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STARFLEET REMEMBERS MICKEY HOLDEN



A tribute by
Fleet Captain
Barbara Lariscy
USS Star League



On Sunday, August 9, 2009, the
Star League lost one of our oldest
members, Commander Mickey

Holden. He died suddenly of complications from heart surgery. I was stunned to hear of his death when I returned from IC. When I left Friday, he was doing well in ICU. The shock quickly spread throughout the crew as the word spread.

We have lost crew members before, but it never gets any easier. We gathered to say goodbye at the funeral home, still in shock. Mickey was the only chief of security Star League has ever had. He was part of what we call the "Holden Continuum." He, his brothers, and sisters have always been a core group in our crew. Mickey worked countless hours of security duty at cons and was known to target his CO in phaser practice (laser tag)...all in good fun of course. Mickey was probably most proud of the fact that he designed the Region One Security Department logo, according to his sister Mary Holden.

But above all, he was our friend and we loved him. His loss will be felt for a long time and will leave a hole that will never be filled. He was loved by his family and by his Star League family. As we gather for his wake, we will laugh, cry, and share memories of our friend and celebrate his life. As a good security chief, he has left us to scout ahead in that Undiscovered Country. Goodbye, Mickey...second star to the right and straight on till morning.

STARFLEET REMEMBERS MURIEL WINTER



A tribute by
Brigadier
Loreleigh Graves
USS Atlantis



Approximately 24 years ago, James Ludvigson organized the first chapter of Star Trek in Nanaimo, BC, Canada. His first recruits were Donna-Jean Noddin, Muriel Winter (both of whom are gone now), and Greg Fogden as the first members and founders of a club that would work for local charity.

They recruited a full membership, organized an itinerary that worked hand-in-hand with the needy and the general public. The shuttle became widely known for its kindness and help as the USS Malaspina.

Muriel Winter served over the years in the capacity of PR officer, secretary, club photographer, and bookkeeper/banker.

The club changed hands, names, memberships, and restarted several times. Muriel was always there to suggest, assist, and advise from events of the past. She worked hard at every task she took on...from collecting clothing, books, and toys, to gathering donations of foods for the poor and the animals as the club supported the local food bank, the battered women's shelter, the Child Development Center and the S.P.C.A.

She was a hard-working, consistent, smiling, participant in everything she did. She worked long and hard over the years from Cadet to Commander. She rarely missed a meeting or a function, be it a club picnic, an open house in public malls, or a celebration for a member.

Now, as we bid her farewell, we wish her happy travels on a luxury liner through the galaxies.

Travel on, Dear Lady, in peace, happiness and joy. You will be missed.



MAJOR GENERAL LINDA OLSON OF THE STARFLEET MARINE CORPS (PICTURED IN WHITE ON THE FAR LEFT) HAS SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS HAND-STITCHING HUNDREDS OF NAMES ONTO THE WALL OF HONOR. THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO THE WALL. THE MAIN SECTION IS MEMBERS OF THE REAL LIFE MILITARY, ALIVE OR DEAD AS LONG AS THEY ARE FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF STARFLEET MEMBERS. THE SECOND SECTION IS RESERVED FOR ASTRONAUTS WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. THE THIRD SECTION IS FOR DECEASED STARFLEET MEMBERS. PHOTOS TAKEN AT IC 2009 BY JON LANE.





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REGION: 1, OHIO (USA)



COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Report from the Commander

What can I say? I had a great time! Of course I'm talking about the 2009 International Conference. I happily join the chorus of members who thank Les Rickard and his team for a wonderful experience. One of the greatest contributors to my own great experience was seeing Jeannette Maddox again. Jeannette was the Commander, STARFLEET when I joined, and her presence at our chapter event created a great impression on me when I first entered the organization. And at this IC, I had an opportunity to lunch and dine with her at the banquet. She availed herself for counsel and as a dance partner. I also got to see some other friends that I hadn't seen for some time like Tom Monaghan. Les himself was very supportive, and I appreciated the times when we interacted during the weekend, too.

Thanks to the EC and the AB, I was able to hand out three honorary memberships to members in good standing that have benefited STARFLEET by their service(s) over the years. Honorary memberships give the recipients three years of membership without payment. The three recipients are Victor Swindell (R1), Matt Ingles (R15), and Bran Stimpson (R17). I was also able to present Lifetime Memberships to two members in good standing. The Lifetime Membership means that the recipient will never be required to pay to continue their membership in STARFLEET. This membership is awarded to someone who has been an Admiral for at least five years and contributed greatly to STARFLEET. This year, a Lifetime Membership was awarded to Sherry Newell (R12). Also this year, for the second award, the EC and the AB voted to suspend the rules regarding rank requirement so that we could award a Lifetime Membership to Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise (R2).

With the help of Linda Kloempkin, I was also able to hand out a few promotions and awards...

Promotions

To Fleet Captain/Brigadier:

Debbie Blaser (Region 13, *SS Bounty*)

To Commodore/Brigadier General:

J. Unicorn Escobedo (Region 4, *USS Angeles*)

Russ Garrison (Region 5, Unassigned)

To Rear Admiral/Major General:

Sharon Lambert (Region 3, *USS Victory*)

Leslie Ryan (Region 2, *USS Marathon*)

Bran Stimpson (Region 17, *USS Tiburon*)

Laura Victor (Region 7, *USS Challenger*)

To Admiral/General:

Sam Black (Region 3, *USS Lone Star*)

Awards

2008 Junior Member of the Year:

PO3 Carol Hall

USS Jurassic -- Region 1

2008 Commanding Officer of the Year:

Admiral Linda Smith

USS Heimdal -- Region 1

2008 Enlisted Member of the Year:

PO3 Kathy Beck

USS Heimdal -- Region 1

2008 Officer of the Year:

Lt Cmdr Josephine Fisher

USS Southern Cross -- Region 11

2008 Flag Officer of the Year:

Commodore Jonathan Lane

USS Angeles -- Region 4

2008 Shakedown Chapter of the Year:

USS Leonidas -- Region 4

2008 Mothership of the Year:

USS Thermopylae -- Region 5

2008 Co-Chapters of the Year:

USS Heimdal -- Region 1

USS Nelson -- Region 15

To me and many EC members, the IC is a



ADMIRAL LINDA SMITH, CO OF THE *USS HEIMDAL* IN VIRGINIA, GIVES SAL LIZARD A HUGE HUG WHEN THE *HEIMDAL* WINS CO-CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AT IC 2009. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

"working weekend" with the EC and AB getting together for their annual "face-to-face" meeting and the various events that I participate in. I look forward to the Marine Mess, the General Session, the "Fireside Chat" and/or "Meet the Brass" panels, the Flag Ceremony, and the Banquet. But generally, I also spend a lot of time with individual members who seek an opportunity to speak one-on-one with me in a quiet corner somewhere. I appreciate those opportunities to answer questions, too.

This particular IC started off a little differently than how I expected when Martin Lessem served me with a lawsuit naming himself as the plaintiff and STARFLEET, the International *Star Trek* Fan Association, Inc. as the defendant. This suit, filed by Martin earlier that day, was a complaint that STARFLEET (through my actions) had illegally terminated three corporate directors, and he demanded that they be reinstated. The filing indicated that Martin was seeking an injunction against the annual business meeting of the EC and AB, and that he wanted me suspended and removed from my position by a court's ruling.

As I've said in the past, I am not an attorney, and so I contacted Hurwitt & Associates--STARFLEET's law firm--to find out what to do. Because of the hour, our attorney had left for the day, so I left a message for her to contact me as soon as she could. In the meantime, other members of STARFLEET offered access to their attorneys, and I did learn that Martin could actually go to the courthouse on the following day to ask for an emergency injunction that could halt the ECAB meeting, and that I should present myself to counter his request. There were two courthouses in Guilford County, so I had to ask Martin which



FLEET ADMIRAL SMOOCH! FORMER COMMANDER, STARFLEET LES RICKARD (LEFT) AND CURRENT CS SAL LIZARD (RIGHT) EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO FORMER CS JEANNETTE MADDOX, WHO PAVED THE WAY, LEADING STARFLEET 20 YEARS AGO. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



one it was where he filed his motion. Martin assured me that he wasn't going to go to the courthouse the next morning. And since he did state this in front of others, I decided to stay for the ECAB meeting instead.

The next morning, I announced the lawsuit to the ECAB and that I would have to leave the meeting, at times, to speak with our attorney. Our attorney assured me that unless a judge had signed an order to the contrary, we could conduct our meeting and asked me to fax her a copy of the filing. As our attorney is in Massachusetts, she said that we needed to contact a local lawyer who was licensed to practice in North Carolina and could respond to the complaint. This meant that Tracey, our lawyer, had to bring a second attorney into this matter to ensure that Martin didn't win the case by default.

Since taking office, I have relieved four Regional Coordinators. The first one I relieved was not participating in the Admiralty Board discussions, and I was hearing that he wasn't responding to his region. This was the RC of Region 9 (Europe). It was after I received no response to my emails that I discovered his membership had also lapsed. So I relieved him and appointed an interim RC--no apparent issues there. The next time, I relieved three Regional Coordinators. Two of these I relieved for not reporting as required. The other I relieved for filing late, missing a report, AND for violating her fiduciary responsibilities to the corporation (to me, a far more serious matter).

Of the four dismissals, I received no feedback on two (R9 and R14), one email from a regional chapter CO on one (R6), and a hailstorm of complaints on the other (R4). The big difference was that the last of those four RCs is very politically connected in STARFLEET. The relieved RC from Region 6 contacted me after he was dismissed. He apologized, explained what happened, and asked to be allowed to file the missing reports. He also told me that he would like another opportunity to represent his region as the RC. Based on the actions and responses, I was inclined to reinstate him. The relieved RC of Region 4 argued that she had filed her reports and that she was being singled out because of her political bias against me. Several other very vocal members echoed that claim, despite the fact it could not be substantiated objectively. (No one can say for certain what I was thinking when I removed her except for me. And I have said multiple times that her political opposition to me was NOT a factor in my decision...and I stand 100% behind that statement.) Although she had the ability, she chose to complain instead of filing her missing report and, despite her claims to have mailed paperwork to the CFO, STARFLEET has still not received it at the time of my writing this a week after IC 2009. I was not inclined to re-instate her, but shortly before the IC, I was going to announce that I would allow her to be re-elected by her region...but only after she filed her missing report and submitted her paperwork to the CFO.

But as I was considering announcing that decision, the former R4RC filed an appeal. That halted everything. I felt that the appeal process should be given a chance to complete itself. I still wanted to re-instate the former R6RC, but I realized that he might be called upon for testimony in the appeals process, and I didn't want it to appear that I had "tampered" with a witness. I made very sure not to ask Dave Blaser or anyone else about the appeal so as not to interfere.

As the IC approached, I again began to think about re-instating one and announcing that the other could be re-elected, but then Martin served me with a lawsuit. At first, I thought that since there was now a legal case pending, I couldn't do anything until a judge decided the case...unless I just wanted to acquiesce to Martin's demand. I did not want to set a precedent that STARFLEET could be manipulated by others by simply filing lawsuits to get their desires granted. And while I didn't want to see STARFLEET spend the money, I thought that the question

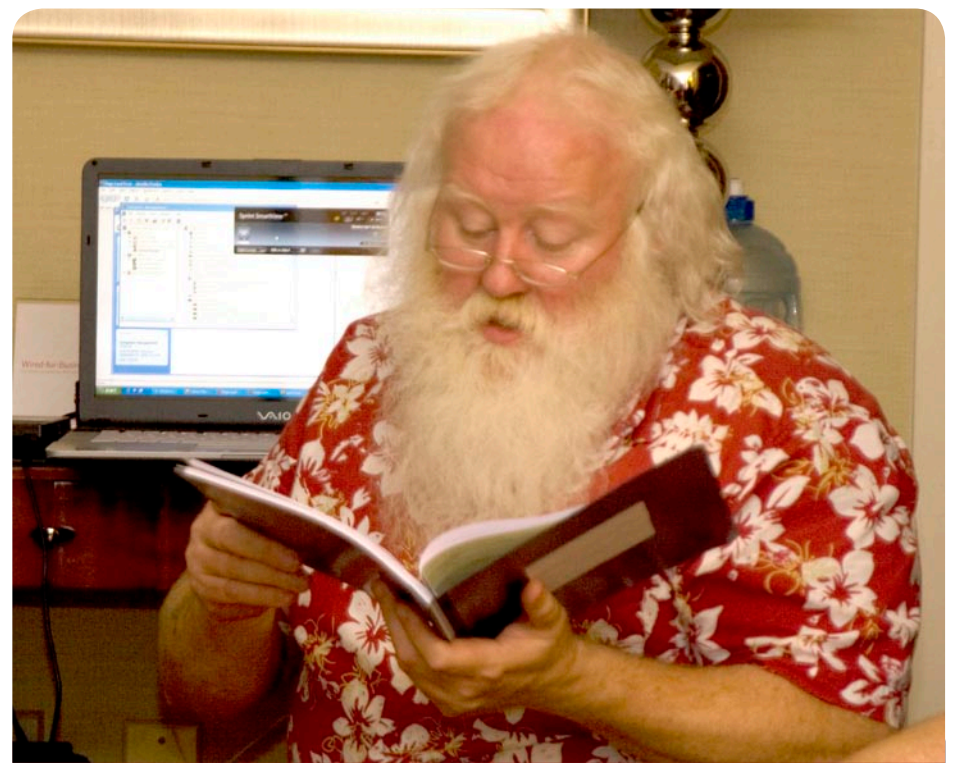
of the CS's authority in this matter would be decided, finally, if the case proceeded to court. But lawsuits will only hurt STARFLEET--they will hurt STARFLEET financially, and they will hurt STARFLEET's reputation. Despite Martin's choice to grandstand rather than just to talk with me, I didn't want STARFLEET to spend money. But I couldn't just ignore his lawsuit either --money needed to be spent to defend STARFLEET.

In my discussions with our attorney, her feeling was that this was a frivolous lawsuit and that she was sure a judge would probably find that I acted legally. But no matter what, we still had to answer the complaint, as required by North Carolina. She also told me that I didn't have to reinstate the RCs if I chose not to, but that the lawsuit shouldn't stop me if I wanted to either.

So at the end of the ECAB meeting, I reinstated the former R6RC and told the interim R4RC that I would re-instate their former RC pending her submitting her missing report and missing paperwork. The report was submitted within a few hours of my phone call to the former RC. Martin stated to several others (never to me, however) that he would withdraw his complaint, but as of the time of this writing (a week later), it hasn't been withdrawn, and STARFLEET is still proceeding with our response until we can verify that the complaint was withdrawn and that the matter has been dropped. *[Editorial note: shortly after this article was received, it was confirmed that the motion by Martin Lessem was withdrawn.]*

As I stated at the ECAB meeting and during the General Session: STARFLEET members elected me to run STARFLEET--they elected me to be "the boss." As "the boss," I have relieved EC members. I have now also relieved AB members. Everyone at the AB and EC level are required by law to run this organization using their judgment of what is best for the organization. That's what I've been doing and what I will continue to do. If people don't do their jobs, I think they should be replaced. The Constitution was written to strip some of the power away from the CS, but the CS (as President and Chairman of the Board) is still "ultimately responsible" for everything that happens in STARFLEET. It's not fair to say that the CS is ultimately responsible while stripping him of the power to make sure those responsibilities are met.

At the ECAB meeting, it was announced that STARFLEET now has two insurance policies: Directors and Officers Insurance and General Liability Insurance. This is in keeping with how businesses operate and will protect STARFLEET and its leadership. STARFLEET members who step up to run this organization--sacrificing their time and resources for the benefit of others--should not be placed in a position where they can lose their homes and other assets. This is especially important now that certain STARFLEET members have decided that lawsuits (or the threat of lawsuits) are their preferred negotiation tools. At some point, I really believe that STARFLEET is going to have to decide if members who threaten to and actually do file lawsuits against STARFLEET are the types of people that we want within the organization.



DURING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT AT IC09, FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD READS ALOUD THE LEGAL COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST STARFLEET BY MARTIN LESSEM. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

During the IC, John Roberts asked me if I was having fun. I responded that I haven't had fun for over a year and a half. He followed up with the question, "Then why are you still here?" And I responded because I have moments of joy and that those moments keep me going. Attending ICs and regional summits and meeting with members provides those moments of joy. But I have come to feel isolated from most of the membership. Like some other members, I have an issue with certain members who maliciously call me names like "Santa Fraud" and spread lies and make allusions for the purpose of eroding member confidence in me. Unlike other members, I am expected to ignore the malice and be above letting it bother me. I feel that I am not allowed to be a member, right now, because I am the CS. I understand, after talking to Jeanette and Les, that these feelings of separation are not exclusive to me and, at this past IC, I felt a bit more like a member again and less isolated. I had fun!

In closing, I still have great hope for this organization. I believe that the growing pains are worth it. I believe STARFLEET is worth it. I am going to keep working and making my best efforts for STARFLEET. And I appreciate all of the support I have received from the quieter members who send their notes of encouragement to my email address. Thank you all for letting me be the CS for these few years. Thank you to the EC and the AB for helping me along the way. Remember, this is your STARFLEET, and you need to make your feelings known to your Regional Coordinator. And if your Regional Coordinator won't listen, don't hesitate to come to me with your concerns.

And, lastly, I would like to put in a cheap plug for my movie, which will be coming to a theater near you on October 30th, 2009. In "The Box"--starring Cameron Diaz, James Marsden, and Frank Langella--I appear in three scenes as Santa. If you'd like to see what other movies I'm in, please check me out at:

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1796602/>

or at:

<http://actorsal.com>

...where I have a copy of the trailer.

Regards,
Sal Lizard





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REGION: 13, ONTARIO (CANADA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER REGION 13 COORDINATOR



VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The Second Banana Report

With thanks to Tammy Willcox and the IC2009 crew, I have a brand new title for my article: "The Second Banana Report". Thanks Tammy.

So the International Conference is over, and it was a very good time. I want to thank Les and his team for putting on a very good show. Things seemed to go smoothly, I enjoyed myself very much, and it generally seemed to be a productive weekend for us in STARFLEET on the whole.

Speaking of the IC, hopefully many of you were able to catch the broadcast of the General Session that took place during the IC. There was a lot of great news and information that was provided there, which I'm sure that many departments will be reporting in this edition of the *Communiqué*.

One of the big pieces of news coming out of my own department was that the AB voted upon the formation of a committee to be headed by myself that will be tasked with creating the requirements document for our corporate lawyers to draft a new edition of STARFLEET's bylaws, and to allow an expenditure of up to \$4,500 of fees to pay the lawyers for creating that draft.

One of the things that we've learned over the course of this year is that our documents aren't really in line with each other and that, as a result of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws (also known as the Constitution), and our membership handbook not being completely in agreement with one another, when we do something that looks to be appropriate, it can be in violation of another area of our documents.

The recent events with the relieving of three Regional Coordinators was a very clear demonstration of that, and our lawyers explained to myself and a member of the AB, because of the way that one document is inconsistent with and disagrees with another document, we basically end up with our own version of a "Choose your own Adventure" novel, or the STARFLEET version of Dungeons and Dragons where you have to roll a 2d20 to see whether you have to fight the band of Orcs or not...or whether the CS can remove an RC.

By the time this makes it to print, I'll already have formed the committee and will be working with them to pull together our requirements document. The AB had required that I provide an update on a bi-weekly basis as to where we are in the process.

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

The Annual Campaign

The Short Story contest has wrapped up, and we'd hoped to have the results from our Guest Judge, Star Trek author Mr. Keith DeCandido. However, at the time of this writing, he has not yet been able to finish reading all of the stories and rating them. As a result, the top 6 stories will not be printed in the CQ until we get the results from Mr. DeCandido. Hopefully, we'll see that come from him very soon and we can start to have the winning stories printed in the Communiqué starting next issue.

The SFMC

I wanted to take a quick minute to say thanks to the SFMC General Staff here while I could--the GS has been very accepting of me and has been very good in working with me within the VCS Team. I was very happy to have had a chance to meet and spend at least a little time with more of you during the IC this year. It was a first chance for me to meet Aaron Murphy and Sean Neimeyer this year at the IC, and I had a chance to spend a little time at the IM during the IC, and people seemed to be laughing and having fun, so I think that you folks can count this IM as mission accomplished. I wasn't able to be in attendance at the Marine Mess on Friday night, but I heard that the Marines who were there had a very good time and really enjoyed dinner.

The STAR Programs

As I'd announced at the IC this year, the FRC is changing into a new set of programs starting this fall. The STARFLEET Technical Applied Research programs, or STAR for short, has seen a number of changes over the course of the summer, and should be putting out some announcements and some great deliverables starting this fall. The folks heading up the various STAR Programs are communicating really well together and are very excited about their re-branding and the upcoming re-launch. Watch for announcements from our STAR Program Head, Anthony Dowling, and his team coming soon!

Petfleet

Marie Anderson, the new head of our Petfleet department, is planning a number of things for Petfleet, some of which will be a bit of a housekeeping measure, others which will be likely new and interesting things for those of us with those special ones in our lives. In particular, she's going to be in touch with the chapter COs regarding Petfleet, is going to be in touch with STARFLEET Academy about the possibility of some pet-related or other types of animal care courses for the Academy, and will be looking for possible ways to work with our Quartermaster, Pete Mohney, to get some Petfleet specific merchandise available for purchase. There's a lot to do, and a long way to get there, but Marie has a great deal of enthusiasm and is very excited about what Petfleet can do to help your pet share the STARFLEET experience.

Member Services Help Desk

As always, our Member Services Help Desk stands ready to help you with your membership needs. During the IC, I was able to report that approximately 400 tickets had been submitted to the Help Desk over the course of the last year, most of which were taken care of within the first 24-48 hours. If you're having some membership difficulties (missing a CQ, need help in getting access to the STARFLEET Database, need some other assistance within STARFLEET) head on over to the STARFLEET website at www.sfi.org and click on the "Contact Us" link at the top of the page. You'll find a link and E-Mail address to be in touch with Bran Stimpson and our Member Services Help Desk.

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/>

AB09-08: MHB Changes to be Approved

Region 13 (Joe Sare) made the following motion:

"That the proposed changes, outlined by VADM Dave Blaser, be made to the Membership Handbook." It was further clarified that the document referenced is 'MHB 2009 Edit proposal-1b.doc'.

Region 1 (Ruth Lane) seconded the motion.

Result: Passed: Aye: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain: 5

NOTE: As the vote started when there was a sitting RC in R14, this vote must be reported

AB09-09: Honorary Membership for Victor Swindell

Moved: R12, Seconded: R11

Result: Passed: Aye: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB09-10: Honorary Membership for Bran Stimpson

Moved: R12, Seconded: R11

Result: Passed: Aye: 14, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (R4)

AB09-11: Honorary Membership for Matt Ingles

Moved: R12, Seconded: R11

Result: Passed: Aye: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB09-12: Lifetime Membership for Sherry-Ann Newell

Moved: R12, Seconded: R10

Result: Passed: Aye: 13, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2 (R3, R17)

AB09-13: To suspend the rules regarding a Lifetime Membership for Fred Haise

Moved: R6, Seconded: R10

Result: Passed: Aye: 14, Nay: 1 (R17), Abstain: 0

AB09-14: Lifetime Membership for Fred Haise

Moved: R6, Seconded: R7

Result: Passed: Aye: 14, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (R17)

AB09-15: Funding of the Bylaw changes

Region 17 (John Roberts, Proxy) made the following motion:

"To approve up to \$4,500 for the lawyers to draft our new By-Laws."

Region 3 (Reed Bates) seconded the motion.

Result: Passed: Aye: 13, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2 (R1, R6)

AB09-16: Form a Bylaw Requirements Committee

Region 17 (John Roberts, Proxy) made the following motion:

"Move to establish a committee to present recommendations for items to be included in the By-Laws to be presented to the attorney. The committee is to be composed of the VCS, 1 other EC memembr, 4 AB member and 3 members at large. All to be named by the VCS who will serve as chair of the committee. The VCS may replace memembrs of the committee as necessary. The committee's work is to be concluded within 60 days from the date the committee is constituted with reports to the memembrship every 2 weeks."

Region 3 (Reed Bates) seconded the motion.

Result: Passed: Aye: 14, Nay: 1 (R9), Abstain: 0

AB09-17: Vote for STARFLEET's JAG Officer

The AB had formally nominated 3 candidates--Jonathan Simmons, John Christian and Peter Lutz--for the position of STARFLEET's JAG Officer.

Result:

- Simmons: 7 (Regions 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 13 and 17)
- Christian: 8 (Regions 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and VCS)
- Lutz: 0
- Abstain: 1 (Region 9)

Note: R9 Proxy Abstained from the vote and the vote resulted in a tie. The CS, as Chairman of the Board, would normally cast the deciding vote, however the CS recused himself from the vote, and the deciding vote was cast by the VCS as the VCS sits in place of the CS if he is unavailable or unable to perform his function.

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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VICE-CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



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Spotlight on Astronaut Fred Haise and *Apollo 13*

Astronauts have always been my heroes. Ever since the day as a boy sitting in front of the television when I watched Alan Shepherd blast off in the first Mercury flight, I have always had a fascination with space flight. So when I was finally given the chance to go and hear a real astronaut telling the story of his famous flight in space, I jumped at the chance. Recently I was at STARFLEET Region 2's summit meeting, listening to Fred Haise telling the story of the *Apollo 13* flight from his viewpoint. Sure, the movie *Apollo 13* had told the story of the flight, but knowing how writers sometimes take liberties with the truth to make the story more exciting, I wanted to find out if the movie was accurate, or if there were factual miscues.

Haise didn't set out to be an astronaut. When he was a child, the only astronaut was one played in the movies by Buster Crabbe (Flash Gordon). He had decided to pursue a career in journalism and was studying to do just that when the Korean War broke out. He enlisted in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, even though he had never flown or even been in a plane before. He took to flying very quickly and simply loved it. He graduated and was commissioned a Marine Corps pilot and served with units on the east coast. When he became interested in becoming a test pilot, he began studying for an engineering degree, "...because all test pilots have some sort of engineering-type degree." While many think that all a test pilot does is wait till they call for the pilot to fly the new aircraft, this is not the case. A test pilot is involved in the development of new aircraft.

After earning his degree in Aeronautical Engineering, he became an aeronautical research pilot at what was then called the Lewis Research Center (now known as the John Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field). He was later a research pilot at the Dryden Flight Research Center. In 1966, he was selected to be an astronaut and began work at the Johnson Space Center. Before the *Apollo 13* flight, he had served as part of the backup crew for *Apollo 8* and *11* before he flew on *Apollo 13*.

In regards to the movie about that mission, Haise states that he had nothing to do with the filming, although he did meet twice with the director, Ron Howard. It was in the second meeting that he realized that they were trying to tell the story

fairly accurately, at the insistence of actor Tom Hanks. At the second meeting, he got to meet the actor who portrayed him in the movie, Bill Paxton.

Overall, he thinks that they did a good job on the film, although some things were not accurate. One thing was that the movie really focused on their building the contraption to get the lithium canister working to purify the air in the lunar module, but according to Haise, that was only one of the many things that had to be rigged up to get them through the return flight.

However, there were some things about the movie that bother him. One was the treatment the movie did of Jack Swigert.

about the last minute switch that bothered Haise was that Swigert's family and friends didn't have a chance to come for the launch because of the lack of time. The other was that Swigert did not have an opportunity to put together and have prepped a Personal Preference Kit (which is a container that holds special items the astronaut wants to carry with him or her).

Haise went on to say that there were some things that the movie got "flat wrong." In the movie, it shows the crew arguing about the explosion that had damaged their service module. Haise firmly told us that didn't happen. If he had not been in the lunar module, stowing things after their TV broadcast, he would have been in the right couch, and as the switch to

stir the oxygen and hydrogen tanks were in front of that couch, he would have been the one to throw the switch. Another thing was that in the movie, Swigert comes into the lunar module with a pad he has been calculating on, claiming that NASA has been giving them the wrong data for a proper return. That did not happen either, according to Haise.

He also told us that the scene where the crew was attempting a manual burn of the lunar module engine for a mid-course correction, using the Earth as their reference mark, was over dramatized. The craft did not move around wildly as shown in the movie. In fact, Haise said that the craft, "...never deviated one degree in any one of the three axes. He laughingly stated after this, "It just goes to show that I shouldn't be a

Hollywood director." One thing he feels they really got right was the one thing that makes any spaceflight successful, that being that it is a total team effort.

Haise went on from the *Apollo 13* mission to the shuttle program. He was the command pilot for the first flight of the shuttle Enterprise when it was being tested to see how it would fly in the atmosphere when it glides for a landing after returning from space. He retired from NASA in 1979.



APOLLO 13 ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE WAS TRAVELING THROUGH JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN EARLY JUNE AND STOPPED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH SOME OF THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE *USS HAISE*. MR. HAISE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PLANNING AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE INFINITY SCIENCE CENTER TO BE BUILT AT NASA'S STENNIS SPACE CENTER IN BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. PICTURED FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT) ARE JOHN YELVERTON, JANET BULLOCK, MASON CROWE, AND SCOTT CRAWFORD. PICTURED BACK ROW ARE BILL WILLIAMS, FRED HAISE, IRIS YOUNG, LUCY FERRON, AND BARBARA ALLEN. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY LUCY FERRON.

The movie gave the impression that everyone was worried if Jack would be able to do the job when he joined the crew just two days before launch. "In those days, a backup crew member truly was as qualified as the prime crew and it was proven in this mission." When Ken Mattingly was grounded due to being exposed to German Measles (which he had never had), Haise firmly states that there were no doubts about Swigert's ability. Yes there was sadness about the team being broken up that close to a launch, but there were no doubts about his ability to fly the mission.

On a side note, there were a couple of unfortunate things that happened because of this late replacement. One thing

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NASA ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE AT IC 2009 IN NORTH CAROLINA



WHERE'S THE KABOOM??? ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE FINALLY DISCOVERS "INTELLIGENT" ALIEN LIFE (IN SFMC BOXERS!). PHOTO BY JON LANE.



MEMBERS YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG, MARINE AND NOT, ENJOY THE SFMC DRESS MESS DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT. GUEST FRED HAISE COMMENTED THAT THE FOOD WAS WAY BETTER THAN WHAT THEY ENDED UP EATING ON THE *APOLLO 13* MISSION AFTER THE POWER WAS OUT. PHOTO BY MARK H. ANBINDER.

SAL LIZARD (LEFT) AWARDS STARFLEET MEMBER FRED HAISE WITH THE ORDER OF PRENTARES IN RECOGNITION OF HIS PROMOTING THE CAUSE OF SPACE RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION. MR. HAISE WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A SPECIAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN STARFLEET LATER DURING THAT SAME WEEKEND. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



A CUT ABOVE THE REST. RETIRED COMMANDER, STARFLEET JEANNETTE MADDOX (LEFT) JOINS RETIRED ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE IN CUTTING TWO AMAZING CAKES AT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. PHOTO BY JOOST UEFFING.



FRED HAISE POSES WITH IC LIAISON MARK H. ANBINDER. MR. HAISE ATTENDED ALL THREE DAYS OF IC 2009, TALKING TO NUMEROUS MEMBERS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





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CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Operations Report

I had a great weekend at IC 2009 in Greensboro, NC. It's a real pleasure meeting folks after working with them via correspondence. An unexpected bonus was the mini "Ops reunion" with 8 current and former Ops Chiefs at IC this year (Cindy Krell, Tom Monaghan, Les Rickard, Joost Ueffing, Jack Eaton, Johnathan Simmons, Mike Urvand, and Jerry Tien).

As I prepared a report for this year's ECAB meeting, I wanted to give everyone a brief review from Ops' perspective. First, let's take a look at fleet strength. In Fiscal Year 2009, we finished the year with 215 chapters. The breakdown is shown in Figure 1:

During that time, we commissioned the following chapters:

USS Atlantis (R10)
USS Aurora (R5)
USS Blackheart (R7)
USS Devil's Tower (R17)
USS Ganymede (R1)
USS Hecate (R7)
USS Leonidas (R4)
USS Marathon (R2)
USS Odin (R1)
USS Odyssey (R2)
USS Pride of Baltimore (R7)
USS R'uustai (R4)
USS Thor's Hammer (R9)

We received an extra bit of help this year thanks to the release of new *Star Trek* movie. Membership surged 10% in the following months.

On the staffing front, FY 2009 was a very unusual year for the Operations department. We experienced somewhat higher-than-normal turnovers. I am happy to report that we have been working well in the last six months. Now that we have stabilized on the personnel front, we can focus on the goals ahead.

Department Goals

- Leverage existing infrastructure
- Maximize membership retention
- Explore new ways to provide better membership services

Instead of duplicating regional staff, Ops works with the regional staff, respecting the regional chain of command while providing chapter assistance. After

Region	Members	Chapters
1	727	42
2	596	31
3	375	19
4	303	19
5	237	11
6	82	7
7	458	29
8	26	1
9	35	4
10	52	3
11	62	2
12	348	21
13	48	2
14	10	1
15	190	11
17	217	12
20	19	0
99	7	0

Figure 1: Fiscal Year 2009 Fleet strength summary as of June 30, 2009.



REGION 3 COORDINATOR REED BATES (LEFT) TALKS TO OPERATIONS CHIEF JERRY TIEN DURING THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET AT IC 2009. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

all, regional staff members tend to be more familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of the chapters in their regions. We want to leverage these talents rather than compete with them. By the way, if you feel there are gaps to our coverage, please don't hesitate to let us know.

For membership retention, we aim to help folks resolve various issues in a timely manner, from renewal to transfer and even mediation between chapters when conflicts arise. By doing this, we hope no one feels the need to leave STARFLEET because there was no resolution to their problems. In addition, we provide outplacement assistance to members of non-viable chapters, making them feel at home again.

We are constantly looking for new ways to serve members better. For example, we are always evaluating new technologies to minimize processing delays. Another is building a network with chapter COs to inform them of new recruiting opportunities and marketing strategies. Both of these are intended to bolster HQ's role of being a supportive, nurturing entity for STARFLEET chapters.

With these goals in mind, I am really looking forward to another year of strong growth. We are starting a new fiscal year with the commissioning of the following chapters:

USS Endeavor (R1)
 FCAPT Eric VanArsdale
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USS Independence (R17)
 COMM Joe Hinson
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New chapters are forming all the time, so please check the Vessel Registry and fleet/regional websites for chapters near you. If you have any questions, comments or wish to volunteer for any projects, please contact me at: ops@sfi.org





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CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Computer Operations Report

Greetings from Compops.

IC 2009

We're all coming down off the high of IC 2009. Though turnout was reportedly less than we'd hoped, we still had a great time, and I am personally looking forward to the next one (already bought my ticket). It was a great honor to meet and chat with Fred Haise, the Apollo 13 astronaut, Space Shuttle *Enterprise* Commander and STARFLEET member. I was also able to put faces to a number of the names I've seen over the last 8 months.

During IC 2009, our Membership Processing team had their computer system set up much of the weekend and processed member renewals and new memberships on-the-spot! I have to commend the fantastic efforts of this dedicated team, and it is gratifying to know that Mr. Ingles was awarded a three-year honorary membership for his particular efforts to keep things running smoothly in the Member Processing area of CompOps.

There were many good ideas passed to me during the IC, and I've added them to my existing 'to do' list. Here are some of them:

- Send out regular articles (Q-tips) regarding the use of the online Member Application.
- Create a new Regional Status Report Summary to be viewed online.
- Create a CO/XO discussion list.
- Create a Regional Reporting Officer discussion list that EC/AB members could send to.

I'll be working out the details of these items over the next few days and weeks.

General Mark Anbinder has placed video of IC 2009 online for all members to peruse. Please check it out when you have a chance...

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/starfleet-ic-2009>

Fleetwide Web Award Winners!

Back in July, we had several volunteers judge submissions for the Fleetwide Web Awards for the best websites submitted in four different categories.

We had some excellent submissions, and the decision was quite close in a couple of the categories. We are pleased to report the final winners:

Most Elegant

www.usstiberius.org

Submitted by Oliver Savander

Most Informative

<http://ussobannon.org>

Submitted by Bob McCann

Most Trekish

<http://www.region2.org/usscontinuum>

Submitted by Jay Gallops

Most Wow

www.ussthermopylae.org

Submitted by Joe Fuller

Member Web Application

We are gearing up for some upgrades to the Member Application--most notably to the New Member and Member Renewal screens. Hopefully by the next time you renew your membership, things will go much more smoothly. Also, we will be tackling some of the more well-known bugs (or 'features' as we like to think of them) that have been reported over the last few months.

We have had no problems with the new e-mail opt-in system over the last couple months

since we implemented it. So far, we've had nearly 200 people choose to opt-in to receiving e-mail when they renewed their membership or started a new membership. I want to stress the importance of your following through when you receive your opt-in e-mail upon completion of your new membership or membership renewal. We will be relying on this permission to be able to send out notices for upcoming renewal reminders and other important events that are of the greatest significance to you and the organization as a whole. As the cops in *The Fifth Element* would say, "Thank you for your cooperation."

On a more personal note, the *Starship Exeter* film producers have very generously given us their film set as seen in their second film, *The Tressaurian Intersection* (see < <http://www.starshipexeter.com/> > for details). I hope to write about this a bit more in the next CQ.

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AT THE ECAB MEETING, COMPUTER OPERATIONS CHIEF JOHN HALLIDAY LOOKS OVER THE SHOULDER OF HIS *USS ARK ANGEL* CO, AARON MURPHY, WHO WAS ACTING AS REGION 3 RC ASSISTANT. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





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CHIEF OF SHAKEDOWN OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Shakedown Operations Report

Greetings, STARFLEET.

I am hoping all of you who attended the IC have enjoyed it. I did. As the old saying goes, it was good to see so many friends and to meet new ones. What follows next is my report that was presented to the membership at IC general session...

GENERAL SESSION REPORT 2009

Good morning, Members of the Executive Committee, Admiralty Board, Honored Guests, and members of STARFLEET. I want to take a minute to thank Jerry Tien for his help during his time as my Vice Chief. He made my transition into the Shakedown Command a smooth one. I want to thank Alex Rosenzweig as my new Vice Chief. His work and dedication is invaluable. He has been a great help to me. I want to thank Joost Ueffing for his work in ASDB. He just quietly goes about his business. I have a special "Thank You" for a regional ShOC chief. This person has worked to keep me updated on Chapters that are launching or commissioning in his region. He wants to know what he can do to get a chapter in his region launched or commissioned. Whether it is getting the paperwork to me or working a problem with them, his help is very much appreciated. That person is Region 4 ShOC Dave Pitts. Thanks, Dave.

Shakedown Operations Command has been busy launching chapters. As of August 2nd, we have 21 Chapters in Shakedown Cruise, 17 Chapters have been launched since July 1, 2008, with 7 chapters launched from July 1 to August 2, 2009. We have 4 Chapters that have filed for Extensions in the Shakedown Program.

ShOC selected a new Vice Chief, Alex Rosenzweig, in January of 2009 as Jerry Tien was selected to fill the position in Operations. Alex is in charge of both Vice Chief and The Department of Technical Services.

In April 2009, Alex Rosenzweig put out a call for volunteers to review an idea he has been working on for a new ShOC program. It is a resurrection of an old program, the Accelerated Shakedown Program, which was shut down a few years ago because, at the time, it just wasn't working out, and part of the problem was that he didn't have a good idea for how to apply it objectively. Alex prepared a proposed document that was presented to the volunteer committee, to make sure the bases have been covered. This document is finished and will be added to the START2007 Manual and possibly in the Membership Handbook in an abbreviated description.

SPECIAL NOTE – Biff Bassett was our webmaster for both the ShOC site under SFI.org and ShOC's stand-alone site, which was updated before his passing. Biff had worked hard to keep them updated. He had the "Let Me Help" attitude and he will be missed.

In May 2009, an addition/update to the ShOC portion of the Membership Handbook has been submitted so it can be considered for inclusion into the Handbook. The addition will include filing a VRR electronically via e-mail.

Communication between Operations, ShOC, and ComOps is ongoing to have a proposal to develop more SFI Database tools such as an online VRR.

The Department of Technical Services has been busy reviewing and approving new ship class designs. Work on the DTS web site is ongoing, though slowly. We unfortunately missed the target of 15 April for site completion. Work on the DTS site is ongoing with the help of Mike Dugas. He's redoing some graphics for which the original versions are not available, and the current versions are not quite ideal for site use.

DTS made a small modification to the chapter naming protocols, limiting the restriction on naming chapters after *Star Trek* characters to main characters/series regulars. That might be more appropriate for the intent of the provision, would open up a lot of possibilities for groups, and wouldn't be disruptive to the overall structure of the system we've been using. There's also a pretty clear demarcation between a series regular and other characters we might encounter.

DEPARTMENTAL PLANS

1. Selecting another Webmaster
2. Update the Start Manual
3. Add the ASP to the manuals, etc.

Now what I want to do is hand out certificates to the chapters that have launched in the last few months. The CO, their proxy, or RC can get the certificate if they so desire. If they are not picked up, I will mail them the certificate.

3/29/09 R4: *USS Wessex*
 5/2/09 R7: *USS Buchanan*
 5/8/09 R5: *USS Pinquin*
 5/23/09 R12: *USS FireFox*
 7/04/09 R2: *USS Shooting Star*
 7/13/08 R1: *USS Cumberland*
 7/14/09 R2: *USS Ringling*
 7/15/09 R2: *USS Revelation*
 7/30/09 R12: *USS Krakatoa*
 7/30/09 R2: *USS Victorious*
 8/1/09 R1: *USS Constellation*

Respectfully submitted August 8, 2009. End Report.

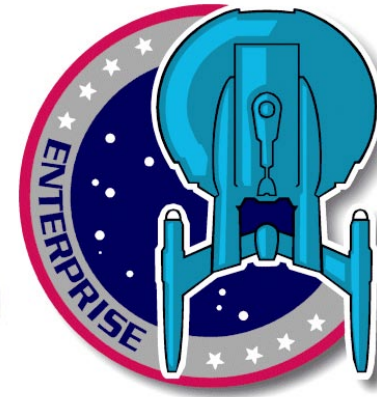
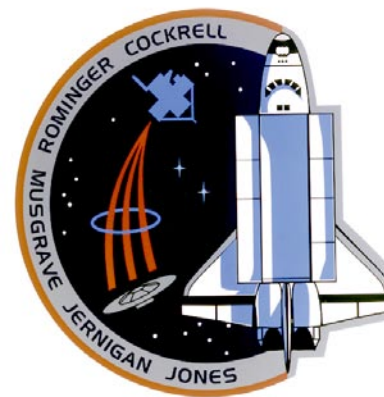
Please remember that you have a source available to you if you want to start a new Chapter. It is called the START2007 Manual. It can be downloaded from Starfleet's website in the documents section.

Feel free to contact me. My door... er, email is always open.

Star Trek/NASA Crossover Trivia

By Alex Rosenzweig
 Vice-Chief of ShOC

The insignia of the 22nd Century *Enterprise* was heavily inspired by the space shuttle mission patch for STS-80. I verified the connection with Mike Okuda, Scenic Art Director of *Star Trek* and designer of the *Enterprise* NX-01 insignia. He was very pleased that I'd caught the homage. So I thought it would be fun to share that little tidbit with the rest of STARFLEET.





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COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Academy News

Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

"STARFLEET Academy is the education/entertainment branch of STARFLEET: The International *Star Trek* Fan Association, Inc., offering a wide variety of courses ranging from trivial knowledge of the *Star Trek* universe to expanding general knowledge about the world around us."

I don't know about anyone else, but I found that since the *Star Trek* movie came out, I have received more applications and completions of Vulcan Orientation College exams and the Vessel Readiness Program, both of which I direct.

There has been quite a boost in renewals of STARFLEET memberships as well as a signing on of many new members. I believe this movie came out just in time to give STARFLEET new vitality, thus energizing STARFLEET Academy with restored interest from old, renewing, and new members.

What I have come to see from January, 2008 to the present is a similar uplift among the staff of the Academy. There has been an onslaught of new, improving additions to current courses; staff assisting staff when one must leave due to personal life needs coming into play; professionalism, oh I just can't put into words of exactly how proud I am of all of you. What I can say, which I enjoy paraphrasing when I feel the need is (imagine Scotty's voice in the movie), "I like this Academy...It's exciting!"

As of July 1st, College of Communications has reopened with a new Director, Captain Brian Pickett, bremh@gmail.com, P.O. Box 24862, Seattle, WA 98124-0862.

Several new courses have also opened. Some of the newest courses in the College of Bond, James Bond are now open including BJB 106 -- On Her Majesty's Secret Service, BJB 107 -- Diamonds are Forever and BJB 108 -- Live and Let Die.

Both the College of Special Ops and the College of Survival Studies have been growing beyond leaps and bounds and still growing. I think they think they are the energizer bunny!

College of the Macabre has added the first *Addams Family* movie and two seasons of the *Addams Family* TV show plus a trivia one for the TV show. The second *Addams Family* movie should be ready in a couple of weeks.

College of Fantasy Realm has added: *The Chronicles of Narnia--The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*
Night at the Museum
The Dresden Files

And courses on Disney's *Halloweentown* movies should be coming out soon.

College of Science Fiction TV has added on several courses. They are:

Blake's Seven
Space 1999 (seasons 1 and 2)
The Bionic Woman
Stargate - SG1 (which is broken down into....)
 Characters
 Main Characters
 Trivia

College of Economics also has added on a new course: The Federal Reserve.

College of Law reopened August 11, 2009 with new director Doug Mayo dwmamm@comcast.net

I can just about guarantee that by the time you are reading this, more courses have been added. Go to our website < <http://www.academy.sfi.org/> > and I'm sure you'll find something that will whet your appetite for knowledge and just plain fun.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend IC 2009. Vice Commandant Marlene Miller was my proxy, and assisting her was Awards Chief Scott Anderson. Thank you, once more, Marlene and Scott. Since Scott was also busy with TRACOM during the time of the SFA Academy panel, four other individuals were able to assist Marlene, and I sent along my BIG HUGS. Thank you, again, Debbie and Larry French, Erik Stubblefield, and Reed Bates. More about awards and a note from Marlene are further on in this article.

In order to assist scholarship funds, it was recommended to and approved by the EC to allow a general fund where members may donate, and these funds can be used toward any scholarship that may not have enough funds to cover it, which brings me up to an important item that I cannot get over. You would think with today's economy and lack of funds for some to further their education that more members would have applied for our scholarships. As of this writing, only one individual applied. We have seven scholarships to give away and only one was applied for. \$500.00 isn't much by some standards, but it still a form of financial assistance.

Reed Bates, the Scholarship Director, has advertised and put bulletins over several lists, and at nearly the last minute, we received two applicants. Hopefully next year, more members will try to take advantage of the Scholarship Program.

Several awards and promotions have been given since May. Academy Awards: Our annual Squadron Awards for 2009 have been sent to their respective recipients. I would like to thank Scott Anderson and his assistant Scott Schaller for all of their hard work this award season, and I would like to personally congratulate all of this year's Squadron Award recipients as well as Academy Staff, College, and Institute recipients. You've all done fantastic! See

below for promotions and awards:

Congratulations: Jayden Tryonian on receiving the Order of Cochrane - First Class

Promotions:

Congratulations to...
 Jayden Tryonian to Fleet Captain
 Lee Vitasek to Fleet Captain
 Judy Waidlich to Commodore



THE ACADEMY GOES TO IC 2009.
 PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: BRIGADIERE SCOTT ANDERSON, COMMODORE DEBBIE FRENCH, ADMIRAL HELEN PAWLOWSKI AND ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER.
 PHOTO SUPPLIED BY PEG PELLERIN.

From the Desk of Vice Commandant, ADM Marlene Miller

IC 2009 has come and gone, and memories of those four days will be swimming in my head for a LONG time. THANK YOU to the entire IC Staff!! YOU DONE GOOD!!! <g>

STARFLEET Academy was well-represented in Greensboro, North Carolina. Academy Commandant Peg Pellerin wasn't able to attend, so she asked me to proxy for her, with Scott Anderson as my assistant. This was my first experience representing the Academy at an IC, even though I had previously served as Commandant.

Certificates made by Awards Chief Scott Anderson were presented to deserving staff and students during the General Session and later at the Academy Panel. Was I nervous? You bet your life...but all of a sudden, the jitters went away when it was time to talk about our Academy. Everything went like clockwork except for a short snafu when I forgot to call Reed Bates, our Scholarship Director, to the podium

to announce the Academy's two Scholarship recipients! (I'll be apologizing to Reed FOREVER.)

Debbie French, Erik Stubblefield, Larry French, Reed Bates, and I conducted the Academy Panel and we thank everyone who attended.

What an exciting IC!!! Highlights included getting together again with friends (and I'm not going to list names because I don't have enough space to name all of you...you KNOW who you are!) and spending time with the most wonderful gentleman: Astronaut, (Starfleet Admiral) Fred Haise.

If you've never attended an IC, you owe it to yourself to go...and while you're there, be sure to look us up.

Forever and always, STARFLEET Academy proves it's the Jewel in STARFLEET's Crown!

Marlene

From the Desk of Coordinator of Academic Services: ADM Carol Thompson

Feast your eyes on how busy we are at SFA: 3,091 graduates/ average 1,030.3 per month, April 1 - June 30, 2009. Now, how's that for member service?

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

Greetings all.

Well, now that I have had a chance to sit back and relax a bit after this IC, I have only one thing to say: Wow! Okay, there is more to it than that, but that just about sums up the whole experience. It was so nice to put some faces to names and meet up with some others that I haven't seen in a few years. This IC was only my second one, the first was in 2006 in Philly, but I have to say that everything was on-time, and the activities were great. Like most there, I slept little and had a great time, but the best part

was meeting Fred Haise. This man was such a vibrant personality and great to have there. I just hope he attends more ICs in the future. It was a pleasure to serve the Academy as the Assistant to Proxy Marlene Miller, and to stand up for TRACOM in the Muster and to join so many there in celebrating *Star Trek*. I'll close with this: if you have not attended an International Conference before, make every effort to go to at least one...you'll really enjoy it.

Trekking on in West Virginia, Brigadier Scott A. Anderson, Sr.



June Boothby's

Erik Stubblefield
Carol Thompson

Gold 150
Michael McGowan

Topaz 650
Thomas Pawelczak

Silver 100
Teresa Remaly
Jayden Tyronian

Garnet 600
Dean Rogers

Bronze 50
Johnnothan L. Babb,
Sr.

Dilithium 300
Oliver Savander

Mykah Byers
Jeffrey A. Davis
Brian Hooper
Julie L. Rickard
Eric Schulman
Brian Wiskus

Diamond 250
Jeremy A. Skelton

Latinum 200
Michael McGowan
Marlene Miller
George Parker

July Boothby's

Sapphire 850
Sean Niemeyer
Wayne Smith

Diamond 250
Michael Timko, III

Pearl 750
Carol Thompson

Latinum 200
Scott C. Schaller
Eric Schulman***

Amethyst 700
Bill Rowlette

Gold 150
Sofyan Sahrom
Eric Schulman***

Garnet 600
Josephine Fisher

Silver 100
Mykah Byers
Nancy Rabel Hall
William Hof
Brian Hooper
Jay Hurd
Brian M. Picket
Eric Schulman***

Trilithium 500
Donald Dobrin

Titanium 350
Bruce O'Brien

Dilithium 300
Ros Haywood
Grahame Smith

Bronze 50
Michael Conard

Greetings all.

July was a busy month for the Awards Program; we had 22 Boothby Awards issued! In comparison to previous years we can see a great increase as well...ten in 2007 and eighteen in 2008 for the same period. Also, a special note: many times I have given a special nod to an individual who earned two Boothby Awards in a single month. Well, we have had someone who stood out even more by earning three Boothby Awards for July. This has been accomplished only once before by Erik Stubblefield in May of 2007. So I want to offer a special bit of praise to all of you staffers who helped Eric Schulman to earn the status of three Boothby Awards for July.

The International Conference has come and gone. I was planning on attending, but at the last minute, injury to my back stopped me from going. We had 77 certificates this year and several stand-out students to boot. A final thank you to everyone who participated in making nominations this year for the Squad Awards, as well as SFA Staff/Institute/College awards; you helped to make this year a great success. See below for this year's recipients:

SFA AWARD WINNERS:

Commandant's Star Award (new award & 1st to receive)

Carol Thompson (Coordinator - Academic Services, Director - IOAS:COC, Director - IOCS:CCOC, Director - IOIE:CIM, Director - IOIE:CIS, Director - IOLS:ADP)

College of the Year

College of Special Operations Training:
Glendon Diebold

Institute of the Year

Institute of Military Studies
College of Security/School of Security in Trek:
Gregory S. Staylor
College of Special Operations Training/College of Survival Studies: *Glendon Diebold*
College of Starship Operations:
Willis B. J. Burhans
College of Strategy and Tactics/Marine Unit Readiness Program: *Bruce O'Brien*
Vessel Readiness Certification Program:
Peg Pellerin

Support Staff Member of the Year

A. Anderson, Sr. (Director, SFA Awards/SFA Graphics Department)

Dean of the Year

George Ann Wheeler (Institute of Science Fiction Studies)

Director of the Year

Glen Diebold (College of: SpecOps Training/
Survival Studies/Intel Ops)

Gold Squad

Gold Squad Leader:

Bill Rowlette
Sharon Rowlette

Assistant Gold Squad Leader:

Larry Dale French, Sr.
Debbie French

Gold Squad Members:

College of Trekology: *Bill Rowlette*
College of Trekology: *Sharon Rowlette*
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: *Bill Rowlette*
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: *Sharon Rowlette*
College of the Macabre: *Larry Dale French, Sr.*
College of the Macabre: *Debbie French*
STARFLEET Officers Leadership College:
Scott A. Anderson, Sr.
STARFLEET Officers Leadership College:
Christine L. Anderson
Cadet Romulan Orientation College:
Jacob Taylor Hollifield
Romulan Orientation College:
Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr.

Blue Squad

Blue Squad Leader:

Amber Rowlette

Assistant Blue Squad Leader:

Jacob Taylor Hollifield

Blue Squad Members

Cadet Cardassian Orientation College:
Jacob Taylor Hollifield
Cadet College of Borg Technology: *Matthew Wiebe*
Cadet College of Mathematics: *Amber Rowlette*
Cadet College of Security: *Jacob Taylor Hollifield*
Cadet College of Xeno Studies: *Amber Rowlette*
Cadet Romulan Orientation College:
Amber Rowlette
OTS: *Anna Lind Gudjonsdottir*
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: *Andrew R. F. Topp*

Red Squad

Red Squad Leader:

Linda Flythe

Assistants Red Squad Leaders:

Josephine Fisher
Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr.

Red Squad Members:

INSTITUTE OF ALIEN STUDIES
Andorian Orientation College: *Ricardo Garcia*
Cardassian Orientation College: *Shawn Gregory*
College of Borg Technology:
Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr.
Klingon Warrior Academy: *Paula Carberry*
Romulan Orientation College: *Brian M. Pickett*
The Gorn Academy: *Brian M. Pickett*
Vulcan Orientation College: *Diana Hickman*

INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS

College of Economics: *Josephine Fisher*
College of Genealogy: *Linda Flythe*
College of History: *Josephine Fisher*
College of Mythological Studies: *Teresa Remaly*

INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

College of Down Under: *Ros Haywood*
College of European Studies: *Donald Dobrin*
School of New Zealand: *Jacinda Thorsen*

INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ESPIONAGE

College of Bond, James Bond: *Hillary Miller-Gray*
College of Intelligence in Media:
Larry Dale French, Sr.
College of Intelligence Operations:
Jill Michelle Tipton
College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi:
Douglas Wayne Mayo

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Officer's Command College: *Julie L. Rickard*
Flag Officer's School: *Scott Christopher Schaller*

STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College:

Michael John Timko, III
College of Recruiting: *Jeffrey Scott Triz*

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

College of Security: *Steve Talbott*
School of Security in Trek: *Thomas Pawelczak*
College of Special Operations Training: *Bill Rowlette*
College of Strategy and Tactics: *Carol Thompson*
College of Survival Studies: *Amy Labbe*

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

College of Archaeology & Anthropology:
Ricardo Garcia
College of Computer History: *Donald Dobrin*
College of Mathematics: *Linda Flythe*
College of Medicine: *Morgan Hahn*
College of Temporal Physics:
Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr.
STARFLEET Officer's Radio School:
Erik Stubblefield
Vulcan Academy of Science: *Larry Dale French, Sr.*

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

College of the Fantasy Realm: *Linda Flythe*
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: *Nancy Joan Oshields*
College of Sci-Fi Television: *Josephine Fisher*

INSTITUTE OF STAR TREK STUDIES

College of Parallel Studies: *Ken Purdie*
College of Star Trek Literature: *Linda Flythe*
College of Star Trek Chronology: *Lee Vitasek*

From the desk of Scholarship Director, FCPT Reed Bates

And the winners are:

From Region 3, and the *USS Tejas*, Jeremy McLain won the James Doohan/Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship. Jeremy is studying to be a Biochemical Engineer.

From Region 7, and the *USS Accord*, Marie Adinolfi won the Business Management-Armin Shimerman Scholarship for Profitable Business. Marie is studying to be an Accountant.

The checks are in the mail...or soon will be to the schools.

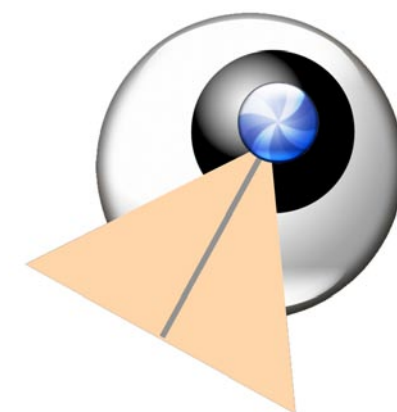
Please congratulate the winners and encourage them in their studies.

Reed Bates, Fleet Captain
STARFLEET's Scholarship Director
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Vulcan Orientation College

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Have you wondered what Vulcans are really like? Are they exactly what the TV show and the movies have depicted? There must be more to this species than meets the eye. There is. This course, a four-part for Adults and three parts for Cadets, will cover everything you thought they were like and everything you never dreamed they were like. It goes deep into their history, including their geography, culture, physiology, military (yes, military), and government. There is a manual where you will find all your answers, as well as information that isn't asked but will fill your mind with amazement. You will receive a diploma for each successful completion of the exams.



I highly suggest you enroll in the Vulcan Orientation College, whether Vulcans are your favorite species or not. The information you gain will be fascinating!

Riddle me this... (Answer in the next issue.)

A barrel of rainwater weights twenty pounds. What must you add to make it weigh fifteen?

Adm. Peg Pellerin,
SFA Commandant
academy@sfi.org OR mrspeapod@myfairpoint.net

The majority of the word "can't" is "can".





NAME: MICHAEL STEIN
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 OTHER POSITIONS: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 SHIP: *USS JUSTICE* NCC-556
 REGION: 7, NEW JERSEY (USA)



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Report from the Chief Financial Officer

Greetings. Along with this report are the financial statements for the period ending our fiscal year, June 30, 2009, with the year-to-date totals.

More detailed financial statements are available online 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.

For those of you that missed the recent IC in Greensboro, NC, following is a recap of my financial presentation at the General Session.

We ended our current fiscal year with a net income of almost \$16,000. Last year's budget for this period ending, I had forecasted a loss of about \$2,000. During my budget preparation last year, I didn't take into account the *Star Trek* movie which opened this past May. In the month of May 2009, alone, we took in over \$7,000 in new membership dues and renewals. During the rest of the fiscal year, we averaged about \$2,000 to \$3,000 in membership dues.

Our largest expense for this past fiscal year ending, which is supported by our membership dues, has been *Communiqué* expenses at \$14,000. I'm sure everyone will agree that we're

now getting the best *Communiqués* in terms of quality and content. Jon Lane has done an outstanding job in making this happen.

Membership processing is still the second largest expense that is supported by our dues, at a cost of almost \$7,000. However, we've saved about \$5,000 in this expense overall as compared with the fiscal year ending 2008 by using the CD option, while still giving our members all the information they previously got and more.

Our other two large expenses for this past fiscal year have been for IC Expenses at \$11,000 and Quartermaster Supplies at almost \$10,000. These expenses have been supported by IC registrations, meals, other associated income, and by STARFLEET's QM and the SFMC QM sales of merchandise as well as the IC's quartermasters sales.

As to Sales Taxes, at present we have no outstanding sales tax issues with any states or municipalities. Both Pat and I are working to ensure that all sales tax reports are filed on time and before their due dates.

For our Federal Form 990 EZ, 990T, an outside

CPA reviewed and approved these forms at no charge to STARFLEET. The completed tax returns were mailed a few days prior to its due date of February 17, 2009.

For those of you that missed this IC, it was truly a great experience. My thanks to all the IC staff that made this happen.

Moving on, as previously mentioned, the positions of Fundraising Officer and Tax Compliance Officer are still open. If interested in either position, please forward your real life resume and STARFLEET resume along with a cover letter explaining why you would like the position you're requesting 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.

STARFLEET International Statement of Activities July 2008 - June 2009

Operating Revenues:	July-Dec 08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Year To Date
Membership Dues	\$ 16,735	\$ 3,269	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,382	\$ 3,697	\$ 7,067	\$ 4,409	\$ 40,115
Scholarship Funds	2,717	137	224	472	2,795	838	318	7,501
Quartermaster Sales	4,846	722	233	2,912	215	846	278	10,054
STARFLEET Int'l Conference	2,034	655	370	-	1,740	295	1,926	7,020
Other Income	473	-	-	105	-	-	4	582
Total operating revenues	26,806	4,783	3,384	5,871	8,447	9,046	6,935	65,272
Operating expenses:								
Communiqué Expenses	4,576	4,376	2,866	495	1,702	349	110	14,472
Membership Package	2,679	1,235	190	581	158	1,238	678	6,759
Quartermaster Supplies	6,525	927	410	369	71	50.27	1,511	9,863
STARFLEET IC Expenses	7,472	-	22	810	2,414	-	415	11,133
Scholarship Awards	1,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,984
Bank Charges & Fees	903	117	119	116	279	298	230	2,060
Election Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment & Software	-	365	(124)	-	-	604	-	845
Legal Fees	330	-	-	-	-	-	479	809
Insurance Bond	553	-	-	-	-	-	-	553
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	333	-	76	353	131	15	78	986
Transition Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Office Expenses	2,119	482	71	469	410	917	786	5,253
Total operating expenses	25,355	7,020	3,558	2,723	4,755	2,554	3,500	49,466
(Loss) / Income	\$ 1,451	\$ (2,236)	\$ (175)	\$ 3,148	\$ 3,692	\$ 6,492	\$ 3,435	\$ 15,806

STARFLEET International Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2009

	Total
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD General Fund A Risk Free	\$ 5,086
CD General Fund B	16,567
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	1,085
IC 2009	6,336
International Conference Odd	50
International Conference Even	500
Main Bank Account	16,711
SF Scholarship Fund A	5,155
SFMC Marines	1,161
SFMC Scholarship Fund	2,197
Total Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$ 54,848
Other Current Assets	
Deposits	-
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	54,848
Total Assets	\$ 54,848
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	15,806
Total Equity	54,848
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 54,848





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

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.

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

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.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding members of STARFLEET!

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
Sam Black	3	<i>USS Lone Star</i>	Admiral
William "Biff" Bassett III	17	<i>USS Wind Spirit</i>	Rear Admiral
Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Rear Admiral
Laura Victor	7	<i>USS Challenger</i>	Rear Admiral
Leslie Ryan	2	<i>USS Marathon</i>	Rear Admiral
Bran Stimpson	17	<i>USS Tiburon</i>	Major General
Bill Hart			
Judy Waidlich	2	<i>USS Triumph</i>	Commodore
Thomas Rutledge	7	<i>USS Avenger</i>	Commodore
J. Unicorn Escobedo	5	<i>USS DeBraak</i>	Commodore
Janet Shepherd	4	<i>USS Angeles</i>	Commodore
Janet Shepherd	17	<i>USS Alioth</i>	Commodore
Russ Garrison	5	<i>USS Jack Fletcher</i>	Brigadier General

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
Emmett Plant	7	<i>USS Blackheart</i>	Fleet Captain
Grady Glover	2	<i>USS Blue Sun</i>	Fleet Captain
John Townsend	7	<i>USS Malverne</i>	Fleet Captain
Lee Vitasek	3	<i>USS Aurora Vulcanus</i>	Fleet Captain
Linda Leonardy	1	<i>USS Endeavor</i>	Fleet Captain
Debbie Blaser	13	<i>Bounty Station</i>	Fleet Captain
D. Justin Taylor	17	<i>USS Alioth</i>	Fleet Captain
Eric VanArsdale	1	<i>USS Endeavor</i>	Fleet Captain
Jayden Tyronian	10	<i>USS Atlantis</i>	Fleet Captain

FADM SAL LIZARD PRESENTS FLAG OFFICER PROMOTIONS AT IC 2009. TOP LEFT: RUSS GARRISON OF REGION 5 GETS A PROMOTION TO BGEN. CENTER: DEBBIE BLASER OF REGION 13 GETS A PROMOTION TO FCPT. TOP RIGHT: LESLIE RYAN OF REGION 2 GETS PROMOTED TO RADM. BOTTOM RIGHT: SHARON LAMBERT OF REGION 3 GETS A PROMOTION TO RADM ON HER BIRTHDAY! BOTTOM LEFT: TAKE A LOOK AT THE EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE ON SAM BLACK'S FACE--HE WASN'T EXPECTING A PROMOTION TO ADM. ALL PHOTOS BY JON LANE.



Individual Awards

Individual awards can be requested by anyone at any time. They are intended to recognize accomplishments that are worthy of notice but not qualifying for the annual awards. You can nominate the person who did a bang-up job of organizing your regional summit or your chapter's summer BBQ. For more detailed information on the individual awards and the nomination form, go to < www.sfi.org >. Then roll over the "News" button and click on the "Awards" link. Or you can surf directly to < www.awards.sfi.org >.

Name	Region	Award	Class	Name	Region	Award	Class
Wade Hoover	12	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Elizabeth K Goulet	3	Order of Dionysus	Third
Mysteri David	12	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Jeffery Higdon	12	Order of Herodotus	Third
Aaron Murphy	3	Order of Cochrane	First	Remington Schugart	3	Order of Surak	Second
Jayden Tyronian	10	Order of Cochrane	First	Judy Hoffman	2	Order of Surak	Second
Marie Anderson	3	Order of Cochrane	Second	Les Rickard	2	Grankite Order of Tactics	First
Dave Lowe	2	Order of Cochrane	Second	Fred Haise	2	Prentares	First
Michael J Timko III	1	Order of Cochrane	Third	Scott Anderson Sr.	1	Herodotus	Third
James Cecil	1	Order of Cochrane	Third				
Anne Zecca	2	Order of Samaritan	Second				
Scott Crawford	2	Order of Samaritan	Third				

FLEET ADMIRAL JEANETTE MADDOX (RETIRED) RECEIVES AN HONORARY PROMOTION FOR HER MOTHER, "GRANNY ELF" TO THE RANK OF ADMIRAL. DURING JEANETTE'S ADMINISTRATION 20 YEARS AGO, "GRANNY ELF" ASSEMBLED AND MAILED COUNTLESS MEMBERSHIP PACKETS FOR STARFLEET WITHOUT EVEN BEING A MEMBER OF THE CLUB HERSELF! WE ALL OWE "GRANNY ELF" A BIG THANK YOU. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



COMMODORE JON LANE (LEFT) RECEIVES A PLAQUE FROM SAL LIARD FOR WINNING STARFLEET FLAG OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR 2009. PHOTO BY MARK H. ANBINDER.



ALMOST FORGOT! WHEN SAL LIZARD (RIGHT) BECAME COMMANDER, STARFLEET, HE RECEIVED AN AUTOMATIC PROMOTION TO FLEET ADMIRAL. LES RICKARD (IC CHAIR AND FORMER COMMANDER, STARFLEET) FELT IT WAS FINALLY TIME FOR SAL TO GET HIS PROMOTION CERTIFICATE. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



ADMIRAL LINDA SMITH MADE THREE DIFFERENT TRIPS UP TO THE STAGE WHILE FLEET LEVEL AWARDS WERE BEING GIVEN OUT. THIS ONE WAS FOR COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE YEAR. HER CHAPTER, THE *USS HEIMDAL*, ALSO WON CO-CHAPTER OF THE YEAR, AND *HEIMDAL* MEMBER PO3 KATHY BECK WON ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR 2009. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



A SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR CAROLYN D. PETERS OF THE *USS HORNET* TO CAPTAIN. THERE TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE ARE SAL LIZARD AND REGION 1 COORDINATOR RUTH GREEN LANE (FAR RIGHT). PHOTO BY JON LANE.



BRIGADIER SCOTT ANDERSON, SR. OF THE *USS REVELATION* RECEIVES THE ORDER OF HERODOTUS FOR UPDATING THE SFMC AWARD RECORDS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





NAME: JONATHAN LANE
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET
SHIP: *USS ANGELES* NCC-71840
REGION: 4, CALIFORNIA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER XO, *USS AVENGER* NCC-1860; FORMER SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, REGION 7;
 CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 2005 REGION 4 CONFERENCE; 2009 STARFLEET FLAG OFFICER OF THE YEAR



CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Communications Report

I love a good IC!

I haven't been to all that many. Back in the VERY old days of the late '80s and early '90s (when we called them "National Conferences"), I went to quite a few. But since moving out to California in 1993, I've been to just three--2002 in San Jose, 2007 in Denver, and our just-completed 2009 IC in North Carolina.

And each time I go to one, it reminds me why I'm in this club. I know that sounds like a cliché, but it really is true. Sure, the Academy is fun, and it's nice to get the pretty newsletter. But the most unique thing about STARFLEET is all the wonderful people who are part of it. And at the International Conference is where we get to come together and renew friendships and make new connections to great people. So many people put in so much work to make each IC run smoothly and be fun for all. We should never take our ICs for granted.

While in North Carolina, I brought along my video camera to get some footage for a project I'm working on (a STARFLEET infomercial). I interviewed about two dozen people on Saturday and Sunday, and most of them said the same thing: "STARFLEET is a family." Some qualified it as a somewhat dysfunctional family at times, but the fact remains that we all share something very special. And while we don't always agree, and we can often annoy the living bejeebus out of each other, the same is true in most families. But the ties still bind, and I wouldn't trade my STARFLEET friends and fellow members for anything. Coming to IC is very much like coming home. You can talk to anybody, hug anybody, have a drink with anybody...we're all friends because we're all STARFLEET.

For me, one of the most memorable aspects of the weekend was the ECAB meeting, which started at 8:00 A.M. on Friday, had a one-hour break for lunch, and ended at 5:00 P.M. Loooooong day. Now I don't



JON LANE WINS THE RALPH MOUTH AWARD - "FOR TAKING THE TIME TO KEEP US INFORMED. NOT EVERYONE LIKES WHAT YOU SAY, BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO SAY IT!" PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.

more of an urban myth). Whatever the case, this particular ECAB meeting was very polite, respectful, and at times even fun. We got a lot accomplished, as you'll read in Dave Blaser's report this issue. But for me, the most significant thing we did--I would even go so far as to use the word "historic"--was passing a resolution to completely revise our governing documents after over a decade.

Sal Lizard came into office in 2008 with the intention of revising our governing documents to bring them into compliance with North

Last year, Sal and his Vice-Commander, Gary Halverson, tried unsuccessfully to rewrite our documents. The process turned into a bit of a mess, and then it lay dormant for nearly a year.

But the problems with our documents remained. Anyone who read the three-part article in the recent issues of CQ about our legal expenses from 2008 knows some of what needed fixing. However, it wasn't until Sal Lizard removed three Regional Coordinators in early July of 2009 that members truly began to realize just how contradictory our governing documents are. Did Sal as Chairman of the Board of Directors have the authority to remove members of Board, with or without cause? Is the Admiralty Board even officially our Board of Directors? Could a removed board member appeal such a decision by the CS or be re-elected after being removed? So many questions were asked, and arguments flew back and forth with each side citing its own portion of the Constitution or Membership Handbook to support itself. Even our own STARFLEET attorney said the argument could go either way, depending on whether you were looking at North Carolina law, our Articles of Incorporation, our Constitution, or our Handbook. It was kind of like a "choose your own adventure" story...except that it was totally serious in the real world, since STARFLEET functions as a United States corporation.

The more the EC looked at the problem, the more we realized that the best solution would be to have our attorneys redraft our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (also known as the Constitution) instead of trying to do it ourselves like we did last time. Granted, some of the authors of our original Constitution and Handbook had legal experience, but there's just so many darned places to get lost in the maze of corporate law. So, this time, we would guide the lawyers to create documents that suited our specific needs as a *Star Trek* fan club, and they would then draft Articles and Bylaws that would conform to North Carolina state laws, be simple and non-Trekkish



THE ECAB MEETING - ALL EIGHT DEPARTMENTS AND ALL FIFTEEN ACTIVE REGIONS WERE REPRESENTED. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

know why, but I'd always imagined the ECAB meeting would be smaller. However, we had over 40 people around a very large, U-shaped group of tables. The meeting was HUGE.

I'd also heard about how often the ECAB meetings would turn into shouting matches and gripe-fests (although I've since heard that was

Carolina law (where we are incorporated as a non-profit corporation) and also into alignment with each other--as the various documents were written by different groups of members and assembled later, and many times the different sections would contradict each other.

in a new Membership Handbook (where we could be Trekkish in our language) that we would write internally within STARFLEET.

The only downside was that our attorneys don't work for free. Their



services would likely cost \$3,000 to \$4,000. Considering the reaction members had to our legal expenses of 2008, asking the Admiralty Board for more money for lawyers in 2009 was not going to be easy. To be honest, I expected a lot of arguing and yelling when we got to this topic. Not everyone in that ECAB meeting was a fan of Sal Lizard, and this was a project near and dear to his heart. What would happen when this item was finally brought up? I was afraid it would get ugly.

To my utter shock and pleasant surprise, however, it didn't get ugly at all. Sal allies and Sal opponents all came together to support the idea of having our attorney create our new Articles and Bylaws under our guidance. John Roberts, sitting in as Region 17 proxy (and historically not the biggest fan of Sal Lizard), was actually the one to draft the motion that was voted upon. Actually, there were two motions--one to fund the redrafting of our documents (setting aside up to \$4,500...though we expect the total to be less) and the other to establish the guidelines for a Bylaw Requirements Committee to work with the attorneys. The first motion received no "nay" votes and only two abstentions. The second motion received only one "nay" vote from a proxy and no abstentions.

In short, the Admiralty Board had come together with the Executive Committee to stand united behind a bold move to redraft our governing documents, a move that will cost us some money, yes, and take nearly a year...because having the attorneys redo our Articles and Bylaws is only the first part. Then the work begins on redrafting our Membership Handbook. But this will be one of the most significant events in STARFLEET's 35-year history. Members will be able to watch the process online and give their feedback and suggestions to the committee members. And then all of Fleet will have to ratify the new Bylaws in next year's election. It's a huge undertaking, and it affects all of us in the organization...but in a good way, a very good way.

And it all got started at the 2009 ECAB meeting...and I was proud as punch to be there and witness STARFLEET's elected leaders working together to both draft and pass those two critically important motions--without resistance, without pettiness, and without strife. Just a very professional group of volunteers working in the best interests of our beloved organization. To the entire ECAB, I say: "Great job!"

Another highlight for me was announcing the winners of this year's annual STARFLEET Newsletter Contest. Now, before I announce those winners here, I need to say a few things. First, I had NOTHING to do with the judging. In fact, I still don't even know who the judges were! That was all handled by my Vice-Chief of Communications, Dennis Rayburn, who collected submissions, assembled the judges, and counted up the votes for the winners. (Thanks, Dennis!) Second, I had increased the number of awards in order to increase

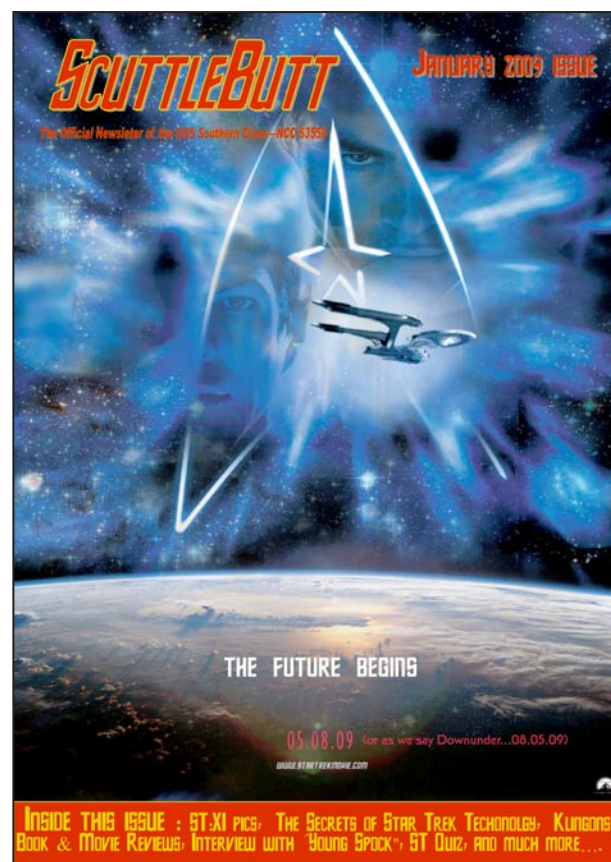
the number of chapters who won something. We used to just award First, Second, and Third Place for best newsletter. I decided to add two new categories for Best Design and Most Informative...hoping to have five chapters win instead of just three.

And so imagine my chagrin when my own chapter's newsletter won two of the five awards! (This meant that only four chapters would receive awards, not five. But the rules never said a chapter couldn't win more than one award...and the judges rated each newsletter and category completely separately. It just worked out that one chapter won two awards.) And to make matters worse, another award went to the newsletter from the chapter that Prasith Kim-Aun, the CQ's Editor-in-Chief, belongs to. Seriously, folks, no one in the Communications Department had ANYTHING to do with the judging except for Dennis...and he didn't judge, he just administrated.



So with that said, let me share with you the winners. To be honest, they are each very deserving of the honors. The First Place winner was particularly impressive. When I finally checked out their newsletter archives, I discovered that they've had a newsletter that's been published MONTHLY without interruption for THREE YEARS. And the most recent six issues (I didn't have time to look back further, but it probably goes beyond just those) were each over 50 pages in length! And I'm not talking just photo pages--these were page after page of text, articles, stories, tech specs, editorials, interviews, bios, event calendars, you name it!

And now, without further ado, our 2009 STARFLEET Newsletter Award Winners...



MOST INFORMATIVE: *USS O'Bannon* – "Right Full Rudder"

BEST LAYOUT: *USS Angeles* – "Angels Flight"

BEST NEWSLETTER:

THIRD PLACE: *USS Angeles* – "Angels Flight"

SECOND PLACE: *USS Southern Cross* – "ScuttleButt"

FIRST PLACE: *USS Thermopylae* – "Comm Link"

My congratulations to all four winners!

I encourage any STARFLEET chapters with newsletters to make sure that they enter next year's contest. We'll probably start taking submissions in March or April, and the winners will be announced, as usual, at the next IC (in Oklahoma...see you there!).

And to end this latest report on a completely non-Trek and non-STARFLEET note, I will share an amusing tidbit with you all. Assuming the show hasn't already been canceled by the time you all read this, check out the new sitcom *Cougar Town* on ABC, starring Courtney Cox. For the last three weeks as I write this (on September 3), the show has been filming on my street! Now granted, I live in Los Angeles, so it's pretty common to see film crews here and there. But they're 100 yards from my frakkin' front door! And I'm not talking a couple of camera guys and a few people holding boom mics. There's at least 60 people parked right down the street--lighting people, directors, assistant directors, sound guys, gaffers, a craft services table with snacks, wardrobe, make-up, about six trailers, vans, security people, and one police car (strangely with no cop).

Just for laughs, while I was writing this article, I took a walk down the street. I stood pretty far back until this thin woman with a walkie-talkie and clipboard asked me if I wanted to get a closer look. "Am I allowed to?" I asked her. "Hey, it's your neighborhood," she said and smiled, and she led me to where all the extras were sitting, waiting around. So I watched a couple of scenes where Courtney Cox was running out of one house and down the street to another.

After about 45 minutes, I realized that I was essentially watching paint dry (making TV and movies is 95% boring and 5% action), and I got up to leave. But if you tune in to the show and see houses with reddish-orange Spanish-style roofs, that's my block right here in Culver City. (The series is filming primarily at the nearby Culver Studios, where such notable movies as *Gone with the Wind* and *Citizen Kane* were filmed. And now...*Cougar Town*!)

And that's it for this issue. But just wait 'til next issue--I've got something EXTRA special for you all (and "extra" is the clue).





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SHIP: *USS BONAVENTURE* NCC-102-A
REGION: 1, NORTH CAROLINA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER COMMANDER, STARFLEET

CHAIR, 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



A Look Back at IC 2009

Hi everyone.

Well, I guess I could have said I was home about twenty minutes after leaving the hotel Sunday afternoon, but I really wasn't home from IC 2009 for good. After getting home, unpacking a couple of bags, and seeing the family, I headed back to the hotel with some of the staff to visit the dead dog party before finally going home for the night.

After leaving the hotel Sunday night and sleeping in my bed, I once again headed back to the hotel to pick up and take Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons to the airport in Charlotte for

Allyson Dyar, Todd Brugmans, Michael Timko, Phillip Dedmon, Chuck Rizzo, Scott Gibson, Diane Craighead, Gordon Craighead, Stephanie Roane, and Scott Smith. This group of outstanding individuals made my job of IC Chair a lot easier. I told them during the weekend and am saying again: THANK YOU. You have my respect and appreciation for helping put on, what I believe, was one of the best ICs I have attended.

Thank you to the SFMC for being an active part in the IC by sponsoring the Friday night Opening Ceremonies and Mixer. As always, when it's time to step up and make something happen, my brother and sister Marines see it through. Thanks to John Roberts, the SFMC General Staff, and the Corps!

bumps they may have experienced were minor ones and overall the IC was a fun time for all.

I sit here thinking about the weekend and I will remember a lot of things...

- Working all day Thursday to get the program books and badges done and picked up.
- Leaving the hotel for less than an hour Thursday morning to come back and find the registration bags done by some of the *Bonaventure* crew, Scott Smith, and one adventuresome and helpful RC (Thanks Jerome!).
- Taking a couple hours away from the event to visit with Mark Anbinder, Dixie and Steve Halber, and Thomas at



MISSION CONTROL FOR IC 2009. FROM LEFT: ADMIRAL JOHNATHAN "GUMBY" SIMMONS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER; GENERAL WADE OLSON, RECREATION CHAIR; AND LIEUTENANT LINDA OLSON, OPERATIONS CHAIR AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

his flight home. Then, as I was headed back to High Point, I got a call from Mark Anbinder, who was waiting to leave for his flight out and suggested lunch beforehand. Then came the call from Joost and Susan Ueffing reminding me I had forgotten the Tim Horton's coffee and hot chocolate they had brought to North Carolina for Heather and me. So back to the hotel and then lunch with Mark, Joost, and Susan at Country BBQ nearby.

After dropping Mark off at the airport and seeing him off, I left the area of the hotel and the IC 2009 Chair arrived home from IC....finally.

I want to thank the people that made this happen: Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Steve Halber, Dixie Halber, Gumby Simmons, Mark H. Anbinder, Dave Lowe, Tammy Wilcox,

A special thank you to Fred Haise for joining us and not only teaching us all something about the Apollo Missions but joining us as a fellow member the entire weekend. It was a special treat to me and I'm certain to many others to have him as our guest.

I know no event is perfect, and we had our moments when things didn't go quite as planned. I won't even try and explain the great lanyard expedition on Friday...except to say I now know how quickly I can get across county to meet a UPS driver along his route to get them picked up and back to the hotel. I was glad to hear so many people say that any



MORE MISSION CONTROL FOR IC 2009. FROM LEFT: FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN; CAPTAIN STEVE HALBER, FINANCE CHAIR; REAR ADMIRAL DIXIE HALBER, REGISTRATION CHAIR; AND GENERAL MARK H. ANBINDER, IC LIAISON. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

the Greensboro Grasshoppers minor league baseball game (too bad they lost 9-4 to the Hickory Crawdads).

- Meeting Fred Haise for the first time in the elevator and having him thank me for having him there.
- Standing in front of the crowd for the first time on Friday evening and not knowing what to expect next.



- Walking off stage Friday night and knowing the crowd were already having fun or appeared to be.
- A little relaxation after running around all day with some fellowship from friends in the hotel Jacuzzi Friday night.
- Having learned that Jeanette Maddox was possibly attending and then seeing her walk into the ballroom during the General Session.
- Even better, getting to hug Jeanette and welcome her to the stage for a moment so she could get some much-deserved applause.
- Standing at the door of the ballroom Saturday afternoon and listening to Fred Haise tell us about manned spaceflight, remembering the things my dad told me about watching it happen while I was on his lap at home.
- Sitting at the banquet Saturday evening and talking with Fred Haise and realizing he is asking me about my life and career, learning he has a nephew in law enforcement, and discussing that at length.
- Looking around the room Saturday night while everyone was eating and seeing smiles and enjoyment on people's faces.
- Dancing the FADM's dance with Sal Lizard and Jeanette Maddox.
- Raising a glass with friends Saturday night and knowing that all the hard work was worth it.
- Standing before the members Sunday morning and telling the assembled members that we had exceeded our auction expectation. Over \$2,200 dollars was donated to the three charities represented by the IC, the SFMC, and Fred Haise.
- Stepping off the stage after it was over and being told by everyone that walked up that we had done a great job and it was great IC.

There are lots of other things that will come to me, but I will close by saying I was proud to have been able to bring some of my Fleet family together and, hopefully, give them a family reunion to remember.

Thanks to everyone who attended, everyone who worked to make this a great event, and I'll see everyone in Oklahoma.



DIXIE HALBER (BOTTOM LEFT) RAN REGISTRATION AND CHECKED MEMBERS INTO IC ALL WEEKEND LONG. ASIDE FROM THE "LANYARD INCIDENT," ALL WENT SMOOTHLY. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



CAPTAIN SCOTT GIBSON OF THE *USS BONAVENTURE* ASSEMBLED THIS ATTRACTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL-LOOKING STARFLEET RECRUITMENT DISPLAY. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



WHEN THE PARTY'S OVER... THE DEAD DOGS COLLAPSE AFTER THE CONFERENCE ENDS ON SUNDAY NIGHT. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (MOSTLY): STEVE HALBER, LINDA AND WADE OLSON, DIXIE HALBER, AND MARK ANBINDER; AND LYING DOWN HORIZONTAL IN FRONT: LES RICKARD. PHOTO BY JOOST UEFFING (STITCHED TOGETHER BY JON LANE).



CAPTAIN MARTHA INGLES WORKED HARD PROCESSING NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS AND ASSEMBLING MEMBERSHIP PACKETS ON THE SPOT--WHAT SERVICE! PHOTO BY JON LANE.





IC 2010 in Oklahoma

CHAIRMAN: VICE ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
USS MARKO RAMIUS (R12)

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“Wagon Train to the Stars”...

The 2010 STARFLEET International Conference Awaits You!

With the successful completion of the 2009 International Conference, plans for the next IC are well under way. The 2010 International Conference (IC10 for short) will be held at the Western Hills Guest Ranch at Sequoyah State Park near Wagoner, Oklahoma from July 30 through August 1.

The conference's theme, “Wagon Train to the Stars”, is not only a great fit with the western-themed resort, but also a theme that series creator Gene Roddenberry envisioned for *Star Trek* as a “Wagon Train” in space, in reference to a popular western TV series that Roddenberry had written for in the late 50's and early 60's.

Western Hills is centered around a lodge with 101 hotel rooms, including several suites. In addition, there are 44 cottages which are separate from the lodge but are within easy walking distance. The cottages feature heat and air conditioning, bathrooms with shower, color TV, phones, and kitchenette units are available. Each cottage also includes an outdoor charcoal grill. In all, nearly 150 rooms are available.

The hotel has complementary wireless Internet available throughout the lodge.

The lodge has a bar and an affordable, quality full-service restaurant. There are also fast-food restaurants within a fifteen-minute drive of the hotel. Guests who choose to stay in a cottage with a kitchenette even have the option of preparing many of their own meals, which can dramatically lower the total cost of attendance for many people.

While pets are welcome in all of the cottages, they are not permitted inside the lodge, including the conference areas. Service animals, of course, are welcome everywhere.

The room rate is just \$70 a night for a lake view room and \$75 for poolside. Cottages are available from \$70 to \$110 a night. Just call (800) 368-1486 and tell them you're with the STARFLEET conference. The resort will require the first night's lodging as a deposit when your reservation is made.

Registration for the 2010 International Conference is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. There are several meal opportunities for those that attend, including the Friday night SFMC Mess for only \$22. You will also be able to enjoy a Saturday lunch hamburger and hot dog cookout for just \$10, and the Saturday Night Banquet is \$35.

Of course, there's a lot to do outside of the hotel. There's riding stables, a marina with pontoon and paddle-boat rentals, and even a championship eighteen hole golf course! There's a nature center on site run by the Park Naturalist. And with so many things to do, don't be surprised if you find scheduled IC events unlike any you've ever seen before--like archery or astronomy! Keep reading the *Communique* and go to < www.ic2010.org > for more information about all the fun things to do at IC10!

You may register online at < www.ic2010.org > or print out a form, fill it out, and send it to:

STARFLEET IC REGISTRATION
c/o Laura Dugas
404 NW 36th St Terrace
Blue Springs, MO 64015

For more information please visit the website at < www.ic2010.org >. If you have any questions, you can contact IC Chair Greg Trotter at chair@ic2010.org.

See you next year in Oklahoma!

IC 2011 in Pennsylvania

CHAIRMAN: FLEET CAPTAIN JEFFREY VICTOR
USS CHALLENGER (R7)

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2011 International Conference in the Poconos

Greetings STARFLEET Members!

As Chairman of the 2011 International Conference, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Region 7's beautiful Pocono Mountains on behalf of the conference committee and the host chapter, the *USS Challenger*.

If you've never been to the Poconos, the popularity of the area as a Summer Retreat began at the dawn of the 20th century when the Quakers of Philadelphia started the resorts of Buckhill Falls and our host hotel, The Inn at Pocono Manor.

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall... Pocono Manor has it all! The 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor resort is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been welcoming guests since 1902. While the hotel's 250 rooms are decorated in period style, with finely crafted mahogany furniture, it has all the modern conveniences of home. The hotel also has complimentary wi-fi high-speed internet access throughout the rooms and main lodge. Your room rates include complimentary use of indoor and outdoor pools and the fitness room, miles of scenic hiking trails, putting greens, volley ball, shuffle board, horseshoes, and basketball, and complimentary evening entertainment and hors d'oeuvres in the Lamplighter Lounge. The hotel also features a game room, gift shop, table tennis, pool tables and a children's play/picnic area.

With our new package pricing programs, there's an option that will fit your needs and your budget. Just want your “plain old hotel room,” just like any other IC? There's a package for that. Want to add the Saturday night banquet? There's a package for that. Need the Friday Night Dress Mess? There's a package for that. Don't want to have to worry about where you're going to go for your meals and want to include them in the cost of your hotel room? There's a package for that. For more information about our package pricing, visit our Web site at < ic2011.com >.

It's not just the hotel with great stuff to do, the Poconos is Pennsylvania's most popular tourist destination. You can shop your way through the Crossings Premium Outlets, or strike it rich at the new Mount Airy Casino's slot machines. You can go whitewater rafting down the Delaware or Lehigh rivers, escape to the Houdini Museum, or visit Pocono Raceway, home to two NASCAR Sprint Cup series races. For those of you who savor the thrill of victory, you can participate in what will be the first (as far as we know) IC paintball tournament at Skirmish USA, voted number one paintball facility in the country. STARFLEET members will be invading one of their 50 award winning paintball fields to fight for bragging rights as champion paintballers and winners of the Surfer Bob Trophy. For more information on activities, you can visit the hospitality section of our website at < ic2011.com >.

Allow the *USS Challenger* to be your host with most in the Poconos, and you won't be disappointed! So remember: Swim, Hike, or Trek, We'll see you at IC2011! For general questions, you can email us at info@ic2011.com or visit us at ic2011.com!





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“The Towaway Incident”

An Education in Coin Challenges

There is a tradition in the STARFLEET Marines, borrowed from the world's real life militaries, called the Coin Check. It involves a Challenge (or collector coin) from the SFMC or your unit and is played in bars, where the loser of the challenge buys the next round of drinks. The rules for this Challenge are outlined at the end of this article.

Many times Challenges are never actually initiated, but simply threatened by Marines desiring to have a little fun at the expense of their buddies. This is the story of a challenge that was actually initiated, and its consequences (aka “The Towaway Incident”):

Dateline: Greensboro, NC

Saturday night of IC 2009, after the auction and dance, the Marines who were so inclined were gathered in the hotel bar and enjoying some adult beverages. The Marines were joined throughout the course of the evening by many members of STARFLEET, both Marine and Fleet members. Towards the end of the evening, there were 30-40 people present, and all were having a great time, laughing and enjoying the company of fellow Fleet members.

As Jack “Towaway” Eaton, Region 2 Coordinator, finished telling those of us near him about how he had received his nickname and the back and forth pranks between himself and George Takei (I highly recommend these stories, absolutely hilarious), the bartender called out “Last Call!” Jack sat and contemplated things for a few seconds and then pulled out his SFMC Challenge Coin, said “Oh, what the heck...” and slammed it down on the table, thereby initiating a coin check challenge.

As everyone around the tables we were all sitting at pulled and slammed their coins down, Jack was smiling. As the sound of the coins hitting the tables faded away, Jack leaned over toward me and said, “That was fun, now what?” Laughing, I leaned over to Jack and said, “Everyone has their coin--that means you have to buy the last round.”

Into the silence of the bar, Jack uttered “Oh, Frak Me!”

About this time, John “Kiwi” Kane came into the bar and asked



JACK EATON WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE. THIS PHOTO WAS OBVIOUSLY TAKEN BEFORE THE “INCIDENT.” PHOTO BY JON LANE.

what happened. When he was told what happened and started laughing (as well as regretting that he had not been there to partake in the free drinks), he began giving Jack grief about calling a coin check and how it was a bad idea. Jack responded with, “It was your frakking coin!”

After the laughter died down and the drinks were ordered and delivered, the bill arrived. The 8-inch-long bill was folded over in the wallet brought by the bartender. When Jack opened it, the total bill was just over \$198, a new SFMC Coin Check Challenge record! As I looked over Jack's shoulder at the bill, I pointed to a line on the bill and said, “At least the tip is already included.” Jack responded with, “Oh, that's SO helpful!”

As more information became available, it was learned that Jack actually had a different idea of what happens when everyone has their coins. Jack had thought that meant that no one had to buy a round and it was a wash, in essence. He was too stunned at the

time of the bar bill itself to actually tell me this and simply bought the round. In return, I (and a few others) have contributed money to Jack to help offset the cost of the round. We also wanted to clarify the rules of the SFMC Coin Check Challenge because it has also become apparent that there are other variations in existence that we were not aware were around.

The best advice to learn about Coin Check Challenges: Don't initiate one unless you are positive someone does not have their coin with them or unless you are feeling generous.

SFMC Coin Check Challenge

1. A challenge is initiated by someone pulling their coin out and slamming it down on the table or bar. A challenge can be initiated either at the bar itself or at a table or group of tables in the same area as each other.
2. Everyone else who is obviously part of the same group must respond by producing their coin in a reasonable time period. The same group is defined as sitting at the same table or group of tables or the same area of the bar whose occupants obviously constitute the same group of patrons.
3. If someone does not have their coin, they are required to buy the next round of drinks.
4. If everyone has their coins, then the person who initiated the challenge buys the next round.
5. The next round of drinks can be left to the desire of those who participated in the Challenge or the alcoholic beverage can be the choice of the challenge's loser (i.e., a round of beers for everyone, a shot of their favorite beverage, etc.).
6. Only those who are known to have coins are participants. If there is a person or persons in the group that are known not to have Challenge Coins, they are not considered part of the challenge and do not partake of the free round of drinks. Likewise anyone who comes in after the challenge is completed, they do not partake of the free round.

STARFLEET Marine Corps Awards at IC



SEAN NIEMEYER (LEFT) IS AWARDED THE STARFLEET CROSS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



JOHN “KIWI” KANE (LEFT) IS AWARDED THE STAR OF HONOR BY ARRON MURPHY. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



LARRY D. FRENCH, SR. (LEFT) IS AWARDED THE STARFLEET CROSS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



JOHN ROBERTS (RIGHT) IS AWARDED THE WOUNDED LION BY DAVE BLASER. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



PHOTOS FROM IC 2009 IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



ADMIRAL JOHNATHAN "GUMBY" SIMMONS YELLS "I HAVE LIMITS!" DURING THE ECAB MEETING. REALLY! PHOTO BY JON LANE.



EVERYBODY CUT FOOTLOOSE! LANCE CORPORAL PJ GARRISON SHOWS OFF SOME FANCY FOOTWORK ON THE DANCE FLOOR. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



ADMIRAL PAT SPILLERS (LOWER LEFT) RUNS THE STARFLEET QUARTERMASTER MERCHANDISE TABLE. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



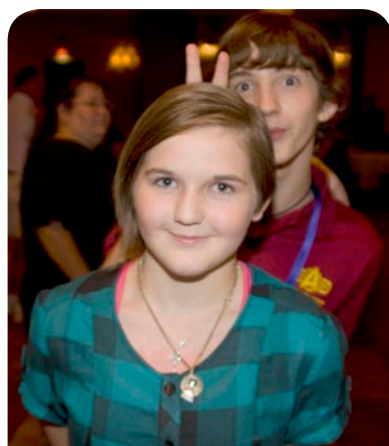
FLORIDA'S MARATHON MARRIAGE--REAR ADMIRAL LESLIE RYAN AND ADMIRAL DAVE RYAN. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



WHAT'S A STARFLEET FUNCTION WITHOUT A BAGPIPER, RIGHT? PHOTO BY JON LANE.



HANDS DOWN, THE BEST T-SHIRT AT THE CONFERENCE! SO GOOD, WE'RE NOT SURE WHO'S WEARING IT. PHOTO BY JOOST UEFFING.



AH, KIDS. CINDY KRELL'S NIECE MEGAN AND JEANETTE MADDOX'S GRANDSON DARIUS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



CANADA'S FINEST: JOOST UEFFING & DAVE BLASER. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



STARFLEET'S NEXT TOP MODEL, ADMIRAL HELEN PAWLOWSKI, SHOWS OFF THE LATEST IN NEW FLEET FASHION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



SAL AND AL. SAL LIZARD (LEFT) REASSURES ALEX ROSENZWEIG THAT WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND CARE, SOMEDAY ALEX COULD GROW HIS BEARD AS LONG AS SAL'S. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



EVEN MORE PHOTOS FROM IC 2009 IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA...



COMMODORE JON LANE DISPLAYS ONE OF THE NEW 3-D LENTICULAR PRINTS FROM RODDENBERRY. FOR EACH PRINT THAT STARFLEET SELLS, WE RECEIVE A \$2 CHARITY DONATION FROM RODDENBERRY. PHOTO BY MARK ANBINDER.



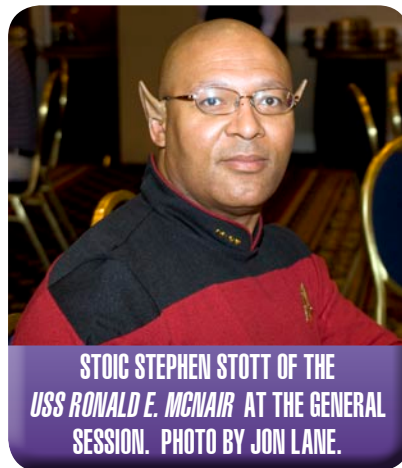
ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE GETS HIS OWN "PROOF" OF ALIEN LIFEFORMS DURING THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET. PHOTO BY JOOST UEFFING.



THE STARFLEET MARINES OPEN THE GENERAL SESSION ON SATURDAY MORNING WITH A FLAG PRESENTATION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



DAPPER DAVID KLOEMPKEN OF THE *USS CZAR'AK* AT THE GENERAL SESSION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



STOIC STEPHEN STOTT OF THE *USS RONALD E. MCNAIR* AT THE GENERAL SESSION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



DANCING IN BEAR FEET. R2RC JACK "TOWAWAY" EATON CUTS A (BEAR) RUG IN FURRY SLIPPERS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



COLONEL ARLENE GARRISON AND HER SON P.J., THE CUTEST LANCE CORPORAL IN THE SFMC. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



MARINES GET DOWN AND GET FUNKY. MGEN JOHN ROBERYS AND LGEN LINDA OLSON SHARE A DANCE AT IC. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



THE NEW STARFLEET UNIFORM STYLE. DAVE BLASER, SAL IZARD, AND JON LANE MODEL THE LATEST IN STARFLEET FORMAL WEAR. PHOTO BY JON HALLIDAY.



'CAUSE HE'S A ROCKET MAN! THE IC COMMITTEE CREATED A FLEET OF GREAT DECORATIONS. PHOTO BY MARK ANBINDER.



...BECAUSE YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY PHOTOS FROM IC!



A TALE OF TWO CAKES. STARFLEET MEMBERS HUDDLED SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER FOR NEARLY 5 MINUTES TO GET PICTURES OF THESE TWO AMAZING CAKES. THE FIRST CELEBRATED 35 YEARS OF STARFLEET. THE SECOND, DECORATED AS THE MOON, MARKED THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MISSION. PHOTOS BY JON LANE.



MAROOINED IN NORTH CAROLINA! *USS BONAVENTURE* CREWMATES ENS ERIC BOWMAN, CMDR SCOTT MELROSE, AND CPT SCOTT GIBSON ENJOY THE BANQUET. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



COAST TO COAST. LEFT-TO-RIGHT: ADM ALEX ROSENZWEIG AND CPT JOE HORTON (R7), VADM JERRY TIEN (R4), COMM AUDI JACK (R17) AND RADJ JENNIFER COLE (R4). PHOTO BY JON LANE.



VICE-CHIEF OF OPERATIONS CINDY KRELL AND HER 10-YEAR-OLD NIECE MEGAN DRESSED FOR THE PARTY. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



5 + 6 = FUN. STANDING (FROM LEFT): R5 MEMBERS LEA MORGAN, TOM KING, AND PATRICK McANDREW. SITTING: R6 MEMBERS MICHAEL URVAND AND LINDA & DAVE KLOEPKEN . PHOTO BY JON LANE.



STARFLEET'S FIRST FAMILY: REGION 1 "CELEBS" WILLY AND LINDA SMITH. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



FINAL MISSION: THE SFMC HELD A SOLEMN FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY TO REMEMBER THOSE FLEET MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. PHOTO BY JOOST UEFFING.



THE ADMIRALTY BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS LINE UP OUTSIDE THE MAIN BALLROOM BEFORE BEING ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL SESSION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADDRESSES THE IC 2009 GENERAL SESSION



COMMANDER, STARFLEET SAL LIZARD



VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET DAVE BLASER



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS JERRY TIEN



CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS JON LANE



THE ENTIRE STARFLEET EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES SIT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERSHIP AT THE GENERAL SESSION ON SATURDAY MORNING. IC09 CHAIR (AND FORMER CS) LES RICKARD STANDS BEHIND THE TABLE.



CHIEF OF SHAKEDOWN OPS WARREN PRICE



ACADEMY VICE COMMANDANT MARLENE MILLER



CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPS JOHN HALLIDAY



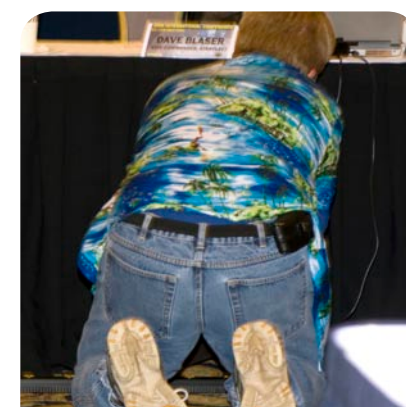
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MIKE STEIN



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE "FAMILY PORTRAIT." TAKEN JUST AFTER THE ECAB MEETING ON FRIDAY AT IC 2009, THESE ARE ALL THE CHIEFS, VICE-CHIEFS, AND CHIEFS OF STAFF WHO MADE IT TO NORTH CAROLINA. STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: VICE CHIEF OF SHOC ALEX ROSENZWEIG, CHIEF OF OPS JERRY TIEN, ACADEMY VICE COMMANDANT MARLENE MILLER, CHIEF OF SHOC WARREN PRICE, CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS JON LANE, CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPS JOHN HALLIDAY, COMMANDER STARFLEET SAL LIZARD, VICE-CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPS ROBERT CHIN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MIKE STEIN, AND CHIEF OF STAFF SAM BLACK. SEATED: VICE COMMANDER STARFLEET DAVE BLASER, VICE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PAT SPILLERS, AND VICE CHIEF OF OPS CINDY KRELL. ALL PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE EITHER TAKEN BY OR SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.



STARFLEET MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT JOHN ROBERTS. (OKAY, SO HE'S NOT ON THE EC, BUT HE JUST LOOKS SO COOL!)



THE MAN BEHIND THE SCENES: DAVE BLASER. (NEARLY THE ENTIRE ECAB DARED ME TO TAKE THIS PHOTO AND PRINT IT IN THE CQ.)



THE IC 2009 CHARITY AUCTION



VICE ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER WAS THE AUCTIONEER, ENTERTAINING THE ASSEMBLED FLEET MEMBERS ON SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER THE BANQUET. AND DID WE MENTION THAT IC 2010 WILL BE HELD IN SEQUOYAH STATE PARK NEAR WAGONER, OKLAHOMA? PHOTO BY JON LANE.



HOMELAND SECURITY LET THIS AFGHAN BE AUCTIONED OFF AT IC. THE HUGE BLANKET WAS HAND-STITCHED BY SFMC SEW-AND-SEW LINDA OLSON. GOOD JOB, LINDA! PHOTO BY JON LANE.



\$50 FOR A SPORK??? YES, IF IT'S A LIMITED EDITION TITANIUM *STAR TREK* SPORK... DISPLAYED WITH PRIDE BY ARTHUR VACCARINO OF THE *USS AVIATOR*. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



LAUGHING WITH THE UEFFINGS. SUSAN AND JOOST UEFFING ENJOY THE HUMOR THAT WAS ALMOST NON-STOP DURING THE STARFLEET CHARITY AUCTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



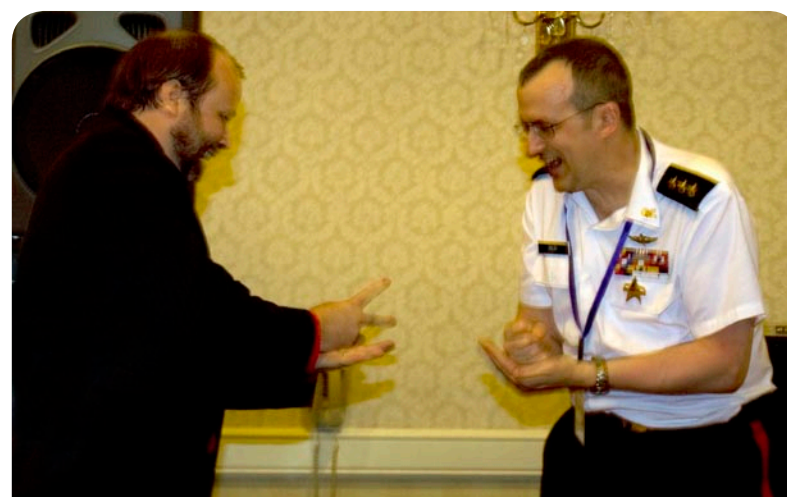
THE MONEY SHOT. CFO MIKE STEIN AND VICE CFO PAT SPILLERS KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE CASH PAYMENTS AT THE AUCTION. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



WHAT'S A FLEET AUCTION WITHOUT A *TREK* POSTER? PHOTO BY JON LANE.



LINDA OLSON (RIGHT) PRESENTS FRED HAISE (SEATED) A DONATION OF OVER \$850 FOR HIS CHARITY: THE INFINITY SCIENCE CENTER, INC. LES RICKARD STANDS IN BACK OF MR. HAISE. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



JOE DORFNER OF REGION 7 AND PAUL REID OF REGION 10 CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF USING ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





NAME: BOB VOSELLER
RANK: ADMIRAL
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS CHALLENGER* NCC-1676-D
REGION: 7, NEW JERSEY (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: 2007 REGION 7 CO OF THE YEAR, 2004/2007 REGION 7 STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



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Something's Fishy in New Jersey

Several quotes from author Jules Verne greeted STARFLEET members during an exploration of the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey on April 25.



JUDY WALDRICH AND EMILY VOSELLER PREPARE TO PET A SHARK!
PHOTO BY BOB VOSELLER.

reference to the closing moments of "Encounter at Farpoint" when we saw the jellyfish tank.

The transparent glass tunnel in the shark tank was incredible as we watched a variety of sharks glide over us while we snapped away with our cameras.

There were some non-water-tank-related exhibits, including the hippo pond filled with fish. There were plenty of birds in that area, and a sign reminded us that "Birds poop every 15 minutes."



ALL HANDS (AND FINS) ON DECK. LEFT TO RIGHT: JUDY WALDRICH, ALEX ROSENZWEIG, TODD BRUMANS, ANNIE SLOSKI, AND EMILY VOSELLER. PHOTO BY BOB VOSELLER.

drama, and for *Challenger* it was arriving first for *Avenger's* scheduled event, but taking a back road that ended up eating up Emily's back tire. Todd earned an engineering award by trying to put a spare nacelle on our shuttle, but we needed to bring in the big guns of Triple-A to get the darn wheel off.

The exploration came together as four *Avengers* and two *Challengers* got in touch with "their inner shark"...as the aquarium's publicity motto promotes in their commercials.

Being the resident adult children in the group, Todd and I found our way into the mouth of the plastic shark sculpture. Hey, why allow only juveniles to have that kind of fun?

Ripped tire and all, it was a fun time, and we all came away with more wonder of the sea and the deep frontier.

The STARFLEET away team included *Avenger* CO Judy Waldrich, XO Todd Brumans, CMO Annie Slonski, and Science Chief Alex Rosenzweig. *Challenger* CO Bob Vosseller and ship's counselor Emily Vosseller were there as well.

The day began sunny and bright and in the 80s. Some of us were tempted to take a dip in the tanks inside the aquarium, but the sight of sharks, sawfish sharks, barracuda, and some other long-toothed species gave us pause for that idea.

We seemed to be mesmerized by the jellyfish, and we all independently made



INCOMING! PHOTO BY BOB VOSELLER.

We all enjoyed a hearty lunch in the refreshment area. I believe I was the only one to actually order a fish lunch of salmon soup, which was delicious. No guilt there, no salmon were viewed at the aquarium.

Emily and Judy enjoyed petting the zebra and sand sharks in the first pond area. You got the chance to pet them as they swam by, or in most cases, as they slept.

Annie enjoyed the 4-D Sponge Bob Square Pants movie, and we all had the chance to be scared at the shark cage scenario that lasted a few minutes and involved a vibrating floor and a big screen TV with one unhappy shark seemingly bouncing into the cage.

No adventure is without its



THIS FISH STORY IS HARD TO SWALLOW. TODD BRUMANS GETS A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY WITH A GREAT WHITE SHARK. PHOTO BY BOB VOSELLER.





NAME: GERALD PURKEY
RANK: LIEUTENANT
POSITION: CHIEF CHAPLAIN, WESTERN SECTOR
SHIP: *USS THERMOPYLAE* NCC-74703
REGION: 5, WASHINGTON (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: R5 OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008;
 COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION



NAME: RUSSELL RUHLAND
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF CHAPLAIN, EASTERN SECTOR
SHIP: *USS DAVINCI* NCC-74671
REGION: 2, GEORGIA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: CHAPTER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
 2003; CHAPTER LEGION OF MERIT 2007



The Chaplain's Chat

While browsing through the World Wide Web, I managed to locate some interesting information regarding the history of the "chaplain" as published by John Kulp, Chief of Chaplains, Martial Arts Chaplain's Association...

The title of Chaplain (latin *cappellani*) originated in the fourth century. Chaplains are named after the 'Chapels' that they had responsibility for. Chapels themselves were named after a religious relic called the *cappella*, a half cape worn by St. Martin. Other religious relics were added to the collection and stored in the chapel as well. The ministers and priests that cared for the chapel were appointed by the king to guard the relics.

Emperor Charlemagne started the practice of keeping the relics and the chaplains in his palace. Since few people were educated at that time, priests and ministers composed the majority of the educated class. Charlemagne not only used them as keepers of the relics, but also to preside over religious services, help with book keeping, and the writing of histories and personal documents of the emperor. Chaplains were also advisors to the king on both religious and non-religious issues.

Kings all over Christian Europe adopted the practice of appointing chaplains as religious advisors. They were also appointed to bishoprics and many of the high offices of the church. The appointment of chaplains by kings and nobility led to their appointment in the military, as well as other institutions such as hospitals, prisons, schools, colleges, universities, embassies, legations, and corporations.

During the Reformation, this practice was adopted by the Protestants as well. Oliver Cromwell, who was a parliamentary leader of the armies that overthrew the English monarchy, became "Lord Protector" of England, Scotland, and Ireland from 1653 to 1658. Cromwell appointed John Owen as his chaplain and later as dean of Oxford. John Owen was a prolific writer of practical theology.

Most Americans are familiar with the idea of the military chaplain. Their primary duties have included the providing of religious services; advising their commanders on matters of religious, moral, and morale issues; and providing religious education, counseling, and emotional support to the people and families of their military units.

Question: What can you tell me about religion within the world of Star Trek?

Answer: Well, that's a broad question to try to answer. There are many varied opinions concerning religion in *Star Trek*, but the one I can best provide at this time comes from the answer to a question posed to writer Brannon Braga when asked whether there was supposed to be a deity in the stories that he wrote. He said:

"No, there was no consideration in giving humans, talking about a Creator, or talking about those type of things. We wanted to avoid it, to be quite frank. But we *did* often explore theology through alien characters...which frankly is much more interesting anyway.

Whether it was the Bajorans and their religion or the Borg and their religion--they had the religion of perfection. That, I think, was more interesting. We want to keep *Star Trek* secular...the human facet of *Star Trek* secular." (Quoted from Brannon Braga's former website.)

According to Bernd Schneider's website, *Ex Astris Scientia*, there is, however, notable evidence of religion in *Star Trek*. In the TOS episode "Balance of Terror" the wedding chapel shows a sort of altar and some religious symbols, among them a cross. In one episode of *TNG*, Data mentions the Hindu Festival of Lights. In *DS9*, Joseph Sisko recites from the Bible, to his son's surprise. In the series *Voyager*, the Doctor acts as a Roman Catholic priest in the episode "Spirit Folk." Dr. Phlox mentions he has been to a Tibetan monastery and that he has attended a mass at St. Peter's Square, which is the most definite statement that religion still plays a role, at least in the 22nd century (*ENT*: "Cold Front").

Other evidence exists with regard to alien cultural religion, such as Bajoran, Klingon, and Vulcan, but the detail of these didn't show themselves until late in the *TNG* series.

Thank you for spending your reading pleasure with us this issue. Remember, your questions can be sent to us directly via e-mail by using *both* of the following: < trekchristian@gmail.com > and < gpurkey012@comcast.net >. Names will never be used in order to protect the rights and morals of the asker. Until next time, Warp 10!

Russell & Gerry

USS CONSTELLATION NX-71855



NAME: BRIAN HOOPER
RANK: COMMANDER
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS CONSTELLATION* NX-71855
REGION: 1, KENTUCKY (USA)



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Daily Dose of Trek

Members of STARFLEET, at their core, share a common love of *Star Trek*. Through online communities, group outings, and correspondence, members can share that fandom with the larger SFI community. Now, the crew of the *USS Constellation* invites all of the fleet to share that love by embracing and enjoying the Trek Episodes of the Day.

Released daily to the SFI-L and Ten Forward online chat lists, as well as catalogued on the chapter's website forums, the daily Trek Eps chronicles the combined episodes of all

five television series. The crew of the *Connie* recommends that those with a bit of time to spare sit down with the family and friends to enjoy the day's randomly generated episode. Sometimes interesting tidbits will be included, such as Trek actors'/characters' birthdays and other miscellaneous Trek Today Trivia.

Also, members may submit requests to have a particular episode featured on a significant day for them. Send in a plea to the *Connie* CO to have your favorite episode be featured on

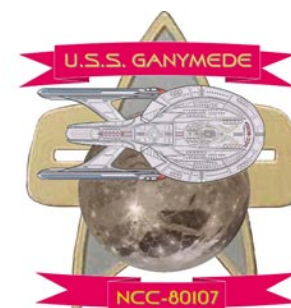
your birthday! The only requirement is that the episode not have already been run, which one can check by visiting the forums at <www.theconnie.org>. (Hint: The thread title "Trek Episodes of the Day" is pretty blatant.)

The first episode was featured on June 16th, and as such, barring repeats, the last episode will run on May 21st, 2011. Including the feature-length films that will be randomly tossed in, this end date will extend to June 1st, 2011. Plenty of time to get in your requests!





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*



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Ask “Deep Trek” - #006

The CO of the *USS Ganymede* 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 developed a friendship with this man, but to protect his confidentiality has given him the name “Deep Trek.”

This month's question comes from Captain Flanik:

CAPTAIN FLANIK – You’ve spoken a lot about the TOS shows you worked on. What other science fiction shows or motion pictures did you support?

DEEPTREK – One of the most interesting movies was *Marooned*. I came up with the support rig we used to simulate zero gravity for the astronauts. It rode on a platform with air jets underneath, so it was easy to move around on the floor of the set. It had a crane with a single wire to support the actor in his spacesuit. All that was in the camera shot was the wire, so that did not show up when the scenes were shot against painted backdrops. This rig solved a big problem. Everybody was wondering how we were going to shoot these scenes. I took a good bit of pride in coming up with this. You have to remember that *Marooned* was filmed in the late 60's, long before the computerized special

effects we see in so many movies today.

NOTE – Captain Flanik took Deep Trek to see the new *Star Trek* film in June, 2009. Deep Trek liked the action and the new characters a lot. He appreciated the special effects. He followed the plot twists and hung in with the timeline and alternate universe plot devices. He did not see the need to destroy Vulcan, agreeing with many other viewers. After the movie, Flanik, Deep Trek and their wives enjoyed a pleasant dinner out and coffee and ice cream at a local sundae shop. Deep Trek sends his best regards to the Fleet.



NAME: KAREN MITCHELL CAROTHERS
RANK: CAPTAIN
POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS RICHTHOFEN* NCC-73286
REGION: 7, MARYLAND (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER XO, *USS RICHTHOFEN*; FORMER R7 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

USS RICHTHOFEN NCC-73286



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Trekkin' for the Cure

On June 6, members of the *USS Richthofen* joined Team Wench in a celebration of hope at the Catonsville Relay for Life, held at the Catonsville campus of the Community College of Baltimore County. We walked the track, met some new friends on the *USS Thor*, played our favorite board game, and celebrated our favorite cancer survivor: my mother-in-law JoAnn.

Relay for Life, which started 24 years ago but is starting its 25-year celebrations early, is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Unlike other major walk fundraisers, this is a team event where groups of 8-10 people take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. This is symbolic on many levels: it honors the first ACS fundraiser of this type, a doctor in the Pacific Northwest who walked a track for 24 hours to raise money for cancer; it symbolizes the never-ending struggle that cancer survivors endure through their treatment; and it also reminds us that there is no finish line for the race until we find a cure for cancer.

The highlight of the event, besides the opening Survivor victory lap, is the Luminaria ceremony. Held at dusk, candles are lit in honor of survivors and in memory of lost loved ones. These candle bags are donated as part of the fundraising. It's incredibly moving to look at the glowing flames ringed the track and realize that each one of them represents someone's child, parent, spouse, relative, or friend. In my case, even a beloved pet lost to lymphoma.

On the bleachers above the track, HOPE is spelled out in luminaria bags. These candles burn throughout the night, lighting our way and reminding us that no matter how many loved ones we lose, we always have hope. Hope for a cure. Hope for a future without the threat of cancer.

Relay for Life is one of the biggest fundraisers the American Cancer Society puts on, and money raised from RFL goes to a wide variety of programs, from supporting cancer research to providing chemotherapy patients with free or reduced-cost wigs. The Catonsville Relay has raised \$61,733 as of July 6, 2009. In fact, the Catonsville Relay is only a little over \$15,000 from meeting their target fundraising goal this year!

Relay for Life can accept donations for this year's Relays through August 31. If you'd still like to make a donation to Team Wench, which has raised at least \$618 so far, go to: < <http://tinyurl.com/lbyut5> > and click on the “Donate” link to go to a secure page for online transactions. For more general information about Relay for Life go to: < <http://www.relayforlife.org> >.

Team Wench is the non-profit fundraising arm of the Local 42 branch of the International Wenches Guild. In other words, we're a bunch of RenFaire Rats who really enjoy charity work and giving back to the community. As a member of both STARFLEET and Team Wench, I hope our Relay team partnership with Team Wench continues for years to come. For more information about Team Wench and our upcoming work, visit < <http://www.teamwench.org> >. We're planning a Victorian Tea in the fall, and our Privateer Feast in February is a huge fundraiser for several walks, including the Avon Breast Cancer walk and the MS Walk.

There're a few STARFLEET folks I'd like to thank before I sign off. First, I'd like to thank my team participants: Chris Carothers (my XO and husband), Tom and Maggie Restivo, and my mother-in-law JoAnn Carothers, a 7-year breast cancer survivor. I get teary-eyed just typing that. I didn't know JoAnn when I first became involved with Relays back in 2000, but she's the reason I've stayed involved these many years.

I'd also like to thank my donors: Liz Gorman, a fellow *Richthofen* crewmate, Mark Anbinder, Steve Halber, and anyone else who donated to another member of the team or to the team in general. The tools on our Team page don't allow me to see those folks, but you're important to our goals all the same.

And I'd like to thank the *USS Thor* for their long-time Relay for Life participation. Although this was my first year running a team at the Catonsville Relay, I was heavily involved a Relay in Rockville, Maryland for several years. It's pretty easy to donate money, if you have it to spare, but running a fundraising team takes an incredible amount of energy and dedication. Being on a fundraising team takes even more energy and dedication. By giving back to the community, we not only help to create a better future, we also show the community that fan groups care.



TREKKIES FOR THE CURE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JOANN CAROTHERS, CHRIS CAROTHERS (BACK), KAREN MITCHELL CAROTHERS (FRONT), TOM RESTIVO, AND MAGGIE RESTIVO. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY KAREN MITCHELL CAROTHERS.





NAME: DAVE LOWE
RANK: GUNNERY SERGEANT
POSITION: COMMUNICATIONS
OTHER POSITIONS: MAN FRIDAY
SHIP: *USS RINGLING* NX-34231
REGION: 2, FLORIDA (USA)

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Tampa Bay Area Chapters Enjoying a Surge of Prosperity

STARFLEET chapters in the Tampa Bay area of Florida are working together in peace and harmony for the first time in decades.



LEFT TO RIGHT: DAVE LOWE (*USS RINGLING*), MIKE THOMAS (*USS TIBERIUS*), DAVE RYAN (*USS MARATHON*), OLIVER SAVANDER (*USS TIBERIUS*), AND MARK ANDERSON (*USS VICTORIOUS*).
PHOTO SUPPLIED BY DAVE LOWE.

For the premiere of the new *Star Trek* film, members of the Tampa Bay area chapters appeared on WTSP "10Connects News" promoting STARFLEET and the new film. Footage was shot Thursday, May 7, at Beach Theater on St. Pete Beach. Later that night, these chapters hosted a premiere party at the theater. Other recruiting locations in the area included Baywalk in downtown St. Petersburg and AMC Sarasota 12 at Sarasota Square Mall throughout the weekend.

It's not just the new movie. Three new chapters have launched since the movie premiere, all three in the month of July: the *USS Shooting Star* in Pinellas County, the *USS Ringling* in Sarasota County, and the re-launch of the *USS Victorious* in Pasco County, who returns to STARFLEET after a three-year absence.

The area chapters are currently discussing plans work together to host the 2011 Region Two Summit somewhere in the Tampa Bay area. 2011 is Florida's turn in the rotation, and with seven of the sixteen chapters Florida chapters in this area, the odds are pretty good. A bid must be submitted to the Regional Coordinator by September 1.

The commanding officers and crewmembers of the various chapters have traveled to attend the meetings of the other chapters for a few months now. Most recently, the following events have been shared:

- *USS Victorious* had members of three chapters in attendance at their meeting June 28 at Chili's in Largo.
- *USS Tiberius* had members of four chapters gather for their July 5 meeting at Rib City in St. Petersburg.
- *Andromeda* Station hosted a pool party in Tampa on July 11 where members of five chapters came together for fun in the sun and some good BBQ and fellowship.
- The *USS Gasparilla* hosted a meeting at Po Folks restaurant in St. Petersburg where four chapters had members represented. Polo shirts that look remarkably like *Star Trek: The Next Generation* tunics were discussed.
- The *USS Ringling* hosted their first meeting and Launch Party on August 1 at the home of the Commanding Officer in Sarasota. A brief business meeting was held, along with a change-of-command ceremony for the incoming Executive Officer, Giovano Fusco. After the meeting, a custom cake with the ship's logo was shared by all. All local members of the *Ringling* were in attendance, plus six new recruits. Also, Captain Kirylyn Dreamer from the *USS Peacekeeper* (R4) was there, as well, a special guest indeed. Kiry drove 4 hours from Melbourne, FL to be there for the *Ringling*'s maiden voyage.



As an added bonus, these area chapters have agreed to share a common event calendar located on Google Calendars. Each CO has access to the calendar to add and edit events and meetings. This will allow these officers to plan events around the other chapters' schedules. This will facilitate better attendance and ease multiple chapter events as well. The chapters will embed a copy of this calendar on their chapter websites for their members to share.

The chapters have also established a joint website, the address is < <http://suncoastsfi.org> > to assist in joint recruiting efforts. A design for 5,000 full-color postcards has been submitted for approval. Chapters are collecting funds to have this order in hand before the fall convention schedule.

More joint recruiting ideas are also in the works, not to mention charity opportunities. Future plans also include expanding the presence and



USS RINGLING MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2009. BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): MARK SILVER, ROSEMARIE MILLER, ADAM PORTNOW, AND DAVE LOWE. FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): GIOVANO FUSCO (AT LEAST HALF OF HIM) JEFF CHALFREY, STEPHANIE AZIZ, SOPHIA GILLO, KIKI JORDAN. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY GIOVANO FUSCO.



success of “Team STARFLEET” for the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure to be held in October in St. Petersburg. Last year, the team raised over \$300 for breast cancer awareness.

The “Suncoast Squadron” has vowed to work together for the betterment of *Star Trek* fandom and to promote awareness of STARFLEET in the area. So far, there are seven chapters in the Greater Tampa Bay metropolitan area. That is more than some STARFLEET regions! Six of the chapters have agreed on the new website, recruiting drive, and event calendar. The Squadron is engaged in intense negotiations with the seventh chapter at the present time, and there are high hopes that this last holdout will come around very soon.

Watch out, STARFLEET! Maybe Tampa Bay will host the 2012 International Conference?



MIKE THOMAS (*USS TIBERIUS*). PHOTO BY DAVE LOWE.



ANDROMEDA STATION COOKOUT ON JULY 11, 2009. BACK ROW (LEFT-TO-RIGHT): YATIE (NOT SURE OF HER LAST NAME), DIXIE SAVANDER, OLIVER SAVANDER, DAVE LOWE, ALVIN DOZIER, SOPHIA GILLO, JOHNOTHAN BABB, JAMES REED, LESLIE RYAN, DAVE RYAN, ROSYLYN REED, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED *ANDROMEDA* MEMBER ON THE FAR RIGHT AND ANOTHER SEATED IN FRONT. PHOTO BY DAVE RYAN.



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NAME: MARK H. ANBINDER

RANK: GENERAL

POSITION: CHIEF ENGINEER

OTHER POSITIONS: IC COMMITTEE LIAISON

SHIP: *USS ACCORD* NCC-1842

REGION: 7, NEW YORK (USA)

ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET; FORMER ACTING COMMANDER, STARFLEET

USS ACCORD NCC-1842

Vulcans in the Skies



JANICE TOPOLESKI DRESSED AS SPOCK'S MOTHER, AMANDA GRAYSON, AT A RECENT SHORE LEAVE CONVENTION. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY MARK H. ANBINDER.

Well, not really, but I did get to fly recently with a couple of fellow *USS Accord* members. En route to San Diego for Comic-Con, I flew to Philadelphia with the Topoleskis, whom a bunch of us know from Shore Leave. (They live in Ithaca, NY, but we never see them at *Accord* meetings because they go to religious services on Saturday afternoons.) This was the one nice

part of my planned Thursday flights being delayed to Friday morning!

For the relatively short ITH-PHL flight, I sat next to Janice and behind Leonard, and chatted with each a bit. I'd been surprised not to see Janice at the blood drive at Shore Leave this July, but she said they had so many volunteers that she got to skip it for the first time in 14 years! I did see Leonard and his cameras a couple of times, though.

If you've been to Shore Leave's Masquerade event, as many east-coast STARFLEET members have, chances are you've seen Janice in one or another of her (mostly) Vulcan-themed costumes. This photo shows Janice as Amanda Grayson, Spock's mother, wearing Vulcan garb as in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*. This year, she says, she spent months assembling a costume based on the Vulcan priestess attire from *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. When it came time to find suitable earrings, she couldn't find any to buy, so she ended up making her own.

As I write this, my next flight is about a week away, to STARFLEET's 2009 International Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, though you'll of course read it after the IC. Cap'n Will and I will both be there as representatives of last year's IC (among other reasons, it's traditional for the previous year's IC to host the “Dead Dog Party” following the close of the current year's). In fact, I don't consider it an optional trip for another reason--it'll be my “Lucky 13th” consecutive IC!

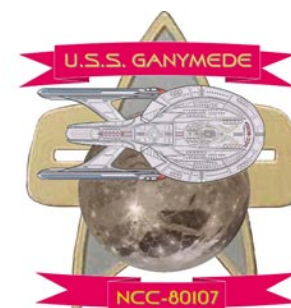
My first IC was in 1997, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. That event, which several *Accord* members attended, marked our recommissioning as a chapter and our return to STARFLEET after two years as an independent club. The intervening dozen years have been quite eventful for STARFLEET and *USS Accord*, and for *Accord* and its members' participation in STARFLEET and Region 7.

Next year's IC is at Sequoyah State Park in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Will you be joining me for those flights? Maybe we'll run into some more Vulcans!





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The Genesis of the *Ganymede*

Let's face it. A lot of us in STARFLEET have been nuts about spaceflight since we were kids. The original television series, its successors, and the movies came at just the right time to lock us in. The rich lode of classic science fiction by Clarke, Heinlein, Van Vogt, Asimov, Anderson, Blish, Niven, and so many others, and the Flash Gordon and Captain Video serials (for those of us old enough to remember them) primed us for the real-life space race and all of NASA's unmanned and manned programs. George Lucas' vision of the *Star Wars* epic may have stood on its own had *Star Trek* never been written or aired, but I wonder if it would have enjoyed the success it's had. Some of us have been able to work in science or a science-related field in real life. But it doesn't matter what you do for a living, or even if you like to wear a uniform from time to time. What matters is where your heart is. Everything else follows.

However we express our likes and passions, it's more fun among like-minded people. Stifling it just denies a part of who we are. That's what's so special about STARFLEET. It has enough diversity to accommodate all levels and extents of science and science fiction enthusiasm. Our chapters are as different in flavor and activities as we are. Ideally, there's a home for everyone. And if you don't find quite what you want, with a little effort you can launch a chapter that does.

That's the genesis of the *USS Ganymede* (NX-80107, Region 1, commissioning papers sent on Fleet 6/7/09). I'd joined the very active meeting chapter *USS Heimdal*, NCC-1793, Region 1, in fall of 2006. I discovered it at a time when I needed refreshment. I didn't realize how much I'd kept the science/science fiction part of me under wraps. Plus, you will not find a kinder more diverse group of people. I felt instantly welcome. Their mix of humor, friendliness and activities gave me a warm sense of community. Little did I know how much real life would change the following year. Meeting

the lady you'll soon marry does that to a person. To make a long story short, the life my then-fiancée and I started building together made attending face-to-face chapter meetings impossible. This ultimately led to my choice to start a correspondence chapter. Members from any region, interaction via the Internet, tons of possibilities, a ship we can call our own, what's not to love? Though Admiral Linda Smith hated to lose me, she was happy to sponsor us as our support ship.

What I wanted is a chapter whose members are ambassadors to our youth. Science and especially technology careers have lost their appeal in these days of outsourcing, downsizing, and focus on short-term profit. The long view, including the continuing worth of basic research, and its applications to real-life needs, is being challenged like never before. Many of our youth are distracted by their MP3 players, cell phones, and social networking. Reaching those of this population who still wonder why the universe is how it is and how it works is the key to fostering the next generation of scientists, engineers, and technologists. Middle school is just about the last chance to reach these otherwise-unknown prospects.

The *Ganymede's* community service mission is to present middle school students with little-known breakthroughs, as precursors to the science and technology of *Star Trek*. We need knowledge workers and creative artists to identify the topics, attractively prepare the presentations, and go out to the schools to deliver them. We've already got great topics—the memristor, the nanosubstance graphene, the *Hermes* personal spacecraft, and the inertial electrostatic containment fusion impulse engine are only a few.

Finding members, the right ones, is our biggest priority. Although our correspondence status means we can draw members from any region of STARFLEET, recruiting still requires creativity. As

commanding officer, I can access the unassigned member list on the Fleet Database for my own region. There've been a few successes doing that. We're also using our website, word of mouth, classified ads in the *Communiqué* and the SFI Quartermaster's website, personal encounters, and targeted postal mail solicitations (school systems, etc.). We picked up three members so far from recruiting at the *Star Trek* movie in May, and got a lot of recognition and goodwill locally also. We have a cardinal rule: no solicitation from existing meeting or correspondence chapters. We'll welcome any STARFLEET chapter member who wishes to transfer to us, but only after they've discussed it with their current commanding officer. We would not want to be treated any differently, and there should be room for all of us.

Nine months in shakedown is really not all that long, considering everything a chapter-in-training must do. Submitting our commissioning VRR the first week of June was quite a rush. Our last four members all came the week before. All I can say is you should take every opportunity to recruit. You don't know which ones will work out. And we're continuing that effort—we've got skills to find, departments to fill. We've been blessed with an experienced exec and second officer, both of whom, along with me, have completed OTS and OCC. They and one other member joined us from a decommissioned ship. Our website is up and running <www.uss-ganymede.org>. We have a membership handbook on the way, a neat logo we jointly developed, synchronization rights to cool theme music for our website and presentations, articles, the Ask Deep Trek column published in the CQ, several more submissions, and lots of enthusiasm. Our MSRs are going in on time. The rest is just persistence. We see this as fun and rewarding. Our intent is to enjoy who we are, and to make a difference. Who knows what accomplishments will arise from even a few people we inspire to a life in science or technology? My gut tells me one thing: most of them will probably be just like we were.

OFFICE OF THE VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

STARFLEET *Star Trek* Short Story Writer's Contest - It's Official!

Submitted by ADM Marlene Miller

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Star Trek novelist Mr. Keith R. A. DeCandido, has submitted his rankings for the top 6 finalists of the STARFLEET *Star Trek* Short Story Writer's Contest!

Here are THE BEST OF THE BEST!

1. **The Horta** by Darlene Topp (*USS Niagara*, R7)
2. **Second Chance** by Jane C. Petrovich (*Bounty Station*, R13)
3. **The Joy of Being Alive** by R. Roger Bedford (*USS Renegade*, R1)
4. **A Chance to Win** by Lea Hepler (*USS Republic*, R2)
5. **The Irony of Sacrifice** by Samuel G. Pengraff (Unassigned, R10)
6. **KWA** by Gary Hollifield, Jr. (*USS Jaresh-Inyo*, R12)

Honorable Mention Michael Knight (*USS Republic*, R2)
 Honorable Mention Benjamin J. P. Hartwell (*Bounty Station*, R13)

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

Prizes have been spoken for and will be mailed to the Finalists and Honorable Mentions along with e-mailed Certificates for all participants.

Look for the winning stories starting with CQ #155.

Thanks again, to all the authors and judges.

Thank you Mr. DeCandido!

And thank you, VCS Dave Blaser, for suggesting the contest!

Your Annual Campaign...

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The New Direction of the STARFLEET Medical Corps

Welcome to the Office of the Surgeon General. For those who do not know me, I am Colonel Joseph Gallagher, SFMCR. I have been a member in STARFLEET since 1996 and past positions have included CMO/EMH and XO/ECH of the *USS Temperance* (Region 7, decommissioned), Second Officer, XO, OIC SpecOps Team X-Ray, and briefly CO of the *USS Commonwealth* (Region 1), and I am currently the Strategic Operations Officer and the OIC of the 128th MSG (Aero/SpecOps) aboard the *USS Providence*. Just prior to the release of this article, I was appointed the 6th Battalion OIC. I have also been an associate member on various ships during my time in the Fleet, believing in intra-ship cooperation, and what strengthens one chapter strengthens STARFLEET as a whole. In civilian life, I am an emergency medical technician and a BLS Instructor for the American Heart Association, providing instruction to lay people, as well as professional rescuers. I split my time between regular classes and offering voluntary training to my community for those who could not otherwise afford it.

As your Surgeon General, my goal is to implement programs and initiatives that would be designed to bring medical and health issue awareness to the membership. I want to see the Medical Corps become rooted in the real world, not just in science fiction. Many other departments have some basis in 'real-life.' Sciences present articles concerning new discoveries made by the scientific community, and Chaplain Services offer information on self-help programs and community groups that offer personal support. I have already seen a number of members posting articles or hosting chats concerning issues such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. My immediate goal is to offer a central location that they or any other member can discuss these issues, paste articles concerning new breakthroughs in treatment or prevention, and lend support to those with these afflictions. Up until recently, the Fleet Resource Center (FRC) offered a means to

accomplish that goal. The Fleet Resource Center has been replaced by the STARFLEET Technical Applied Research Programs, known as STAR. To understand this fundamental change, I will quote the Preamble from the STAR Organizational Charter: "Applied research is designed to solve practical problems of the modern world, rather than to acquire knowledge for knowledge's sake." We are here, not to tell you to read a manual and take an exam just to get another course 'under your belt,' but to challenge you to take a 'real-world' course, whether it be CPR or basic First-Aid, and to actually apply what you have learned to aid your community.

My ultimate goal is to implement various educational and awareness programs within each chapter. In addition, we are here to assist the chapter CMOs, as well as any members at large, in bringing awareness of medical issues that affect all of us, whether they affect you or someone close such as a spouse or relative. In addition, we encourage members to seek 'real-life' first-aid and CPR training, which can save someone in a potentially life-threatening situation. I hope to achieve at least one trained member per chapter in the short-term, to eventually having chapters sponsoring training classes and safety seminars in their communities. If the entire chapter gets trained, they can assist the Red Cross or local agency if a disaster hits their community. I also speak from experience. As an EMT, I have been in situations where, if a family-member or bystander knew what to do in an emergency, many lives could have been saved or, at least, lessen the extent of the injury. We can help direct those who wish to seek this type of training, whether it is CPR or just basic first-aid, in finding local agencies or educational institutions that offer such training. Even if you don't want to seek professional certification, we can provide information that can be passed to your fellow members in the form of publications or helpful handouts that outline simple yet beneficial first-aid techniques that can potentially prevent an emergency from getting worse. Remember, these publications and

handouts are not a substitution for proper medical training, and some of the techniques outlined, if not done properly, can further injure the person you are trying to help. The STARFLEET Medical Corps also promotes the "Get Fit For Duty" program that provides our members with healthy lifestyle options, tips and information to guide you to become the 'better you' and avoid factors that can lead to medical problems later on in life. These include, but are not limited to, diabetes, poor diet, excessive weight, starting a new exercise routine, etc.

I know from past experience that there are many members of the Fleet who are doctors, nurses, instructors, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics. I would like to hear from you, as well as from those who have an interest in medicine (STARFLEET or personal), that want to make a difference and join the Medical Corps. At one time, there were chapters that were considered 'medical ships'...are there any now? Please let me know. In addition, the Medical Corps will be sponsoring a yearly contest for a chapter to become the honorary 'Flagship' of the Medical Corps. The chosen chapter will receive an award certificate and be featured in the various STARFLEET newsletters and hold that honor for one year. Keep checking the announcement page for information about the contest and how to apply.

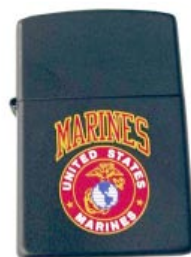
I look forward to serving you, the members of STARFLEET, to the best of my capabilities. To quote an old phrase, "The Doctor Is In." My door is always open, whether it is a friendly chat, a suggestion or comment, or if you need advice on implementing a new program, I am here for you.

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QUARTERMASTER, STARFLEET

STARFLEET Quartermaster News

New padfolios are in! After these sold out earlier this year, we received lots of requests to get them again, so they are back in stock. Embossed with the STARFLEET logo, these durable, black faux-leather padfolios have compartments for CDs and business cards, two large inner compartments for documents and other items, and can be zip closed for carrying. This full-sized folio holds



a standard 8.5" x 11" pad, and has slots for business cards, CDs, and additional storage on the inside cover for larger items.

A very limited number of official United States Marine Corps "Zippo" lighters were picked up at a sale and are now

available. These are fully functional, come in a gift box, but contain no lighter fluid.

At the same sale, a small collection of official United States Marine Corps shot glasses were purchased. Just over a dozen in stock,



get them while they last!

Santa logo polo shirts were created for the Executive Committee in 2008, and the extras are available now for general purchase. Only a few left, in XL and XXL.



See the Quartermaster website at qm.sfi.org for ordering and many more items.

Email the Quartermaster at qm@sfi.org for details, or write the address below for order forms:

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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 May with a balance of \$2,371.83. We had deposits of \$166.25 during May, leaving us with a balance of \$2,538.08.

We started the month of June with a balance of \$2,538.08. We had deposits of \$142.70 and withdrawals totaling \$1,519.42 (for new QM Merchandise) during June, leaving us with a balance of \$1,161.36.

SFMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our scholarship account total stands at \$2,196.64. 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!

NEW QUARTERMASTER ITEM

PadFolios, that's right. Just like the padfolios currently offered by the STRFLEET Quartermaster, the SFMC now has our own with the SFMC Seal on the front. Sharp looking and only \$20.

ATTENTION BRIGADE OIC's

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 4 weeks (1 month) notice before you must have the certificates in hand; 6 weeks would be even better.

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

Until my next report, I remain in service to the Corps!

MGN John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC

CO INFOCOM, SFMC

Report from the CO INFOCOM

Begin transmission...

Greetings Marines,

Well I'm settling in nicely into my new corner office. I've given my old one to my DCO, who is happy to move from the broom closet he was in. By the time this goes to publication, the 2009 IC will have happened and I'll be unpacking from my vacation driving the Family Truckster up and down the East Coast. In fact, my road trip will have had a similar destination as that of the Griswold's. However, instead of Wallyworld, I'll be heading down to Disney World. I'm just hoping my vacation will not have been as eventful as the vacation that Clark and his family experienced. So please queue up the song "Holiday Road"....

SFMC Reporting

For years there has been a push to place most, if not all, of the SFMC reporting features into some sort of environment that would make reporting easier. The goal has been to somehow integrate those reporting features into the STARFLEET Database. This would allow the report forms to act much like the current MSRs do; that is, pull a majority of the information automatically from the database and populate certain portions of the forms such as rosters and awards.

Since I was appointed to COINFOCOM, it appeared that this sort of reporting was just a pipe dream, something that would never happen. Well I'm happy to report that the new Chief of CompOps is beginning the arduous task of rebuilding the STARFLEET Database from scratch.

This has to be done because the current database is being held together by string, bailing wire, spit, and duct tape. What this allows us to do is develop the new database with this sort of reporting built in from the very beginning.

This project has now progressed to the point where I have provided CompOps with a complete listing of all the data that needs to be captured by the forms as well as to whom the forms are sent to. So I'm extremely optimistic about this project as it has progressed more in the past couple months that it had in past year or so.

The only caveat is that the new database is currently in the design and concept stage and there is no time-table for the delivery of the completed database. I will keep the Corps informed regarding this as the new database will greatly affect the Corps.

SFMC Manuals

At the 2009 IC, several new and revised manuals were released. This includes an updated SFMC Policy and Procedures Manual as well as an updated Marine Force Manual. One of the new manuals is the SFMC Cadet Manual. This manual replaces the SFMC Youth Manual and represents a complete rewrite of the SFMC Youth program, which is now referred to as the Cadet program or Cadet Corps. If you have cadets in your MSG or in a MTU, it is vital that you download this new manual and read through it. Great care has been taken to make the new program easy to follow, as well as make it fun and interesting.

Normally the manual release at IC would be the only one for the year. This is so no one has to keep track of multiple manual changes. However this year I have agreed to extend this period until the end of the year. This is so TRACOM can move some of their programs by the end of the year. Next year, the general timeline, as outlined in the SFMC Publications, manual will be followed.

By the time that this goes to goes to publication a new version of a new version of the SFMC Documents Compendium CD will be available for download on the SFMC website. This updated CD will not only include the new and updated manuals, but also all of the issues of Attention on Deck! Extra from its first publication to July 2009.

SFMC Websites

As reported last time, the SFMC websites continue to work well and are doing what they were designed to do. Now that IC is finished, I will be focusing my time and energy on updating the SFMC website. I'm still planning to go live with the new site at the end of the year or early in the first quarter of 2010.

In the past couple of weeks, there have been issues where visitors to the SFMC site have received a 500 Server Error. Usually by the time I am made aware of these issues, I can find nothing wrong with either the SFMC or SFMCA sites, nor is there any memory spikes on the server, so there is really nothing that I can do on my end. However I do suggest that anyone encountering this error purge their browser cache.

Purging the browser cache seems to resolve the issue in most cases.

Speaking of website it has also come to my attention that GeoCities, the part of Yahoo! that provides free webspace, will be closing later this year. For more information, see <http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/geocities/geocities-05.html>. With the closing of GeoCities, Yahoo! is pushing its paid service as a replacement. However, there are still companies out there that do have free web hosting or even low cost hosting, you just have to look around and see what is out there. Now I do know DreamHost, which hosts the SFMC sites, does have a free service for basic pages. If you want to take a look go to <http://www.dreamhostapps.com>.

Attention on Deck! Extra

As I write this Attention on Deck! Extra has already published its seventh issue. Remember the AoD!E is a supplement to the AoD! And offers a wide range of news and articles that pertain to the SFMC. The AoD!E relies on you for stories. So if you have anything you would like to write about please send it to aode@sfi-sfmc.org. Also one can subscribe to the Attention on Deck! Extra mailing list so that one receives any updates regarding the AoD!E.

Staffing

There have been no staffing changes or additions in the last couple of months. However, INFOCOM is looking for a PHP/ Javascript/Flash programmer to build a SFMC ribbon rack building script for the SFMC website. Applicants must have

knowledge of PHP, Javascript, or Flash and HTML. If interested, please forward a copy of a STARFLEET and real world resume and, if possible, any examples of prior work to COINFOCOM.

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.

Need help with your group's website?

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

State of the NCO Corps July 2009

Greetings, Marines!

For about a year now, I've been asking other Marines about their choice to be enlisted members of the SFMC, and, as promised, I'm ready to share what I've learned. Fair warning, if you're expecting any kind of neat, easily analyzed data that shows some sort of trend, you're about to be disappointed.

Frankly, like any individual choice, the reasons for being an enlisted member of the SFMC were different for every individual I asked, but they do fall into three broad categories. (In fact, sometimes they fell into more than one of the three below.)

Some people want to be something set apart from the general run of members

of the SFMC. In an organization like the STARFLEET Marines, or STARFLEET in general, the vast majority of members are officers. Being an NCO or Warrant Officer is seen as taking the "road less traveled." One "reverse mustang" said "I've been an officer ... it was time to try something new."

For others, it's a close real world connection to the enlisted ranks. They may have been an NCO or even currently serve as one, or they may have had a close relative or friend that they wanted to emulate or honor by staying enlisted. As one NCO told me "Top, my dad was a US Army Sergeant. He'd roll over in his grave if his boy became an officer."

Finally, there's what might be called the NCO mystique. I was told, "Somebody has to do the work" or "Hey, can't have

Marines without Gunnies." In other words, it's a sense of tradition. NCOs are seen as the "can do" folks; the tough, competent professionals that get the job done. (Note: Before any officers take umbrage, remember we're talking about perceptions and legends here. The reality is that toughness, competence, and professionalism are found at all levels of the SFMC.)

So, in short, enlisted members in the SFMC are enlisted because that's what they want to be. The reasons for that choice are usually very personal and deeply felt. Thank you, one and all, for your responses, and please, feel free to share your thoughts on the matter with me if you haven't already.

I'd like to congratulate Warrant Officer Second Class Mykah Byers from the 533rd MSG on her outstanding

efforts at the SFMCA that earned her TRACOM's "Student of the Month" for a second month in a row. Remember, I like to share the accomplishments of the enlisted ranks with the rest of the Corps, so please, feel free to let me know about them.

Now it time for Top's Pet Peeve. If you're going to salute someone, make it crisp and professional, not sloppy and casual. If you haven't had much practice saluting, well, practice it, both covered and uncovered, until the motion comes naturally to you. If you're offered a salute, even if you don't feel you rate one, return it crisply and professionally.

As usual, I'll remind you of the official NCO mailing list. It's open to all SFI members, Fleet or Marine, with an interest in enlisted affairs. If there's no

discussion going on, feel free to start one at <http://lists.sfi-sfmc.org/listinfo.cgi/nco-l-sfi-sfmc.org>

And finally, please feel free to contact the SFMC General Staff with any questions or concerns you have. The email addresses are ALL on the SFMC web page, and their doors are always open. Your questions and input are always welcome and needed.

Semper Fi!

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

Dear Prigal,

I have heard Super Gunny mention a couple of times that you are a data warfare specialist. I am currently in the Infantry, but I feel that my talents are wasted there and would like to reenlist to follow in your footsteps. What advice do you have for a ground pounder that would rather pound an LCARS screen?

Signed,

Digitally Digging

Dear Digging,

To be a Datawar specialist in the SFMC, you first generally have to qualify for SPECOPS, since most SFMC datawarriors are trained at the SFMC "Hacker Hall" after completing SpecOps training. Now, BASS (SpecOps school for you non-Marines) is a little slice of hell that will make you wish you were still in the Infantry, but a good Mud Marine can get through it. One thing, you have to be at least a sergeant to be accepted, so be careful about following too closely in my footsteps. I had to behave myself for quite a while to earn back my third stripe so I could attend. Oddly enough, Gunny called in a couple of favors to get me accepted, saying he needed the vacation.

After BASS does its best to wreck your body and your spirit, "Hacker Hall" does its best to wreck the rest of you. The final exam is Pass/Fail, and consists of trying to break into a system secured by previous graduates of the Datawar School. It's said that only 10% of the candidates make it, so I hope you're really good at pounding that screen.

Of course, there is another way to be certified as a datawar specialist. You could always simply access the main database at Hacker Hall and insert a notation that you passed the course with Honors, and spend the rest of the course drinking, chasing the local women, and generally relaxing. The beauty of this method is that even if they find out, they still certify you, except that they change your grade to passed with Distinction.

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

I have heard that the best way to get a discharge from the SFMC, other than to fulfill your enlistment, is to royally mess up. I just don't fit in the military!

I am assigned to the Engineering section of a Galaxy class starship. Thus far I have accidentally (no REALLY, it was an accident) launched the skipper's launch without a pilot, programmed the replicator

to create "Gak" when "Earl Grey, Hot" was requested (that was actually on purpose, kind of, I misread the request for replicator repair), and most recently inserted the wrong matrix into the ship's linguistic computer causing all incoming languages to be interpreted into High Vulcan. You would think that this would be enough to disqualify me from reenlisting, let alone keep me from staying in the Starfleet Marine Corps. Yet, I just got promoted to corporal! What else does a body have to do???

Signed,

Dazed Two Striper

Dear Dazed,

You say you're assigned to Engineering? Well, there's part of your problem right there. Everybody knows that starship engineers are a little eccentric, and I'll bet they're mistaking your screwups for what they call "wacky hi-jinks" in some circles.

Instead of a genuine menace, you're being thought of as a loveable clown, and they're keeping you on board for comic relief. (Even on those big Galaxy class ships, things can be a bit boring.)

Now, if you really want out of the Corps before your enlistment is up, this is your

lucky day. You should soon be receiving orders transferring you to the Merchant Marine, with a nice bump in pay. The downside is you'll be in charge of cargo handling on a Denobulian guano freighter, and I'm willing to bet any requests you make for a transfer will somehow get lost in the system.

No need to thank me. Anybody who enlists in the Marines and can't handle it deserves the best I can offer.

Prigal

Prigal-San,

I was recently busted down to lance corporal for distilling non-synthohol Sake in an aircraft hangar on a planet that shall remain nameless (got to protect what rank I have left). My question is, what does the SFMC and Aerospace Department have against organic atmospheric jet fuel? That is all I was making, honest!

Signed,

Rocket Man

Dear Rocket,

Unfortunately, modern Aerospace craft don't use organic fuel like you were making. This was the tiny flaw in an otherwise good plan.

Here's what you need to do: start building a replica of an old style Mitsubishi A6M fighter in your spare time. Those old internal combustion jobs would, of course, need fuel, and they went through a lot of it. It'd take thousands of liters to make sure you have a decent supply. Naturally, you'll have to start making and stockpiling that fuel before the aircraft is complete, so that you'll be ready to go once the plane is.

At a guess, I'd say it might take years to actually finish your vintage fighter, maybe even decades. I'm pretty sure there will be all sorts of technical problems to overcome, and you may even start over a couple of times. Meanwhile, keep making that fuel, and thanks for the sample.

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.)



Brigade Mission Data

1st Brigade
102nd

Attended R1 Summit held at Pigeon Forge, Visited the moving Vietnam Memorial Wall June 4,2009, Graduated my cub scout den from Bear to WeBeLoS May 26,2009,volunteered 4 hours to Cub Scout Day Camp June 2,2009,

111th
Michael Timko and Terri Leavitt sent 06 used ink jet cartridges to Pet's Smart charities in April and an additional 08 used cartridges in May. For each used cartridge, Pet's Smart charities receives \$2, so they \$28 due to Michael and Terri's collection on their behalf. The USS Commonwealth and the 111th MSG is still working on the Overseas Coupon Project. No new totals to report.

Michael Timko and Terri Leavitt also participated in SETI @ Home distributed computing network. For the month of April they completed 1379 credits of work and in May they completed 1255 credits of work. They have worked on this non-profit charity project for a total of six months and have reached a credit total of 11209.

As of the June issue, Colonel Michael J Timko III has been the layout editor of Attention on Deck: Extra for the past six months (all six issues). The task of publishing a monthly newsletter can be daunting at times, but we find the experience rewarding as it brings the SFMC family closer together.

The 111th was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation at the Region 1 Summit / Brigade Muster. Also during this event, Colonel Michael J Timko III and Private Terri Leavitt were awarded the Community Service Citation.

113th MSG
Two members participated in the Komen Race for the Cure.Attended Marcon

125th MSG
Helped with chapter table at special showing of new Star Trek movie on May 5th. Also helped a local Star Trek fan club with a display and table on May 9th and 16th for new Star Trek movie.

128th MSG
Joseph Gallagher held a Medical Panel at the R1 Summit in Pigeon Forge, TN. Recruitment attempts made at the R1 Summit for the 128th MSG. Joseph Gallagher volunteered to work the IC2012 Bid Staff as Treasurer.

161st
4/4 CO/XO Meeting & Preprations for R1 Summit
4/8 FCapt Mahaffey mails out care pkgs to deployed soldiers
4/18 Ship outing to Paris Mtn
4/25 FCapt Mahaffey mails out 2 care pkgs to deployed soldiers
4/25 CO/XO meeting & preperations for R1 Summit
4/27-28 FCapt Susan Mahaffey gets certified for CPR/AED & First Aid through American Red Cross
5/2-3 FCapt Mahaffey goes on away mission to Ft Bragg, NC

5/12 FCapt Mahaffey mails out 2 care packages to deployed soldiers
5/14-17 CO & XO attend R1 Summit
5/28-5/29 RADm Debbie Butcher, Lt Cmdr Sam Christy, & MCapt Joe Legano go on Away Mission to Michagan to attend Keyla Butcher's high school graduation
5/29-5/31 FCapt Susan Mahaffey goes on Away Mission to Charlotte, NC for ConCarolina's

162nd MSG
Much of the 162nd served as security for the Region 1 Summit. Lot's of fun was had by all.

163rd MSG
Attended Star Trek screenings, checking into a possible new project, but more on that later.

197th MSG
April: Had birthday gathering at Carolyn Peter's home.
May: Farewell party for longtime member who is getting married and moving.
May 29-31: ConCarolinas Mary was/ is Registration Chair. Worked butt off all weekend and several days beforehand. Non-profit general scifi con, charity is NCSARDA (NC Search and Rescue Dogs Assn.)

198th MSG
Members are still taking academy courses. Members are reading books for the reading challenge.
Col. Bill Rowlette, LtCmdr Sharon Rowlette, Cdtcrmn Amber Rowlette went on a away mission to Pigeon Forge TN.
Continue working on getting information for marine units to get together for summer cookout for state of Indiana and Ky

2nd Brigade

78th cleaned local bike trail. Attended Star Trek movie in uniform.

609 attended Star Trek movie and did some recruiting Had chapter meetings donations to Humane Society

631st Barry Jackson attented creation Stargate convention chapter and picnic at CO's house some went to new Star Trek movie Anne assisted Marine Corp fund raiser,lady auxillary military of purple heart,donated platelets.

645th We participated in a recruiting drive at the local theater with the release of the new Star Trek movie. Helped pick up 9 new recruits for the chapter and hopefully the Unit as well. Participated in the chapters memorial day party at the CO's home. James Lee was promoted there to 1st Lieutenant for his support and dedication to the unit and chapter. Planning to attend the 4th of July party planned for July 11th.

654 MSG Marine Meeting, BDR Green completed a CPR course.

696th members went to Jackson helped USS Haise with Movie premere for Star TrekMay 8

674th collected soup labels and recyled cans had movie nights

677 MSG April Took seven bags of food, and several boxes to the Decatur Animal Shelter. The unit did toast a former member who died April 13, 2006 (John W. Self). The DOIC has been looking for a job.
May Took three bags of food, and several boxes to Decatur Animal Shelter. The DOIC MGEN Rebecca Louise Self is still taking many courses in both Starfleet Academy and the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy. The DOIC is also in the middle of getting a job. She will be taking classes to become a CNA (certified nursing assistant). The DOIC passed her first written test with a 100 on her test.

3rd Brigade

307: Saw the new movie. Watched days worth of TV episodes prior to the movie. Participated in self defense training. Participated in first aid training. Participated in Marksmanship training. Been having computer problem20at HQ. I have recently learned over the past few months some emails have not gotten out, and some have emails sent have not gotten in. Also, some forms transmitted have not been sent. Currently working to resolve this problem, but it may take several more weeks. OIC membership renewal currently processing.

308: Weekly get together's continue for games, general BS-ing and planning for future events

313: The 313th Marines have been spread out at various activities over the past two months. They attended their host ship meetings for both April and May, hosted a ship barbeque in April, and the May Birthday Bash. Members were found supporting promotion of the chapter as well as new Star Trek movie on opening weekend. They also hosted the 3rd BDE Wilderness Challenge for the year and represented the SFMC at Akon in Dallas.

The Third Brigade of the SFMC Wilderness Challenge was conducted at Bastrop State Park on the 22nd thru the 24th of May, 2009. The participants were composed of a STARFLEET Marines, STARFLEET Personnel, and friends from Texas, consisting of humanoid and quadruped participants.

On the first day, all personnel, along with federation citizens, set up camp at the designated drop point. After unloading of mass amounts of fuel for the fires that were set by the fire master, all in attendance crowded around the=2 Ocamp fire, eager for evening chow. After the fire pit malfunctioned, a second blaze was set and the rations were heated up and dished out in the traditional informal "field" manner. The group stayed up until 0130, with the exception of the under aged and the invalid. Romulan ale was distributed among those that could handle the drink, but alternatives were given to those that were to inexperienced

with powerful brew. Day two was started early on with a blaze set fresh in the early hoursof the morning, followed with an improvised and abbreviated breakfast. Basic survival and first aid, along with basic radio communications were taught, and supplies were relished. Afternoon was filled with the opportunity to explore the surroundings, while those willing to remain behind could enjoy each others company. Due to a static burst in communications, a dining out was thought to be a meal taken at the restaurant rather than the traditional military meaning. The rest of the evening followed suit much like the first. Camp was broken before lunch on the third day, followed by a land nav course undertaken with the Senior Marines and several cadets as the adult members had their fill of the Wilderness living, The drop ships returned and extracted all members, returning them to base with no casualties reported.

314: Donation to Salvation Army, trips to Houston Zoo, opening night of the new Star Trek movie.OD

321: The unit has seen a period of relaxed activity. Members have been having a hard time with personal things. One member is recovering at home from a long stay in the Hospital. Another member has been taking care of family members also returning from the Hospital. The OIC lost a family member who was only 24 years old. A few members are returning from the AggieCon and Region Retreat. I have been dealing with the US Department of Veterans Affairs and have another appointment on the coming week. Things are starting to get back to rhythm for the unit slowly but surely we will have things in order shortly.

333: Movie Recruiting and Promotion Event at Local Theater. Working on new Battletech with MegaMek. Planning on activity of either Summit or Muster with a combo of Nerf dart guns and Laser Tag taggers.

4th Brigade

1st MSG USS Centurion Held unit meeting combined with ship meeting. New OIC and DOIC named Plans underway for Ship Anniversary/4th July party Talking about possibly having a Facebook page Crew morns the passing of their friend and long time SFI/SFMC Member Pam Rhine plans for tribute at July meeting

12thMSGUSSR'uustaiShipcommissioned this month, msg in attendance

75th MSG USS William O Darby Attended/ Recruited Premier Star Trek Movie Working with other local ST/Sci-Fi/BSG clubs on joint events/projects Planning for attendance at IC 09

5th Brigade
5BDE HQ
On 0904.22 a Charter was granted to the 545th MSG, onboard the USS Rubicon. The new Unit's OIC is COL Ken Hill, their nickname is "Gladiators", and their motto is "Nanos gigantium humbris insidentes" (Standing on the shoulders of giants).

Congratulations to the Rubicon and the 545th!
On 0905.09 the 533rd MEU became the 533rd MSG, with assignment onboard the new USS Pinguin. Congratulations to the 533rd and the Pinguin!

4BN HQ
These [503 MSG] are the ones that I was notified of [I know we have a lot more folks doing things out there, but they're very busy 'Doing' and not so busy 'Reporting']:

503 MSG Volunteer activities:
* MCAPT John Caverly: Red Cross instructor & radio operator 20 hours, Food bank volunteer 20 hours, Special Olympics medical volunteer 17 hours, Tacoma Marathon medical Volunteer 10 hours = 67 hours total
* LTCDR/MAJ Jari James: Red Cross instructor 16 hours, food bank volunteer 28.5 hours, Special Olympics medical volunteer 20 hours, Tacoma Marathon medical Volunteer 10 hours, crocheting cat cage mats for humane society 12 hours = 86.5 hours total.

* CAPT Joe Fuller: Untold hours clipping and packaging coupons, etc. [48 hours]
Uniformed Unit Functions:
* 2-Apr-09 "Museum of Flight" @ Seattle, WA: uniformed 'Away Mission' for both adults and the cadets. Much fun had, photos taken and such.

* 12-Apr-09 "NorWesCon 31 Sci-Fi Convention" @ Sea-Tac, WA - recruiting & 'show the flag'. Also the ship stood in attendance for the USS Aurora's 'promotion' to a 'Ship of the Line' commissioning
* 19-Apr-09 "3rd Anniversary Dinner & Ship's Meeting" - Greek/Mediterranean themed dinner in honor of 'The Spartans'. Both serious and not-so-serious awards were given out for the year, games were played, promotions done, etc. Much fun by all.

* 7-May-09 "Pacific Science Center IMAX "Star Trek:2009 movie premier" @ Seattle, WA. Both the ship and the MSG were in uniform for the premier showing, provided interviews and photo ops for local TV and radio news networks. The ship was thanked by name [USS Thermopylae] at the start of the movie. Members of both the ship and MSG attended several other 'openings' throughout the area in uniform to help promote the movie.
Other activities:

* We continue to have 'movie nights' the 1st and 2rd Tuesday evenings in the CO's Quarters and occ. miniature war gaming meets at the CO's Quarters.

* The MSG makes the occ. trek north to Morton, WA and joins in with the 503rd MSG for airsoft matches and field fights.

* Occ. classes are offered to learn ST prop construction by our ship's XO, LT Scott Nakada.

* At least one food drive is planned in the future for a local food bank.

* We continue to support the King County Humane Society with collections of food, newspapers, towels and such.

* Books and magazines are collected on and off and I deliver those to the VA MedGen at American Lake, Tacoma.

* One cadet collects cans to recycle for his



church group to raise funds.

533RD MSG Set up a monthly airsoft activity with the Skye Valley Airsoft Club. This is well attended by the 533rd and starting to get some interest from the 503rd and the USS Thermopylae. COL Fuller and LT Nakada joined in the fun in May. Attended the R5 Summit and 5th Brigade Muster in force. Provided color guards, side parties, and sponsored the Muster and Summit along with the 533rd MEU from 3

521 MSG April 12 – Chapter meeting May 8 – Attended new Star Trek movie.

533 MSG Set up a monthly airsoft activity with the Skye Valley Airsoft Club. This is well attended by the 533rd and starting to get some interest from the 503rd and the USS Thermopylae. COL Fuller and LT Nakada joined in the fun in May.

555 MSG Along with a few million other people we attended the new Star trek movie. What a great movie! The USS Antares manned a table during the opening weekend at our local theater. We gave out Starfleet and USS Antares brochures and collected food for Second Harvest, a local charity.
2009 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
MARCH 2009 HOURS:--76 hrs & 29 mins
Lea Morgan: Coupons 24:14 (through 3/13/2009)
Points sent to database 3-13-2009
Lea Morgan:
3-15 Coupons: 0:46
3-22 Coupons: 1:15
Rick Ervans: Coupons 0:50
APRIL 2009 HOURS:--17 hrs & 8 mins
Lea: Coupons 17:08
MAY 2009 HOURS:--32 hrs & 47 mins
Lea: Coupons 32:47
(through 20 May)

565 MSG 4/17 The USS Wildhorse poker gathering. Lots of food, drink, and conversation were had by all. We got a copy of Captain Kirk's Guide to Women and had a training session. 4/25 supported the March of Dimes March for Babies. We helped setup and run the event and had some members participate in the march. 5/7 Away mission for the opening of the movie. We meat up for a dinner and then headed to the movie for the 7:30 show. 5/9 USS Wildhorse cookout and poker game. 5/30 Cadet mission to tour two "tall Ships", the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain. Upcoming Events: 6/4 More than Romance? Panel Discussion and Moore Observatory Visit at CBC/ Moore Observatory
6/6 Springfest: Celebrating 30 Yr Anniversary Barony of Wastekeep, Kennewick, WA
6/2 Get Your Hands on Astronomy! Making astronomy devices and exploring the basics of stargazing at LIGO Hanford Observatory

577 MSG Attended the comissioning of the USS Aurora! Performed duties as honor guard. Attended "Red Shirts" VS "Death" bowling event

6th Brigade
828th has been busy recruiting lately! Recruiting continues in otherareas too of course. Ice Warriors also continue to take

courses at SFA and SFMCA. Recruiting efforts were also active at the premier for the new Star Trek movie.

7th Brigade
86th MSG: Unit assisted with a recruiting event at the Cinema 12 Theater in Parsippany, NJ for the new Star Trek movie. Went to a Star Trek Meetup Meeting at the Empire Diner in Parsippany, NJ. Continued working on our 4th Star Trek Fan Film, "Street Fight".

717th MSG: collecting trial size items of soaps, etc for donations to homeless. Collection of coke points.

731st MSG: Sent away team to joint USS Pride of Baltimore and USS Richthofen picnic at Patapsco State Park. 23 May 2009. Sent away team to Star Trek Movie premiere

737th MSG: Unit recently activated. Looking to increase unit membership.

740th MSG: Stardate 0426.09: Held monthly meeting. Discussed upcoming activities. Stardate 0507.09 - 0509.09: On Thursday the crew attended the Star Trek Movie premier at the Destinta Theater in Nort Versailles. We also set up a recruting table at the theater for the weekend. We had many people take flyers for the club. 2 new people have already joined Starfleet and hopefully can be recruited to the MSG. Stardate 0524.09: Monthly meeting held. One prospective new member attended.

742nd MSG: Although we have not been too busy., we did scout out a loation for a good MSG Family Event. Also the OIC and some of our officer's have been taking tests with the SFMCA.

771st MSG: We participated in USS Accord's excellent recruiting activities alongside the "Star Trek" movie premiere! <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mhaithaca/3514677182/>

777th MSG: Members attended Balticon convention.

786th MSG: 786th sent an away team to Balticon in Hunt Valley MD during Memorial Day weekend. Attending a 786th get-together at the HV Marriott on Sat the 23rd after 6 pm were Scott and Courtney Ritz, Walter Green and Donna DiMatteo. Nora Rozelle was there Saturday before 3 pm. Away team were sent to see the new Trek film and wrote reviews on it!

10th Brigade
Members of 424th MSG ("The Smiling Cats") from USS Majestic
- LGen Reid: No Norma Report Submitted
- 1st FTR (Brigade Staff & Member of 424th)
- BGen Langlois: No Report Submitted - 1st FTR (Brigade Staff & Member of 424th)
- LtC Bisson: No Report Submitted - 1st FTR (Member of 424th)
- LtC Gordon-MacDonald: No Report Submitted - 3rd FTR (Member of 424th)
- LtC Stewart: Saw the new "Star Trek" movie
- Cpl Barrington: Attended a premier screening of the new "Star Trek" movie, in uniform
- Cpl Barrington: had two (2) regular SAR training sessions, and also included the following:

- Five (5) Overdue hikers (Outcome: Positive, all found: alive)
- Four (4) Missing boaters (Outcome: Positive, all found: 1 deceased, 3 alive)
- One (1) ELT searches (Outcome: Positive, deactivated)
- Cpl Barrington volunteered his first aid skills for the Vancouver International Marathon on May 3rd (and 2nd):
- Volunteer hours totaled 21 hours
- Spanned over two (2) days

11th Brigade
The Brigade has been focused on membership retention this past period. Some 11BDE / R11 members have decided not to renew their SFI membership and although this has had greatest affect to the chapters, the BDE has been fortunate to retain most of its core Marines.

The 379th (Battling Bulldgs) reported on their social activities and it would appear that this Unit has worked together very well. They also report good opportunities for new recruits in coming periods

12th Brigade
225th Shirley KolbCaptain Each Sunday I lead a service for the residents of Carle Arbors. I help them get to the chapel, lead singing, give a short devotional message, and help them back to their rooms. I am the faculty advisor. I send out weekly emails and attend the group. I arrange for people to lead the group and purchase the refreshments when we have them. The USS BortaS held a fundraiser for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank at the Savoy Theatre to coincide with the opening weekend of the new Star Trek movie. I was there on Friday the 8th from 6 to 10 PM and Saturday the 9th from about 4:30 to 8:30 PM. Star Trek fund raiser benefitting Eastern Illinois Food Bank raised enough money to allow the food bank to purchase over \$1000 worth of food for the needy in the area.

211th:We gave neighborhood mailings for the Lung Association and the American Heart Association in the process of being completed.Future events will depend upon the economy and health of our various members.Our next meeting will be after the holiday but we plan a late Valentine's day them with tolerance and good will the central theme. Members prepared and mailed neighborhood mailing for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.Visited local cemetary on Memorial Day to view flags placed by local Scout troops. Respects rendered. All 211th members viewed the new Star Trek movie. Reviews were positive but expected enthusiasm from public for Trek fan club activities was far less than hoped. Discussions among the MSG and USS Hexum ship mates led to conjecture that Trek fan club membership as seen in the 70's and 80's may be a thing of the past. We were 'uniformly' disappointed. It seems that in this economy people are willing to participate online but not so much by attending gatherings or paying dues.

BDE: OIC and DOIC continued planning for future Brigade event

263rd: On the 16th of May, held a joint USS Black Hawk / 263rd MSG recruiting drive at the Tomorrow is Yesterday comic book store in Loves Park, Il. The drive

resulted in one new recruit for the USS Black Hawk; no concrete results for the 263rd MSG.

226th- Region 12 Reunion Picnic

274th – Preparing to work with the 912 project, and gearing up for the upcoming midterm elections to work with the candidates.

13th Brigade

Continue recruitment of SFMC after the movie release of Star trek, Working on handbook for the 13th Brigade. 13th Birgade website is updated.

15th Brigade

95th MSG:
For April:
The 95th had great April. Our meeting took place at the Museum of Science. We had a great time. We enjoyed the lightning show, and the virtual fishank. It was a great day. Tom Guertin from the Ian Fleming came along for the day as well. The big news of the month is that our team was asked to work with a promotions company through the New England Fan Experience convention to help promote the new Star Trek Film. We had a great time showing the Starfleet colors and helping to promote this amazing film, and I will say again Amazing film. The month finished off with prep for the Region 15 Summit as well as getting ready for Anime Boston in later in May. More on those next month. Also for next month we will have an updated roster. Our recruiting efforts have paid off big time and we are psyched. Look at our roster next month to see all the new folks.
For May:
WOAH!! MAY WAS AWESOME!!! It all started off with the Region 15 Summit. As always a Great time with friends and family in the Region. With this year's theme being the Mirror Universe we had some cool costumes going. I loved Doug's. He had a bad assed Mirror Universe look going. As always a fantastic weekend. We continued on by doing more promotion for the new Star Trek film. We promoted Starfleet and the New England Fan Experience show. It was a great time. This brought us to opening day for the movie. It was sooo cool. This movie has been so good for our group. We've gotten several new members and it has been exciting and fun to have this to talk about. We've had a blast. The month continued on with our annual trek to Anime Boston. It was great. We had a big presence there and had a lot of fun. This is an amazing show. So many good costumes and such fun. We had a good sized team there with myself, Eric Willette, Paul & John Scalabroni, and several new Ares members Liz, Mike & Mike, and Pono. Such a good time. We continued on to our meeting this month which took place at the Boston Bowl. We had a great time bowling. We also had Ruth, Cassandra, and Jazz there from the Darwin, and Tom G there from the Ian Fleming. Three chapters represented. Freakin sweet. We had fun and I even bowled pretty well. . except when the CHUDS were screwing with my ball. Darn CHUDS!
On a final note with this report being late I am going to hold of on the updated roster I

will send one out to Kathy and Tom asap.

907th MSG:
The last couple of months have been quite busy for the 907th. Members of the unit spent much of April preparing for the R15 Summit and the 15th BDE Muster. When the Summit came around we had a whale of a time. Our OIC, Tom, was promoted to Brigadier and named R15 Officer of the Year. At the muster, the 907th was awarded the Legion of Valor as 15th BDE Unit of the year. The 907th has made visits with both the USS Ares and the USS Darwin in the last couple of months.

A short time ago, SS Ian Fleming had the first change of command in its history, and command changed between 2 of the unit's members. ADM (Reserve General) Gary Halverson transferred command to unit OIC, BDR Tom Guertin.

911th MSG:
The 911th was part of an away mission to a local movie theater for the opening of the new Star Trek movie.The O.I.C. was interviewed by both the local newspaper and a local television station. At first viewing the O.I.C. DID NOT like it due to the storyline, HOWEVER after seeing it a second time, he understand where the Director was going. While he still didn't like what happened he thought the movie was good, and have started to recommend others see it.

980th MSG:
Kathy continues to donate magazines to the VA Hospital library, now on a weekly basis since she's already there every day!! Kathy also donated blood at an onsite blood drive at the VA Hospital in May. Also in May Kathy and Doug both attended the Summit, at which Kathy received several Marine awards. Kathy also went to Columbus, Ohio, to Marcon, and met the Klingon Assault Group's Marine Commandant, Qor'toq zantai-DevnoH. Kathy went there to celebrate the 20th anniversary of KAG's founding and helped out with party set up. Both months, we kept up with the clipping of coupons. Kathy has been able to get some of her coworkers to give her coupon books, so the coupon clipping will continue bigger and better than ever! Her coworkers continue to donate many coupons so the coupon pile keeps on growing.

20th Brigade
discussed ongoing thoughts on disbanding 381st - still not sure, we will continue as we are until further notice although everything is pointing to abandoning the disbanding until deemed more appropriate time. Command & Conquer-athon is being held at regular times so that unit members can kick ass with a virtual military (or other lifeforms!!!) and keep the SFMC feel alive!!! (It's working!!! Maybe this could be adopted as a new challenge?? Have a "command and conquer-athon" for SFMC? wage units/batallions/brigades against each other etc... wargames with a difference!!)
Also, the usual meetings held (when not playing command and conquer!!!)

LGN Linda Olson
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Report from the CO TRACOM

Greetings to all Marines and Students of the SFMCA!

We can advise of a very busy month at the SFMCA for the month of June, with a high degree of requests for our courses throughout the entire period. Excellent I say! This is what our Directors work for and like to see--it makes our jobs much more satisfying if there is a steady stream of requests for our courses. Average turnaround times for both requests and graded exams continues to provide the good level of service that we set as the TRACOM standard, and hopefully, our students are more than satisfied with the 'speed' by which the SFMCA staff get material to them.

MANUAL UPDATES

With the busy staff in the G3's office working overtime, there will be a great flurry of updated manuals and the release of some new ones at the IC/IM in August. TRACOM certainly appreciates the huge effort put in by the G3 staff and INFOCOM, and we can pre-warn that next year's IC/IM will see an even greater level of material produced.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH (SotM) AWARDS

TRACOM once again congratulates the Student of the Month for June--Mykah Byers of the USS Pinguin, 5th Brigade. Mykah was also the SotM for May so there is a double congratulations going out. Well done Marine! Mykah is automatically included as a nominee for the TRACOM Commander's Award and will go into the selection process for this prestigious award to be presented at the IM in August. This is the last automatic nominee for this year for

the TCA via the SotM program--all future SotM awardees go forward for next year's consideration.

DIRECTOR ON MEDICAL LEAVE

At the time of writing this, our Maritime Operations Director, Gary Hollifield, Jr., is recovering from surgery in the hospital. We send a message to Tiny wishing him a speedy recovery and a quick return to the Academy--we all miss his smiling face. In the meantime, his School is being taken care of and all exam requests and grading on file are being worked through. If any student has queries in regards to courses applied for at the Branch, please send your enquiry to mo@sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org.

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM (MURP)

Is your unit MURP qualified? Think you may have achieved appropriate certification status for a certain Branch of Service (BOS)? Want to know more about MURP? Drop a line to the MURP Coordinator at murp@sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org and fire off your questions. Or, visit the MURP site at www.murp.sfi-sfmc.org, and discover how the efforts of you and your fellow unit members can earn qualification.

END OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR

With the IC/IM looming in August, TRACOM officially ended its administrative year on 30 June. By that time, TRACOM and SFMCA staff will have completed all the necessary administrative functions that we need to do throughout one year that will lead us with continued development

into the next. This of course includes a variety of activity including manual upgrades and subsequent new course releases, reviews of website information, and other paper shuffling that we need to do to take us from one year to the next. By IM 2010, we expect to have established a strong pattern of growth, which will of course include many more new courses and associate resource material--as well as a few other 'programs' we are working our way through. TRACOM looks forward to presenting Marine students with a solid continuation of the service and activity we have applied throughout the 2008-2009 year, and we trust our students feel rewarded by our efforts.

NEW COURSES/SCHOOLS/IDEAS

Got some suggestions or ideas for new courses or schools? We are always happy to take note of your suggestions of the type of material that you would like to see at our Academy. If you have anything that you think we might be interested in, simply drop a line to the CO or DCOTRACOM where we can assure you, your ideas will be well considered.

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

USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000



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REGION: 7, PENNSYLVANIA (USA)



International Conference 2009 from a Marine's Perspective

In the summer of 2009, I attended my first STAFLEET International Conference outside the Middle Atlantic Quadrant. I did so as the Lieutenant Colonel in the Star Fleet Marine Corps that I am, and as the newly-installed Officer-In-Charge of Marine Strike Group No. 791, whose nickname I had changed to the "Dragon Flames." I documented the IC event, using a video camera I had recently acquired, for the benefit of the *USS Sovereign*, aboard which the 791st is deployed. Brevet 2LT Claire Halber, whose son and daughter-in-law helped coordinate the conference, provided me with that video camera, and she was also my de facto aide-de-camp during the conference.

The location of the conference had been determined long before. The theme was the landing on Luna, and former astronaut Fred Haise, himself an actual member of STAFLEET, was the guest of honor at the conference. What made his being the guest of honor so interesting was that Haise himself never actually got to walk on Luna's surface during his participation in the NASA Apollo Project. Having been assigned to the backup crew for Mission Eleven of the project, he actually participated

in Mission Thirteen, which sustained damage that prevented it from landing on Luna. It was during this mission that NASA heard the ominous message, "Uh--Houston, we have a problem."

My actual journey to the conference itself involved car travel to its Greensboro, North Carolina, location. I left in the company of two sponsors; we departed at roughly 05:00 hours on stardate 10908.06 to avoid heavy space-lane traffic. I had resolved to attend the conference the month before, because "WHO DARES, WINS." One of my concerns was outfitting myself in SFMC Class A-Prime "Monster Blacks" during my time at the conference, and I worked on the outer tunic for this uniform on and off for over a month before I ran out of time to finish it. However, I did connect with another supplier of such gear, Hero's Haven, elsewhere in the state. I promised to get into touch with the supplier on stardate 10909.08, when I would authorize the expenditure of funds for the actual construction of the outer tunic in question.

The conference's first day, stardate 10908.07, was more socialization oriented than anything else. I obtained

room service--at a rather high price--for my breakfast. As I had been in enough haste to leave a quantity of key uniform accessories behind when setting out, I tried without success to shop for replacements for the same. At the Marine Muster on stardate 10908.08, SFMC Commandant John Roberts announced that his tour of duty in that post would end after six years. He also announced the formation of a new command within the Corps: FinCom, or Financial Command. This would join InfoCom, TraCom, and ForceCom, which were the Corps's Information, Training, and Force Commands respectively. We were issued a new series of Corps manuals, and I renewed my status as an active-regular-duty member of STAFLEET whilst I was at the conference.

I returned to the house where I resided at roughly 19:45 hours on stardate 10908.09 to find it in much cleaner condition than it had been when I left it, and initially not recognizable, thanks to work to that end that had been done in my absence.

Respectfully submitted by
LTC Parker Gabriel





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The Riverside Shipyards: Launching Trek Fest 2009, with a STARFLEET Twist

The annual festival called "Riverside Trek Fest" is an east-central Iowa event which celebrates being the home of "Future Son" Captain James T. Kirk. In 2009, it became more than a yearly "small town festival with a *Star Trek* flair." This year's Trek Fest marked its 25th anniversary, and to celebrate, they made some changes. They gave the man who started the Riverside Birthplace idea the emcee's seat, they invited back 2008 emcee Walter Koenig (aka the original Chekov) who brought friends Nichelle Nichols (aka the original Uhura) and George Takei (the original Sulu). So *Trek* fans got to see a great slice of Americana, with a *Star Trek* fest AND convention thrown in--and STARFLEET's *USS Riverside* NCC-1660 was there to help.



JM OLSON (RIGHT) AND ALLAN HUFFMAN (LEFT) STAND NEXT TO THE USS RIVERSIDE'S CAPTAIN'S GIG, THE CO'S SHUTTLECRAFT (FAR LEFT) IN FRONT OF THE VOYAGE HOME HERITAGE CENTER AND STAR TREK MUSEUM IN RIVERSIDE, IA FOR TREK FEST 2009. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JM OLSON.

The *USS Riverside* crew had participated in earlier Riverside, IA, events in 2009. This included the March "Captain Kirk's Birthday," which included singing "Happy Birthday" to Kirk's original alter ego, William Shatner (they share the same birthday, you know). Then the *USS Riverside* crew participated in the May 6 Paramount Pictures' invitation-only "sneak peek" of the new film *Star Trek*, along with the much of the City of Riverside, IA...a great experience which put the Riverside crew on regional TV news & YouTube.

Now the intrepid crew of the *USS Riverside* were asked to assist in the silver anniversary edition of Trek Fest. This was a great honor for the STARFLEET chapter and namesake of Kirk's birthplace. In fact, the starship crew was making its return appearance helping run the events, asked by Captain John Schulte's friend Carol Riggan, president of the Riverside Area Community Club/RACC, hosts of Trek Fest. The starship crew had provided escort and security for Walter Koenig at Trek Fest in 2008.

It did not hurt that the *USS Riverside* was coincidentally holding

its annual Shipwide Summit for its membership in Riverside, IA that weekend. Over a dozen Riversiders, including the Captain and his family, took over local accommodations for the ship's away mission. Included were the shuttle pilots of the *USS Riverside*, the Lobo Flight Crew. An integral part of the web-oriented *USS Riverside*, the unit meets monthly in nearby Davenport, IA, in addition to the online activities of the STARFLEET chapter. Also attending this year's Fest were members of other STARFLEET chapters: the *USS St. George* (including her captain), the *USS Cz'arak*, and Starbase 17.

To help, Captain Schulte got the crew familiar with the guests of honor. Aside from *Star Trek*'s "Fab 3", the crew got acquainted with Grand Marshall Steve Miller. Miller was the former city official in Riverside who, in 1985, convinced his hometown, Paramount Pictures, and especially *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry, to approve his suggestion that Riverside claim to be Kirk's future birthplace. Roddenberry responded by saying, "As far as I am concerned, the first who asks is the first who gets." The rest is *Trek* history.

CBS/Paramount gave tacit approval, and to mark Riverside, IA's status, allowed the town to celebrate Trek Fest over the years.

Further, in 2009, the JJ Abrams film *Star Trek* established that not only was Jim Kirk from Riverside, but the nearby Riverside Shipyards marked the birthplace of none other than the *USS Enterprise*, NCC-1701. Whether fans who stop in Riverside year-round debate whether Kirk will be born there in 2228 or 2233, or that *Star Trek* (2009) meant that (in the altered timeline) Kirk is no longer a Riverside native--no matter. Riverside can still claim what its town sign says: "Riverside--Where the Trek Begins!"

Trek Fest is a two-day affair, and several *USS Riverside* crew took advantage of Friday's pork chop fry, street dance, Miss Iowa America-qualifying "Miss Riverside" beauty pageant, and prep for the big day, Saturday.

The 2009 Trek fest Saturday included a themed parade, "The Voyage Home," and many highlights: Grand Marshall Miller headed the parade, a Starship Bridge float featured the "Fab 3" and a crowd of uniformed Trekkers (with a few of the Riverside crew stuffed in!), and the *Riverside*'s Senior Chief James Olson piloting Riverside's Mayor, Bill Poch ("poke"). Captain Schulte anchored the Parade with the *USS Riverside* Walking group who threw enough sweets to the crowd, that a subsequent YouTube video shows the narrator saying, "Oh, wow--candy from the future!"



VISIBLE FROM RIGHT: WITH THE SHIP'S BANNER, LT. CDR. TRENT SCHULTE AND CAPTAIN JOHN SCHULTE; VISIBLE OVER TOP OF THE BANNER IN GRAY SHIRT IS PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS MIKE HOUSE (A.K.A. M'HAUS OF VULCAN--HE HAPPENS TO FAVOR HIS MEMPHIS-BORN MOMMA'S HUMAN SIDE, HOWEVER). THE OTHER TREKKERS IN UNIFORM, WALKING WITH THE RIVERSIDE CREW, WERE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUBSEQUENT TREK FEST COSTUME CONTEST. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.



Other Parade highlights included the Riverside area Highland High Huskies marching band; the *USS Riverside* NCC-1818, the city's mascot starship-cum-statue-cum-float; a Klingon Bird-of-Prey; a Horta car (!); and a full marching company of the Fighting 501st Stormtroopers from *Star Wars* (!!). The *USS Riverside*'s Ship's Ambassadors, Liz Robinson and Brad Smith, were among the parade judges.

The Trek Fest event in Hall Park, affectionately known as "Red Barn" park, included the *USS Riverside* ship's ambassadors and crew, hosting the "Station K-9 Trekathon," Trek Fest's videothon of all things *Trek*. The session included *Star Trek* cartoons and the parade theme's *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*. Recruitment ran all day, as did the videos.

The nearby festival midway provided games of chance to the visiting Trekkers, along with several food vendors offering typical Iowa foods. The *Enterprise* stage played host to the "Fab 3," who were the judges for the Costume Contest, which crowned several winners in three categories. *Riverside* crewmen Chris and Steve Bornhoeft wowed the crowd with "new movie" uniforms as Kirk and Spock. Winner in the *Trek* category though, was another Spock, the "Pon Farr Spock," who was the visiting Captain Gary Barclay of our fellow *Trek* fan club, Starfleet Command. He won by "mind-melding" with a man-sized Horta who had been busy jumping around the stage. The YouTube video is hilarious.



CREWMEN CHRIS AND STEVE BORHOEFT (LEFT AND RIGHT), A.K.A. "STAR TREK 11 KIRK AND SPOCK." THEY DISTRIBUTED CANDY TO EAGER FEST PARADE WATCHERS, AND IN THE BACKGROUND AT LEFT, WITH WHITE BAG, IS FELLOW CANDYMAN AND PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS BILL VANBRUNT. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.

The nearby Riverside Casino and Golf Resort hosted the convention portion of Trek Fest. Msrs. Koenig and Takei, and Ms. Nichols, all held forth in an engaging first convention at the Casino. Koenig and Takei shared movie roles they had either turned down or actually had gotten and were proud of, and Ms. Nichols spoke about having been chosen to be part of the NASA Astronaut selection committee which selected the first female and African-American astronauts.

Along with the Q and A, the film starring Nichell Nichols and Walter Koenig, *Star Trek: Of Gods and Men*, was shown. Providing member recruitment, security, and usher services at the event were the crack team from the *USS Riverside*. Both the Captain and Second Officer Trent Schulte led the team in keeping the first-time convention crowd happy and moving along. When a sudden storm unfortunately lengthened the photo-op part of the convention, emcee Steve Miller gave over his announcing duties to Senior Chief James Olson of the *USS Riverside*'s Lobo Flight Crew, who kept the crowd amused and patient.

The convention and the event's autographs were nearly done when Captain Schulte and Senior Chief Olson approached the celebrities for an idea. The results were three autographed flyers, which will be auctioned off to benefit the regional Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption program, who were parade neighbors to the *USS Riverside*. Look for them at <http://ussriverside.us>.

Captain Schulte then had the *USS Riverside* crew retire, later holding their annual shipwide summit. The starship captain was extremely gracious and pleased with the efforts of the *USS Riverside* at Trek Fest. He subsequently welcomed new *Riverside* and STARFLEET members Chris and Steve Bornhoeft, and Captain Schulte's daughter Ashley, who had assisted actively in recruitment at the Trek Fest convention. The captain also promoted several members of the Lobo Flight Crew, including new Senior Chief Petty Officer James Olson, their unit Officer in Charge. The Senior Chief and the crazy shuttle pilots of the *USS Riverside* said they would strive to live up to STARFLEET and *USS Riverside* principles--to keep on Trekkin', and have a blast to boot.

The coda on Trek Fest was the Stumptown Shooters' *Star Trek* fireworks display. Performed to the music and dialog of *Star Trek IV*, the display put a fine end to what was a fantastic first experience for Trek Fest-as-convention. It was



USS RIVERSIDE SHIP'S AMBASSADORS AND RESIDENT SPELUNKERS LIZ ROBINSON AND BRAD SMITH. THEY WERE PRACTICING THEIR "THUMBS-UP/THUMBS-DOWN", AS THEY WERE THE TREK FEST 2009 PARADE JUDGES. AMBASSADOR SMITH WAS ALSO THE CHAMPION STAR TREK TRIVIA MASTER ON TREK FEST FRIDAY. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.

a great annual meeting for the *USS Riverside*, for the *Riverside* crew to play co-host to over 23,000 attendees, enjoying the town where Captain Kirk (and now the *USS Enterprise*) comes from. Truly *Riverside*, Iowa stands as a fine example of "Where the Trek Begins!"



THE CELEBRITY BRIDGE FLOAT, FEATURING GUESTS GEORGE TAKEI, WALTER KOENIG, AND NICHELLE NICHOLS FINALLY SITTING IN THE CENTER SEAT. USS RIVERSIDE CREWMAN HIROKO BORHOEFT, IN A BLUE UNIFORM, STANDS TO THE LEFT REAR OF MR. TAKEI. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: USS RIVERSIDE MEMBERS CPO JM OLSON, PO1 MIKE HOUSE (AKA M'HAUS OF VULCAN), PO2 BILL VANBRUNT, LT. COMMANDER TRENT SCHULTE, AND CAPTAIN JOHN SCHULTE. PHOTO BY ASHLEY SCHULTE.



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 REGION: 1, OHIO (USA)



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USS LAGRANGE Parading Through Ohio



THE *LAGRANGE* "SHUTTLE" IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN STOW, OHIO. IN THE SHUTTLE FLOAT ARE NANCY MILFORD, REX CLARKE, MARCY GROSSWILLER, MIKE BALOUGH AND KEVIN SIEG. STANDING ARE LOGAN, JOHN AND ANDREW BORES, LARRY BRAINARD (KLINGON) AND TED BRONKO. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY NANCY MILFORD.



CANTON, OHIO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY PARADE MARSHALL LEM BARNEY (FORMER DALLAS COWBOYS HALL OF FAME) GIVES THE VULCAN SALUTE. PHOTO BY NANCY MILFORD.



LAGRANGE MEMBER TED BRONKO POSES WITH SOME BELLY DANCERS AT THE CANTON, OHIO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY PARADE. PHOTO BY NANCY MILFORD.



KLINGONS GET IN ON THE ACTION, TOO! LARRY BRAINARD IS SURROUNDED BY SOME LOVELY LADIES AT THE CANTON, OHIO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY PARADE. PHOTO BY NANCY MILFORD.



EVEN THE BEAUTY QUEEN IN THE CANTON, OHIO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY PARADE GAVE A VULCAN SALUTE TO THE *USS LAGRANGE* CREW. PHOTO BY NANCY MILFORD.





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USS Heimdal Celebrates 25th Anniversary

One April 25th, the *USS Heimdal*, based in Madison Heights, VA, Region One, celebrated her **Silver Anniversary**... 25 years as a STARFLEET chapter. The chapter launched in April of 1984.

Since her launch, she has sponsored 11 shuttle chapters, supported numerous charities, sent two students to Space Camp, and is preparing to send another student in July of this year. Several R1 Regional Division Chiefs have belonged to the *Heimdal*. She has also been the home chapter of a previous ShOC Director, previous Region One Vice Regional

The party's theme was "An Evening on the Holodeck." Upon entering the restaurant, guests were met by a 7-foot Holodeck backdrop built by Linda and Willy Smith and had photos and videos taken in front of the Holodeck...much like prom pictures! A "Welcome" table had a sign-in sheet and also included a jar full of aliens! Guests were asked to guess the number of aliens in the jar, and the person who came closest to the correct number received a door prize later in the evening. Arriving guests also got a door prize ticket, a party program, and a gift bag that included *Star Trek* photo cards, anniversary candy, party whistles, pencils imprinted with the

USS Heimdal name, and a pencil sharpener shaped like a nose! (Stick your pencil in a nostril and sharpen away!!!)

Guests were met by life-sized stand-ups of Spock, Picard, Riker, and Archer. Each had word bubbles with dialogue appropriate to the Holodeck. For instance, Riker was saying, "What's a nice person like you doing in a gin joint like this?" and Archer was saying, "Hollow deck...what's a hollow deck?" Picard, Riker, and Spock held helium filled silver balloons that sported the message "25 Years Together."

The *Heimdal's* Chief Chaplain, Tim Hazlett, gave the blessing in both English AND Klingonese prior to a fantastic buffet dinner.

Following dinner, the partygoers were entertained by The McKenzie's Band. They performed folk,

contemporary, and very, very funny songs that had the group singing along, clapping and laughing.

CO Linda Smith and XO Kenny Proehl spoke briefly of the *Heimdal's* colorful history and told several anecdotes about the early years. Both noted that *Heimdal* members are like one big family and that all their friends have SCC numbers.

Second Officer and Chief Science Officer, Willy Smith, followed the entertainment with a *Star Trek* retrospective film spotlighting everything *Star Trek* from the past 40 years. At the end of his presentation, people were openly crying and wiping their eyes.



LINDA RECEIVES A GIFT FROM THE CREW. PHOTO BY WILLY SMITH.

Member Kelly Copes followed Willy's serious presentation with a film "A 25-Year *Heimdal* Retrospective" that included photos and film clips from the *Heimdal's* colorful 25-year history. Kelly's presentation even included a *Heimdal* blooper reel that brought the house down and was excellent comic relief after the seriousness of the *Trek* presentation.

The *Heimdal* crew presented CO Linda Smith with a crystal picture frame, which included her picture in her uniform and an etched message recognizing her years of service to the *Heimdal*. The crew also gave her a \$65 gift card to CATO... her "happy place"! Chris Thompson and XO Kenny Proehl



LARRY & KATHY WHATLEY IN THE HOLODECK.
PHOTO BY BONNIE DAVIS.



WILLY SMITH BUILDING THE "HOLODECK." PHOTO BY LINDA SMITH.

Coordinator, and retired Regional Coordinator, Linda Smith, who held that position for ten and a half years.

Fifty-eight people attended the *Heimdal's* Silver Anniversary Party. They included *Heimdal* members, former members, and previous meeting guest speakers. Four former members rejoined STARFLEET and the *Heimdal* at the party.

The party took place on the Terrace at the James Restaurant in Lynchburg, VA on the 8th floor of a downtown bank building. The restaurant is owned and operated by *Heimdal* member Jim Beck and has a panoramic view of the city...the closest the *Heimdal* is likely to get to actually going into orbit!!!



presented Linda with a framed certificate signifying her years of excellent service to the *Heimdal*.

George Flanik, CO of the *USS Ganymede*, most recently being sponsored by the *Heimdal*, presented Linda and Willy

with STAFLEET license plate holders and presented the *Heimdal* with two huge color prints of the *Heimdal's* Galaxy-class starship.

Drawings were held for 6 door prizes that had been purchased



HEIMDAL CREW ENJOYING THEIR MEAL AT THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY. PHOTO BY WILLY SMITH.



MARTHA & MILLARD STIMPSON IN THE HOLODECK. PHOTO BY BONNIE DAVIS.

from STAFLEET's Quartermaster. The First Prize for the evening was a one-year membership to STAFLEET that was won by Brian Touna.

The evening came to a close much too soon, and e-mails followed the party saying how much fun it was and included requests that the *Heimdal* hold anniversary parties at Jim's restaurant from now until the *Heimdal's* 50th anniversary.

On the back of the party program, just after the acknowledgements, was the message, "Out there...that-away...first star to the right and straight on 'till morning..."

USS Heimdal Sends Student to Space Camp

In January of 2008, the *USS Heimdal's* Space Camp Committee met to decide how to proceed with sending a local student to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. After three years of very successful Annual Charity Auctions, the committee was finally at a point where sending a student had become a reality. In 1999, the *Heimdal* sent two local middle school students,



REPLICA LUNAR EXCURSION MODULE ON DISPLAY AT SPACE CAMP. PHOTO BY TRAVIS DEAN.

but in the years since, the price for one student had doubled, and for a while it seemed impossible that we could raise enough money for the Space Camp trip plus continuing to support our ten ongoing charities. But in 2008, we finally reached our goal.

The *Heimdal's* Space Camp Committee

consisted of Linda and Willy Smith, Glenda and Dan Blanks, Carl Davis, Tammy White, and Kenny Proehl. We were fortunate to have former NASA employee and civilian representative, Pam Early, as a consultant. Together we decided that we could fund a 6-day trip for a middle school student and moved forward with our plans.

The *Heimdal's* Space Camp Committee sent a packet to all Amherst County Middle Schools (the county where the *Heimdal* is chartered) explaining our Space Camp Scholarship and asking the schools to each select 5 students they felt

would benefit from the trip. Each student was asked to write an essay, 500 words or less, "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp." The schools subsequently forwarded the essays to the *Heimdal's* Space Camp Committee for judging.

In the meantime, a newspaper columnist interviewed me and did a column in our local newspaper about the *Heimdal's* Space Camp Project. I also wrote an article that appeared in the *Communiqué*. From the *Communiqué* article, I was contacted by STAFLEET member Roy Henderson, who has since become the Commanding Officer of the *USS Centurion* in Region 4 (California). Roy is such an advocate of Space Camp and the educational opportunity it offers that he wanted



TRAVIS' TEAM OF CADETS AT SPACE CAMP. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY TRAVIS DEAN.

to become involved with the *Heimdal's* project. He offered to pay for the \$80 flight suit for our student AND also promised to pay for flight suits for any students we are able to send to Space Camp in the future. We were, at that time, canvassing merchants for items to use in our upcoming charity auction. Once again, Roy stepped in and sent us a large box of auction items including a costume jump suit from *Enterprise*. He asked that the sale of his donated items be put towards our Space Camp Project and eventually helped us be able to offer travel funding to our Space Camp student.



ROY HENDERSON, CO OF THE USS CENTURION IN SAN BERNARDINO, CA, WHO HELPED MAKE THE SPACE CAMP DREAM POSSIBLE FOR YOUNG TRAVIS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

The Space Camp Committee received the essays from our contest entrants. We held a luncheon meeting, read, and graded all the essays...all of which were innovative and charming in their own way. One girl said, "I just like to go to different camps and I've never been to Space Camp."

After grading the essays several different ways in an attempt to be 100% fair in our judging, 15-year-old Travis Dean won, hands down. His principal had recommended him to us, and



we were all impressed with the fact that his science project had been building miniature replicas of the vehicles used in the moon missions. He had also won contests in science and math, both at school and in competitions between kids in several area schools. His essay stated, "I'm interested in technology and the space program. I believe the Space Camp experience will help prepare me for my career in whatever field I choose and I just want to go to have fun."

Unable to go to Space Camp until July 2009, Travis made his trip from July 5 through July 10. He had a WONDERFUL time and,

since his return, has been on a daytime TV talk show, an evening TV talk show, and has been interviewed by the newspaper. He's become quite a local celebrity.

During his television appearances, Travis talked about his Space Camp experience. He made friends he plans to stay in touch with, really enjoyed his time in the simulators, did rappelling from a pole, and was the Mission Specialist in a 6 hour team building simulated space mission. He said he was busy from the moment he arrived at Space Camp until he left 6 days later. It also has changed his mind about a career focus. He is now VERY interested in a career with our country's space program.

As an extra treat, our Region 4 friend, Roy Henderson, sent Travis a little bit of spending money. And how did he spend it? Well, not in the gift shop. He spent it on lunch with the astronaut that was at the Huntsville facility at the time. What a treat! The *Heimdal* made our Space Camp gift to Travis Dean a possibility through several years of very hard work and dedication to our Annual Charity Auctions...where we raised the funds for Space Camp. Counting registration, the actual trip, and travel funding, the *Heimdal* spent \$1,429.00 on the trip including the special help we received from Roy Henderson.

Will we be able to do this again? We weren't sure. Then right after Christmas, Sheetz donated \$200.00 to kick off a new Space Camp Project, so I guess we're committed. A lot depends on the success of this year's auction, but we're back on the drawing board, and every *Heimdal* member is proud to have been a part of giving our gifted student a memory that will stay with him forever.



TRAVIS PREPARES FOR A WILD RIDE IN THE MOTION SIMULATOR.
PHOTO SUPPLIED BY TRAVIS DEAN.



TRAVIS IN A FULL SPACE SUIT. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY TRAVIS DEAN.



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REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)

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USS NELSON NCC-74804



USS Nelson Receives STARFLEET's Co-Chapter of the Year Award

We aboard the *USS Nelson* could not believe that we had been chosen as STARFLEET's Co-Chapter of the Year for 2008, along with the Region 1's *USS Heimdal*. One of my first emails upon learning we received the award was to Admiral Linda Smith (CO of the *USS Heimdal*) and the crew of the *Heimdal* congratulating them on being the other STARFLEET chapter receiving this high honor.

While we all may still be in a state of disbelief, we are simultaneously very honored. Back in 2002, when the then-shuttle *Nelson* launched off the hanger deck of *USS Endeavor*, I always referred to us the as 'the little shuttle that could.' And now, in 7 short years, we have garnered one of STARFLEET's most coveted awards (or that's what I think). I should have known that little shuttle was destined for bigger things when we won STARFLEET's Shuttle Newsletter of the Year award in 2002. The list of Regional and STARFLEET awards since 2002 that the chapter and crew has earned and has been honored with is certainly too long for this article, but bears mentioning nonetheless.



THE *USS NELSON* GETS THEIR PLAQUE IN PERSON DIRECTLY FROM REGION 15 COORDINATOR JEROME CONNER (CENTER). PICTURED LEFT-TO-RIGHT AROUND JEROME ARE *USS NELSON* MEMBERS KEN PURDIE (DIPLOMATIC OFFICER), KATHY MULLINS (XO), DOUG MAYO (CO), AND ANN MAYO (OPS). PHOTO SUPPLIED BY DOUGLAS MAYO.

As the Commanding Officer of the *USS Nelson*, I'm continually amazed at the giving nature of my crew, and their dedication to the ideals of Gene Roddenberry's vision through *Star Trek*. It's with that ideal in the forefront that we support many charities, such as the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, the Salvation Army, the Veteran's Hospital in Leeds, Massachusetts, and of course our continuing support of our military and their families with our participation in the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP).

The abovementioned are just a sampling of the many charities we've supported and worked for. It does not take a lot of money to make a difference in these organizations, it just takes heart, dedication, and vision to see it through...and that the crew of the *Nelson* has in abundance.

To the crew of the *Nelson* (and *Heimdal*), I say a hearty Thank You and Congratulations. You make your CO very proud!





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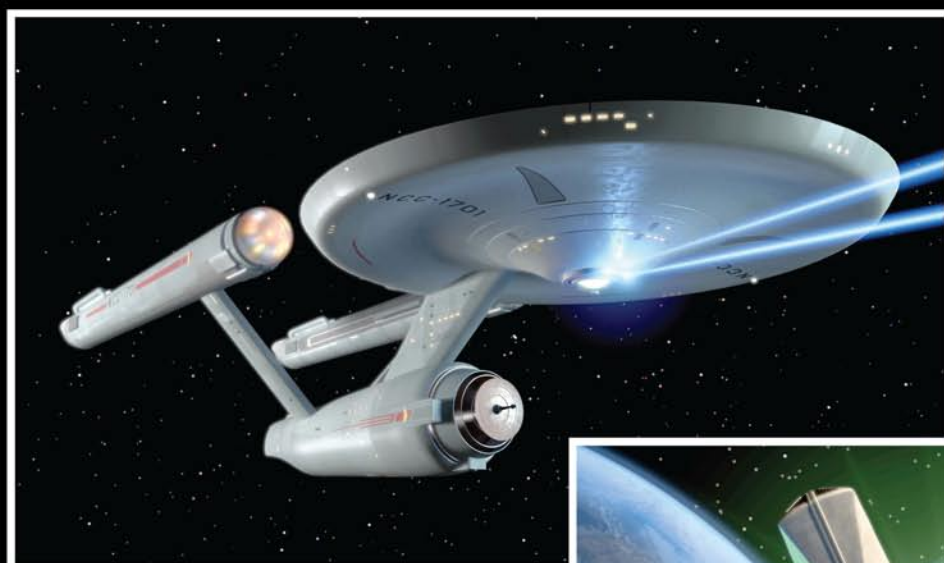
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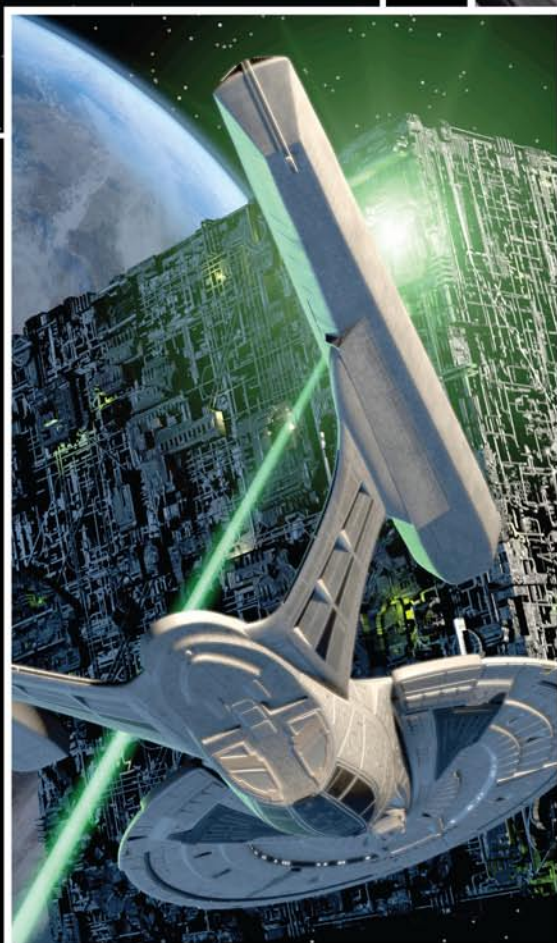
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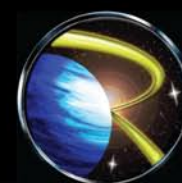
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