rejoin STARFLEET might do so unfettered by possible retribution. In order to facilitate this, a new department, the Existing Fan Club Program, was instituted to allow those chapters that had withdrawn from STARFLEET to efficiently rejoin. It also allowed other existing fan clubs that had no attachment to STARFLEET previously to also join STARFLEET without going through the Shuttle Program. The first Director of the EFCP was Commander Dennis Rayburn, who had helped in the creation of the UFPI the year before.

The 1997 International Conference was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and the 1998 IC was held in Lubbock, Texas. Both were a celebration of Trekdom and STARFLEET. The Lubbock IC was capped off with the surprise attendance of Fleet Admiral John Bradbury, the first Commander, STARFLEET. STARFLEET had truly come full circle with Bradbury's presence at IC98.

When it came time for the 1998 election, there were a couple of dozen nominees that had received nominations, but only one person obtained the necessary 5 nominations in order to qualify as a candidate for Commander, STARFLEET--Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith. Thus, the 1998 election became a Vote of Confidence the Smith Administration.

STARFLEET celebrated its greatest moment as the 1999 International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina was held. STARFLEET celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 1999 and patted itself on the back. The organization had come from almost near collapse to say it was again at the forefront of fan-based *Star Trek* Fandom. It was, to that point, the most attended International Conference ever.

The 2000 International Conference was held in Burlington, Vermont during the weekend of July 28-30, with the 2001 International Conference returning to Kansas City, Missouri. And for only the second time since National/International Conferences had been staged, in the year 2002 IC, will be held in San Jose, California.

The year 2000 (also affectionately known as Y2K) started off with the resignation of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Chuck Freas. Fleet Admiral Smith then appointed Admiral Gordon Goldberg, who was serving as Chief of Communications to fill the unexpired term of the Vice Commander.

In the summer of 2000, the first elections under the new constitution commenced. On July 16th, 2000 Election Coordinator, Admiral Allyson Dyar, announced that Lieutenant General Edwin L. "Les" Rickard (SFMC), and Vice Admiral Robert Westfall were to vie for the position of succeeding Fleet Admiral Smith as Commander, STARFLEET in 2001. On November 17th, Admiral Dyar, announced that General Rickard was to become the 11th Commander, STARFLEET, assuming the rank of Fleet Admiral, on January 1st, 2001.

STARFLEET had started as the Starship *USS Enterprise* Fan Club in 1974, and now with the new millennium about to start with the new administration of the 11th Commander. STARFLEET, membership was close to 5000 members and more than 300 chapters worldwide.

The 2000 International Conference was held in Burlington, Vermont during the weekend of July 28-30, with the 2001 International Conference returning to Kansas City, Missouri (where one of the first ICs had been held back in 1992). The 2002 IC was held in San Jose, California.

(Editorial Note: The following paragraphs have been added by Jon Lane to bring the history from the year 2000 to the present.)

As a brief summary of 2002 through today, the Les Rickard administration was followed by the 12th Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Michael Malotte, who took office on January 1st, 2003. The Malotte administration was followed by the election of Fleet Admiral Mandi Livingston as CS starting in 2005. However, accusations of an election scandal resulted in Fleet Admiral Livingston resigning during her first six months in office, to be replaced by the ascension of General Les Rickard once again to the position of Commander, STARFLEET. While completing the remainder of Mandi Livingston's term, Rickard (a soldier in the U.S. military) was shipped out to the Middle East. While Rickard remained connected to STARFLEET through e-mail and phone contacts, his Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, General Mark H. Anbinder, stepped in to become Acting Commander, STARFLEET until the end of Rickard's term. Les Rickard is now back safely from his tour of duty.

During the Livingston/Rickard administration, the STARFLEET Constitution was amended to give the Commander, STARFLEET a 3-year term instead of the previous 2-year term. Also, it was further amended that a Commander, STARFLEET could not serve two consecutive terms in office.

In the latter half of 2007, STARFLEET held its most recent election, and for the first time in our history, four candidates ran for the office. The winner was a former Executive Committee member who served in multiple previous administrations: Sal Lizard. Taking office on January 1st, 2008, Fleet Admiral Lizard is the 15th individual to hold the elected position of Commander, STARFLEET.

Despite the cancellation of *Star Trek: Enterprise* and the lack of any new *Star Trek* television show or movie for nearly five years, STARFLEET has endured well. While membership totals dropped from the 5,000 member level, the club has nevertheless endured, waiting patiently for the new *Star Trek* film and the rebirth of enthusiasm for the franchise we all love. Still strong with over 3,500 members in over 200 chapters on four different continents, STARFLEET continues the proud tradition started over 35 years ago by a small group of *Star Trek* fans in Texas.





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Tribute to a Goddess: A Stranger Remembers Majel Barrett Roddenberry

When I heard the news of the Majel Barrett Roddenberry's passing, I was sad, to say the least. I knew, however, that she would want us to celebrate her life, not mourn her death. The first thing I did was to send my condolences to Rod Roddenberry via the e-mail address share@roddenberry.com, which was specifically created to handle the outpouring of emotions prompted by her memory. I sent Rod the following message:

I always affectionately referred to Majel Barrett Roddenberry as "the Goddess" because to me, she was always on a pedestal raised above the rest of humanity. Her kind heart and talented mind have helped Star Trek mature from her late husband's dream without straying from its principles. She will be missed dearly by this avid Trekkie, who is deeply saddened by the loss of one of his heroes.

Alec Frazier, 22, Ithaca, NY

In return, I got three things: a guarantee that Rod

would get around to personally reading my email, a really nice form letter which nonetheless was full of his heartfelt gratitude, and a PDF copy of the memorial booklet that he has compiled in her honor.

My second order of business was to "rally the troops," if you will. I proposed a special gathering of the *USS Accord* in Majel's honor. Many members agreed to my proposal, and that it should take the form of a lunch at a local restaurant. Since I am not on the *Accord's* Executive Board, the duty of officially announcing the intent to hold the lunch fell to my best friend and CO, Captain Will Devine. Our Chief Engineer, General Mark H. Anbinder, suggested that we hold the lunch on Saturday, January 24th at a local Chinese food restaurant to celebrate the incoming Year of the Ox.

So at 11:30 a.m. at the Jade Garden on Aurora St. in Ithaca, I patiently waited to see who all would turn up. In addition to Will and Mark, our XO, Captain Alan Rose, and Commander

Sandra Kisner were present. We talked about events in town, what we did for fun recently, and what we planned to do. It was business as usual, and there isn't any other way that Majel would have wanted it.

At this point you all may be asking, "So Alec, what's your connection to Majel?" The answer is simple: I don't have one. I never met her. I never had any correspondence with her. Majel's love and dedication to her work was so great, that the fact that I knew about her made me love her as a person. And that, my fellow Fleeters, was good enough for me.

LIEUTENANT J.G. ALEC FRAZIER AT *USS ACCORD'S* RECENT CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF MAJEL BARRETT RODDENBERRY, AN EVENT HE HELPED ORGANIZE. ALEC DISPLAYS THE MEMORIAL FOLDER HE RECEIVED FROM MAJEL'S SON, EUGENE "ROD" RODDENBERRY, IN APPRECIATIVE RECOGNITION OF ALEC'S WORDS OF CONDOLENCE. PHOTO BY GEN. MARK H. ANBINDER.



USS AURORA NX-72707



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The Aurora's "Trusty Towel" Donation

It began with my wife's (the *Aurora's* XO's) birthday. Each year, we have some sort of themed party for either her or my birthday. This year it was her turn. She was also turning 42; and if you've ever read or seen or read *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, you'd know this number is The Answer--the answer to "life, the universe, and everything"--and this meant we had to have the party themed for *Hitchhiker's Guide* fun. It was our moral imperative to do so!

There was, of course, a lot of planning for fish-themed foods and decorations. After all, we had to let people say, "So long, and thanks for all the fish!" as is done in the book and movie, when all was said and done. And we had a sing-a-long to the song of the same name, instead of the familiarly rousing "Happy Birthday" tune. The cake was decorated fairly plainly, aside from the little green planet with arms and its flippantly nonchalant grin.

But what set this theme up to be different from past parties was that we would be doing something to help our community. We had planned to gather towels and washcloths from our attendees by sending out invitations that included the phrase, "Don't forget your trusty towel", and allowing them the choice to come in their pajamas, bathrobes, and house-slippers, dressed just as the main character does as he goes through the movie.

The towels would be kept aside for the PAWS--Progressive Animal Welfare Society (<http://www.paws.org/>)--but we soon discovered they

don't take such donations. So, with just a slight shift of our thoughts to who might benefit from this contribution, we checked our local animal shelters and Humane Society. It turned out that most shelters only accept monetary contributions, if that, and many will only accept letters of request for aid to the shelter for grant monies. But the Humane Society (<http://www.hsus.org/>) did accept donations of food, towels, washcloths and blankets for the animals in need that are brought to their agency.

They would benefit from our collection of "trusty towels" made by the attendees of my wife's party!

When the day arrived, some people forgot their donation, while others had thought to donate extra. All considered, and with the amount of fun that was had for the event, we still managed to gather about 5 pounds worth of towels from a total of only 12 people who attended the party. That wasn't bad at all! We thought we might just continue to put together other events where friends and friends-of-friends could bring us their "trusty towels" to build up a larger donation to the Humane Society. Our first donation was 10 pounds worth of goods for this wonderful organization that helps the other animals who share this world with us.

From there, the idea has blossomed, as people continue to bring us their new and gently used towels, blankets, and washcloths. We have another load ready to take to a local mission in the region, the Union Gospel Mission (<http://www.ugm.org/site/PageServer?pagename=default>), and are continuing to collect more.

For those who wish to help, but cannot convince their own STARFLEET chapter to seek out such agencies in their own regions, we are more than happy to accept donations on their behalf. (No CODs please.)

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**CMDR BRIAN PICKETT (CO) AND HIS WIFE LCDR KATHI PICKETT (XO).
 PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRIAN PICKETT.**



THE RED CARPET PREMIERE OF *STAR TREK* IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA



THEY LOVED OUR NEW STARFLEET FLIERS! FANS IN THE BLEACHERS WERE STARING DIRECTLY INTO THE SETTING SUN. AFTER HANDING OUT STARFLEET FLIERS, FOLKS IMMEDIATELY FOUND A USE FOR THEM. HEY, AT LEAST THEY KEPT 'EM! PHOTO BY JON LANE.



CAPTAIN JONATHAN KRIEGER (*USS LEONIDAS*) AND COMMODORE JON LANE WAIT IN THE BLEACHERS FOR THE CELEBRITIES TO ARRIVE. PHOTO BY DIANE GIFFORD.



STAR TREK LANDS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS PHOTO FROM A NEWS HELICOPTER SHOWS THE WHOLE SET-UP. THE THEATER ENTRANCE IS AT THE TOP OF THE PICTURE. ON THE RIGHT ARE THE BLEACHERS WHERE FANS SAT. LIMOUSINES DROPPED OFF CELEBRITIES AT THE BOTTOM, AND THEY WALKED PAST THE FANS AND PAPARAZZI INTO THE INSIDE OF A *STAR TREK* DELTA SHIELD EMBLEM TO TALK TO THE PRESS...THEN INTO THE THEATER.



USS ANGELES MEMBER MAX CERVANTES SHOWS OFF HIS BURGER KING "KIRK"--FREEBIE TOYS WERE GIVEN OUT TO ALL THE FANS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



FANS IN THE STANDS WITH VULCAN HANDS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



USS ANGELES CREW MEMBERS IN THE THEATER AFTER THE *STAR TREK* MOVIE PREMIERE. THEY LOVED IT! PHOTO BY JON LANE.



THE PRESS WAS IMPRESSED. SOME OF THE CREW OF THE *USS LEONIDAS* DROVE SIX HOURS FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA TO LOS ANGELES FOR THE PREMIERE. THEY INSISTED ON WEARING THEIR UNIFORMS, AND THE MEDIA COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF THEM. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



USS ANGELES MEMBER LUIS VALENTINE SALUTES IN THE THEATER LOBBY. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

Next issue will have more photos from chapter events at *Star Trek* theater premieres around the country, plus opinions and reviews from members.

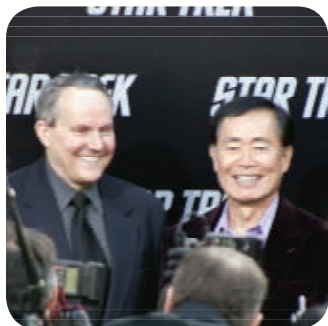


TREK STARS COME OUT TO SEE THE NEW FILM ON APRIL 30, 2009

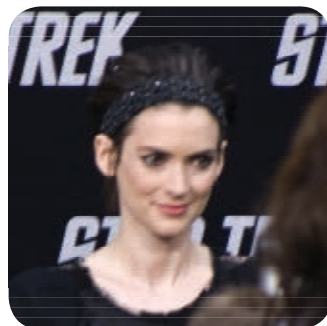
It was a veritable "Who's Who" of Hollywood celebrities! In addition to the cast and producers of the new *Star Trek* movie (and some cast and producers of the previous incarnations of *Trek*), lots of other stars showed their inner Trekkie side as they walked in, one after another. Obviously, many actors from J.J. Abrams' two hit TV series, *Lost* and *Fringe*, attended, as well as many of Zachary (Spock) Quinto's fellow actors from *Heroes*. But it didn't stop there. Below is just a sample of some of the famous faces who showed up at the Hollywood premiere. There were lots more, too many to photograph everyone! All photos by Jon Lane.



WALTER KOENIG (CHEKOV).



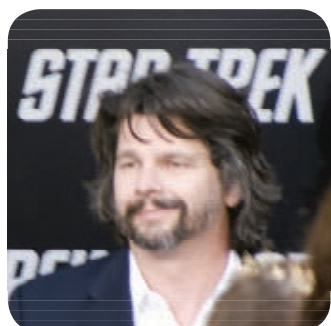
GEORGE TAKEI (SULU) & HUSBAND BRAD ALTMAN.



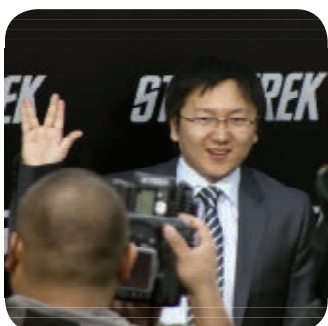
WINONA RYDER (SPOCK'S MOTHER AMANDA). ROD RODDENBERRY (SON OF STAR TREK'S CREATOR).



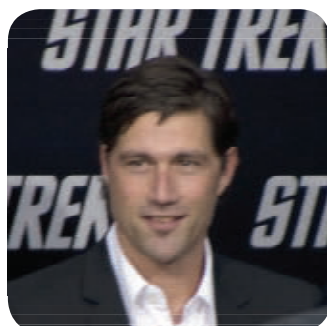
ENTRANCE TO GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATER (IT WAS ACTUALLY A BLACK, NOT RED, CARPET).



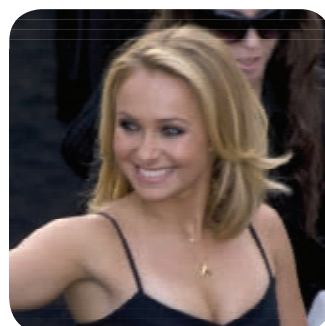
RON MOORE (STAR TREK AND BSG PRODUCER).



MASI OKA (HEROES).



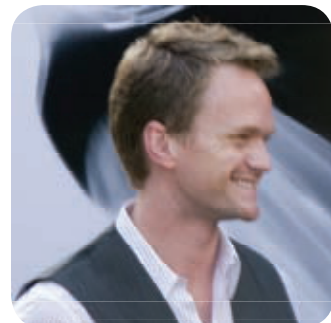
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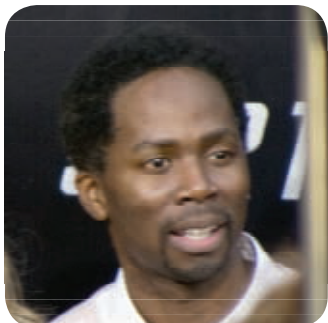
HAYDEN PANETTIERE (HEROES).



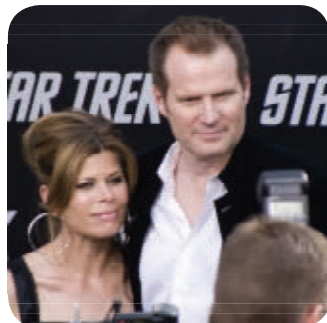
MARINA SIRTIS (COUNSELOR DEANNA TROI) AND JONATHAN FRAKES (WILLIAM RIKER).



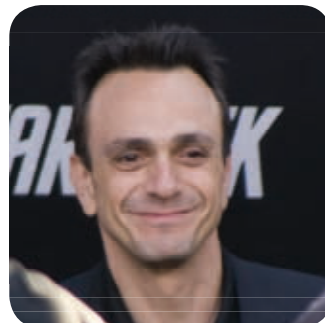
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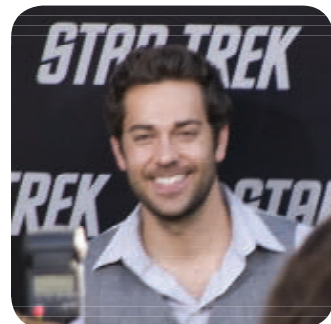
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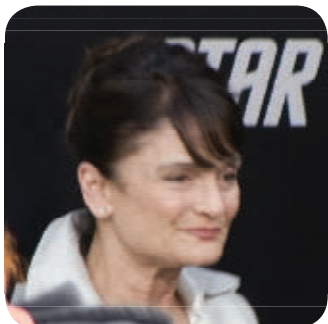
JACK COLEMAN (HEROES) AND BETH TOUSSAINT.



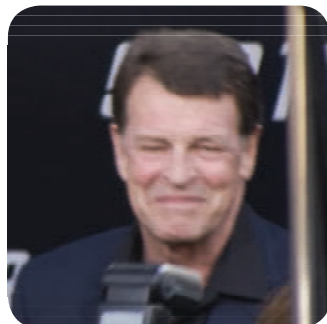
HANK AZARIA (TV AND FILM ACTOR).



ZACHARY LEVI (CHUCK).



CHRISTINE ROSE (HEROES).



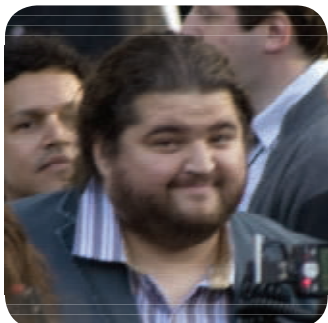
JOHN NOBLE (FRINGE).



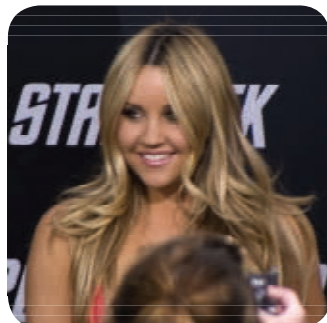
CHRISTIAN SLATER (TV AND FILM ACTOR).



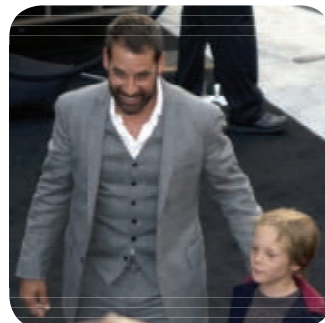
TORI SPELLING (TV ACTRESS AND AUTHOR).



JORGE GARCIA (LOST).



AMANDA BYNES (TV AND FILM ACTRESS).



ADRIAN PASDAR (HEROES) AND HIS SON.



EVEN THE BURGER KLINGONS MADE A SPECIAL APPEARANCE.



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Jason Momoa, Rachel Luttrell, Robert Picardo, and Ethan Phillips will sign Photo Op photos for no additional charge during the Official Autograph Sessions on Saturday and Sunday. There is a change from previous years though, as this will count as your one free item. If you wish to have an item signed in addition to the Photo Op or wish to have more than one Photo Op photo signed the price will be \$10 per Photo Op photo. The other guests will be charging a fee (amount to be determined by the actor) for their autographs, but have agreed to not exceed \$10, to sign the Photo Op Photos.

Also with us this year are the following writers, scientists, and performers (more as they are confirmed): Paul Abell, Lucy Albert, Ilisa J Bick, Chuck Blue, Kirk Borne, Greg Cox, Kathleen David, Peter David, Keith DeCandido, Kevin Dilmore, Michael Jan Friedman, Dave Galanter, Robert Greenberger, Glenn Hauman, Jim Johnson, Yoji Kondo, William Leisner, David Mack, Terri Osborne, Charles Quirk, Roberta Rogow, Amy Sisson, Ray Villard, Dayton Ward, Howard Weinstein, Luna-C and The Boogie Knights.

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STARFLEET's Legal Expenses Explained

**A long-overdue interview with
Sal Lizard, conducted by Jon Lane
(Part 2)**



Last year, STARFLEET retained the services of a legal firm, Hurwit & Associates, to help us with a number of issues which Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard (the Commander, STARFLEET) and the Executive Committee at the time felt were important to address. Over the course of approximately six months, our law firm provided us with \$9,100 in legal services.

But what, precisely, did we spend our money on? What services did we receive, and why were those services necessary in the first place?

These questions and more were on the minds of many concerned individuals who felt that STARFLEET's paying membership deserved to know what their dues were buying. But for months, no details were forthcoming from Sal Lizard or the Executive Committee.

When I joined the EC, I felt strongly that this information needed to be shared with the general membership. What I discovered is that nothing was being purposefully hidden, but rather, what our \$9,100 had bought us--information, consultation, review, letters, feedback, advice, and more--was so extensive and far-reaching, so complex and intricate, that Sal Lizard had no idea where to even start explaining it all. And to be honest, no one else was stepping up to volunteer to figure out how to explain it all to the membership either.

I set up a series of recorded conference calls with Sal Lizard and Sal's Chief of Staff, Sam Black. Two calls and over five recorded hours later, I finally had the answers to what I believe are most of the questions the membership has wanted explained.

I present here the second part of the transcript of my conversation with Sal, his answers word-for-word. My hope is that members read this interview in the spirit it was conducted: with an open mind and a desire for transparency regarding the thought processes and actions of our elected Commander, STARFLEET.

*- Commodore Jon Lane
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET*

When last we left off, Sal and I were at March 20th, 2008, looking at the services which were listed for a one-hour long phone call: "Various Liability and

Fiduciary Obligation Questions and Amendment to Organizational Documents - Respond to Question Re: Youth Policy." Sal had explained about the Youth Policy first, and now we continue with his answers about the rest of those items...

Jon Lane: So, also on this one-hour call, you talked about "Various Liability and Fiduciary Obligation Questions and Amendment to Organizational Documents." So what was that all about?

Sal Lizard: Right. Well, first off, she told us that our Articles of Incorporation were not correct, and that they needed to be amended. Actually, we had a paralegal from Region 3 working on the amendments, and we actually got the amendments written. But we still haven't filed it yet.

Jon: Filed it how?

Sal: Oh, we have to file them with the Secretary of State of North Carolina.

Jon: Why have we not done that? This has obviously been almost a year.

Sal: Well, because of the fact that...first of all, it was discussed at the IC, and at the IC, I said I would send them over to the AB. And to be quite honest with you, I haven't done it yet. Other things on my mind, and it slipped my mind.

Jon: Sam, are you still on the phone?

Sam Black: Yeah, I'm still here.

Sal: Sam's taking all these notes about things I have to do. But one of the things that happened was, she pointed out that, in her opinion, I could still legally dismantle the AB if I wanted to...because our Articles of Incorporation give me that power to do that. Now, of course, that's been argued. And I certainly wouldn't want to do that because then I would be out of STARFLEET so fast it would make everybody's head spin! But it's something that I went to the AB and pointed out that the Articles--I even pointed out on STARFLEET-L (which kind of alienated Mike Malotte and myself)--but I pointed out that these things have been wrong for a while, and if they had been reviewed occasionally by somebody--with regards to the legality of changing

times... That's the thing: back when they were filed in 2005, that was the good boiler plate back then. But now it's all changed, and not only that, but if the wording had been reviewed by a lawyer, they probably would have straightened some of those things out, and everything would have been okay today.

The Articles of Incorporation supercede our Constitution, and yet, they're written in such a way that there's stuff in them that shouldn't be in them, that should be in the Constitution. That way we don't have to keep refilling amendments all the time at a cost...although we are going to have to file one more set of amendments at a cost with this amendment. Actually, it's not called an amendment; it's called a "Restatement of Articles of Incorporation".

Jon: Well, it sounds like this is an important thing, and you really do need to put it on your priority list.

Sal: It'll be something that we need to get to the AB right after this vote is done. Right now, the AB is voting to confirm the IG. [Note from Jon: that vote is now completed and confirmed Wade Hoover as the Inspector General of STARFLEET.] And they've got two other things on their plate right now. So as soon as I clear this off, I'll put that on their plate also.

Jon: Sounds like a plan. Okay, so also on the 20th, a third of an hour was spent with her boss for "Consideration: Organizational Documents, Potential Harm and Liability." So basically she's once again going and checking with her boss.

Sal: Uh huh.

Jon: You then proceeded to chat with her again on the 24th: "Telephone conference with Sal Lizard Re: Various Intra-Membership Controversies." Half an hour. What did you kvetch to her about on that call...any ideas?

Sal: Hmmm, I'd have to think about it. I can't really recall what I talked to her about on that specific call. I think we might've started getting into Dave Lowe.

Jon: Pretty early for Dave Lowe, but that's 3/24/08.

Sal: Well, I might've mentioned it to her.

Jon: Well, the thing is that it's only a half hour, so it



could still be considered the lawyer getting to know STARFLEET.

Sal: Yeah, I think I probably was just talking to her about things in general. But if it had to do with “interpersonal,” I would be willing to bet that’s about the time STARFLEET FAIL came up, and we talked a little bit about it. Because I know she told me there were some things I couldn’t do anything about—or it wouldn’t be worth me doing anything about.

Jon: Okay. And then she discussed “Membership issues, options, and outcomes” with her boss later on that day on the 24th, and you have a third of an hour that was billed, and you’ve got a quarter of an hour that was unbilled. So apparently the managing partner decided to give you a little bit of a break.

Sal: Oh, that must have been at the time when I told her, “Hey, Tracey, every time I call you, does your telephone ringer sound like a cash register drawer opening?” And she goes, “What?” And I said, “When your phone rings, does it go ‘k’ching, k-ching’?” She laughs and goes, “If I can find that WAV file, it will.”

Jon: Well, it’s true, actually. But you would be surprised how often attorneys actually *under* bill. I mean, I know people all think about attorneys over billing—and that does happen with a lot of firms. But for my wife, there are many time when she is told to not bill hours to a client, only because the client has been brought in by a partner, and the partner is well aware of how much that client has to spend, and Wendy may be doing three or four hours worth of work, but each one of my wife’s hours is \$335 or whatever it is, so three hours of her work is a thousand dollars. And the partner may say, “You know, look, bill that out at \$500. Put the other half of your time on just general, unbillable stuff...which actually pisses off my wife because she actually gets her bonus based on how many hours she bills. So if she works on a billable project that she can’t bill, it actually affects her income. But partners can do that to associates. It’s sort of standard operating procedure. But just so you know that there is, at least in some law firms, a sensitivity to the fact that if you over bill a client too much—and it’s not just that people are feeling nice and generous—is they realize if they over bill you, you’re gonna walk away. And it’s better to bill a client consistently a few thousand dollars a month than to bill a client twenty thousand dollars for the first month and have them walk away forever.

Sal: This had to be around that time that I was telling her that we were starting to get the invoices in, and this was costing me far more than I expected, at this point, and that we really needed to watch our time.

Jon: Well, it looks like you did, in fact, start to watch your time after this, because this first bill is the

biggest of the bunch. This was a \$4,323 bill...of which there is one more hour and a quarter that you spent with her on the 27th, “Telephone conference with Sal Lizard re: organizational documents, review Sal Lizard’s draft e-mail to AB.” So what was this drafted e-mail to the AB that she was reviewing? What were you trying to tell the AB?

Sal: This is the one where I talked to the AB about the fact that they weren’t passing out the information that they were supposed to be doing according to the Constitution...the good stuff that Headquarters does. The one where I challenged the AB to do their job fairly instead of feeding all of our detractors just the negative stuff--stuff I talked to them about. Instead, how about telling them some of the good things that the EC is doing? That’s your job, too.

Jon: Okay, so that sounds a little self-serving. So now I’m the voice of the membership again. So we spent what looks like about \$400--she talked “re: organizational documents,” but she also reviewed Sal Lizard’s draft e-mail to the AB...

Sal: That just took her a few minutes.

Jon: It just took her a few minutes...okay.

Sal: It wasn’t a real long e-mail, it was just an e-mail. She reviewed it and said, “Yes, looks good to me.”

Jon: Okay, so we did not spend \$400 for her to review an e-mail to the AB, it just was a couple of minutes. And she told you...what?

Sal: She just told me that it looked good, it was fine.

Jon: Okay...

Sal: And correct with regards to our documents.

Jon: Okay, so five minutes...would you say?

Sal: Yeah, it didn’t take her long to read it. I sent it over to her while I was talking to her, and she kinda read over it and she said, “Oh, yeah, in my understanding of your corporate documents, this is fine, and it certainly is correct.” That’s basically what she told me. And so I sent it then to the AB.

Jon: So, anyway, we are now on to the next billable invoice, and the date on this is May 8th when it was sent to us, and it looks like it covers a few lingering things from March. Apparently there were two bits of hours that the partner did not report on the 18th of March. I’m gonna guess that he’s just coming on board to double check things, but you’ve got, on 3/18 you’ve got 0.6 hours of “Review revisions supplement memo re: liability concerns.” And then also on the 18th, Jeffrey Hurwit has come in for “Further analysis, discuss with Tracey Bolotnick re:

liability matters and risks.” So pretty much, you are probably the favorite conversation around the water cooler in Massachusetts. Okay, we now move into the magical month of April. And April is much shorter. It looks like you have actually learned to consolidate your time a little bit with her because you only have four items here. On the 7th of April, you chatted with her for what looks like about 15 minutes or so: “Telephone conference with Sal Lizard re: director resignation.” Is that Bill Hermann?

Sal: Yes.

Jon: Okay. It’s a very short one, so I’ll just group that into the “miscellaneous” category. On 4/15, you had a telephone conference with her “Re: various membership issues, e-mail Sal Lizard re: amending Articles under North Carolina law, draft opinion memo on member rights and responsibilities.” This is a biggie: you had four hours, or about thirteen hundred dollars on this one. So let’s go through this one.

Sal: The one about drafting member rights and responsibilities?

Jon: Yeah, sure, let’s work on it backwards: “Draft opinion memo on member rights and responsibilities” first.

Sal: The AB was saying that the Officer’s Code of Conduct was not enforceable, and that the membership rights were absolutely enforceable. They were saying that, the fact that the membership rights were declared unalienable, in that they couldn’t be taken away, but that the responsibilities were totally bogus...and that’s where the letter came up about membership rights and responsibilities being equally enforceable.

Jon: Who was this letter shared with?

Sal: The AB. It’s actually a confidential memo to the AB.

Jon: It’s a “confidential memo”...does the membership have a right to know this memo?

Sal: Yes, but the reason it was confidential was... one of the things that Tracey Bolotnick explained was that our organization is wide open. No other organization shares its financial information publicly like we do. No other organization shares how the organization works as openly, publicly as we do. And some things should be confidential to how the organization works. And when we’re discussing things like member rights and stuff like that, those should be confidential so that the AB can work out changes and things of that nature. Actually, there’s a corporate fiduciary responsibility to keep things internal, and one of the things that she pointed out is: when members take some of our information and



share it with non-members, they could be violating the law. And some examples of that would be, for instance, our financials. These are things that will have to be worked out at some point.

Jon: So basically what you've got is you've got a memo to the AB from the lawyer about these member rights and responsibilities. How much does it go into? Is this a long memo?

Sal: It's a fairly long memo. What it does is it talks about the fact that some members seem to feel that the Constitution and our governing documents give them immunity from the organization taking any action against them...because of the member rights as stated. And her interpretation is that the rights are coupled with the responsibilities. This was a second time the AB was told this, basically...this time with a little more information, I guess, a little bit more directly.

Jon: This is something where I think we need to think about posting this to the website behind password protection.

Sal: Sure.

Jon: Obviously, not immediately, but this is one of those things where I think because...you know, this is a fairly significant piece of paper that we've paid for here.

Sal: Are you reading it, or are you just saying that based on the price?

Jon: Based on the price. This is a thousand dollar piece of paper...potentially a twelve hundred dollar piece of paper. This is basically what we pay for one issue of the CQ. This is potentially 10 to 15% of how much you spent total on the lawyer. And I think members have a--not only a right, but almost a responsibility to read this, as this is STARFLEET's lawyer's legal interpretation. And it's fine for members to disagree with it. But understand that STARFLEET has to trust some legal counsel, and we have chosen that to be these folks at Hurwit & Associates. Therefore, what they have said in this document is what we need to proceed with, which actually says a number of things about member responsibilities, member rights, and the liability of the club. So my feeling is this needs to ultimately go into an archive section in the Member Database.

Sal: To be honest with you, I have no problem with that. The only thing that I have a problem with, and it's something that Tracey said we needed to address--and there ought to be a consequence for it--and that is, even though it says "Confidential" and it's for internal use only within the organization, it will be posted on...well, it actually already has been posted on an open blog site for everybody to look at. And it's one of those things where it actually

points to problems within our organization that should be internal. And people choose to ignore the confidentiality of the thing, and that it's for internal use, about our organization, and we have no consequence for that. And we should, to be honest with you. When I was a Rotary Club member, or when I was a member of the Kiwanis, we had things that were internal that weren't meant to be shared outside. And if you were a member and you did that, you were no longer a member.

Jon: Well, who shared it, on which blog?

Sal: It was on Gumby's blog to be honest with you.

Jon: So it was on Fleetwatch?

Sal: Yep.

Jon: Is it still on Fleetwatch?

Sal: As far as I know, it probably is. I don't go to that site, but when somebody pointed it out to me, I went to go look, and sure enough, there it was.

[NOTE FROM JON: At the time of my typing this, early May of 2009, I just checked the FleetWatch LiveJournal blog <<http://fleetwatch.livejournal.com>> which was administered in the past by Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons. The most recent update was made on December 15, 2008. However, a post from October 2, 2008 included three confidential STARFLEET documents that were still available for download: a Letter to Sal Lizard from then-Inspector General Robert Westfall (dated March 10, 2008) regarding a case pending against member Scott Akers, a Memo to STARFLEET about Liability (written by Tracey Bolotnik to the AB), and the Memo to the STARFLEET AB regarding Member Rights and Responsibilities that Sal was just describing in this interview. The blog is indeed open to the public without any password protection, and those confidential documents have been available, as far as I can tell, for at least seven months...up till and including the time on my writing this transcription.]

Jon: And this document was pointing out things that were wrong with STARFLEET?

Sal: It was pointing out that members, some members, believe that they have an immunity and can be abusive to other members, thinking that STARFLEET can't do anything about it. Yes, it did have that kind of language in it. And it said, they cite their member rights as protection, and it's assumed that they have this absolute protection when, in fact, they don't. That according to law, because rights and responsibilities are coupled together with the legal word "and", it said that they are both enforceable, and if you're going to ignore the responsibilities, then you have to ignore the rights. And since the rights are unalienable, you

can't do that. So therefore, she says that, in her legal opinion, the way our documents are written, the rights are contingent upon the responsibilities.

Jon: So what are the responsibilities? Do we actually outline these?

Sal: These are outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Jon: But the Code of Conduct is an imperfect document because there are some very vague...

Sal: The fact that it's imperfect doesn't mean that it's not enforceable. And the vagueness you're talking about...let's face it: there's the thing about criticize privately, praise publicly, well, what could be one's person's criticism may not be another's. But everyday, we as people judge other people around us, and the ones that we want to be with us and associated with us, and those that we don't. So what happens is, we're constantly called upon to judge, and that's what the AB is supposed to do. It's supposed to interpret this stuff. And if they say that, "Oh, calling somebody an 'old bitty' is not a bad thing, so we're not gonna throw him out 'cause he could have called her a lot worse," well, that's a judgment call that the AB can make. But by saying, "I'm not going to make any judgment because it's too vague," what they've done is they've essentially said that the responsibilities have no merit. And her document, her confidential memo, says, "You're wrong. It does have merit. You need to judge these things."

Jon: There's a Rush song, and one of the lines in it: "If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice."

Sal: And what happens is that choice to not do anything gets other people into trouble because they see other members getting away with this stuff. Y'know, there's an argument that was made back when I was not yet convinced that I should run for office, that I said, "Look, I don't know that we could get rid of all the troublemakers in STARFLEET." And somebody said, "You know what? If you just got rid of one or two, some of the others may notice and change, and you wouldn't have to get rid of them." But by saying, "We're not going to do anything to you for doing this, Scott Akers," then Scott goes ahead and does it again with a little more bravado later. What happens is Scott has shown a pattern, and it's been talked about on the AB. He does something which is really offensive, and it's against member rights, or can seem to be that way, but before any action is taken against him, he says, "Oh, I'm sorry." And even though everybody doubts the sincerity of his apology, the fact that he did it, the AB goes, "Well, he apologized for it, so let's dismiss it." And they did that during the Denver IC. But Tracey Bolotnik's memo is going around again on the AB, and now finally they're starting to discuss it.



Jon: Additionally, I think that some of this simply has to be rewriting of the Constitution and the Handbook and the Code of Conduct. Jack Eaton [Region 2 Coordinator] recently shared with me his rewrite of the Code of Conduct, which, with the exception of two rather vague words, I actually thought did a very good job of cleaning up the Code of Conduct. Unfortunately, the two very vague words were “harassing” and “interfering with”--because I think “harassing” is a very loose legal term. I don’t think you can avoid using it, I just think that this Code of Conduct needs to be combined with a good organization of a disciplinary panel process, so that it is clear that the reported behavior will be interpreted and evaluated, that there will be people who determine whether they think it’s harassment. ‘Cause Scott may not think it’s harassment. Scott may think that, “Y’know, Dave started it, and therefore I was just defending myself, and I wasn’t harassing him.” But just because Scott says, “This is what I think,” doesn’t mean it’s not harassment. It just means Scott thinks it’s not harassment. But we need to establish a protocol and also documentation that says, “If we think it’s harassment, then it’s harassment.”

Anyway, let’s go back. We are now on to the 17th of April: “Telephone conference with Sal Lizard re: membership issues, etc., drafts suggestion for membership expulsion provision.” So \$200 to figure out how to expel members. Now, various members of STARFLEET are going to say, “Okay, Sal, so obviously you want the lawyer to tell you how to kick out people that you don’t like from STARFLEET.”

Sal: What happened was, it was a suggestion she made on how the AB kept saying, “I don’t care what the confidential memo says, we cannot expel members.” So I told her that. I said, “The AB keeps telling me that, regardless of you telling them we can throw people out, they keep saying we can’t.” So she told me, “This is how you can change your documents so that it’s okay.” Because, let me tell you something, the AB had recognized that they need to be able to get rid of members...except for the idea that corporate law somehow says it’s okay when our Constitution says it’s not.

Jon: So essentially, there was an argument going on, a debate going on, on the AB about whether or not STARFLEET was allowed to expel members. Is that correct?”

Sal: Based on our governing documents.

Jon: Based on our governing documents. So prior to you doing anything, the Admiralty Board itself was debating whether or not we could expel members?

Sal: I wouldn’t say prior to me doing anything. I would say it was in reference to her last memo about member rights and responsibilities.

Jon: Okay, so in that last document--which must have been read by the AB very quickly (since you’re talking to the attorney two days later)--there must have been an eruption on the Admiralty Board (I’m guessing) of people now debating whether or not our documentation allows us to expel members.

Sal: That conversation was going on when I provided the document. In other words, quite a few times over the past year, it has been discussed whether or not we are able to expel members.

Jon: Okay, so this was previously discussed by the Admiralty Board...potentially even before you were ever STARFLEET president. Is that correct?

Sal: Oh, I think it’s been discussed for years whether or not people can be thrown out of STARFLEET.

Jon: Okay, so pretty much what you have is the Admiralty Board, having discussed and debated all of this for potentially years, you proceeded to get a comment from her on member rights and responsibilities--this big thousand dollar document that she wrote--and submitted it to the AB as: “This is what our lawyer has said.”

Sal: Right.

Jon: And this proceeded to get the Admiralty Board debating probably even more. And she then drafted for you a Membership Expulsion Provision--if we wanted to use it--that the Admiralty Board could use that would legally protect us.

Sal: It was a memo that explained how we could change the documents to expel members.

Jon: Now, what documents would we have to change to expel the member: the Constitution? The Membership Handbook? What?

Sal: She pointed out that the Constitution should contain all of the rules and all of the consequences. And the Constitution by itself should govern our organization. And then the Handbook should further clarify and explain procedurally how to live within those rules in the Constitution. Our Constitution is constantly referring to the Handbook in a manner that it supercedes the Constitution, which is incorrect. Legally, the Constitution has to supercede the Handbook, but it’s not written that way. That’s one of the problems with our governing documents is that they’re not written in a way that’s consistent with how organizations are actually set up. In corporate law, there’s a precedent: the Articles of Incorporation supercede the Constitution and the Constitution supercedes the Handbook. The way our organization is set up, they all basically have equal footing, and they’re in contradiction with each other. And therefore, a lot of confusion comes into it because it’s inherent to the way they’re set up.

The Articles of Incorporation should empower the Constitution, and the Constitution should have all of the rules and all of the consequences for violating those rules in it. And then the Handbook should do nothing more than clarify procedurally how to exist within those rules.

Jon: But our documents don’t do that?

Sal: No, they’re all...it’s an intermix. We’ve got things in our Handbook that belong in the Constitution, and things in the Constitution that belong in the Articles of Incorporation, and vice-versa.

Jon: All right. So the last thing in April: “E-mail to Sal Lizard re: Constitution question”...quarter of an hour.

Sal: Constitution question? I’m not sure what that was.

Jon: Okay, well, it was only a quarter of an hour, so I’m not going to worry about it too much.

Sal: It would have been a review of our documents, obviously.

Jon: Probably. Okay, so just to let folks know, for the month of March, we spent \$4,323 on legal fees. For the month of April, we spent \$2,089. So it looks like Sal is at least trimming himself a little bit...which is good (actually by about 50%, which is good). And then, as I look at the next invoice, which is dated June 6, which covers all the May stuff, Sal has, in fact, consolidated himself even further because we only had to spend \$775 on a lawyer.



And this looks like a good stopping point for this issue, my friends. As I said, it was a long interview, but we’re getting through it. I might actually be able to wrap it up in one more issue...two at the most. But as you can see, there were a lot of very complex issues being looked at and discussed, most of them critically important to the operation of our organization.



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USS Inferno Celebrates 5 Years in STARFLEET

Let's travel back in time to the 1970's. This was the Disco decade. From this decade, many stars and songs were born--from Abba and "Dancing Queen", to The Village People and "Y.M.C.A." One song stands



EVERYONE ENJOYING LUNCH.
 PHOTO BY TOM PAWELCZAK FROM THE *NIAGARA*.

out from this decade. "Disco Inferno" by The Trammps was that song. Little did anyone know that, 28 years later, the second word in that song would become a chapter in STARFLEET. The *USS Inferno* was born and commissioned into STARFLEET as a chapter on January 25, 2004 and had our commissioning party in March, 2004.



DAVID FERBER AND LARRY FRENCH. PHOTO BY DEBBIE FRENCH.

We had our 5 year anniversary party at Miller's Seafood House located in Pittsburgh, PA. We decorated the

place in a Disco 70's theme complete with confetti and streamers. Our guest list not only included the crew, but several others from out of town, and even some from Regions 1 and 4. We had Emmett Plant and his wife, Steph Fox, from the *Blackheart*, Tom Pawelczak from the *Niagara*, Scott and Chris Anderson and his son James from the *Reprisal* in Region 1, Kenny Gifford from the *Dragon's Fury* in Region 4, and David Ferber from the *Hecate* right here in Pittsburgh. Most of my crew was there. We had Debbie French, Larry French, Jim McClure, Harry Vernet, Ron Seymour, Chris Hindman, Aiden Thompson, and Aiden's guest Jackie. We had several promotions from our own ship. Ron Seymour got promoted to Commander and Harry Vernet to Ensign. I then received an Outstanding Service Award from my crew for getting us all through some tough times the last 2 years since taking over the reigns of Commanding Officer from David Ferber.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CHRIS HINDMAN, DEBBIE FRENCH,
 AND LARRY FRENCH. PHOTO BY JIM MCCLURE.

We had congratulations all around from our guests for making it this far in STARFLEET. We ate lunch and had cake for dessert. We then split up, and some of us headed back here to my place for some more good times to be had. We played a trivia game: we each had a group or solo artist from the 70's that was written on a circular piece of paper and taped to our backs so that we did not know who we each had. We then proceeded to try and guess by asking a series of different questions to determine who it was we each had. We all won and then were able to pick from a selection of door prizes. Then it got a little fun with the prizes. The next one



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: STEPH FOX AND EMMETT PLANT.
 PHOTO BY DEBBIE FRENCH.

in line to guess their artist got to pick his or her prize and then, if they so chose to, exchange it for another person's prize...just like a Chinese auction. It was fun and we had several people exchange their prizes for another prize that someone else had already gotten.

We sat around after that and just talked about different things in general and in STARFLEET. We all had a tremendous time. We even congratulated the *Hecate*, who will be launching very soon into STARFLEET as a Corry chapter in Region 7. Congratulations to you guys for making it into STARFLEET! Well deserved. I would like to thank everyone for their support in our ship, and I hope we last as long as some of the other ships have.



U.S.S. INFERNO 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CAKE.
 PHOTO BY DEBBIE FRENCH.





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Of Gingerbread Shuttlecraft and Holiday Gatherings

Cookies, cookies and more cookies! Some were shaped like classic *Star Trek* T-Shirts in red, blue, and gold. Some had butterscotch icing; others resembled sushi. Some had nuts in them, and then there were the soft scones. We also had our share of holiday themed cookies.



It was all part of the fun of the *USS Challenger's* annual Cookie Swap/Holiday Party held on December 7. The event drew 20 members of Region 7. Along with members of the *USS Challenger* crew, we had guests from the *USS Avenger*, *USS Odin* chapter-in-training, *USS Sovereign*, and the *USS Top Gun*.

Our headquarters of the Seaside Heights Community Hall in Seaside Heights, N.J. was decorated with snow flakes hanging, a blinking Christmas tree, and red table cloths for the occasion. Beside the tree was a green and red tote filled with donations of

toys for the Seaside Heights Police Department's annual Toys 4 Tots drive.

It was bitter cold outside, but there was plenty of warmth inside. We skipped the CD and tapes of holiday music this year and focused on all the cookies that were being added to the tables as people arrived on an almost half-hourly basis.

The arrival of *Top Gun* member Joe Horton also brought a *Star Trek* flare to the event, with cookies sporting the arrow head emblem, the aforementioned classic T-Shirts, and numerous other cookies. But it was the gingerbread Shuttlecraft *Galileo* that he and Janek made that was the most incredible of all.

Everyone brought something interesting and delicious. We didn't really keep track of who brought what, as we were too busy adding it our plate. The tables were arranged in a type of cube so we all had multiple conversations going, ranging from



After several hours, reluctantly, we said our goodbyes after hours of fun and headed out into the dark, cold world, commuting back to our respective homes. It was cold and blustery that Sunday afternoon. I know because, for about 45 minutes, I had to duck out from the party to cover a work assignment at a town Christmas parade. The cold air did take my breath away, and I was very happy to return to the party and that wonderful hot chocolate that Laura made.

One of our last conversations concerned the upcoming *Star Trek* movie and our still-mixed feelings about just how good it will/won't be. We concluded that 2008 will have its mark in history both real and in STARFLEET, and that our hopes were high that 2009 will bring good times and more fun for us all!

(Editor's note: All pictures submitted by Bob Vosseller.)

the latest STARFLEET news, to xmovies we just saw, to Sci-Fi Channel films we saw and regretted, to Sci-Fi Channel films we were to afraid to see...not to mention the worst British accents ever attempted (and Amanda Tapping, now of *Sanctuary* fame, was among the list).

Challenger's own Communications Chief, Commodore Laura Victor, originated the cookie swap event several years ago. A traditional event, we took what we liked from it and adapted it to our own needs. That meant adding a regular lunch element after the first year when we all dipped into a sugar coma after the first hour. Pizza worked out fine for all of us, and while nine large pies seemed appropriate, we actually had some left over... probably because we all ate way too many cookies.





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Cave Rescue – Part 1

My feet are digging into the loose breakdown below me, threatening to give way as I leverage my weight against the webbing looped behind my back. It stretches down into the darkness, maybe twenty feet, before dropping into an opening the size of a kitchen cabinet. I am the anchor for a haul line in a cave rescue operation and Evac 2 – Evacuation Team 2 – is picking up a patient from Evac 1. It's been a long day. The way things are going, it's going to last a little while longer.

This morning cavers, first responders, firefighters and search and rescue teams gathered at Glenwood Caverns in Glenwood Springs, Colorado to perform a rescue of two lost cavers. They had been in the cave overnight. They were more than twelve hours overdue. There was no doubt that there was a problem.

There were about seventy people taking part in the rescue. At first glance, you may wonder why the overkill, but seventy is a small number. The logistics of underground rescues are enormously complex. Cave rescues are nothing like surface rescues. You work in tight, cramped spaces. You're limited as to the gear you can bring. A hundred feet in a tight crawl may as well be a hundred miles on the surface. And you're always a heartbeat away from becoming a victim yourself.



COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN RECEIVING INFORMATION AT EASY OUT.
PHOTO BY MAX KHAYTSUS.

An EMT caver I know once said that if he ever paused to reflect on how dangerous caving can be, he'd never go into a cave again. The danger isn't from the darkness or the wild animals or falling rocks. The danger is from getting stupid and careless. Or from having the guy next to you get stupid and careless. Then you fall or a rock falls or equipment fails. And it all leads to one thing. You get careless, you get hurt. And if you're badly hurt and help is too far away, your odds of coming out don't look good.

Five members of the *USS Omega Glory* participated in this rescue. Standing with me in the Glenwood Caverns visitor center were Donita Hilfinger, Jennifer Scott, and Rick and Talon Speaect. The owners closed the facility's banquet room so that the rescue operation could have a command center and a place to stage the operation. Everyone worked as quickly as they could and people were being taken from the available pool of rescuers as tasks to be done came up.

It wasn't long before Donita ended up being entrance control for the cave. Entrance control is vital. When you are putting dozens of rescuers in, you need to know who is in the cave. Glenwood Caverns is a particularly mazy cave with a lot of lops, and it's not all that hard to make a wrong turn and get lost. And the opportunity to get hurt is always there. Entrance control tracks rescuers as they come and go. They are listed with their team and destination and the roster is constantly updated as people come and go. The entrance is an ongoing churn of activity. At the end of the day your roster has to balance. If it doesn't, you have a much bigger problem on your hands than you started with.

Rick and Talon ended up working on the communications team. Their job was to establish a means of communications between the teams in the cave and incident command in the banquet room. This is easier said than done. Communications above ground is easy. We've all grown to depend on our cell phones. Even out in the wilderness where cellular service is not available, we've grown accustomed to the idea of pulling out a cheap but effective radio and talking to others. That doesn't work underground. Limestone sucks up radio waves. Just a few feet down a winding passage puts you both out of voice and radio contact. You need something else to make things work. The underground solution is a set of army field phones. Communications techs run twisted pair between the sets, probably a mile of phone wire in this rescue. Stations are designated and each one is staffed with a dedicated communications technician.

Word came that the missing cavers had been found by the initial search team. Details were sketchy. We knew that their names were Erik and Mike. We knew that they were not found

together, but that was all. The initial search team was with the victims. The communications team was already building the phone system. Evacuation Team 1 was quickly formed and deployed. Their mission was to get to the victims, treat, package, and start the transport. They had a lot to do, and they needed to move the victims to the first hard transition in the cave.

As Evac 1 headed for the cave, Evac 2 was formed. Jennifer and I



CAVE CORAL IN THE REGISTER ROOM. PHOTO BY JENNIFER SCOTT.

ended up on this team. The team leader was a grizzled old SAR technician by the name of Bruce. He'd never caved before, but he knew search and rescue, and his skills were needed to organize the team. Cavers would do the rest. He surveyed the group for skills. He needed a medic. An EMT is best, but you don't always get what you want. Jennifer was our most qualified medic. She's a Red Cross instructor, somewhere between Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support. Beggars can't be choosers. We take what we can get.

It took a while for Evac 2 to gather gear. There was a sense of urgency, but there were two teams in the cave with the victims now. They had to rush in. We were getting the gear in. We would be the technical team. Additional intel came in as the fuzzy information was being resolved. Mike, one of the two imperiled cavers, fell in an area known as the Forbidden Zone. It's a tricky climb. He fell twenty feet and broke his leg and wrist. He was drifting in and out of consciousness. His condition was very serious. His caving partner Erik tried to get help and, not being familiar with the cave, got lost. He was not hurt, but he was reported to be hypothermic, and this could get serious quickly.

By the time Evac 2 was ready to go, the details of our mission were ready as well. We were to meet Evac 1 at a junction known as the Register Room, pick up the patients, and transport them to an area called Easy Out. Another team would take over at that point. Sounds easy, but I remained suspicious. I've never been on an easy cave rescue. I've never been on an easy rescue at all. If you need rescue, you know there'll be hell to pay.

We were lucky enough to have one caver who knows this cave... or at least the section of the cave we were going to. Glenwood Caverns is over three miles long. The accident took place a half mile in. That's not far until you think about the physical requirements in the cave. And Evac 2 would not be going that far in. We were



going probably two thirds of that distance, if that much. We were the team that wrestles the bear.

We checked in with entrance control. Donita and a caver I did not know were managing the access. Talon was working the communications station there. They let three communications people through while all of us were registering: name, team, time. Destination is Register Room. We were counted twice. The first stretch of the trip was through a commercial section of the cave. That's a piece of cake. Most of the route is big open passage for claustrophobic tourists. There are a couple of duck-unders and a place where you have to turn sideways. For a clean tourist, this is high adventure. For us, it's an inconvenience.

To complicate things, we were transporting gear. Each caver has their own gear that absolutely has to be taken along. Food, water, personal equipment, a personal first aid kit. Some people carried party basics. Then we had extra rope and webbing, first aid supplies. We stopped at Easy Out. The name makes you think it's a good place. I was trying to figure out where the easy part was. Best I could tell, it was what we had just passed.

Rick was managing the communications station at Easy Out. He told us it's a transition between being able to walk and a nasty crawl. People who have come out so far did not look happy. Easy Out is a hole in the wall. It's three feet off the paved trail with jagged rocks and sharp edges. The passage is a tube, at most two feet in diameter. A lot of times it's smaller than that. It twists left and right, alternates up and down. You have to crawl over a rock sticking up from the floor or duck under one protruding from the top of the passage. I could not help but wonder how in the world we'll get an injured man out this way.

Some distance in, the topography changed. The passage came out in a small breakdown room. There was a place to stand up. There was little room to gather. Long flat slabs of paleobreakdown obstructed our way. This is no-man's land. Our only reassurance that we were still on track was the fact that the phone wire unrelentlessly continued deeper into the cave. We entered another low crawl. It was wider than the passage at Easy Out, but not much higher. There was a nasty narrow channel in the floor that threatened to grab a careless arm or leg and hold it fast.

Finally, we came out at the top of a breakdown slope. It was a big room. The biggest we've been in yet, but it was all slope. There isn't one flat spot to be seen. Someone kicked loose a rock and it bounced down the slope. It did not stop until it hit the far wall. At our feet were loose rocks. They ranged in size from pebbles to large television sets. Many seemed solid until you step on them, then they buck like a wild bronco, threatening to throw you. The formations overhead mocked us as well. Stalactites covered in cave coral. Beautiful. And sharp. They can take a glove off your hand like velcro. And they can rip your skin open if you treat them like friends. I thought back to the EMT's warning, now years old. If I ever truly stop and reflect on the dangers of caving, I may have to stop going, too.

This was the Register Room. We were about a hundred and fifty feet below the surface. The team stopped. There was a single communication tech here. He had the phone on the one flat rock in the room. The rest of us made due with what we had. Cavers

found spots and reorganized rocks to make a reasonable even surface. That's easier said than done. I found a place to sit and I was thinking that the rock under me is deliberately forming a crease in my butt.

The temperature in the cave is only fifty degrees, but most of us were sweating. Getting here with all the gear was hard work. Now we could have a break before the really hard work started. The communications tech reported that Patient Erik was on his way. He was in an area called the Drum Room. Patient Mike was packaged for transport, and his team had just started moving. He was probably two hours away. Our immediate mission was to hurry up and wait.

Maybe a half hour passed. The communications tech told us that the passage at Easy Out had a partial collapse. The phone line is okay, but no one will be able to get through. Incident

command was aware and were trying to come up with a new plan. People started worrying that we were trapped. What do we do? Our one caver who's been here before told us that we're fine. There are five or six routes out of the Register Room. Some are bypasses. Others go deeper into the cave to catch other trails. We were not trapped. We were in a pickle, though. The next best way out is down a passage known as the Y2Krawl, and the greatest obstacle there is the White Rabbit Hole. Y2Krawl is about half the size of Easy Out – in height, not length. The White Rabbit Hole is just a crack. We can do it, but if anyone thought Easy Out wasn't pretty...

Someone wisely asked why the way we came in is called "Easy Out".

Our guide laughed. "It's the easiest route through this room." Cavers have an evil sense of humor.

Incident command approved Y2Krawl as the alternate evacuation route. They were working on Easy Out, but we were told not to count on it. We had to get the injured people out. We waited. Our bodies cooled down. It felt like the cave was getting colder. It was not. It was just wearing us down. Body heat was being leached away by the rocks. Some people began to shiver. If we were not careful, shivering would go away and stage one hypothermia would set in. Then we'd be in trouble. Jennifer acted in her role as the team medic. She reminded people to eat energy snacks, drink water, and move. We had to move. We had to maintain core temperature.

One of the exits from the Register Room was a slot at the bottom of the breakdown in the floor. Most things that made it past the gauntlet of boulders would fall down the crack and drop ten feet or so into the next passage in the cave system. Our subdued discussion was now interrupted by sounds from down below. Someone was

coming through. A caver came up. He told us that Patient Erik was coming. We needed to receive. Erik was moving on his own, but he was very sluggish, very tired. He lost his shiver reflex. His body was willing to give up, and we needed to encourage him to keep moving, to get him out of the cave. The only communications station further into the cave had already told Erik's rescuers about the collapse. They knew their only option was the Y2Krawl. They were not sure it was the right option for Erik.

Evac 2 cleared a path, ready to meet the first team out. I took a position along the slot in the floor. Another member of Evac 2 joined me. We were ready to help. It was not long before two cavers came out, followed by Erik and his medic. We took their gear and passed it up, then we helped them. The slot was tricky. Erik looked bad. He needed a break, a rest that he could not afford to take in his condition. His medic agreed to let him rest. As I helped Erik to a spot where he would not fall off a rock, he just let go of me and sat down. My foot was under him. My leg was pinned to the wall by his body. I hardly had any balance. Other cavers noticed that, but I told them I was okay. I was hanging on to a scary rock hanging over us. Erik looked like he might pass out. His medic forced him to drink water and took out her bag and gave him chocolate and granola. Digestion will seep energy away, but the high calorie snack would boost his energy levels as well. The only concern was whether or not he would be able to metabolize the food. If his core temperature was slipping, he might just throw it up.

Jennifer and Erik's medic had a conference. The young woman who had been with Erik wasn't comfortable. She was not an EMT. In fact, she and Jennifer had the same qualifications. They agreed that, for continuity's sake, Erik should keep the medic that he had. That made the most sense.

Erik was encouraged to move. He did so slowly. The weight was off my leg. I felt blood flowing into it again. There was a sensation of needles. My leg was asleep. I slid down off my perch and tried not to scream. It took a few minutes for the sensation of needles

to go away. By then, Erik and his team were up the slope and off to the Y2Krawl. They had quite a trip ahead of them. I realized that I was cold. The rush of adrenaline dampened the sensation, then the pain masked it. Now it was back. I got a snack out of my bag. I needed energy, too. We had been in the cave for three hours now.

Time passed slowly. We put two cavers down through the slot in the Register Room to see if we could make Patient Mike's trip up the hole easier. They

decided to use webbing to rig the hole. The hope was that maybe we could do the work and get Mike up the easy way. An hour passed and Evac 1 finally reached our location. Mike was bundled up like a huge burrito. He was hooked into the webbing and we tried to get him up. Someone decided that I needed to be the anchor on the haul. It's a hard job, but I took the slack in the webbing and held on for my life. Mike was not a small caver. Nor had he ever been accused of being light.

"Stop, stop!" one of the people at the hole yelled. "He's too big. We'll never get him though here!"

To be concluded next issue...

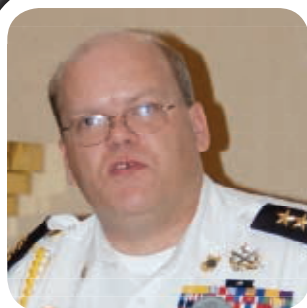


PATIENT ERIK BEING CHECKED BY HIS MEDIC IN THE REGISTER ROOM. NOTE MAX KHAYTSUS' LEFT LEG STUCK BEHIND ERIK. PHOTO BY JENNIFER SCOTT.



MEMBERS OF THE INITIAL SEARCH TEAM HELPING PATIENT ERIK UP THE STEEP SLOPE IN THE REGISTER ROOM. PHOTO BY MAX KHAYTSUS.





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Attention on Deck!

STATE of the SFMC

Greetings, Marines. I hope this message finds you and your families all doing well.

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

We started the month of January with a balance of \$1,422.76. We had deposits of \$64.04 and withdrawals of \$230.00 (for new QM merchandise) during January, leaving the account balance at \$1,256.80.

We started the month of February with a balance of \$1,256.80. We had deposits of \$77.42 and withdrawals of \$237.27 (for new QM merchandise) during February, leaving the account balance at \$1,096.95.

Online/Email Access Requirement

From time to time, there is important information which must be passed to every marine (position openings, schedule changes, etc...). In order to make sure that these important and often time-sensitive matters can be relayed to everyone in the most efficient and timely manner, the General Staff has decided to "liberate" an idea that was brought up on the STARFLEET lists and use it to help improve important communications within the SFMC.

Effective immediately, every unit in the SFMC must have someone designated as the point of contact for that unit. It is suggested that this person be the OIC, DOIC, or Senior NCO, but anyone in the unit is acceptable. The Designated Point of Contact MUST have a valid email address and this email address be kept updated with the Offices of FORCECOM. The Point of Contact for every unit will be subscribed to the SFMC Alert Roster, which will link all unit Points of Contact, all active Battalion and Brigade OICs, and the General Staff. This Alert Roster email list will be used by the General Staff to pass important and time-sensitive information to every unit for dissemination to the Marines. Brigade and Battalion OICs will be charged with passing this information on to any unassigned Marines in their BDE or BN, to make sure it is sent to every Marine.

COFORCECOM will maintain the Alert Roster and send monthly queries to the Alert Roster list to make sure that every subscribed email address is valid. Any changes in points of contact or their

email addresses must be reported to COFORCECOM as necessary. The General Staff also strongly encourage the Point of Contact for each unit to be subscribed to the Corps-L list, as well, to make sure the unit's marines are kept as informed as possible about developments and occurrences within the Corps.

UNIT OICs, Send an email to forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org with the name and email address of your unit's Designated Point of Contact or include this information in your Bi-Monthly Report which is due now, if it has not already been submitted. We want the list up and running by March 1, 2009.

This will be reflected as a requirement for unit activation from this point forward in the new Marine Force Manual and the SFMC Policy Manual.

Residency Policy Clarification

In order to clarify that the current policy, as written in the SFMC Policy Manual, does not require that a Marine be a resident of the area they are selected to lead, the General Staff has developed the following change in wording to make it clear, but also to leave an option open for areas where the OIC should be a resident of that area (BDE or BN). We foresee this need only in the event of regional differences (UK member of the 11th BDE being selected to lead the 11th BDE based in Australia/New Zealand) which might cause strife, problems or serious miscommunications within the area being led.

Therefore, the following change has been adopted and will be promulgated with the next edition of the SFMC Policy manual:

"The Battalion OIC must be 16 years of age or older and must be a member of both the Brigade and the respective Battalion is assigned to lead (residency in the BDE/BN is not a requirement, but may be preferred by the BDE OIC, depending upon the requirements and size of the area being served). The DOIC and any staff must follow the same criteria. There will be no waivers to these criteria. The OIC must have completed OTS, MBT and PLDC (or must complete within three months of taking office)."

and

"For Brigade and higher positions the member must be 18 years of age or older and must be a member of the Brigade they are serving (residency in the BDE/BN is not a requirement, but may be preferred by Commanding Officer, Forces Command, depending upon the requirements and size of the area being served). Brigade level positions require OTS, MBT and PLDC certification before taking office."

SFMC 25th Anniversary Coins

The coins are for sale in the SFMC QM Store. The cost is \$10 each; get them now while you can. After this order of Silver is sold out, we will be re-ordering in Shiny Brass. They are very nice looking coins. Get yours now so we can re-order them in the "standard" bronze.

NEW ITEMS AT THE SFMC QUARTERMASTER!

GLASSES

Frosted on the rocks glasses with the SFMC Globe Anchor and Delta in black. These are very nice glasses that were given to attendees at the first-ever SFMC Mess Night at the 2007 IC/IM in Denver, CO. Very nice item, limited to the last 36 glasses on hand.

PENS

Stylish, metal, cranberry-colored pens with laser engraved text as follows: STARFLEET Marine Corps
www.sfi-sfmc.org

LANYARDS

Red with black text "STARFLEET Marine Corps" and the SFMC logo at each end of the text, with a key clip and standard buckle connecting the clip and lanyard.

NECK WALLETS

Black with the same text as on the pens in red. These items have a large pocket with a clear window and pen loop and zippered pocket to carry essentials and your badge while at conventions.

The cost for these items are as follows:

1. Lanyards: \$4 each
2. Neck wallets: \$7 each
3. Pens: \$2 each
4. Glasses: \$5 each

You can buy these items individually, or you can take advantage of the SFMC

Quartermaster's package deals:

SFMC Veteran's Package (Lanyard, Neck Wallet and Pen) for \$10 (normal price: \$13)

SFMC Basic (Starter) Package (Challenge Coin, Neck Wallet and Pen) for \$13 (normal price: \$19)

SFMC Summit Survival Package (Challenge Coin, Lanyard, Neck Wallet and Pen) for \$17 (normal price: \$23)

SFMC Super Deluxe Package (Challenge Coin, SFMC Flash Drive, Lanyard, Neck Wallet and Pen) for \$40 (normal price: \$48)

HURRY! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED AND THEY MAY NEVER BE RESTOCKED!

Go to gm.sfi-sfmc.org to see pictures of the items and to place your orders. We gladly accept PayPal to make your shopping experience easier.

SFMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

With interest in February and a large donation from the 5BDE (\$420-\$5 paypal fee), our scholarship account total stands at \$1,988.18. If you would like to donate, please contact me and I can tell you how to go about doing so. Let's get busy with donations and see if we can double the amount in the account by the end of 2009!

ATTENTION BRIGADE OICs

If you need the SFMC E-certs officer, Joe Dorffner, to create certificates for you during this award season, please make sure you send Joe all of the information he needs to properly complete the certificates and return them to you for printing and presentation. Joe needs to know: NAME OF AWARD, NAME OF RECIPIENT, BRIGADE, UNIT, NAME OF ISSUING OFFICER, RANK OF ISSUING OFFICER.

Additionally, Joe needs time to complete the work in time for you to print and present the awards. This means you cannot send Joe the information and expect him to have the certificates ready the next day. Please give Joe AT LEAST four weeks' (one month's) notice before you must have the certificates in hand. Six weeks would be even better.

SFMC MESS NIGHT 2009

Hello from IC2009 Launch Control! I am happy to announce that the IC2009 Team has added the popular SFMC Mess Dress to this year's IC! The cost of the Mess Dress is \$35.00 and the menu sounds great with Apple-Topped Pork Chops, Wild Rice, a delicious vegetable medley, and ending with a great dessert to be announced. So, if you are interested in enjoying a great meal as well as mix and mingle with the Corps' finest, drop by www.ic2009.org and register for the SFMC Mess Dress.

FADM Les Rickard Chair, 2009 STARFLEET International Conference

August 6th-9th 2008
 Greensboro NC
chair@ic2009.org OR ic09chair@gmail.com
 "One Small Step...One Giant Leap."

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 Training and Doctrine Command: tracom@sfi-sfmc.org
 Commanding Officer, Information Command: infocom@sfi-sfmc.org

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

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

John Roberts
 Commandant, SFMC



Report from the Sergeant Major, SFMC

State of the NCO Corps: March 2009

Greetings, Marines!

I'd like to start off this report by telling you about a very special Marine enlisted member. If you look up CWO2 Rick Ervans of the 555th MSG in the database, there's not a whole lot to see. He's passed PD-10 like any good Marine, and gotten a few awards. So, what distinguishes him?

CWO2 Ervans is a man on a mission, and that mission is the Overseas Coupon Project. Last year, he spent just over 340 hours gathering over one hundred thousand dollars in coupons that went to benefit US servicemen and their families overseas. Since getting involved in the OCP program in 2005, Rick's total stands at just over three hundred and twenty one thousand dollars worth of coupons. His entire chapter's goal for the coming year is to TRY and match what Rick brings in. This year, at the Region 5 Summit, CWO2 Ervans was honored with both

a Distinguished Service Medal from the Region, and a Leader's Commendation from the Brigade.

What he does is very quiet, and he doesn't seem to seek the spotlight. He just does what he does and does it incredibly well. To me, that's the very definition of what a Marine should strive for, and Rick has set the bar very high indeed on the task he has decided to focus on. He's a Marine we can all be proud of, and someday, I hope to get the chance to shake his hand and tell him so to his face. I'll be sure and be careful about doing it. Clipping all those coupons must have given him either sore hands or one HECK of a grip by now.

In other news from the NCO Corps, I'm doing what I can in my own way to support the SFMC Scholarship Fund. At the 5th BDE Muster in February, I auctioned off my old GSGT's stripes, and I'd like to thank the winning bidders, the 555th MSG, who edged out my own unit in the auction, and contributed three

hundred dollars to the fund.

If you'd like to help out that cause, be sure and stop by the SFMC web site for details of the program and how you can contribute as well. And, as a challenge to the rest of the enlisted members out there, find ways in your area to raise funds for this cause. Every little bit helps.

On the NCO email list, I announced Top's Pet Peeve, which drew a fair amount of discussion (giving me even more to think about for future reports). Please, Marines, remember to uncover when you're indoors. Unless you're under arms, or attending a religious observance that asks that your head be covered, removing your headgear and stowing it neatly on your person somewhere should become second nature as you go inside.

Feel free to join the discussions on the official NCO list. It's open to any member, Fleet or Marine, officer or enlisted, with an interest in the enlisted ranks. You can sign up at:

<http://lists.sfi-sfmc.org/listinfo.cgi/nco-l-sfi-sfmc.org>.

One of the long-term programs I've been working on is shoring up the NCO Chain of Support. To that end, if you're an NCOIC or the senior NCO in your unit, please contact me at my email address below

In closing, I'll remind you as always that your opinions, ideas, and concerns are not only welcomed, but also needed by the SFMC General Staff. Please never hesitate to contact any member of the GS with any concerns or suggestions you have.

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Report from the CO INFOCOM

Begin transmission...

Greetings, Marines,

Once again, deep from the confines of the SFMC Data Warfare center, it's time yet again for the INFOCOM report. Spring is in the air and once again the Marines are hiding Horta eggs just as they did last year, but this year they are dying them first. Needless to say there is a really ticked off Horta somewhere and I do not want to be here when it comes looking for its eggs. I'll have to put out a memo later.

Well, for the most part, things have been quiet in INFOCOM. Nothing has been really pressing for last month or this month. As always, though, INFOCOM has things going on behind the scenes, some of which we hope to have ready just in time for the International Conference.

SFMC Manuals and Websites

By the time this article goes to print, the SFMC manuals will be undergoing revision. There will be a couple of new manuals, and there will also be a few that have been updated due to some proofreading that was performed. These manuals will be released at this year's International Conference. There will also be a change in the number of formats

provided. In the past, the manuals have been offered in both Adobe Acrobat and Adobe Flash formats. Because of updates and new versions for both formats, it broke the tool I was using to convert the Acrobat files to Flash files. Because of this, I've had to drop the Flash files. So, starting from March 2009 onward, the only format in which the manuals will be available will be Adobe Acrobat format. This change should not cause any problems.

The SFMC websites continue to work well and are doing what they were designed to do. However, Joomla! has moved onto a newer version. Of course, the current site is not compatible with the new version and cannot be easily ported over. This means that the SFMC site will need to be pretty much rebuilt from scratch to work with the newest version of Joomla!. So after IC I will begin the process of rebuilding the site, with the hopes to release it at the end of the year. I will, however, continue to update and maintain the current sites until we have switched over to the new site. If anyone finds typographical or any other errors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Staffing

There have been no staffing changes or additions in the last couple of months.

Future Projects

As I mentioned above, one of the future projects is working on upgrading the SFMC site to the newest version of Joomla!. Another project that I hope to start sometime is a ribbon rack builder. But in order to work on that project, I need a programmer who'll be willing to work pro bono to write the program. So that is on the back burner right now.

Look for announcements regarding those projects either here in the "Attention on Deck!" or on the Corps-I email list.

SFMC Web Awards

The first annual SFMC web award selections are also now underway. This program is designed to recognize those Marines in the SFMC who have created exceptional web sites promoting not only the SFMC, but their BDE, BN, and/or MSG. All Marines are encouraged to submit their web sites for judging.

1. The contest runs from 0001hrs February 1, 2009 to 0001hrs May 1, 2009.
2. All sites submitted have to be completely SFMC related. Ships that lean heavily toward the SFMC will be considered.
3. A marine may submit more than one site for consideration.

4. Judging will be performed by COINFOCOM and DCOINFOCOM.
5. Sites will be judged in four categories: technical, usability, content, and appearance.
6. Winners will be announced at IC 2009. Winners will receive certificates, a yet-to-be-designed badge to put on their site, and of course bragging rights.

To nominate a site please use the form found at the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/c5qwhe>

Need help with your group's website?

If there is any Unit, Battalion, or Brigade that needs help in setting up or fixing a website, please feel free to contact me and I'll be more than happy to see what I can do to help. Be sure to have an idea as to some of the site basics (what information is to be on the site, what you want the site to do for you, etc...), as it will help me help you.

End Transmission...

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Region 7, Pennsylvania (USA)

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Report from the CO FORCECOM

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REPORT FOR: 1 BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.21.09 07:39:22 PST

****REPORTING OFFICER****Reporting officer: BDR. Rey Cordero; E-mail: oic@1stbde.org

Nickname: The Fighting First; Motto: Brigade DOIC (name and rank): Col. Tony Lopes Brigade DOIC; e-mail: doic@1stbde.org

Report for: 2nd BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.21.09 16:07:01 PST

Nickname: Wild Dueces
Motto: We may be second but we're better than you!
Brigade OIC (name and rank): GEN Wade Olson - Brigade OIC; e-mail: captwho@wildblue.net
Brigade DOIC (name and rank): BGN Neil Yawn - Brigade DOIC; e-mail: the654msg@aol.com

Report for: 3rd BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.21.09 14:47:55 PST

Nickname: Dogs of War; Motto: Cry Havock
Brigade OIC : Jeff Schnoor, Brigadier; e-mail: brigadecommander3bde@hotmail.com
Brigade DOIC John Johnston, Colonel; e-mail: tailsjedi@aol.com

Report for: 5th BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.04.09 10:03:26 PST
Nickname: The Night Ravens; Motto: Fear the Dark

Report for: 6th BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.20.09 17:17:43 PST
Nickname: Ice Warriors
Motto: In space, all warriors are cold warriors
Brigade OIC Tom Webster, BGN; e-mail: trekfan30@yahoo.com

Report for: 7th BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.21.09 14:47:55 PST
Nickname: "The Lucky Sevens"
Motto: We'd rather be good than lucky, fortunately we're both
Brigade OIC: Joseph C Dorffner Jr, Major General; e-mail: oic@7thbdesfmc.com
Brigade DOIC Mike Stein, Brigadier General; e-mail: JusticeOC@aol.com

Report for: 10th BDE for February
Date and time submitted: 02.06.09 16:27:26 PST
Nickname: The Smiling Cats
Motto: In The Service of Peaceful Coexistence
Brigade OIC : BGN Norma Langlois; e-mail: normajosephine@shaw.ca
Brigade DOIC LGN Paul Reid; e-mail: sakaari@shaw.ca

Report for: 12th Brigade

Reporting Date: 2-28-09
Brigade Nickname: The Dirty Dozen
Brigade Motto: N/A
OIC : BGEN Travis J. Littou; e-mail: tjlittou@cox.net
DOIC WO1 Jennifer Hoover; Email: doic4dirtydozen@cox.net

Report for: 13th Brigade
Date and time submitted: 02.09.09 18:18:16 PST
Nickname: Blackcats; Motto: On the prowl
OIC : Bdr. Joseph Sare; e-mail: jsare@ussinclair.org

Report for: 15th Brigade
Date and time submitted: 03.02.09 07:05:23 PST
Nickname: The Nameless Ones; Motto: Risk is our business
OIC COL Thomas C. Guertin, SFMC; e-mail: 007@stationianfleming.org
DOIC MGN Paul Fest, SFMC; e-mail: ussares@yahoo.com

Brigades not reporting - 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 17th

Units reporting:
150 MSG CF USS Tang
113 MSG SO USS Columbus Harper's Harriers Semper Librum (Always Free)
166 MSG SO USS Liberator The Black Knights, Where ever When ever Consider it done
162 MSG SU USS Reprisal The Black Watch
192 MSG MO USS Odin Midgard Serpents
102 MSG SO USS Alaric
78th MD,Khai Tam,Blue Blazers,show us where it hurts
609th SO,Gasperilla,Black Bettys,dont give up the ship
631st CF,Tiberius,Fighting Ospreys,Wings of Steel
602 nd,SO,Andromedia,Reed'sRader's,Firs t ones in Last ones out.
674th,AE,Relentless,Dragon Fury,Theres no fury like that of a Dragon scorned.
654 MSG, Spec Ops, USS Hephaestus, Steel Thunderbolts, Give'em the cold steel
677 MSG, Combat Engineers, USS Spirit Walker, Spirit Bilder, Building the dreams of the future.
696th, MSG, Spec Ops, USS Dark Phoenix, Night Stalkers, Holding the Line No one will pass Not On Our Watch
303rd AirwolvesSS Freedom III OFFICER IN CHARGE: COL Tommy HolmanEMAIL: DrDoom@hillsboro.net URL: NONE
BRANCH: Infantry MOTTO: Airborne; Death From Above
307th MEU No MOTTO or Slogan as of yet decided OFFICER IN CHARGE LTC. Scott Lanham
308th Crimson RaidersUSS Gunslinger OFFICER IN CHARGE: 1LT tavana tal-tSepeS EMAIL: tavana-tsepes@yahoo.com URL: <http://groups.msn.com/USSGunslingerNCC-6019/308thmsg.msnw>
BRANCH: Maritime Ops MOTTO: To the Plank

314th Creeping Death USS Firebird
OFFICER IN CHARGE: LTC Chris O'Banion
EMAIL: obanioncm@gmail.com URL: <http://ussfirebird.com/marines.html> BRANCH: Special Operations MOTTO: Ad manus dei
318th Guardians of Honor USS Lonestar
OFFICER IN CHARGE 2nd Lieutenant Joseph P Kelley Jr email jj.kelley.ptk@gmail.com URL--Branch Aerospace Squadron
Motto: Stealth Wins the Day
321st PythonsUSS Aurora Vulcanus
OFFICER IN CHARGE: MCAPT Jared FielderEMAIL: jkf7934@sbcglobal.net
URL: NONE BRANCH: Special Operations
MOTTO: The last hope of the lost
325th River Rats USS Trinity River
OFFICER IN CHARGE: BDR Elizabeth WeberEMAIL: FltCapt_Weber@yahoo.com
URL: <http://www.usstrinityriver.org/marines.html> BRANCH: Combined Arms MOTTO: Semper Mollis (Always Prepared)
328th LibertyUSS Tejas OFFICER IN CHARGE: MCAPT Jeremy SkeltonEMAIL: xmen1179@aol.com URL: <http://www.thesite2.bravehost.com/page0010.html>
BRANCH: Support MOTTO: First to Serve
333rd RegulatorsUSS Regulator OFFICER IN CHARGE: BDR Mark A WestEMAIL: sfmc333rdmsg@lycos.com URL: NONE
BRANCH: Mecha MOTTO: Where Angles fear to tread is where we call home
342nd Highland Rifles USS Ark Angel
OFFICER IN CHARGE: WO1 Cory MattEMAIL: co@342ndmsg.com URL: <http://www.342ndmsg.com> BRANCH: Combined Arms MOTTO: Bring me my broadsword and clear understanding.
345th Grim ReapersUSS Azrael OFFICER IN CHARGE: LTCol David BaileyEMAIL: cmc_bailey@yahoo.com URL: NONE
BRANCH: Special Operations MOTTO: Ne Conjuge Nobiscum
347th Wolf Pack OmegaISS Thunderwolf
OFFICER IN CHARGE: BGN Joy FlyntEMAIL: joy.flynt@yahoo.com URL: NONE
BRANCH: Aerospace MOTTO: The strength and swiftness of the pack in the wolf, the strength and swiftness of the wolf is the pack. With integrity, honor and valor to all.
75th Branch: Combined Forces Nickname: Darby's Rangers OIC James Monroe
E-mail: Daiuy19@earthlink.net
12th MSG Branch: Mecha Nickname: Assimilators Motto: Carpe Momentum OIC Ltc Krystal Rubenstein
e-mail: captain@ussruustai.net DOIC Maj John Mills e-mail: assimilators_doic@ussruustai.net
Unit: 6 MSG Branch: Special Ops Nickname: black death Motto: when you hurt enough to want the best OIC LTC Jason Smith e-mail: ikvicewolf@yahoo.com DOIC : LTC Julio Alcala
503rd MSG Branch: Infantry Nickname: The Spartans Motto: Retreat is not an option.
Chapter: USS Thermopylae
555th MSG Branch: Combined Forces Nickname: Renegades Motto: (None given)
Chapter: USS Antares
565th MSG Branch: Special Ops Nickname: Raiders Motto: When it absolutely, positively, has to be destroyed overnight ... Chapter:

USS Wildhorse
NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE OF CHAPTER FOR THIS MSG, APPROVED BY COFORCECOM.
577th MSG Branch: Support Nickname: Firebirds Motto: (None Given) Chapter : USS Aurora
521 MSG Branch: Special Ops Nickname: Blackjacks Motto: Only our results are seen
OIC BGN Norman E. DeRoux e-mail: normderoux08@comcast.net
809th MSG, AE, Riverside, Arctic Wolves, First in-Last out
822nd, MSG, SO, Thunderchild, Badlands Icebreakers
832nd MSG, SO, Fox River, Hearts of Ice, We tread where noone dare
849th MSG, AE, Saint George, Snow Ninjas
1st Battalion (DE): (Battalion Report late)
717th MCU (Unit Report late)Branch: Spec_Ops Chapter; USS DeBraak Nickname: none Motto: none
3rd Battalion (MD): (Battalion Report on time)
777th MSG (Unit Report on time)Mecha/Aerospace Chapter: USS Edinburgh
Nickname: Highland Dragoons
Motto: "Committere Victoria" meaning "To Bring Victory"
786 (Unit Report on time) Unit Branch:AE Chapter: Top Gun Nickname: Maverick Squad 27 Motto: We feel the need, the need for Warp Speed
787th MSG (Unit Report late) Branch: Aerospace Chapter: USS Matrix Nickname: White Knights Motto: "Ready To Launch"
4th Battalion (NJ): (Battalion Report never received)
86 SO Justice The Inquisitors Failure Is Not An Option. On Time
5th Battalion (NY): (Battalion Report never received)
771 AE Accord Smilin Piranhas Not reported On Time
6th Battalion (PA): (Battalion Report never received)
740 Combined Inferno The Black Diamonds qaStaH nuq? On Time
742 AM Asimov The Silent Service Inflictum everbero, inflictum sepilus (Hit 'em hard, hit 'em often) On Time
791 SO Sovereign Dragon's Fury Don't Sweat the Small Stuff and All Stuff is Small Stuff... ooh-rah!!! Late
424th MSG AE/IN USS Majestic T h e Smiling Cats In The Service of Peaceful Coexistence
12th MSG Mecha Nickname: Assimilators Motto: Carpe Momentum
21st MSG Support Nickname: One Eye Jacks Motto: Were Watching you
375th
375tg MEU Branch: Infantry Nickname: The Warriors Motto: Kia Kaha OIC MCAPT Brook Thomson e-mail: poccothomson@yahoo.com
377th MSG Branch: Infantry Nickname: Blue Roo's Motto: We are here to eat your lunch OIC: COL Wayne Smith e-mail: xo@uss-southerncross.com DOIC Major Erik Stubblefield e-mail: erik.stubblefield@gmail.com



210th MEU, Infantry, Black Rogues, Veritas Vincit (Truth Conquers)
 211th MSG, MD/Rescue, Hexum, The Good Guys, "Duck and Cover!"
 225th MSG, CE, BortaS, DedEx, When it absolutely, positively has to be dead by 10am
 226th MSG, SO, Hellfire & Brimstone, The Virtual Fighters, "In reality, we don't exist"
 263rd MSG, SU, Black Hawk, The Hawk's Talons, "WE are the BOLD!"
 274th MSG, AE, Claymore, The Swordsworn, None yet
 920th MSG, SO, USS Kasimar, Chamberlain's Commandos, Victory Through Unity
 987th MEU, SO, N/A, Untouchables, Dolor Temporalus, Gloria Aeterna, Cicatrices Yiremibus Placent
 95th MSG, SO, USS Ares, Sentinals, N/A
 907th MSG, SU, SS Ian Fleming, Living Daylights, Orbis Non Sufficit
 911th, MSG, CF, USS Galaxy, The Fighting Protectors, Let's Roll
 980th MSG, SO, USS Nelson, Stormriders, Death Before Dishonor
 89th MSG Combined Forces Nickname: The Flying Medicine Men Motto: "A Phaser blast helps the medicine go down." OIC MGN John Roberts e-mail: jcroberts2@hotmail.com DOIC LTC David Cerame e-mail: dcerame@hotmail.com
 882nd MSG Aerospace Nickname: Glory's Chosen Motto: Remember the Fallen OIC Douglas Davenport, Col. e-mail: admshogun@msn.com
 851st MSG Special Ops Nickname: Devil Fog's Motto: Close Encounters OIC CMDR/ LTCOL Scott C Schaller e-mail: sschaller@bresnan.net DOIC (name and rank): MCapt. Alex Lake e-mail: sschaller@bresnan.net
 880th MEU Special Ops Nickname: fighting Minotaurs Motto: It takes two to declare peace
 OIC Timothy Kirshman e-mail: kirshman42@yahoo.com
 381st MEU Armor Nickname: lonewolves Motto: May the howl of lonewolf echo thru the valleys!
 OIC upton, geoff, 1st Sgt e-mail: geoffupton1@aol.com DOIC Jackson, Sian Lcpl DOIC e-mail: voyagerbooks@hotmail.com

Units NOT reporting:

1st BDE -Updated list be gathered.
 2nd BDE - 602nd, 645th
 6th BDE - 801st MSG, no current contact information
 7th BDE - 728 SO Blackheart The Corsairs Neither friend nor foe, but a Corsair am I
 724 ME Thor Marines of Asgard Fear the Hammer
 714 MA Lexington Death's Dragnet L'asservamento o la morte la sua scelta (Submission or death, your choice)
 725 SU Starlord Snow Vipers When Reason Fails, Force Prevails
 750 RDF Osiris The Scarabs We Haul Ours to Kick Theirs
 755 ME Dragon Star The Leaping Lizards It's A Hard Knock Life
 503rd MSG Angelina Christian, LTC / 0-5 e-mail: peter@outworldsutlery.com Phone: 253-589-8470
 Unit DOIC Jari James, MAJ / 0-4 e-mail: seticat@comcast.net Phone: 253-212-

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 555th MSG Thomas King, LTC e-mail: fleetertomking@yahoo.co
 565th MSG -- NEW OIC AND DOIC Unit OIC BDR David Lee Kania e-mail: davidlee@owt.com
 DOIC Shawn McVay e-mail: adraem77@hotmail.com
 577th MSG OIC Karl Clark 2nd Lieutenant e-mail: templar0915@hotmail.com
 DOIC C.P. Dalen 2nd Lieutenant
 216th MSG, MD, Morning Star, The Green Angels OIC - DeVriendt, Chris, MCAPT, A 47933, 216
 Stationed with U.S. Army in Germany sakeret@live.com
 222nd MSG, SO, Jeannette Maddox, The Madd Dogs, "Suvlu"taHvIS Yaphe" HoS Neh" ("Brute Strength is not the most important asset in a fight") OIC - Gomez, Rolando R., SSGT, A, 55934, shadoe1@cox.net
 242nd, MSG, IN, Celt, The Black Watch, "Scots, Wha'Hae!" OIC: Dunivan, Chris, FCAPT, R, 24906, 242
 chris@usscelt.org
 276th MSG, IN, Marko Ramius, The Hard Rockin' Rough Riders, N/A OIC: Dal L. "Tiny" Glenn - 20003
 oleceagull@juno.com
 DOIC: BGEN Troy S. Cash - 23272
 troycash@cox-internet.com
 286th MSG, IN, Sunflower, The Dukes, Strike from Space OIC: Johannson, Eric, MAJ, R, 48664, 286
 Z917183@hotmail.com
 901st Northern Lights, SGM Scott Grant, OIC
 Attempted to get report 3 times via email. No response. SGM Grant's membership has since expired.

PERSONNEL DATA

1st Brigade strength (active/reserve): 26 / 23
 2nd Brigade strength (active/reserve): 40/31
 3rd Brigade strength (active/reserve): XX/ XX
 4th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 15/00
 5th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 23/32
 6th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 05/11
 7th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 35/42
 10th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 4/3
 11th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 11/15
 12th Brigade Strength (Active/Reserve): 32/42
 13th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 01/01
 14th Brigade Strength (active/reserve): 01/00
 15th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 11/18
 17th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 12/23
 20th Brigade strength (active/reserve): 2/0

Changes to roster:

Discharges
 162 - No exact numbers of discharges
 150 - Rich Jolitz - discharge
 308: expired Rudy Ault 2LT 64453 Reserve NOV 08
 321: Warrant 2 (SFMC (R)) Joyce Fink, Scc# -31855

342:
 Expired Houser Cameron MCAPT, 53309, Reserve, 03/19/2008
 Expired Houser Jr. Robert, LTC, 54000, Reserve, 03/19/2008
 expired Short Christopher, CPO, 62089, Active, 09/22/2008
 expired Short Tina, CPL, 54762, Active, 09/22/2008
 Expired Andrews Adam, PFC, 64383, Active, 09/30/2008
 Expired Takahashi Jay, CPL, 61637, Reserve, 10/04/2008
 Expired Walker Tony, GSGT, 56237, Active, 10/04/2008 (NCOIC)
 Pope, Micheal 1Lt

Recruits

113 - Paul Kincaid
 198 - Col. Darrell Thomas, Ltcmdr Linda Thomas, Lt COL Shelia Benton, Philip J. Kern Jr. COL
 318: 2nd Lieutenant Joseph P Kelley Jr. Warrant Officer Joseph White. 2Lt Hays, Noble
 Ltc Kessen, Karen Lgn Black, Sam Daniel Dreesbach,
 6th - Julio Alcala, Von Bean
 5th = James, Jeffry A. PVT, Shawn McVay rejoins unit, Rick Sewel joined unit
 12th - MAJ Chris DeAngelo, LCPL Jackie Camlot, LCPL Andy Kwong, SGT John Scalabroni, 2LT Paul Scalabroni, MAJ Kevin Greene,

Discharged

555th MSG Jordan, Christine, Housworth, Joel
 565th MSG Bobby Robbins, Jr., Jenna Robbins,
 15th BDE 2LT Doug Austin
 880th mathew keener Lt.col.

Strike groups activated:

2nd BDE - Reactivated 645th as MEU
 3rd BDE - 318th Guardians of Honor USS Lonestar OFFICER IN CHARGE 2nd Lieutenant Joseph P Kelley Jr email jj.kelley.ptk@gmail.com URL--Branch Aerospace Squadron Motto: Stealth Wins the Day
 7th BDE - None. However, working on activating MSGs on the USS Challenger (well, reactivating), USS Britannic, and USS Abraham Lincoln.

Strike groups deactivated:

USS Sinclair 455th MSG - Deactivated due to decommissioning as a STARFLEET chapter. They'll likely be back in the future when they rejoin STARFLEET.

Changes in leadership:

198 - Col Tony Lopes OIC Stepped Down
 John Kane DOIC Transferred off ship
 Ltc Bill Rowlette OIC Assumed Command
 Col Darrell Thomas DOIC Assumed Doic Position
 1st BN OIC - Bill Rowlette
 2nd BN OIC - Mike Timko
 3rd BDE -
 313: Kaiden Michelle Lynn Khaos is the OIC
 318: 2nd Lieutenant Joseph P Kelley Jr. OIC
 Major 3 of 3 DOIC
 342: WO1 Matt from OIC, LT Wyatt to OIC
 4th - BDE -Julio Alcala replaced Monty

Smith As units DOIC

7th BDE - Database changes for some MSGs have been submitted over a year ago, and still have not been corrected. Can someone address this so that I do not keep getting yelled at by the MSGs?
 503rd MSG -- NEW UNIT OIC AND DOIC Unit OIC Angelina Christian, DOIC Jari James, MAJ / 0-4
 555th MSG -- NEW UNIT OIC Thomas King, LTC
 565th MSG The MSG has been transferred to the USS Wildhorse David Kania - OIC Shawn McVay DOIC
 987th MEU - No DOIC, Doug Austin Discharged.

Promotions

Julie Rickard to Colonel
 Shirley Kolb to Colonel (R)

Awards issued:

Leslie Langel IET,
 Oliver Savander LD10

Community Service Citation - December 2008: Courtney Martin; Craig Martin; Heather Martin; Sarah Martin; Shelby Martin; and Nadine Romero.

263: Leader's Commendation to MCAPT William Hof (64832)

225: USS BortaS Awards were issued on 17JAN2009 to the following marines:

Jeeves Award for Achievement in STARFLEET - Allen Glenn, Julie Rickard, 225th MSG Willaim Ware Theiss for Costuming Achievement - Paula Kesler, Mike McGowan

Luminary Award for Non-SFI Academics - Marlee Glenn, Brandy Peek, Destiny Peek, Shirley Kolb

Call to Arms Award for Recruiting Achievement - Mike McGowan

Ex-Libris Award for SFI Academics -Shane Russell, Julie Rickard, Mike McGowan

Quasar Award for Single Project Service - Jenny Miller, Shirley Kolb, Marlee Glenn, Paula Kesler

Polaris Award for Long Term Service -Allen Glenn, Shirley Kolb, Paula Kesler, Jenny Miller

Pulsar Award for Community Service - Allen Glenn, Shirley Kolb, Julie Rickard,

Neutron Star Award for Leadership - Allen Glenn, Shirley Kolb, Julie Rickard

USS BortaS Staff Officer of the Year - Paula Kesler,

USS BortaS Cade Member of the Year - Marlee Glenn

USS BortaS Volunteer of the Year - Shirley Kolb

USS Member of the Year- Julie Rickard

Community Service Award and Joint Service Award issued on 12/30/08 to the following Marines:

John Roberts, Laurie McFarland, David Cerame, Nelson Cerame, Susan Cerame, David Reustle, Philip Dillard, Earl Beighley, Marsha Jordan

Linda Olson

CO Forces Command SFMC
 Reporting



Report from the CO TRACOM

Greetings, all, from TRACOM and the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy!

Our year progresses and with it comes the myriad of little expansions on which we have been working to present to our students. By the time this gets read, we should have hopefully been able to release the first of many of our new courses that have been in the pipeline for a little while. These courses – as are all of the SFMCA projects – are designed to provide an extra element of fun and interest to your STARFLEET membership. Certainly, our focus does tend toward more “military aspects” of Star Trek and sci-fi in general – but don’t let that fool you!

Much of our classwork is designed around real-life studies using real-world reference material. You are just as likely to learn of things that may improve your own personality and nature as you are to discover how to

salute “properly” , or to find the physical armor ratings of an FV/RH-300 Armored Personnel Carrier...

Our Academy is, in reality, a widely diverse conglomeration of many different schools, each offering a rich source of interest and activity that is sure to tempt the appetites of those who may be seeking a little more difference to their study. At the SFMCA you can show off your military skills by taking advanced courses in Strategy & Tactics, Military History, and the like – or more simply take study that deals with the basics of Infantry training (we are all really “soldiers” to some degree or other, aren’t we?); learn more about Naval operations; discover aspects of how to deal with real-world medical situations ; or simply have some fun by perusing the various Xeno schools and further extend the study you may have taken elsewhere in these subjects. We have courses covering aspects of leadership and

professional development – geared to real-life improvements of the individual – as well as classes offering wide varieties of study in elements such as an Assistant Chaplain’s study course or a straightforward and very basic course in Parachute Familiarization (and we all should really know how to jump out of a plane and survive, shouldn’t we?). In fact, we suggest that will likely find a course of study that would have some interest element, no matter whether you consider yourself a grunt or a squid. Finally, to add to all this, there are our new courses – either recently released, close to release or still under development – each tailor-made to slot into our Academy and further extend study and interest options for our members. The SFMCA is simply here to extend your enjoyment as a member of STARFLEET, just as our much larger sister-organization, the SFA, does. We can only hope that we do this well, by presenting and offering a widely diverse range of material that our fellow

members can have some fun with. It isn’t “real” – it isn’t deadly serious – but it is fun. And you can trust us on that...

We would also like to take this time to salute our various winners of the “Student of the Month” awards – and remind you all that these winners are automatically included into nomination for the prestigious TRACOM Commander’s Award which is to be presented at the IC/IM in August.

Thanks for taking the time to read. See you all on campus...

Colonel Bruce O’Brien
Commanding Officer
Training & Doctrine Command, SFMC
Region 11 Recruiting Officer
USS Southern Cross NCC-63550
Region 11, New Zealand

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USS THERMOPYLAE NCC-74703



NAME: PRIGAL
RANK: PRIVATE
SHIP: USS THERMOPYLAE NCC-74703
REGION: 5, WASHINGTON (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: CLASSIFIED



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Ask Prigal: A Monthly Question & Answer Session from the Enlisted Point of View

Dear Prigal,

Even though I’ve never seen a picture of you, your words and exploits have stirred feelings in me. Would you care to meet sometime?

Signed,

Vulcan Vixen

Dear Vixen,

You question would have excited me a lot more if I hadn’t traced the message to a 43 year old male mess hall technician on Starbase 7. So, I think I’ll give it a pass.

By the way, I have the strangest feeling that any replicator you go to on Starbase 7 for the next week or so will only dispense bird’s nest soup and cold mint tea.

Future question submitters should be aware that I routinely track the question back to the best of my ability. This is in accordance with Prigal’s Law, Rule Number Eight: “Just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean someone ISN’T out to get you.”

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

This is a follow-up to my question from last month. I understand Gunny had a terrific time on his leave, and joined the rest of the crew for drinks in the NCO Club of the *USS Wildhorse*. Did you enjoy his leave as much as he did?

Stunned in the Stockade

Dear Stunned,

Oh, I had just a marvelous time while Gunny was gone. Every time I turned around, there was two meters of grinning Caitian watching to make sure I wasn’t up to anything while I scrambled to get a week’s worth of work done in just two days. Thank you for asking, and how do you feel about bird’s nest soup and cold mint tea?

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

Some of us were debating the merits

of some of the best-known Starfleet captains, and we were wondering what your opinion was. Who would you have most liked to have served under: Kirk, Picard, Sisko, Janeway, or Archer?

Curiously,

B-deck Bull Session

Dear Bull,

Personally, I’m a big fan of Commodore Decker. There was a Fleeter with a Marine mindset. No matter how bad you screw up, you can redeem yourself if you’re willing to pay the price, like running your crippled ship solo, and taking it straight into the mouth of a planet eating doomsday machine to save the day.

But, of the list you provided: Kirk would have had my tail in the brig so often I may as well have moved my things there. Sisko was another tough commander, but a bit messed up by Bajoran mysticism. Janeway was tougher than Picard, but no Jim Kirk. Picard either had a stick up his rear, or was so busy being a diplomat that he’d have been easy to get around, and if I

got caught, I could just say I was sorry and promise not to do it again.

That leaves Archer, who had the sense to utilize his Macos when the situation demanded. Any captain smart enough to see the value of full time combat troops in a rough situation gets my approval. Besides that, like any good Marine, Archer had to improvise constantly, not having all sorts of Starfleet protocol and rules to lean on.

On the other hand, maybe under Kirk I’d have had a chance at some of his cast-offs.

Prigal

Dear Prigal:

Rumor has it that the *Thermopylae* medical section has an arsenal that would make most Marines happy. Why do the medics need such firepower?

Pacifist

Dear Pacifist,

If you remember your fairly recent

history, boarding actions are more common these days, and Sickbay on most ships is a “soft” target. I’m sure “Jawz”, “Gato”, “Boomer” and the rest have the safety and security of their patients in mind. Given that their arsenal includes energy, projectile, and even edged weapons, they are merely making sure they can meet any threat.

Plus, being able to shoot things or blow them up is kind of fun and stress relieving for some folks, and we all know how much stress the medical section can come under.

Personally, I’m not going to argue with them. They’ve got me out-gunned most of the time.

Prigal

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

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





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NAME: KEIRA ELAINE RUSSELL-STRONG
RANK: VICE ADMIRAL
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS ALIOTH* NCC-72383
REGION: 17, UTAH (USA)

There Is Always A Need

The crew of the *USS Alioth*, a STARFLEET Fan Association ship, (we do know it is pretend), met Saturday, March 21 to create hygiene kits to be donated to the United Way, and to bag and load cans for recycling. The members of the ship have more fun doing community service activities than most other activities. This time the hygiene kits were top of the list and were chosen from the United Way web site list, a site that has assisted the crew in choosing items to be donated.

Every year, the crew collects aluminum to be recycled and the proceeds have gone to fund the ship's "Sub for Santa" program, also through the United Way.

Next month, the membership of the *Alioth* will be participating in the MS Walk in Provo, Utah. One of the members of the *Alioth* is a quadriplegic due to MS. Should there be some STARFLEET fans out there that would like to assist in community service, the contact e-mail is: ussalioth@mac.com.



HUMOR WHILE WORKING. LEFT-TO-RIGHT: CAPT TIFFANY KNOX, MCPO RICHARD KNOX, CMDR NATHAN SHUMWAY, CAPT D. JUSTIN TAYLOR (1ST OFFICER...HIDING), AND RADM LYNNETTE KNOX. PHOTO BY KEIRA RUSSELL-STRONG.



BAG 'EM. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: (BACK OF HEAD) CAPT D. JUSTIN TAYLOR, MCPO RICHARD KNOX, RADM LYNNETTE KNOX, AND CMDR NATHAN SHUMWAY. PHOTO BY KEIRA RUSSELL-STRONG.

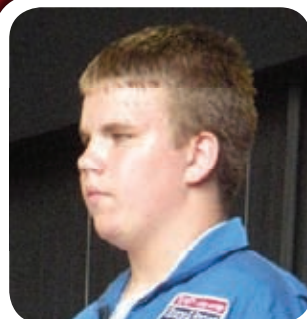


SMALL HANDS HELP, TOO. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: CMDR NATHAN SHUMWAY, CAPT D. JUSTIN TAYLOR (HIDING), JOSOLYN, OPS CADET ALYSSA CLAWSON, MCPO RICHARD KNOX (HIDING), RADM LYNNETTE KNOX. PHOTO BY KEIRA RUSSELL-STRONG.



CANS IN A BAG. CAPT TIFFANY KNOX (LEFT), RADM LYNNETTE KNOX, AND MCPO RICHARD KNOX (HIDING). PHOTO BY KEIRA RUSSELL-STRONG.





NAME: JAYSON ROACH
RANK: CADET
SHIP: USS APPOMATTOX NCC-75001
REGION: 1, VIRGINIA (USA)

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Space Camp: July 6-14, 2008

(Editorial note: Sometimes things fall through the cracks. When STARFLEET changed Comm Chiefs late last summer, some articles did not get passed along. This was one of them. But Fleet Captain Meg Roach of the USS Appomattox wanted to make sure this article saw print, even if it was a year late, to acknowledge the generosity of Roy Sessler and the USS Powhattan in sponsoring her son, Jayson.)

The CO of the *USS Appomattox*, John Sprouse, entered my name into the drawing for Space Camp. I was accepted, and the dates for camp were finalized. John and my dad Tim drove me to Huntsville the weekend before camp was to officially start. My mom was on a church trip in Europe at the time. After we arrived, we took a tour of the facility, which was actually pretty amazing. Then there was a parent/cadet orientation. After a few minutes in the auditorium, the parents were asked to return to the habitat bay for a question/answer session. After that, the parents were able to leave their cadets in the care and supervision of the space camp staff. Dad and John headed out for the long trip back to Lynchburg, Virginia.

Day 1: Sunday Orientation

We learned about the rules and regulations of camp and had time for questions and answers. The head counselors then brought the other counselors in for introductions. After we formed up into our groups, we made our way to the mess hall for dinner. We then went outside and played a game to introduce ourselves to each other. My team was called Pulsar. We got ready for bed and lights out at 10 pm.

Day 2: Monday

Our schedule was 7:30 am wake up and 30 minutes to complete personal hygiene. We had to be downstairs by 8 am for breakfast in the mess hall. We then went on to learn about the first rocket plan, which was drawn up by a Russian scientist named Dr. Tsiolkovsky. However, that plan was never used. After lunch in the museum, we were able to do a computer simulation of a shuttle take off. Each team had a different shuttle to fly--ours was *Atlantis*. I was a mission scientist. We then did a simulation of the moonwalk. We took turns in a chair which bounced on a wooden platform and was shaped like a crater. After supper in the mess hall, we began building a model rocket. The rocket looked like it had a unicorn horn at the top with a regularly shaped bottom. We then went back to the Habitat for bedtime chores and lights out at 10 pm.



Day 3: Tuesday

The regular schedule by now was to get up at 7:30 am and down to the mess hall by 8 am. The first event of the day was learning about Robert Goddard, an American scientist. He was the first to fly a rocket in his basement (based upon the earlier Russian scientific blueprints). Afterwards, we went through a flight simulation on the Manned Maneuvering Unit (the MMU). Then it was off to another flight of the *Atlantis*--I was a mission scientist again. After lunch, there were more flight simulations. This kept us busy until dinnertime. After dinner, we worked some more on our rockets. Then it was time to return to the Habitat for bedtime chores. Lights out again at 10 pm.

Day 4: Wednesday

Regular schedule again--get up at 7:30, be at breakfast by 8 am. After breakfast, we attended a session on Dr. Werner von Braun, the rocket scientist who launched the first rocket into space. After lunch, we went to "Area 51" where we did some team building activities. We did games there that required us to use our brains/intelligence. After dinner, we worked more on our rocket models. Then it was time to go back to the Habitat for bedtime chores. Lights out at 10 pm.

Day 5: Thursday

The usual routine: up at 7:30, mess hall by 8 am. Afterwards, we learned about various Apollo missions. Apollo 1 had the loss of three brave astronauts (Chafee, White, and Grissom). Apollo 8 had the first man to orbit the moon. Apollo 11 had the first man to land on the moon. Apollo 13 was hit by a meteorite and had an interesting time getting back home. After lunch, we got to use the Multi Axis Trainer simulator (MAT). We also did our third and fourth simulated missions with *Atlantis*. I was the pilot on the third mission. Unfortunately, we blew *Atlantis* up. I was pilot again on the fourth mission. This time we landed safely. After dinner, we finished building our model rockets and returned to



the Habitat for bedtime chores. Lights out by 10 pm.

Day 6: Friday

Regular schedule: up at 7:30, breakfast at 8 am. Then we got ready for graduation. We put on our flight suits. Mine was blue because I was part of Space Camp/Space Academy. Aviation Challenge cadets wore green flight suits. We went to the rocket center, which has a real Saturn 5, thrusters, and more hanging from the ceiling. Finally, it was graduation time. I had earned my wings and received a package. Then we went to sit down and see what was in our packages. What was there included a group photo, a patch that featured the Pulsar team logo, and all our last names as well as a silver pair of wings with "Space Academy" engraved on them.

Afterwards, we toured all the facilities with our parents or guardians. We went into the museum and walked around. Of course, we looked around in all the gift shops (about 5 or 6 of them) for souvenirs. Then it was time to say goodbye to new friends and wish each other well.

If asked whether I enjoyed space camp and would I recommend for other kids to attend, I would have to say YES! I had an awesome time there, made new friends, and learned many new things. I definitely recommend that anyone interested within STARFLEET should attend. However, if you are interested in attending, then you have to keep good grades in school.

Once again, I want to thank Roy Sessler and the *USS Powhatan* for sponsoring my trip to space camp. It was an experience that I will never forget.

(All photos supplied by Meg Roach.)



NEW STARFLEET MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.shop.sfi.org

Welcome to Spreadshirt! Similar to other sites like Cafe Press and Zazzle, Spreadshirt is a print-to-order online merchant. This means that no item is actually printed until YOU order it, saving STARFLEET money (since we don't have to pre-order merchandise, store it, or ship it...Spreadshirt handles all that for us).

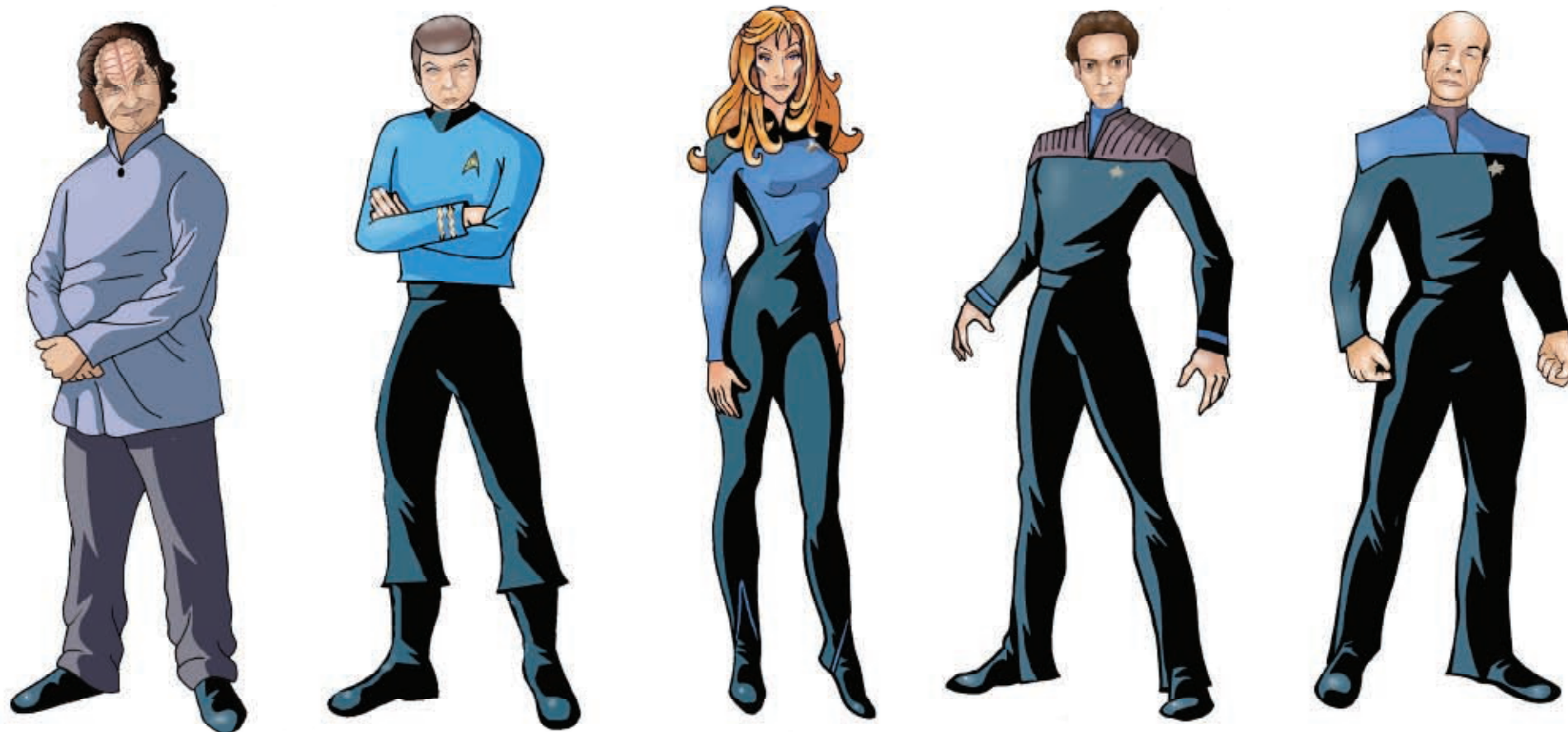
Our new online store is NOT replacing the STARFLEET Quartermaster...just adding to it with another online ordering option. The two stores are separate entities with different merchandise selections (and separate shipping charges), and the Quartermaster is still available at www.qm.sfi.org.

In the past, many chapters and even STARFLEET itself used Cafe Press. But a few years ago, Cafe Press signed an agreement with Paramount to be their official StarTrek.com merchandise vendor, and they cracked down on anyone selling designs that looked even remotely Star Trekish. But Spreadshirt doesn't have a problem with Trek-related logos. What's more, Spreadshirt offers special printing techniques that show up well on both bright and dark colored shirts.

STARFLEET is making use of Spreadshirt's "flex print" technology to create some really great products. The flex printing does not fade--ever! In fact, the shirt will disintegrate before the design on it starts showing any signs of wear and tear. Additionally, flex printing offers a metallic gold color, so our classic STARFLEET logo (the one with the fig leaves) will be eye-catchingly reflective.

Unfortunately, flex printing limits us to only two flat colors per design, and because the classic STARFLEET logo is very complex, it cannot shrink down to fit on all products. For this reason, Jon Lane has created a new STARFLEET logo with the new *USS Enterprise* on it. Also, Spreadshirt doesn't yet offer the variety of products that Cafe Press does. We have primarily shirts and tote bags available.

And finally, the prices on Spreadshirt are a little higher than those in our Quartermaster store. This is unavoidable, since the Spreadshirt shop costs STARFLEET nothing and, therefore, Spreadshirt sets the base-level prices for everything. We've tried to limit our "profit" to only a couple of dollars per item to make the new merchandise as affordable as possible. And remember, our Quartermaster is not going away. So take your pick: order STARFLEET stuff from our Quartermaster, from our new Spreadshirt shop at www.shop.sfi.org or from both. They each have great product selections!



IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? STARFLEET MEMBER GARY ANDERSON HAS DONE SOME AMAZING DRAWINGS. CHECK OUT HIS WORK AT: WWW.NIGHTWING1975.DEVIANTART.COM/GALLERY/#MY-TOONS



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Volunteering for Super Bowl XLIII

Recently I was a volunteer for Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Florida. I was working at the NFL Experience during the Super Bowl Weekend. I received an e-mail from the Super Bowl Host Committee asking for volunteers to be part of a show being filmed there. They asked us to be there at 6:00 am, so I got up at 3:00 am and walked in the rain (and it was cold), and I got to the bus station around 4:40 am. The bus arrived shortly, and I got on it.



ALVIN DOZIER AND AL ROKER. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ALVIN DOZIER.

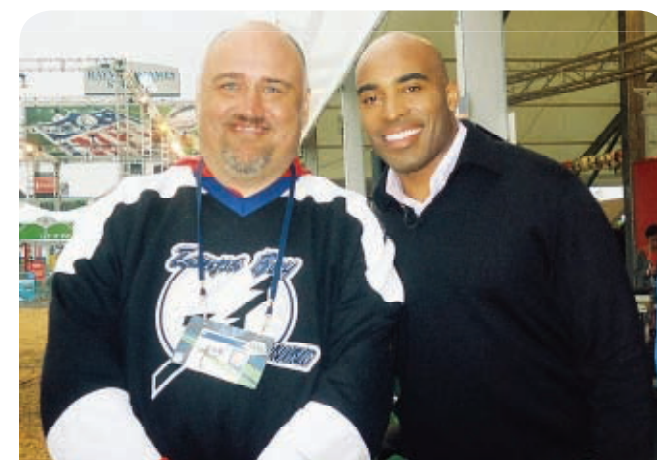


ALVIN DOZIER AND MEREITH VIRIEA. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ALVIN DOZIER.

I arrived at the NFL Experience around 5:50 am and got in to the volunteer tent to discover that the show we were to be working on was "The Today Show." One of the supervisors came and took us to the NFL Network Tent for staging. It was still raining and cold and, as good volunteers, we had to stay in the rain, too.

After that, we got in our spot for the first live shot, and Al Roker came out to do the weather with us. I was lucky enough to get to help with one of the segments by getting a football to Al so he could throw it. That was fun.

Overall, I had a great time at the NFL Experience. For anybody thinking of volunteering at an upcoming Super Bowl, or just coming to the NFL Experience, remember one thing: you might bump into someone famous.



ALVIN DOZIER AND TIKI BARBER. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ALVIN DOZIER.

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Super Bowl Party in 3D with Chili

Members of the USS Pioneer and the USS Moon Type got together on Super Bowl Sunday, mostly to watch the commercials <grin>. At our local grocery chain, they gave away 3D glasses from Intel, Sobe, and Dreamworks for special commercials for the movies Up and Monsters vs Aliens, Sobe Life Water, and to promote Intel's new True 3D technology.

The 'chili' part started several years ago at a party by the USS Stormbringer. This year, we decided to do our own small gathering because so we only had two chili dishes entered. The first was a homemade

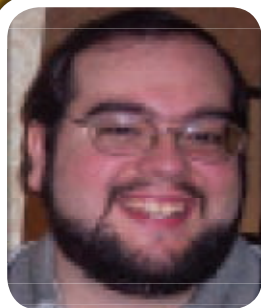
green chili by David Horst with pork that, even after attempts to turn down the heat, was still too spicy for a few. The second was a classic chili made with beef and beans, which was deliberately kept mild but still had plenty of flavor. We have some good cooks!

We had great food, some excellent craft beers, and ended up watching more of the actual game than we had planned. But our favorite moment was the new Star Trek movie trailer. That looks sooo good... can't wait.



COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: DAVID HORST, DEBBY HORST, KATHRYN JOHNSON, NESTLE JOHNSON (THE BLACK DOG), ED DOUGHERTY, RIKER BEAR HORST, ARTY BOUCHEZ, BROOKS WILLIAMSON, AND DUANE JONLAND. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DAVID HORST.





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Why Are We Here?

Life is an interesting subject...a topic I have personally written several papers on, ranging from philosophy, ideology, and heavily on a religious and spiritual perspective. There are many views, ideas, and beliefs on the subject, and many authors have chosen to write about life. Regardless, the purpose behind the discussion of this article will be rather refined and focus on some particular areas.

"Why are we here?" is the theme behind this writing. It is not a discussion on what is the purpose of life, why we are here on earth, etc., but why we are here in this venue in this time. So let me spin the question around to be more personal: "Why are YOU here"? Why have you chosen to be involved in a fan club? Why did you decide to join, or are considering joining, an organized fan club? What do you hope you will get out of being a member? Finally, what do you plan to contribute to the group, what do you hope to invest into it?

Perhaps we should even take it a bit further and discuss what is an organized fan club, or any social group for that matter. No matter what the group or term used to describe it, let's look at the definition of a "clan" since that's a term used to describe many online gaming groups as listed in Webster's Dictionary: "Clan (2): a group united by a common interest or common characteristics." So what is the commonality then, that defines why we are here? Well, that is simple. It's *Star Trek*. How you got here was most likely either you found or were told about one of the chapters, perhaps you like "dressing up," or for whatever reason it struck some interest in you, so you decided to check it out. Or perhaps you were simply together with some members of the group, and perhaps they were friendly to you, maybe you just liked to tag along and were curious. No matter the circumstance, you found out about the group and your interest grew.

Many people tell me that they are here because they want to be with their friends. While I will of course not question or discount this fact, we must take a look back further. When you first came here, you (for many) didn't have a lot of friends within the group or maybe even none at all. The point being at some point you established those relationships, you had to "become" friends at some point with those you now wish to hang with. So while this point is very valid, it generally is not the real root reason you are here.

Something attracted you to the group...do you remember exactly what it was and what thoughts were going through your head back then? I encourage you to do so, because over time we tend to forget why we chose to consider coming here. So now that we have brought ourselves back to the starting point of deciding to join, we can reflect upon those deciding factors that lead us to filling out an application to join.

Then now, let's try to answer some of the other questions. What do you hope to get out of being a part of a *Star Trek* fan

club? This can be answered so many ways, so I'll simply start with sharing my views of what an organized group should be and what I hope to get out of it.

A *Star Trek* fan club should be a place where people, regardless of background, country of origin, religion, etc., should be able to come together and enjoy the company of others that share a common interest or goals.

It should be a place where people can meet, interact, learn about, and perhaps even create and foster friendships that will last a lifetime. It should be a place to build memories that we will take with us forever, no matter if we are a part of the group anymore or not. It should be a place where we recognize our strengths, lift others up, and build upon their weaknesses... thus creating a well rounded organization of commitment--not to one's self, nor really the organization--but to others.

The above, in reality, answers both of my points. It is not only what I believe a fan club organization should be but what I hope (expect) to get out of it. I want to lift up others' weaknesses and instill my abilities and talents into them helping them become something better in the end. I also expect the same of others to build me up, help me learn new things, see new ideas, learn new concepts, and embrace a greater understanding of subjects I know little about.

So I make this challenge to you: if you are here only to get something out of the group without pouring your own strengths into it, you are here for the wrong reason. Fan clubs, gaming clans, churches, associations, they are all about the people within their umbrella, not the single individuals. We all make up the greater whole.

So answer these questions for yourself, and see where you are in the great scope of things. I leave you now with a few of my favorite leadership quotes.

Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton:

The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself.

John W. Gardner:

The cynic says, "One man can't do anything." I say, "Only one man can do anything."

Confucius:

The superior man is distressed by the limitations of his ability; he is not distressed by the fact that men do not recognize the ability that he has.

Arnold Glasgow:

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

John Ruskin:

You will find that the mere resolve not to be useless, and the honest desire to help other people, will, in the quickest and delicate ways, improve yourself.

Mary Pickford:

You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down.

Harold Taylor:

The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become.

Jon Holt:

The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.

Author unknown:

There is no elevator to success; you have to take the stairs.

John Kotter:

Great leaders... motivate large groups of individuals to improve the human condition.

Aristotle:

He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.

Billy Graham:

Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything.

Og Mandino:

I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand. Henceforth will I apply all my efforts to become the highest mountain of all and I will strain my potential until it cries for mercy.

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt:

It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.

John C. Maxwell:

A big man is one who makes us feel bigger when we are with him.

Unknown Author:

A leader leads by example, whether he intends to or not.

William James:

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.





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STARFLEET *Communiqué* Submission Guidelines

1) WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

The STARFLEET *Communiqué*, the bi-monthly newsletter for our fan organization, welcomes printable submissions from any member of our club. Among the items most frequently submitted are:

- 1.1) Articles about chapter, regional, or fleet events,
- 1.2) Articles about some aspect of *Star Trek* or science fiction,
- 1.3) Articles about opportunities and/or resources for STARFLEET members and *Star Trek* fans in general,
- 1.4) Articles about important issues for our fan organization,
- 1.5) Photographs of chapter, regional, or fleet events--including members, activities, and items of interest,
- 1.6) Photographs of famous *Star Trek* and/or science fiction celebrities,
- 1.7) Drawings, cartoons, schematics, or other printable artwork,
- 1.8) Other fun *Star Trek* or sci-fi items--such as short stories, poems, or recipes.

Please limit any written submissions to 5,000 words or fewer, unless you have first requested permission from the Chief of Communications for a longer submission.

2) WHERE TO SEND IT:

- 2.1) All submissions to CQ should be e-mailed to:

cq@sfi.org

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- 2.2) Please note that any physical submission mailed will not be returned unless the sender includes a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a written request that the submission be mailed back.

- 2.3) Submission deadlines are usually printed in previous issues of the *Communiqué* and posted to the various STARFLEET chat lists. However, if you are ever curious when the next submission deadline will be, feel free to contact the Chief of Communications. Please note, the earlier a submission is received, the more likely it is to be included in the upcoming issue instead of having to wait until a later issue is published.

3) FORMAT OF SUBMISSIONS:

- 3.1) Please send all written articles in Microsoft Word .doc format. Make sure the document contains only text. Do NOT embed photos or other images inside of Word documents. Send images separately.

- 3.2) Images should be sent as jpeg files with no compression (or the highest quality jpeg setting). Photos and artwork should also be saved at the highest possible resolution. Photos that are less than 800 pixels wide or tall will usually look pretty bad when printed.

- 3.3) In certain cases, .pdf and .xls files can be sent as submissions, but please check with the Chief of Communications before sending a submission in either of these formats.

- 3.4) Please proof-read your written submissions carefully before sending them. Use a spell-checker, and if possible, read the submission out loud to make certain all of your sentences are clear and make sense. Submissions do not have to be completely free of typos, but the editorial team prefers to have to do minimal corrections of articles, if possible.

4) WHAT YOU NEED TO INCLUDE:

- 4.1) All photos that you submit should include a separate text file containing captions. Do NOT rely on file names for your captions; file names are usually changed and simplified during production and lost once photos are placed into page layouts.

- 4.2) Photo captions should include the names of all people pictured (if available) and preferably their chapter name, as well. Also, PLEASE include the name of the photographer, even if you are the photographer and are also submitting the photo.

- 4.3) For the author, please include as many of the following as you can:

Author's full name
Author's rank and position in their chapter
That chapter's name, NCC number, home state (or country, if not U.S.), and region
That chapter's logo (if available)
A head shot photo of the author (if available)
A brief list of some of the author's best achievements while in STARFLEET

5) WHAT TO AVOID

- 5.1) The *Communiqué* is read by a wide and diverse audience around the world, including people of different ages, genders, religions, and political beliefs. Please write in a professional manner using language that would be appropriate for the widest possible audience.

- 5.2) Photos or artwork that might be of questionable taste run the risk of not being accepted for publication. The *Communiqué* editorial team errs on the side of caution in most decisions of what to publish. If you push the envelope, do not be surprised if your submission does not make it into the publication.

- 5.3) Try to avoid talk of politics (either inside or outside of STARFLEET), and talk of religion. Informal spiritual references are acceptable, but remember that IDIC allows for a wide diversity of beliefs, and we want to respect and be open-minded about all cultural perspectives.

- 5.4) No personal attacks against any individual, either inside or outside of the STARFLEET organization.

- 5.5) No blatant advertising. Because of our periodical mailing rate with the U.S. Post Office, any advertisements contained within our publication increase our postage costs. As such, any advertisement needs to first be approved by the Executive Committee.

6) AND FINALLY

- 6.1) Please submit ONLY YOUR OWN WORK. Or if you are submitting on behalf of another person, be certain he or she is credited as the author and has given permission for the submission and publication of his or her work. Do not violate another's copyright or plagiarize another's work.

- 6.2) Space in the *Communiqué* is limited. Not all articles will fit. Sometimes a submission will need to wait for one or more issues until there is space for it. Some submissions may not be used at all. The final decision of what gets published in the *Communiqué* and when is made by the Chief of Communications and his or her editorial team.

- 6.3) Please try to carefully proof-read any text submission. However, be aware that we reserve the right to make editorial changes to any submission to correct typos, clarify meaning, and in some rare cases, to shorten length. Every effort will be made to keep the integrity of the original submission, but understand that changes may likely be made before the final publication.

- 6.4) That said, we make mistakes, too. We apologize in advance if we misspell your name or the name of someone in one of your photos or articles. We strive to be perfect, but we don't always make it. The most important thing for all of us when it comes to the STARFLEET *Communiqué* and our overall organization is to enjoy *Star Trek* and have fun.

THANKS FOR READING ALL THIS.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
RECEIVING YOUR SUBMISSION!**



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