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STARFLEET ANNUAL AWARDS

Among the proudest honors that STARFLEET can bestow upon its members, the Annual Awards are right up there at the top. Unlike most of our other awards that can be presented at multiple times during the year or which can be given to more than one member at a time, the Annual Awards are presented only at the International Conference (once a year) and to only one member or chapter per category (except in rare cases of a tie).

The process is simple. Each region holds its own annual awards in the first half of the year and compiles a list of winners in up to eight different categories: Commanding Officer, Enlisted Member, Flag Officer, Junior Member, Officer, Shakedown Chapter, Mothership, and Chapter of the Year. Not all regions issue awards in all eight categories, but every regional winner is sent up the flagpole to the Executive Committee for review and judging within those eight categories. The Executive Committee then votes on and selects one winner in each category from all the regional winners.

Occasionally, there is a tie, and re-votes are attempted, eliminating nominees who didn't earn enough votes to make it to the tie. And on rare occasions, those re-votes still result in a tie. In fact, that happened this year. To be honest, it's surprising that only a single tie happened, as the finalists this time in nearly every category were so impressive, and the EC struggled to find just one member or chapter in each category that shone above the others.

There's not enough room in this newsletter to print the several dozen nomination write-ups in their entirety. So instead, the full list of nominees is presented, along with the winner and the full, unedited text of their nomination. You'll notice that in some cases, the person who wrote the nomination is identified. Other times, they are not. This was simply how the text of the nominations was submitted, and if the nominator identified him or herself in the text, that name made it into *CQ*.

And finally, you'll notice that not all regions are represented. Only regions that submitted finalists to the Promotion Director of STARFLEET had their members and chapters nominated. If you don't see your region in these lists, contact your Regional Coordinator and try to help encourage more nominees next year for annual awards in your region.

And now, the nominees and the winners...

Commanding Officer of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Chapter	Region
ADM Linda Smith	<i>USS Heimdal</i>	1
COMM Lucy Ferron	<i>USS Haise</i>	2
FCPT Trisha Tunis	<i>USS Corsair</i>	3
RADM Patrick McAndrew	<i>USS Antares</i>	5
COMM Debbie French	<i>USS Inferno</i>	7
FCPT Donna Reid	<i>USS Genesis</i>	11
CAPT Chris Tolbert	<i>USS FireFox</i>	12
RADM Douglas Mayo	<i>USS Nelson</i>	15
LCOL Laurie McFarland	<i>USS Roadrunner</i>	17

Winner:

Commodore Lucy Ferron (*USS Haise*, Region 2)

To say that Lucy Ferron has shown exemplary leadership, motivational skills, and helped set the direction and vision of her chapter this year, would be an understatement. This year, it fell on the shoulders of the *USS Haise* to present the Region 2 Summit. Lucy single handedly found the hotel, negotiated the price,



the Admiral's mess, and diffused any problems before they actually were problems. Furthermore, it was Lucy's suggestion that Mark Nichols build the fabulous Delta Shield, which was such a hit at the Summit. In summary, the entire success of the 2009 Region 2 Summit falls entirely on Lucy's capable shoulders.

But she wasn't done with that. Next, Lucy organized a recruiting drive at the MALCO Movie Theater in Madison, MS, which coincided with the release of *Star Trek*. This was a marvelous success. We met hundreds of people, added dozens of names to our e-mail list, and added quite a few members as well. Lucy's leadership is what is to be praised for this venture. She set the tone of how we presented ourselves, and when the weekend was over, the manager of the theater informed us that we were welcome back any time. High praise from a business to allow a gaggle of *Star Trek* fans to clog their lobby, and a testament to Lucy's leadership ability.

Shortly thereafter, Lucy had the *USS Haise* set up a booth at the Jackson Comic Con. We arrived in our uniforms, and talked to many passersby about Starfleet and the *Haise*. This allowed us a great opportunity to reach out to people who might not necessarily be *Star Trek* fans and assimilate them. We again added dozens of names to our mailing list, and once again made another fantastic impression on our hosts. The owner of the Comic Con told me to personally thank Lucy for her help, and the fantastic booth that we had set up. He further told us that we were welcome back to the convention next year because of the fabulous presentation we had made.

These are just the big things that Lucy did this year to show how she is deserving of the Region 2 Commanding Officer of the Year Award. Of course, there were many, many other things that Lucy did which show that she deserves this award as well. She organized the *Haise's* trip to the movie theater to see *Star Trek*. She brought forth the resolution to establish a scholarship to the Rainwater Observatory in French Camp, MS for a deserving child. She organized a pop tab drive for the Ronald McDonald house. She asked her church for the use of their fellowship hall for our annual costume party, and then decorated it and brought food. She organized our annual trip to the Rainwater Observatory in French Camp, MS. She had the entire ship over to her house for a 4th of July party. She played referee at the Christmas party while we played "Dirty Santa". She has driven and picked up members (sometimes several miles away), so that they can attend *Haise* functions. She filled out the nomination forms so that Mark Nichols could be promoted to Captain, and Bethany Theilman could be promoted to Vice Admiral. Oh, and did I mention that during all of this, Lucy underwent gallbladder surgery?

Lucy Ferron represents all that is right about Starfleet. She cares about her crew, and she shows it. She sacrifices her time, strength, energy, and heart so that we can have the best ship in the fleet. She has proven time and time again that she is most deserving of this award. That is why I am nominating Lucy Ferron for the Region 2 Commanding Officer of the Year Award.

and organized the banquet dinner. Most COs would pat themselves on the back for a job well done, but Lucy was just getting started. She then had her crew set up games for the cadets, programs for the regular members, sold table space to vendors, organized fabulous gift bags, hung banners, scheduled a movie night, found the restaurant for

Enlisted Member of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Chapter	Region
MCPO Jason Kyer	<i>USS Ohio</i>	1
Michael Sylvester	<i>USS Wernher von Braun</i>	2
Ens. Derrek Kyzar	<i>USS Corsair</i>	3
MCPO Tod Sturgeon	<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	5
PO3 Andrew Sterman	<i>USS Abraham Lincoln</i>	7
MCPO Robert Towne	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	12
PO3 Marsha Beighley	<i>USS Anasazi</i>	17

Winner:

Ensign Derrek Kyzar (*USS Corsair*, Region 3)

(NOTE: Derrek was promoted to Ensign 3/10/2010 but was Enlisted in 2009.)

As written by his CO, Trisha Tunis:



Derrek Kyzar is one of the few rare enlisted personnel found on a STARFLEET Chapter. He started off as the boyfriend of someone who was interested in the *Corsair*. Shortly after becoming an official member, he and his girlfriend attended their first gaming convention, CoastCon. While there he participated in several free trial games and was exposed to a whole new set of games that

he enthusiastically reviewed for the crew.

A month later was the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. Since Derrek lived near the festival he offered his home as an after festival recovery. Little did the crew know what was in store for them. Derrek Kyzar introduced the group to Rock Band. Hooked up to a large projection screen and to a large surround sound, the members of the *Corsair* became Rock Stars! Even members who had little musical ability were encouraged to play and enjoyed it immensely (three couples went out and bought Rock Band for themselves after this event!)

Derrek was front and center when the time came for the 2009 *Star Trek* movie. In uniform, greeting other fans, he represented the club and STARFLEET in the best possible manner. At this point he had only been a member for three months and he was a shining example of the ideals of *Star Trek*.

A week after the four day *Star Trek* Movie promotion the need to rock was back for the next "Geek Retreat" with another Rock Band event that was held at Derrek's home which was joked as "Kyzar Stadium". Members rocked out even harder than before! Derrek made sure his play list of songs was always up to date so all genres of music were represented.

Derrek joined the rest of the crew for their trip to Stennis Space Center only to turn around the next day to help move the chapter's 10 foot long shuttlepod from the movie theater back to it's "hanger" (Fleet Captain Trisha Tunis's garage).

July saw the return of BabelCon, a local Baton Rouge convention, with *Corsair* shirt on, Derrek found the video game area of the convention and showed the convention goers how the *Corsair* and STARFLEET rocks out on Rock Band 2.

Chapter members Brian & Angie Landry hosted a "Meat & Greet" event where Derrek brought a huge platter of cookies (little did the crew

realize he owned a Subway Sandwich Store!) and also brought all his XBOX and Rock Band equipment -- drums, guitars, mics -- everything! More Corsair members were baptized into Rock Band!

Derrek also represented the *USS Corsair* at Dallas Comic Con where he got a chance to meet other members of Region Three, such as, LGN Aaron Murphy. If he didn't know before, he knew now that STARFLEET is a huge family wherever you go, ready to support you.

With September, it was time for another Rock Band session -- only this time the company that produces Rock Band had a new product -- The Beatles: Rock Band. Now the rock n roll stars of the *Corsair* could still play guitar, bass, and drums but could also do three part harmonies! People who never really listened to The Beatles became fans. Of course this rocking event was at "Kyzar Stadium" again.

To assist the chapter in Relay for Life, Derrek placed up signs and donations flyers at his store to help "Team *Corsair*". The team was the 80's so members dressed the part and Derrek brought Rock Band. A tent was erected and a generator was started up. After about an hour things were not going as planned with the set up. After some motivation from the CO, Derrek located the problems and overcame them to provide Walkers with a chance to rock out to the 80's and raise more money for the American Cancer Society. The Tent was "rockin' out the tunes" so much that the DJ for the event made sure to cross promote our fundraiser because it was "just that awesome". The Rock Band tent was such a success, that the local ACS chapter asked if the *Corsair* could do that again next year.

Derrek attended the Pirate Day Wine Tasting at the Louisiana Renaissance Festival. Because he was now newly engaged, he was in the spot light every time the "serving wench" came around by trying to (playfully in character) steal him away from his bride to be.

On New Year's Eve, Derrek was promoted to Warrant Officer and helped rock in the New Year with the rest of the crew.

Derrek Kyzar is one of the members that drives the farthest to events, but his level of dedication to the chapter and STARFLEET are never in question.

Flag Officer of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Chapter	Region
BGEN Scott Anderson, Sr.	<i>USS Revelation</i>	1
BDR DJ O'Brien	<i>USS Continuum</i>	2
LGEN Aaron Murphy	<i>USS Ark Angel</i>	3
FCPT Cathey R. Fuller	<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	5
ADM Beryl Washington	<i>USS Sovereign</i>	7
BDR Bruce O'Brien	<i>USS Southern Cross</i>	11
BDR Gary Hollifield, Jr.	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	12
FCPT Ronald Bishop, Jr.	<i>USS Hood</i>	15
MGEN Bran Stimpson	<i>USS Tiburon</i>	17

Winner:

ADM Beryl Washington (*USS Sovereign*, Region 7)



I would like to nominate Admiral Beryl Washington for the award as Flag Officer of the Year 2009. Admiral Washington has been the commanding officer of the *USS Sovereign* for over 15 years. She has led her ship on many events and charities. She is a true supporter of our troops and as such lead her ship to adopt a United States Naval Fast Frigate. For the entire year she made sure

there was a care package for the crew once a month. To further take care of troops and their families, she has her crew sending coupons to Yokota Air Force, Japan. (A base she was once stationed at).

Under her leadership *Sovereign* takes care of the community around them by giving monthly juice and stuffed animals to PCA, an organization that handles sexually abused children. She found a family at Christmas time that she encouraged *Sovereign* to adopt for the holidays by making sure they had food for holiday dinner and beyond. Their third charity is working once a month with children living in transitional homes.

Admiral Washington has always led by example both on her ship and in the Region. She as been the Awards Director over a period of more than eight years and has run that department with efficiency. When not running the awards department, Admiral Washington is also our Region 7 mediator and has quell many disagreements before they even reach the Regional Coordinator's office. She was very instrumental in saving a ship that was on the verge of being out of Fleet and the Region. Constant talking to the CO and myself and some of the ship members pulled that ship together and they were able to get their ship back up and running. The members rejoined Fleet and once again became a operating ship.

This past Spring throughout the Summer, Admiral Washington coordinated the *Star Trek* Exhibit at the Philadelphia Franklin Institute so that all the ships in the region could costume, attend, enjoy free parking, and were given lunch. Our duties were simply to act as host and take photos with patrons who wanted some ambiance added to their pictures. Twice a month we enjoyed this activity along with some special night-time events.

Admiral Beryl Washington respects the rules of Star Fleet and has exemplified them throughout the region by respecting her fellow ships, being of help when and wherever she can. She brings a positive attitude to meetings, always a sounding board for those who may need her council, and makes sure her ship is available for her sister ships in the Region or Fleet. She has lent her knowledge to up and coming ship captains, held raffles to help region treasury, and been an outstanding Commanding Officer leading her ship to it's 20 year mark. I hope you will consider her nomination for Flag Officer of the Year.

As submitted to the R7 Awards Committee by COMM Wayne L. Augustson.

Junior Member of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Chapter	Region
Cadet Maxwell Michaud	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	1
Cadet Katrina Mohney	<i>USS Hepheastus</i>	2
Cadet Raeleigh Kessen	<i>USS Lone Star</i>	3
Cadet Olivia Wiebe	<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	5
Cadet Jacob Hollifield	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	12
Cadet Remington Romanowicz	<i>USS Devil's Tower</i>	17

Winners (it was a tie):

Cadet Jacob Hollifield (*USS Jaresh-Inyo*, Region 12) and

Cadet Remington Romanowicz (*USS Devil's Tower*, Region 17)



February. His Commanding Officer added that he is only in the first grade and has an impeccable scholastic record. He also has perfect attendance sans the inclement winter weather for which everyone was excused. Jacob has also earned the titles of RAMmarkable Reader, RAMarkable Writer, and RAMarkable Speller for receiving full marks on

Jacob is being nominated for all of his outstanding scholastic and personal achievements during the year of 2009. He attends Baldwin Elementary in Paragould, Arkansas, and for the entire year thus far he has remained on the Principal's List with an average of **99** in every single class. He has also been named Student of the Month for January and Citizen of the Month for October and

his reading assignments, writing exercises, and his spelling tests. This is indeed quite an accomplishment as he was the only one in his class to receive this distinction.

He is active on the chapter as well. He has taken numerous courses from both academies. Speaking of courses, he is also helping me write more basic math courses for the College of Math within STARFLEET Academy AND has lent his hand on my own College of Superheroes.

His Commanding Officer wishes to state that Cadet Hollifield is ONLY six years old. He gets very excited when his Commanding Officer makes mention that a new person has decided to join our chapter as well. His Commanding Officer firmly believes that Cadet Hollifield is an asset to the chapter and to the Region. Given time, he will also become an invaluable addition to STARFLEET itself. It is because of the qualities and personification that I am privileged to nominate Cadet Jacob Hollifield for the STARFLEET Junior Member of the Year!



Remington has been an outstanding honorary and official member of our crew. He has participated in many Starfleet and extra-curricular activities that would make him a worthy recipient of this award. Remington has attended and participated in our monthly meetings as well as many group activities (i.e game night).

Star Trek movie premier: He participated at our membership Q&A and information booth. He posed for pictures in his uniform and handed out coloring contest sheets. He was also one of the primary speakers in the trivia contest before the movie.

StarFest 2009: While at StarFest, Remington enjoyed many activities. Most notably, he participated in the Avistrum's Triwizard Tournament, placing 2nd in Wizard Jeopardy.

Highway Clean-up: Remington participated in our ship's first ever highway clean-up on Happy Jack Road. He braved the elements for a three (3)+ hour trash gathering that ended with icy rain and wind.

Tribble Toss: He helped make many fuzzy Tribbles out of faux fur and pinto beans. He also spent over two (2) hours playing with children with this free game at Super Day in June 2009.

Extra-curricular activities:

Mythology Club at McCormick Jr. High School—Remington is a former 3 year member and previous president who is serving as a high school advisor. His duties include weekly meetings, working at the concession stands during sports games in the gym, helping with fundraisers, and mentoring and modeling proper behavior for the younger students.

Role Playing Games—Remington participates with a small group of friends several times a week beta-testing an RPG called "Insanity" and playing several others.

Technology Team at Cheyenne Hills Church—Remington works bimonthly as a member of this team. He is trained to operate and set-up cameras, video equipment, run the computer programs, sound and lights.

Personal time—in his spare time he enjoys playing games like Star Craft, Star Wars Knights, Zelda, and Raving Rabbids; reading the Harry Potter, Twilight, Maximum Ride, and Resident Evil series' as well as other book genre; and watching movies and various TV shows (he is slowly moving his way through TOS at present).

Upcoming Projects:

Remington is currently working with his math teacher at Central High School to start the school's first "Gaming Club".



His dream is to become a video game programmer/creator. He is attending computer classes with concurrent college enrollment maintaining a 'B' average towards this goal.

It is my opinion that Remington's professional attitude is representative of some of the highest standards of leadership, initiative, and creativity that Starfleet stands for.

Captain Lee Montgomery
USS Devil's Tower

Officer of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Chapter	Region
CAPT Janet Wagoner	<i>USS Ohio</i>	1
LTJG Kelly Grammer	<i>USS Robins</i>	2
1LT Michael Tolleson	<i>USS Regulator</i>	3
CMDR Jari James	<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	5
CAPT Stacey Linebaugh Cress	<i>USS Susquehannock</i>	7
LTJG Mark Russell	<i>USS Genesis</i>	11
LCDR Allen Hurtt	<i>USS FireFox</i>	12
CMDR Ken Purdie	<i>USS Nelson</i>	15
CAPT Susan Cerame	<i>USS Anasazi</i>	17

Winner:
LTJG Mark Russell (*USS Genesis*, Region 11)



Mark Russell is a highly active member of the *USS Genesis*. He is well respected by all of his crewmates and holds several important roles onboard our ship. Within the *USS Genesis* awards this year he received our "Captains Award" and our "Genesis Media Award" in recognition of his continued effort on behalf of our ship.

He was (up until a few weeks ago) our Second Officer and has been since the inception of the "new" *USS Genesis*. He was heavily involved in the choice of craft, heavily involved in the initial set up of our crew roster and also holds the role of Head of Communications.

As Head of Communications Mark has made numerous contributions to our newsletter, The G-Files and has his own regular column (of his own design) on "Shuttle Craft Repairs" where he takes factual or fictional questions from the crew and gives an answer to their queries in his column. Even in this role he needs to be extremely proactive, requesting crew members to field him questions (and if not he creates them himself).

Mark has always been a huge driving force in our recruitment using several innovative ideas to try to attract new members. One such memorable force has been our Ning networking site where he designed our site and sent many requests to members of the *Star Trek* community, and in some case STARFLEET members to encourage them to interact and broaden our horizons.

He not only maintained our events calendar through this site he spent many hours (and dollars of his own) to make the site interactive with Blogs constantly updated and new and interesting features added to the site constantly.

Mark also spent much time trying to reach out to other members of our community (and the rest of the world) trying to encourage them to join us on our *Trek* journey through email and in person.

When the position of Regional Relay Officer for Region 11 became available Mark needed no persuading that this was a perfectly suited role for him also which he taken with his usual dedication, attention to detail and gusto!

Mark has always been a staunch supporter of our fundraising efforts going over and above the call with his contributions, from selling our fundraiser chocolates at home and work, down to making generous donations and supporting and promoting any charity work, for example our Cancer Council tea and movie outings.

Mark had been looking at ways to motivate the crew at our monthly meet ups and has spent many hours researching games (ie CCG and board games) to involved more of our crew and motivate them. He now has quite a following in the CCG where a few of the crew meet up at various houses to play some games -- a key to fostering crew morale.

Recently we have begun discussing our Regional Summit. Mark has spent many hours promoting and researching this conference and his ground work has motivated the current Regional Summit Co-Ordinator to continue with his ideas and high standards of organization.

Mark has also involved his family in STARFLEET. His wife Kelly and three children Brittney, Joshua and Hayden are all members and are heavily involved in our crew. (Kelly, through her own merits, is also a driving force behind our crew).

In summary, Mark is an involved, motivated, well-liked and respected member of our crew. He epitomizes STARFLEET's ideals of involving everyone and giving everyone an opportunity and sets a shining example by word and deed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shakedown Chapter of the Year

Nominees:

Chapter	Region
<i>USS Ganymede</i> NX-80107	1
<i>USS Shooting Star</i> NCC-5375	2
<i>USS Abraham Lincoln</i> NCC-71809	7
<i>USS FireFox</i> NCC-19083	12

Winner:
***USS Ganymede* NX-80107**, Region 1



Chapter Activities/Accomplishments:

- Developed our ship logo as an internal cooperative effort
- Developed our ship motto, "Ad Astrae Per Scientia" (To the stars through knowledge) as a joint effort.
- Ship slogan "The Geeks of STARFLEET" developed by our Chief Engineer
- Established our Ship's Departments and appointed Department Chiefs
- 100% of all MSRs filed on time (since launch)
- Established four web sites:
 - www.uss-ganymede.org (public site)
 - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uss-ganymede-starfleet-intl/> (news & message site - members only)
 - www.uss-ganymede.ning.com (social networking site)
 - www.uss-ganymede.net (members only - blogs)
- CO made friends with a retired TOS property master from Desilu Studios (source name "Deep Trek") who developed many of its most interesting props and special effects
- CO George Flanik originated and maintained the new column "Ask Deep Trek", appearing in all 2009 STARFLEET *Communiqué* issues and also on www.sfi.org.
- CO George Flanik also wrote the article "Genesis of the Ganymede" which appeared in the *Communiqué*.
- Recruiting: Multiple *Star Trek* movie recruiting booths at Sparks NV, Reno NV and Lynchburg VA (this one with *USS Heimdal* and *USS Appomattox*), and two West Coast sci-fi conventions. These efforts gained us five members.
- Community Service: Introducing students at no later than middle-

school level to science and technology, to spark career choices in these fields.

Virginia Section Participation:

- Star Trek* movie recruiting with *USS Heimdal* and *USS Appomattox* (multiple booths)
- 100% on-time forwarding of MSRs to VA sector captain and VA-WV senior captain

Region One Participation:

- CO was an active correspondent on the R1-Staff e-mail list.
- CO responded to all Regional Coordinator voting requests, first involving crew
- CO participated in R1 Summit:
 - Attended Saturday and Sunday general meetings
 - Led the Recruiting panel discussion on Saturday
 - Networked with other R1 commanding officers and R1 staff
 - Received Unit Appreciation Citation (100% on-time MSRs)

Fleet Accomplishments/Participation:

- XO and 2nd Officer participated in 2009 International Conference in Greensboro, NC
- CO is an active correspondent on SFI-L business discussion e-mail list
- XO won the SFA Diamond Boothby Award
- CO personally met and networked with CS Sal Lizard at R1 Summit

How did your chapter demonstrate the meaning and spirit of STARFLEET this year?

- Command staff and many of our department heads appeared in uniform at recruiting venues, R1 Summit, International Conference and sci-fi conventions.
- In our educational presentations on science and technology, we compare the breakthroughs of today with the everyday wonders portrayed in *Star Trek*.
- Our educational programs emphasize that science and technology are career fields in which both men and women achieve excellence.
- Our XO, 2nd Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Science Officer and Chief Engineer are female (showing that leadership and major responsibility roles can be performed by women, just like in *Star Trek*)
- We have a Department Chief who is handicapped. That officer's responsibilities in no way limit performance of duties or value on board our ship (just like in *Star Trek*, where disabilities are accommodated and overcome, as with TNG character Geordi LaForge or the astrophysicist and TNG guest star Dr. Stephen Hawking)

Prepared by:
CAPT George S. Flanik (SCC 63605), CO
CAPT Teri Lotta (SCC 56447), XO
LT Mary Doman (SCC 65275), Chief Medical Officer / Ship's Counselor/Chaplain
LT Kenea Marrafio (SCC 65886), Chief Engineer
LT Christopher McDowell (SCC 65936), Chief of Security, 107th MSG OIC

Mothership of the Year

Nominees:

Chapter	Region
<i>USS Heimdal</i> NCC-1793	1
<i>USS Marathon</i> NCC-3105	2
<i>USS Thermopylae</i> NCC-74703	5
<i>USS Britannic</i> NCC-71818	7
<i>USS BortaS</i> NCC-74211	12

Winner:
***USS Thermopylae* NCC-74703**, Region 5

It is not always an easy thing to guide and assist another reach for their goals and dreams and then rejoice as they achieve it. The *USS*





Thermopylae has had the honor and privilege of being asked by five newly forming chapters to be their guide and mentor as they worked their way through the process of moving beyond being a small group of fans to become a strong and dedicated Ship of the Line.

The best example I can give of the *Thermopylae's* excellence as a Mother

Ship can be seen in the number and status of the 'children' under her wings:

USS Pinguin NX-53777 (commissioned Ship of the Line Jan 2010 with 21 members), CO LTC Mitch Dunn

USS Indomitable NX-27315 (projected commission date June 3, 2010 with 10 members), CO CMDR Patrick Devine

USS Jack Fletcher NX-2127 (in Shakedown with 23 members), CO BGN Russ Garrison

USS Wolf 359 NCC-52359 (commissioned Ship of the Line Dec, 2009 with 13 members), CO CAPT Michael Cowan

USS Chinook NCC-71204 (commissioned as a Ship of the Line April 3, 2010 with 16 members), CO CMDR Jereme Pierce

'She' has accomplished all this while continuing to maintain an active ship life for the benefit of her own members (away missions, charity activities, gaming, movie nights, etc.) *and* providing ongoing direction and support as Region 5's flagship and 'Flag' for the Region Coordinator(s) all whilst maintaining a membership in excess of 60 members consistently.

The CO and command staff of the *USS Thermopylae* attend meetings of their 'children' in order to help foster the close ties that are evident within the *Thermopylae* family. Even after commissioning, chapter activities are usually joined by one or more of the members of their 'child' chapters.

I believe that the *USS Thermopylae* is an outstanding example of what we hope to accomplish in STARFLEET: the bringing together of fans to create an active and beneficial environment for those fans and for their community. It is with this in mind that I feel this outstanding ship well deserves the recognition of this award.

Chapter of the Year

Nominees:

Chapter	Region
<i>USS Heimdal NCC-1793</i>	1
<i>USS Continuum NCC-71821</i>	2
<i>USS Corsair NCC-26556</i>	3
<i>USS Crusader NCC-74711</i>	5
<i>USS Challenger NCC-1676-D</i>	7
<i>USS Genesis NCC-61945</i>	11
<i>ISS Hexum NCC-2199</i>	12
<i>USS O'Bannon NCC-5372</i>	15
<i>USS Anasazi NCC-62001</i>	17

Winner:

***USS O'Bannon NCC-5372*, Region 15**

Given to a chapter who through the course of the year displayed the qualities of hard work, charity, unity, and cooperation exemplifying the ideas of Gene Roddenberry and his dream. I nominate the *USS O'Bannon NCC 5372*.

Below a list of activities in 2009 that document the ways and hows the crew of the *USS O'Bannon* takes

the Roddenberry dream of making the world a better place for all a reality. If a club does not have fun it will not survive. We work hard,

play hard, give to our community and to our fellow crewmembers (our extended family) and if not for the unity and cooperation of all, the *USS O'Bannon* could not accomplish what she has done in the past, in 2009, and will continue into the future.

First let's talk about hard work with a load of cooperation thrown in. In January and February, we hand wrote on card stock, pasted a Valentine onto the card stock, decorated them with stickers, sorted them so each hospital and outpatient clinic did not receive all the same type of cards, boxed and mailed to nine centers throughout Maine and New Hampshire. We shipped a little over 1400 cards. Some wrote, some pasted, some stickered, some counted and sorted but without the hard work and cooperation of each member young and old, we never would have been able to completed the number of cards needed and shipped in time to be delivered by Valentine's Day.

Throughout the Spring and Summer, the *O'Bannon* has yard sales to help raise monies for our charities. Yard sales take a lot of unloading, set-up, pack-up and re-loading. We did these six times last year.



Without the backs of our members and the coordination of just having the yard sales at Kandy and Shawn's home and/or where and when to deliver the yard sale items like to Kim or Brian's homes, we would not have raised over 400.00 to help our neighbors.

Second let's talk about charity. The *O'Bannon* has three types of charities: charity of time, charity based on our funds, and charity based on donation both within and without the club. We sponsored two blood drives at the Red Cross Blood Donor Center in Portland, Maine. We wear our uniforms and/or *trek* related t-shirts. We bring snacks for the donor table. We handle registration, baby sitting if needed, and the donor table. We are there from about 8 am until 2 pm. We walked in two A-Thons in Sanford, Maine. We raised the following: March of Dimes (6 miles) \$400.00 and Alzheimer (3 miles) \$191.00. We collected (crew only) and manned the telephone for one hour at the Waban Telethon in Somersworth, NH. A few members cook and donated the food and their time to Rolling Thunder. This organization is a Veteran's Motor Cycle Club that raises monies for various charities like Toys for Tots and the York County Food Pantry. Members collect and purchase books for children and young readers. Out of our own pockets and from free donations, the *O'Bannon* was able to deliver 438 books to the Maine Literacy Program in Waterboro, Maine. These books are distributed throughout York County. The Maine Literacy Program is the heart and start of Mrs. Barbara Bush. The books are given to anyone free of charge. It is the hope of Mrs. Bush and us that as adults and children

learn the wonders of the printer word many doors and opportunities will be open to the Maine poor and less educated.

At the end of the yard sale season, all the clothes were separated into several piles. Some were donated to Good Will and the Salvation Army. Others were donated to two very well deserving agencies. Three large trash bags were donated to each: Dress for Success in Portland, Maine and Care and Share of New Hampshire. Dress for Success provides free of charge two outfits per female only customers. Care and Share of NH provided free of charge two outfits per male and female customers. Both agencies work to give less fortunate people a chance for a good job interview by providing clothing and assistance with preparation for interviews.

The *O'Bannon* set up a Klynk account with Hannaford Store in Maine. All bottle/can returnables from the group are tallied and the monies are placed in the account. This money is used for Toys-for-Tots. With a donation from a member's friend and the returnables, \$106.00 was raised for toys. Kim Capelle did her wonders with the cash and loads and loads of toys were delivered. I believe she was able to purchase over 120 toys. Each year the *O'Bannon* cleans out their closets and collects coats from family and co-workers to be dropped off at the annual WCSH-Coat-for-Kids campaign. The coats are collected at various grocery and business throughout Maine. Pratt-Abbott cleaners of Portland, Maine takes the coats and cleans and repairs them and then sends them to the Salvation Army. The coats are given out to anyone needed one. This year we collected 64 coats and even a few snow suits, hats and mittens.

Caring Unlimited is an organization that creates safe houses for adults and children in southern Maine and southern New Hampshire. We donate toiletries, games, toys, and cleaning supplies. All items are donated by the members of the *USS O'Bannon*.

Now where does all the monies collected from our yard sales go? Well I will tell you. (1) Safe Haven Humane Society for Cats received \$50.00. (2) York County Food Pantry for Thanksgiving Baskets received \$100.00. (3) Kennebunk Animal Shelter in conjunction with Caring Unlimited (see above) received \$50.00 worth of pet food as well as other donations of litter, toys, collars, cleaning supplies by the crew. (4) York Country Food Pantry and Homeless Shelters received \$150.00 in cash several bags and boxes of additional non-perishable food for the holidays. At the same time, several boxes of shampoo, conditioners, shaving cream and razors and various other personal hygiene items and bags of towels and sheets were donated to the Homeless Shelter. The toiletries, towels, and sheets were donations from the crew.

Third, let's talk about unity -- pulling together to help its member. We do that by being there and having fun. Sometimes the get togethers are just what a member needs to break away from the not so nice stuff going on in their lives. We are a family!! Disco Bowling. Talk about letting your hair down and just having an old fashioned good time. We bowl to 70's music with disco lights and the whole deal. Bad Movie Time: We take a very bad movie and sit and chop it about. BBQ and Pool Party. Great time during the summer. Everyone brings something to share and whatever you want to cook. Mark and Shawn are the chefs. We eat, hang-out, and some even venture into the frigid cold waters of the pool. Mini-Golfing. Well we try to golf. Some of us are better at it then other. Does not matter, we laugh and cheer on our team mates and even others on our rival teams. Girls Night Out. Just the girls of the *O'Bannon* have a time out. We enjoy some good food, and most of all some great company. I will say a bit of male bashing does happen. We all talk about what is going on in our lives and help and support each other. Movies. Boy do we go to a load of movies. Nice night out with friends. I think we went to about 15 movies in 2009. We hang out before and after and just unwind.

O'Bannon Moving Crew. If not for the help of our friends in the *O'Bannon*, moving would be a long drawn out process. If not for the help, Shawn and I would never have gotten it done in the time needed to move into our new home on New Hampshire. The O'B.M.C. helped others move as well. Thank you in advance for considering the *USS O'Bannon* for Ship of the Year.

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NAME: SAL LIZARD
RANK: FLEET ADMIRAL
POSITION: COMMANDER, STARFLEET
SHIP: USS HOOD NCC-1707
REGION: 15, NEW HAMPSHIRE (USA)



COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Report from the Commander, STARFLEET

One of my greatest pleasures since becoming a member of STARFLEET has been attending STARFLEET's annual International Conference. Like many of you, I haven't been able to attend them all due to finances or work obligations, but I have attended a number. As a matter of fact, some of my best friends were met in STARFLEET, and the ICs have been the catalyst to provide us face-to-face meetings. But as much as I have enjoyed those previous ICs, none can compare to the personal satisfaction that I experienced at the one just held in Wagoner, Oklahoma in Region 12.

This one was especially personal for me as it was the last IC that I would be attending as the STARFLEET Commander, and I was accompanied by my wife Linda and my daughter Ashley. Ashley had not attended a STARFLEET IC since the San Jose, California conference in 2002. Both attended this year's event because of its significance to me. Also, I wanted them to see the affection and respect that I was given by the membership in general.

As many of you who know me can attest, I'm not really that shy when it comes to speaking with others. As a matter of fact, I truly enjoy addressing large groups and public speaking, so I certainly enjoy opportunities to speak when I've attended various chapter, regional, and STARFLEET events. But the International Conference is particularly gratifying as I not only interact with the membership but also get to work, in person, with many of the members of the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee that can also be there in the all-day ECAB meeting that happens on Friday. Don't get me wrong, the ECAB meetings aren't always fun, as the AB and EC members can be very passionate in their deliberations at times, but the meeting is quite productive, and a lot of STARFLEET business gets accomplished.

One of the best duties of STARFLEET leadership is the presentation of awards and promotions. While they may not mean much in our real-world lives, these accolades are your leaders' way to not only say, but to demonstrate their appreciation for hard work, participation, and enthusiasm for the organization at the various levels. While

the chapter leaders and regional leaders present awards at their levels, the Executive Committee presents "flag officer" ranks and award recognition on behalf of the whole organization. Certainly, I enjoyed seeing a number of awards presented on behalf of STARFLEET HQ on Saturday morning. As a matter of fact, I was a bit disappointed that the EC reports took so long and that there were so many awards that we ran out of time and I didn't get a chance to pass out the STARFLEET Cross Awards or award the Honorary or Lifetime Memberships. I didn't even get to have my own address to STARFLEET!

Did anybody mention how hot it was at the IC? I spoke to Greg Trotter while we were outside having lunch, and he assured me that I could have a little time to present the memberships and to talk after the banquet that evening. So all was not lost...especially since almost everyone who attended the IC also attended the banquet.

Anyway, getting back to the awards, I was able to pass out the **STARFLEET Cross**

Awards to those deserving Marines who were present at the Marine muster, but I really would like to also mention them here for all of STARFLEET to see, as appropriate:

Dave Blaser
Wade Hoover
Joseph Dorffner Jr.
Bran Stimpson
D.J. Allen
Wade Olson
Linda Olson
Aaron Murphy
Sean Niemeyer
Bruce O'Brien
Jerry Stoddard
Mary Kane
Sam Black
John Roberts
Thomas Guertin
Reed Bates
Jeffery Higdon
Mark H. Anbinder

So Saturday evening came, and I was able to enjoy the banquet with my wife (Ashley

had to leave earlier that day due to an emergent matter back in New Hampshire). A short time after it appeared that people were finished eating, I asked Greg if I could begin my talk and, with his blessing, I took the microphone and began. I have to admit that the talk that I had planned earlier that day was not the talk that I gave that evening. I instead spoke about what my 18-year membership in STARFLEET has meant to me and my family. I told a story about how it had impacted my daughter, Ashley, when she was a little girl and how she had grown into a charitable young lady. I talked about some of the friends that I made in STARFLEET, and then I introduced two people that I had met that weekend: the second Commander of STARFLEET (known as the Chief of Staff back then) Adeline "Addie" Longshaw, and the second Regional Coordinator for Region 12, Lee Schmidt. Both spoke briefly to the banquet attendees. It has meant so much to me over my tenure as the CS to meet and interact with a few of STARFLEET's past leadership (at the last IC, I had a great time with Les Rickard and Jeanette Maddox). Certainly, I will cling to my moments with Addie and Lee, too (especially since Addie gave me a token to remember her by).

I also had an opportunity to talk with my dear friend Helen Pawlowski. Several years back, Helen wrote an anthem for STARFLEET, and Steve Gordon presented her not only with the musical score and words framed in a beautiful gold-trimmed wooden frame but also with a cassette with that very anthem performed by The Rawlinson Middle School Chior back in 2005. Helen was obviously thankful for the honor and shared a few of her thoughts. Steve also had printed copies for those who wanted one.

Now I was ready to present the Honorary and Lifetime Memberships. This year, the Executive Committee presented three members for consideration, and the Admiralty Board voted to award two Honorary memberships and one Lifetime membership. An Honorary Membership can be awarded to any member of STARFLEET who has gone "well above and beyond" what is expected of them and, in doing so, have helped the whole organization. For this service, they receive three years of membership without having to pay dues.



SAL LIZARD PRESENTS BOB VOSSSELLER WITH A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



*Neither of the two Honorary winners were present. They were **Wade Olson** of Region 2 and **Roy Sesler** of Region 1.*

The recipient of the Lifetime Membership was present at the banquet. While a Lifetime Membership is automatically bestowed upon those who have served as the Commander, STARFLEET, it is also awarded to certain members who have reached the organizational rank of Admiral or General and have held the rank for at least five years. After that point, each individual is evaluated for their contributions to STARFLEET. If deemed worthy, one of these high-achieving members each year can be recommended to the Admiralty Board by the Executive Committee to receive a Lifetime Membership. A Lifetime Member is never required to pay dues to the organization.

*This year's Lifetime Membership award was presented to **Bob Vosseller** of Region 7.*

After my talk, Matt Moyer seized the opportunity to publicly propose marriage to Krista Derbyshire (and she said, "Yes", by the way!)

Dave Blaser then took the mic and while he was talking, I was distracted. Earlier in the day, I had agreed to getting a "pie in the face" for the benefit of Region 12's charities. Addie's daughter came

over and was telling me that she really wanted to bid on "shoving a pie in Santa's face," and I didn't hear what Dave was saying. (By the way, I did get a pie—as did Dave Blaser and Jeff Higdon—later that evening as a part of the charity auction.) Anyway, getting back to Dave, I was told by my wife that I needed to pay attention, and then Dave presented me with a watch on behalf of the EC!

But that's just the short version of the story, and I would be remiss if I didn't tell it all.

Several weeks back, there was a special discount price offered to STARFLEET members for a *Star Trek* watch. There were only 1,701 of these "Limited-Edition Series 1701-A" watches made by Armitron, and they were offering them to STARFLEET members "for one day only" for only \$80.00 each. During our bi-weekly conference call, I told the EC that I thought that I should get a "retirement watch" and that I thought that *that* watch should be it. Of course, I didn't expect it to happen, and I was chided by the EC for even suggesting it...it would be pretty expensive gift, after all. (And hey, Santa isn't supposed to ASK for presents, right?)

On Saturday morning, during the General Session, Dave Blaser was at the podium and told those assembled

that he had a gift for me, and that I had told the EC that I thought that I should get a retirement watch. Well, once he added that the EC had chipped in to buy me a watch, I was so excited, I could hardly contain myself! But imagine my surprise (and disappointment) to receive a toy "Deep Space 9" watch. It was a cheapie little kid's watch with a top view of the DS9 space station on it. It wasn't a bad gift, and I tried to hide my feelings and express my appreciation at the gesture. (Amusingly, a little later on when Pat Spillers asked me why I wasn't wearing my watch, I told her—truthfully—that the band wouldn't reach around my wrist!)

But later that night, after I had resigned myself to the idea that I wasn't getting the "nice" watch—the one that I really didn't expect until just before I didn't receive it—Dave presented me with the \$80 watch and a card from the EC! I have to admit I was trying to express my appreciation while choking back my emotions at such a presentation. My wife even commented to me, "Don't cry."

So, in closing, although I have countless great memories of those STARFLEET ICs that I've attended, this one will probably always be my favorite! And I hope to see **you** at the next IC in 2011 in the Poconos!

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FUNDRAISING ON THE *USS HAISE* NCC-74664



THE *USS HAISE* RAISED OVER \$900 TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRENCH CAMP ACADEMY'S SUMMER ASTRONOMY CAMP. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS WROTE AN ESSAY ON WHY THEY WANTED TO ATTEND ASTRONOMY CAMP AND WHAT THEY HOPED TO LEARN. A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THEIR SCIENCE TEACHER WAS ALSO REQUIRED. TWO WINNERS FROM CHASTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MS WERE SELECTED FOR THE "REACH FOR THE STARS" ASTRONOMY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AND ATTENDED CAMP JUNE 20-26, 2010 AT FCA'S RAINWATER OBSERVATORY.

PICTURED ARE (FRONT) SCOTT CRAWFORD, *HAISE* CHIEF OF SCIENCE; (BACK ROW, FROM LEFT) LUCY FERRON, *HAISE* COMMANDING OFFICER; JOHNNIE CANALIS, CHASTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER; EMILY GOMEZ, SCHOLARSHIP WINNER; BETHANY THEILMAN, *HAISE* CHIEF OF ENGINEERING; ELENA VOISIN, SCHOLARSHIP WINNER; AND JANET BULLOCK, *HAISE* CHIEF OF MEDICAL. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY LUCY FERRON.





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





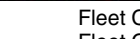


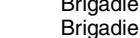

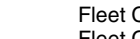

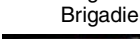

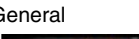

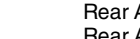




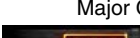


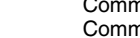


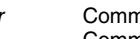

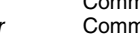

Flag Officer Promotions

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

on by the 8-member Executive Committee after reviewing nominations submitted by members. If you have any questions, you may reach Member Recognition Administrator Linda Kloempken at promotions@sfi.org.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding members of STARFLEET!

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

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to	Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
Antonio Lopes III	1	<i>USS Odin</i>	 Fleet Captain	Trisha Tunis	3	<i>USS Corsair</i>	 Commodore
Christopher Higdon	12	<i>USS Black Hawk</i>	 Fleet Captain	Jonathan Slavin	7	<i>USS Iwo Jima</i>	 Brigadier General
Curtis Bellman	1	<i>USS Liberator</i>	 Fleet Captain	Mark West	3	<i>USS Regulator</i>	 Brigadier General
John Schulte	6	<i>USS Riverside</i>	 Fleet Captain	Scott Anderson, Sr.	1	<i>USS Revelation</i>	 Brigadier General
Matt Moyer	1	<i>USS Liberator</i>	 Fleet Captain				
Shawn Gregory	7	<i>USS Pride of Baltimore</i>	 Fleet Captain				
John Johnston	3	<i>USS Gunslinger</i>	 Brigadier	Marian Murphy	3	<i>USS Rachel Garrett</i>	 Rear Admiral
Michael Timko	1	<i>USS Blackheart</i>	 Brigadier	Melissa Larkin	1	<i>USS Revelation</i>	 Rear Admiral
Peter Yohe	1	<i>USS Revelation</i>	 Brigadier	Gary M Ensey, Jr.	7	<i>USS Pride of Baltimore</i>	 Major General
Wayne Smith	11	<i>USS Orion Star</i>	 Brigadier	Lauren Niemeyer	7	<i>USS Asimov</i>	 Major General
			 Commodore				
Beau T Thacker	3	<i>USS Azrael</i>	 Commodore	Eric Gay	3	<i>USS Rachel Garrett</i>	 Vice Admiral
Deborah O'Brien	2	<i>USS Continuum</i>	 Commodore	John Roberts	17	<i>USS Anasazi</i>	 Lieutenant General
Frank Parker	1	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	 Commodore	Larry S Neigut	7	<i>USS Challenger</i>	 Lieutenant General
Judith Dural	1	<i>USS Aries</i>	 Commodore				
Pam Michaud	1	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	 Commodore				
Roy Sesler	1	<i>USS Powhatan</i>	 Commodore				
Susan Mahaffey	1	<i>USS Star Runner</i>	 Commodore	Victor Swindell	1	<i>USS Charleston</i>	 Admiral

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	Chapter	Award	Class	Name	Region	Chapter	Award	Class
Greg Trotter	12	<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	First	Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Herodotus	Third
PJ Trotter	12	<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	First	Pat Spillers	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Roddenberry	Third
Beatrice Hart	12	<i>USS Sunflower</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Sigmundur Simundsson	9	<i>USS Thorshammer</i>	Order of Samaritan	First
David Kloempken	6	<i>USS Czar'ak</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Anne Miller	12	<i>ISS Royal Sovereign</i>	Order of Samaritan	Second
Elizabeth Cash	12	<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Joseph Gallagher	1	<i>USS Cumberland</i>	Order of Samaritan	Second
Linda Kloempken	6	<i>USS Czar'ak</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Susan Bolick	1	<i>USS Maat</i>	Order of Samaritan	Second
Raymond Brown	12	<i>USS William Wallace</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	Alvina Bryant	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Troy Cash	12	<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Second	BobbiJo Johnson	3	<i>USS Lone Star</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Eddie Allen III	12	<i>USS Horison</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	Third	David Kloempken	6	<i>USS Czar'ak</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Alvina Bryant	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Babel	Third	Michael McCoslin	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Gary Hollifield	12	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	Order of Babel	Third	Pat Spillers	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Hector Santiago	7	<i>USS Storm</i>	Order of Babel	Third	Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Eric Johansson	12	<i>USS Sunflower</i>	Order of Cochrane	First	Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Michael Dugas	12	<i>USS White Star</i>	Order of Cochrane	First	TJ Arizmendi-Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Alvina Bryant	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Cochrane	Third	Alvina Bryant	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of S'harien	Third
Morgan Delaney	12	<i>USS Krakatoa</i>	Order of Cochrane	Third	Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of S'harien	Third
Summer Scott	12	<i>USS Oklahoma</i>	Order of Cochrane	Third	TJ Arizmendi-Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of S'harien	Third
Sharon Lambert	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Darmok and Jalad	Third	William Hof	12	<i>USS Black Hawk</i>	Order of S'harien	Third
TJ Arizmendi-Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Darmok and Jalad	Third	Catherin McKean	1	<i>USS Columbia</i>	Order of Surak	First
Gary M Ensey, Jr.	7	<i>USS Pride of Baltimore</i>	Order of Dionysus	Second	Steven Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Surak	Third
Steven Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Dionysus	Third					

Awards Presented to Chapters

Chapter	Region	Award	Class	Chapter	Region	Award	Class
<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	5	Order of Babel	First	<i>USS Oklahoma</i>	12	Order of Babel	Third
<i>USS Columbia</i>	1	Order of Babel	Third	<i>USS Susquehannock</i>	7	Order of Babel	Third
<i>USS Jack Fletcher</i>	5	Order of Babel	Third				





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VICE-CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

2010 Newsletter Awards

With a total of 27 submissions, this year's newsletter competition was very intense and, according to the judges, a very tough one to judge, due to the excellence of the entries submitted. Newsletters from all over the fleet were sent into my office for the contest and then submitted to a blue ribbon panel of judges...who did their job with my thanks and are now in the STARFLEET Judges Protection Program.

For the Best Layout award, the judges commented to me that the biggest thing they looked for was layouts that were effective but not overcrowding. Another judge commented that it needed to be very pleasing and attractive to the eye as an improper layout lowers the chances for a newsletter to be read. The winner of this award was the unanimous choice of the judging panel: "The Caldera Chronicle," published by the USS *Krakatoa* of Region 12, for their Klingon issue...which was a true delight to look at.

Most Informative was a very hard decision for our judges as this award centers on the actual content of the newsletter. One of the things that our panel this year was very picky about was whether the content was genuine information of interest to the reader or simply filler to finish out an incomplete newsletter. Our judges finally came to their decision and awarded this one to "Avenger News," published by the USS *Avenger* of Region

7, whose newsletter had so much information that, according to one judge, "...they could not have shoehorned a single bit more into it."



LTJG MICHAEL MASAILO (RIGHT) ACCEPTS THE AWARD FOR BEST NEWSLETTER — THIRD PLACE ON BEHALF OF THE USS O'BANNON FROM RADM JON LANE AT IC 2010.
PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.

newsletters with great layout and a lot of information for their readers.

Third place was the only repeat winner from the previous year. Last year, "Right Full Rudder" was the winner of the Most Informative award. This year, the USS *O'Bannon* of Region 15 walked away with the third place award.

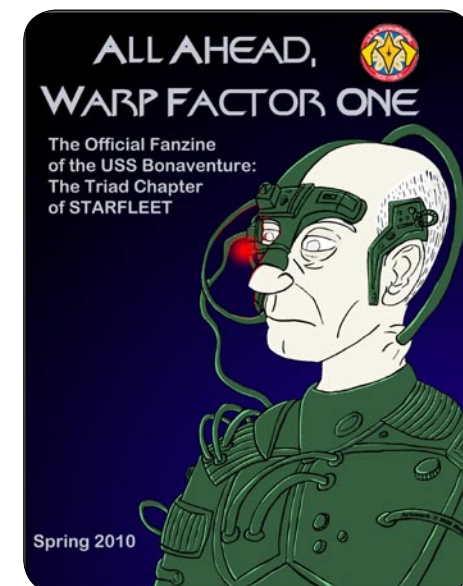
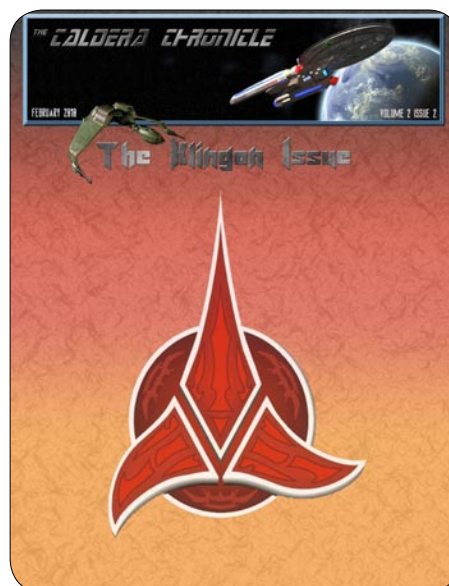
Second place in this year's contest was captured by the USS *Bonaventure* of Region 1 for their newsletter "All Ahead, Warp Factor One." This newsletter was a true pleasure for our judges to examine, and if it had not been for the ultimate winner of this year's award, might very well have been the overall winner. "AAWFO" featured a very colorful layout that captured and kept the attention of the eyes, a lot of information that was well balanced between news of the chapter and information that members would enjoy reading.

The First Prize winner for this year was the unanimous choice of the judges, just as it was for Best Layout. "The Caldera Chronicle," published by the USS *Krakatoa* of Region 12, walked away with the grand prize for their submission of their Klingon issue. It was a wonderful newsletter that was a perfect example, in the eyes of the judges, of the best balance of color, content, display, and overall presentation. My congratulations to them and to all of this year's winners.



ADM ALEX ROSENZWEIG (RIGHT) ACCEPTS THE AWARD FOR MOST INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER ON BEHALF OF THE USS AVENGER FROM HIS FORMER XO, RADM JON LANE, AT IC 2010.
PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.

This marks my last year overseeing these awards, which has been one of the truly fun parts of my term as Vice Chief of Communications. I wish whoever oversees this contest next year my best, and I offer one bit of advice: stock up on Tylenol and Roloids as this fleet's chapters love to make the judges' decisions very tough!!



THE FOUR WINNING NEWSLETTERS (ONE NEWSLETTER WON TWO AWARDS)





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CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Operations Report

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I really enjoyed the weekend at this year's International Conference. For folks who couldn't attend the IC, this is a summary of Fleet status at the end of fiscal year 2010 (June, 30):

Region	Members	Chapters	Below Strength	Unassigned
1	833	44	5	72
2	560	33	9	46
3	418	22	4	55
4	288	17	4	67
5	246	13	0	12
6	88	7	2	16
7	519	30	6	67
8	14	1	0	0
9	33	3	0	1
10	46	3	0	7
11	71	3	0	4
12	386	24	2	31
13	68	6	3	11
15	187	10	1	26
17	235	13	0	23
20	44	2	0	5
99	4	0	0	4
Total	4040	231	36	447

Growth / Declines

New launches: 28

Commissions: 23. Congratulations to all these chapters that successfully completed the shakedown program in FY 2010. The list of chapters are as follows:

USS Abraham Lincoln (R7)
 USS Chinook (R5)
 USS Commonwealth (R1)
 USS Constellation (R1)
 USS Cumberland (R1)
 USS Elizabeth R. (R15)
 USS Endeavor (R1)
 USS Exeter (R2)
 USS Firefox (R12)
 USS Ganymede (R1)
 USS Independence (R17)
 USS Indomitable (R5)
 USS Iwo Jima (R7)
 USS Krakatoa (R12)
 USS Pinguin (R5)
 USS Rassilon (R20)
 USS Revelation (R1)
 USS Shooting Star (R2)
 USS Susquehannock (R7)
 USS Victorious (R2)
 USS Virginia (R1)
 USS Wessex (R4)

USS Wolf 359 (R5)

Decommissions: 9

In FY2009, we benefited from the release of the *Star Trek* movie. This gave us a welcome boost of memberships. The down side was many of these members were set to expire at the end of FY2010 (during the summer). Our goal was to renew as many of these members as possible. Fortunately, we were largely successful in this endeavor.

Speaking of growth, the following ships will be commissioned by the time you see this issue of *Communique*:

USS Jack Fletcher (R5)
 BGN Russ Garrison
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 Kennewick, WA

USS Logos (R5)
 CAPT Julie Prescott
kungfuquaker@msn.com
 Boise, ID

USS Oklahoma (R12)
 CAPT Shanon Lindbloom
ussoklahoma10@gmail.com
 Vinita, OK



COMMISSIONING THE USS OKLAHOMA IN OKLAHOMA. CAPTAIN SHANON LONDON, SR. HOLDS THE BOOZE IN BOTH HANDS, FLANKED TO OUR LEFT BY HIS REGION 12 COORDINATOR JEFFREY HIGDON AND ON OUR RIGHT BY OPS CHIEF JERRY TIEN AND SHOC CHIEF WARREN PRICE. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

USS Orion Star (R11)
 BDR Wayne Smith
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 Elmore Vale, Australia

USS Rachel Garrett (R3)
 RADM Marian Murphy
ladyhawketx@prodigy.net
 Weatherford, TX

USS Sinclair (R13)
 BDR Joe Sare
joseph.sare@gmail.com
 Waterford, MI

USS Tang (R15)
 RADM Pete Lutz
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 Dover, NH

It was especially nice to meet folks from the commissioning chapters at Summits and at IC (see photos of chapter representatives in this issue). I am looking forward to working with you in the coming months.

Since more and more chapters are going to Correspondence status, we want to do our best to support these chapters. Moving forward, we are actively seeking a new Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations following the retirement of the previous director.

Position: Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations

Reports to: Chief of Operations

The individual is responsible for the following tasks:

- Assists in planning, directing, and coordinating Correspondence Chapter development.
- Review Correspondence Chapters' MSRs. Identify trends and problems.
- Develop ways to promote correspondence chapters.
- Work closely with other departments to further enhance Correspondence Chapter Program.
- Provide monthly reports to the Chief of Operations.

Qualifications:

- 18+ yrs old
- STARFLEET member in good standing
- Good organizational skills
- Strong verbal / written communication skills and problem-solving abilities
- Have own phone / Internet access
- Good computer skills (e-mail, word processing, etc.)
- Correspondence chapter experience highly desirable
- Chapter CO / supervisory experience a plus

Interested parties should apply as soon as possible to < ops@sfi.org >.

Finally, I have a request for all chapter COs / XOs: please utilize the online Change of Command and Chapter Change Request forms in the STARFLEET database. This will allow us to track and process your requests more efficiently. Even in the case of appointing a new CO / XO to replace expired officers, we can retrieve the relevant info with less delay, which would translate into a faster update on your rosters. So please help us to serve you better.

As always, I welcome your comments and feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact me at ops@sfi.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.



IS IT FINALLY HAPPENING? REAR ADMIRAL MARIAN MURPHY (CENTER, MOUTH OPEN), CO OF THE USS RACHEL GARRETT, LOOKS OVER AT HER REGION 3 COORDINATOR REED BATES (FAR LEFT) IN DISBELIEF AS SHE AND HER CAPTAIN OF ENGINEERING, BRIAN WALRATH (CENTER, LEFT) FINALLY GET THEIR COMMISSIONING CERTIFICATE FROM OPS CHIEF VICE ADMIRAL JERRY TIEN WHILE FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD LOOKS ON FROM THE PODIUM. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



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CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Computer Operations Report

Greetings from Comp Ops,

We are recently returned from IC 2010 after having had a great time meeting with friends and conducting a little business with the ECAB. All in all, it was a productive IC with a minimum of discord and a maximum of camaraderie!

One of the items of discussion at IC this year went hand-in-hand with the online software development we have been doing over the past year. Both candidates have indicated a desire to replace the existing PHP-based system with something a little more robust. I wish them the best of luck in finding someone who can do the job well and for a good price. My best advice to whoever wins is to ensure that whatever system replaces our current one should be able to handle all our needs and be easy to update and expand for additional functionality.

There is a new replacement for the legacy Regional Roster report. It can be found on the new system (link to the new system from the main menu of the old system). Go to the reports menu and select Regional Roster. This report replaces the old one that was not working correctly on the existing application due to the recent PHP upgrade fiasco (thanks Dreamhost!).

In the next (and last) four months of my term in office, I hope to have the more

report screens written—the Regional Status Report for RCs and a new MSR form for chapters. These are two of the most important of our reporting tools, and I'd like to have those operating perfectly by the time I leave office.

We are still working on the Academy recovery. I also hope to have all Academy records restored before the end of my term in office.

At IC this year, we revealed the winners of the Fleetwide Web Awards! I'd like to thank my Vice-Chief, Bob Chin, for running the contest this year. Here are the winners:

Category	Website	Region	Chapter/Region
Most Wow	www.ussthermopylae.org	5	<i>USS Thermopylae</i>
Most Elegant	http://www.nx11.org.uk/	20	<i>ISS Rassilon</i>
Most Informative	http://www.usstiberius.org	2	<i>USS Victorious</i>
Most Trekkish	http://www.theconnie.org	1	<i>USS Constellation</i>



THERESA BRISTOW (LEFT) ACCEPTS THE AWARD FOR MOST ELEGANT WEBSITE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ISS RASSILON CHAPTER FROM COMPOPS CHIEF JOHN HALLIDAY AT IC 2010. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

USS PAEGAN NCC-1755



NAME: ROBERT DAMBECK
RANK: CAPTAIN
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SHIP: *USS PAEGAN* NCC-1755
REGION: 2, FLORIDA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER CHIEF OF SECURITY, *USS MANAHGA* NCC-3100 (DECOMMISSIONED)



Uniform vs. Costume

As I was reading the CQ (#157), I saw something that gave me thought. A fellow officer had commented on where and when to wear your *Star Trek* uniform, and how it would be okay to wear the uniform at "Trek world" events but not in the "real world" where one would be perceived as a "weirdo."

Now two very well known events precipitated this presumption that we are "weirdos." In 1986, during a *Saturday Night Live* sketch starring William Shatner as the guest of honor during a convention, he told all who admired him to "Get a life!" The Trekkers/Trekkies from that time on were labeled as nerds who were clueless as to what is going on in the outside world. Even

though the sketch was funny, I also found it to be insulting to my intelligence. I'm sure those who are Trekkers/Trekkies who work at MIT, NASA, hospitals, and research facilities might agree with me.

Ten years later, during the Whitewater trial jury selection process, a young woman named Barbara Adams, picked as an alternate juror, gained attention when she showed up at the courthouse in her full TNG uniform...complete with side phaser and medical tricorder. She was spotlighted in both the documentaries *Trekkies* and *Trekkies 2*. When approached about her attire, she defended herself saying she wears it at all "official events" and defended the "theology"

of *Star Trek* which promotes "tolerance, peace, and faith in mankind."

Are we so strange, so "weird" to believe in a positive future for mankind? Are we so strange or weird to show how proud we are to represent "Gene's dream" or the philosophy of "IDIC"? Should we be looked upon so differently than any other "fringe" group bold enough to wear their pride in public? Goth, Vamps, Emos, Punks. Regardless of "mainstream" opinion, these groups persevere, and remain a strong influence in today's culture.

What is a costume? Something you wear when you want to pretend to be something or someone

you are not. I am a Trekker, will be a Trekker till my last breath. As I got older, I "evolved" beyond the television show and immersed myself in the theology of *Star Trek*.

I believe to some degree Barbara Adams had a point. Now, I'm not saying to go walking around with phasers, tricorders, and communicators. But when you wear that uniform—whatever era it may be—wear it with pride and conviction. And if anyone should ever walk up to you and ask you why you're dressed this way, hold your chin high and share with them one man's dream that the world should one day cherish tolerance, peace, and faith in mankind. And who knows? Maybe, just maybe, it'll catch on.



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CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Shakedown Operations Report

Greetings, STARFLEET.

I hope all of you are fine and doing well. With this report, the International Conference has come and gone. I have added my report that I made at the IC. But first, here is the list of launchings since the last *Communiqué*.

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

Welcome the *USS Maquis*, Region 1 to STARFLEET.

This is a Correspondence chapter based out of Gastonia, NC. For info on joining this ship, please contact Frank Parker at: co.uss.maquis@gmail.com

Welcome the *Retribution Station*, Region 12 to STARFLEET.

This is a Correspondence chapter based out of Springfield, MO. For info on joining this ship, please contact Vice Admiral Wayne Killough at: robbynhuntermgs03@gmail.com

Welcome the *USS Battle Born*, Region 3 to STARFLEET.

This is a Correspondence chapter based out of San Antonio, TX. For info on joining this ship, please contact Jeremy Carsten at: efferus@ussbattleborn.com

Welcome the *USS Navras*, Region 3 to STARFLEET.

This is a Correspondence chapter based out of Greenville, TX. For info on joining this ship, please contact Cody Glenn at: co@ussnavras.com

General Session Report 2010

Good morning, members of the Executive Committee, Admiralty Board, honored guests, and members of STARFLEET. I want to take a minute to thank Alex Rosenzweig for his help during his time as my Vice Chief. He made my term in Shakedown Command a smooth one. His work and dedication is invaluable. He has been a great help to me.

I want to thank Joost Uffling for his work in ASDB—he just quietly goes about his business—and Carol Thompson for her work as Schematic Artist.

I want to thank all the Regional Coordinators for their help in getting chapters' paperwork to me so we can get them launched and/or commissioned.

I want to thank all the regional ShOC chiefs for their help.

I want to thank everyone for their patience when I make mistakes.

Lastly, I want to thank Sal Lizard, Commander, STARFLEET, for giving me the opportunity to be his Chief of Shakedown Operations.

Shakedown Operations Command has been busy launching chapters. As of July 24th, we have 25 Chapters in Shakedown Cruise. 33 Chapters have been launched since July 1st, 2009, and one chapter launched from July 1st to July 24th, 2010.

We have one Chapter that has filed for an extension in the Shakedown Program. There were five chapters that have taken advantage of the ASP (Acceleration Shakedown Program).

An update to the Membership Handbook that included sending VRR and paperwork via email attachment, as well as the Acceleration Shakedown Program, was added and submitted for approval in October. In March, Alex updated the START Manual and replaced the current manual online. The key points that were added were the electronic sending of the VRR and paperwork and the Acceleration Shakedown Program, as well as some added verbiage to the Correspondence chapters section.

In May, it is my pleasure to announce that Shakedown Operations Command (ShOC) had selected a new webmaster to maintain and update the ShOC website. Cody Glenn, CO of the *USS Navras*.

OTI and ASDB have new staff positions open and descriptions have been included in CQ #159.

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

USS POWHATAN NCC-1967-E



NAME: KIMBERLY LANDEN
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REGION: 1, VIRGINIA (USA)



"Alien Friendly" Board Game on the USS Powhatan

EVERYTHING IS "A'OK" WITH THE *USS POWHATAN* NCC-1967-E. THOMAS RAWLS OF POWHATAN IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA PLAYS THE "ALIEN FRIENDLY" BOARD GAME AS HE PULLS A MISSION STATUS CARD UP, REPEATING OUT LOUD WHAT WAS ON THE CARD: "A'OK—THAT'S SPACE LINGO FOR EVERYTHING IS OK." PHOTO BY KIMMY LANDEN.





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ACHIEVEMENTS: SFI AND R4 FLAG OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009; FORMER SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, REGION 7; CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 2005 REGION 4 CONFERENCE



CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Communications Report for 2009-2010

This Has Been a Really Great Year for STARFLEET!

I think back over all of my many years in this organization, and there have been few times that I can remember a more organized and progressive period for Fleet Headquarters. Some of the more cynical members out there might say, "What organization? What progress?" It seems so easy to toss out criticism. But for those who have been around a while, try to remember an administration when membership packets were processed so consistently quickly, *CQs* came out on time, member Helpdesk requests got such immediate attention, and problems with the member database were dealt with as rapidly. Try to remember the rare times that an administration stayed within budget year after year and actually came out with a bit of a surplus while still investing in the club growth and infrastructure.

Think about all the positive changes, improvements, and upgrades STARFLEET has seen: redesigned website, improved *CQ* graphics and printing/paper quality, the STAR Program, new items from the Quartermaster, new courses from the Academy, the new annual Short Story Contest with celebrity authors doing the judging, new resources for recruiting, new perks for members, and an improved media presence for STARFLEET itself. And of course, there's the incredible amount of work that was done over six months on the revisions to the organization's Bylaws and Membership Handbook (the former to be voted on by the full membership, and the latter by the AB if the former passes).

Membership surged with the release of last summer's *Star Trek* movie blockbuster, rising nearly 20% from anemic numbers in the 3,400-member range to a pretty steady 4,000 members (where we've been for the past couple of months). Sure, we crested just above 4,200 in the early spring and fell back to the 4,000-member range, but when the expected drop-off of "surge" members came in May and June, numbers actually stayed pretty strong over those couple of months. In other words, we slipped back a little, but to nowhere near the 3,400 count we started at before the movie came out. Of course, there's still more growth potential out there for STARFLEET, but these numbers are certainly solid ones.

However, my particular focus is the Communications department, and here is where some of the most exciting things have happened.

The STARFLEET *Communiqué*

We have now had two consecutive years of on-time *CQs*!! Counting our last one, there have been 12

back-to-back issues published no more than two months apart. Each issue has been a whopping 48 pages, with nearly perfect attendance for such features as EC reports from all eight departments, the ECAB report, Attention on Deck for the SFMC, Flag Officer Promotions and Awards, and even regular features like "Deep Trek", "Ask Prigal", and the "Chaplain's Chat". We've even now published all six winning short stories from our first annual Short Story Writing Contest from last year, with the next round of winners waiting their turn.

I'd like to thank an amazing editorial crew, starting with our MVP (Most Valuable Prasith): Captain Prasith Kim-Aun, the *CQ* Editor-in-Chief. Without him to lay out the majority of pages for each issue, I would—quite quickly—go insane. Prasith is as much responsible for the consistent quality and look of *CQ* as I am, and he deserves a round of applause. Also a big help are my proof-readers: BGN Gary Hollifield, Jr. and ADM Alex Rosenzweig. I'd like to additionally thank CAPT George Flannik of the *USS Genymede* for getting me on-time installments of "Deep Trek" and MGN Sean "Cerberus" Niemeyer of the *USS Asimov* for getting me on-time installments of "Attention on Deck". Neither one has ever required even a single nag or reminder! And finally, a nod of the virtual hat to the ever-mysterious but always conscientious Webmaster X for getting the online *CQ* posted to the member database usually within hours of me sending it. Webmaster X has also kept most other areas of SFI.org updated with lightning speed and thoroughness.

The *CQ* Lottery continues to be extremely popular. There are now 84 chapters entered, of which 72 of them have won once (no one wins a second time until each entrant has had a chance to win). We average about 7 winners per issue, each receiving 100 free copies of *CQ* mailed to them for U.S. members or 50 for international members. Sending international chapters only 50 issues was a compromise solution to the challenge of allowing non-U.S. chapters to participate in the lottery without blowing the budget. Using US Postal flat rate international packaging, non-U.S. chapters can be sent a box of 50 *CQs* for a cost only about three times more than domestic shipping. Shipping 100 copies overseas could run as much as ten times more than domestic.

A New and Better Printer for the *Communiqué*

The printing quality for *CQ* #158 (two issues ago) was less than stellar. By some estimates, as many as 50% of our issues had severely mis-registered plates on the color pages and certain middle pages cut off at the top (right through the page headlines!) during the folding/cutting process.

Although some printing problems are inevitable each issue, these most recent mistakes were significant and do not appear to have been caught by any kind of quality control person at Edmond Sun printing. And there have been some other problems over the past two years, including areas of black text left blank because plates were not hitting pages correctly and color pages where flat colors like blue or red faded to a strange purple because, again, plates were not hitting pages correctly.

Starting on July 1, Edmond Sun—who has been supplying STARFLEET with a printed *CQ* for over 15 years, with very fair and modest price increases during that time—was going to increase our printing fee by an eye-popping \$300/issue (or about 30%). I was able to negotiate that down to only a \$200 increase, but it still seemed significant. But let's face it: with a major price increase looming, this was not the time to screw up printing on the last issue printed at our old price. But screw it up they did.

After discussions with PJ Trotter and her mother-in-law, Gloria Trotter, of Countywide News (the folks who handle our labeling and mailing from Oklahoma), they suggested getting a competitive bid from another local printer, the Shawnee News-Star, with whom Countywide does a good deal of business.

I had previously contacted Shawnee News-Star for a bid a couple of years ago, and at the time, they were significantly higher than Edmond Sun. But with the recent price increase, Shawnee's most recent bid was only about \$50-\$80/issue more for essentially the same product—same page count, same size, number of copies, paper quality, etc. In fact, Shawnee can actually offer four additional color pages per issue—raising the total from 12 to 16 color pages per issue.

So we've changed printers. Last issue (#159) was the first issue printed by Shawnee News-Star, and it came out quite well. Yes, it's a big move after so much time with Edmond Sun. And there's no guarantee that we won't still have some printing problems in the future with these new printers. But Countywide's relationship with the Shawnee News-Star (they have no relationship with Edmond Sun) will hopefully put a little more pressure on them both to deliver a decent product. So far, so good...

STARFLEET Makes \$1,000 Selling Ads

For the first time in our organization's history, STARFLEET has netted nearly \$1,000 for the fiscal year by selling advertising in both the *CQ* and also as banner ads on our SFI.org website. We made \$300

from Roddenberry Productions for a series of six ads on the back of *CQ* #152-157. (Roddenberry has also committed to another six ads for the next year at a higher price that will come to \$450 for the year.) Another \$300 was made from Atari's launch of *Star Trek Online*. We also had advertising from Motel 6, Red Roof Inns, the Philadelphia Marriott, a mail order company featuring high-end *Star Trek* products, and a couple of different museum locations featuring the touring *Star Trek Exhibit*.

While we can't guarantee that every year will be as successful as this past one, the sudden influx of advertising has resulted in the EC setting consistent advertising rates that we feel are fair and competitive for the 4,000 *Star Trek* fan impressions we supply through *CQ* and the 10,000-plus Web visits per week to SFI.org.

Star Trek Online

Certainly one of the most exciting things to happen to STARFLEET this past year was our involvement in the release of the new *Star Trek* multiplayer online game from Cryptic Studios and Atari. We were initially contacted in September by Atari and their PR company, DKC in New York City, to do some advertising in our newsletter and/or on our website. But Atari and DKC were so impressed by the entire STARFLEET fan organization that things quickly went beyond simple advertising. STARFLEET's own PR Director Brandt Heatherington, CompOps Chief John Halliday, Vice-Chief of Comms Dennis Rayburn, and I participated in multiple conference calls with people from the *Star Trek Online* marketing team to discuss plans and possible strategies for reaching fans and leveraging a relationship with *Star Trek's* oldest and largest fan organization.

By the time we were done, not only did we have commitments for \$300 in print and online advertising from Atari, but STARFLEET was also given some special perks not offered to any other fan club: access to a "sneak peak" interview with the Executive Producer of the game two months before its release, an invitation to a *Star Trek Online* "summit" that included a tour of the offices of Cryptic Studios and a hands-on opportunity to play the latest version of the game before its release (Ops Chief Jerry Tien and I attended that gathering), and finally, STARFLEET members received secret codes to unlock a special TOS tunic for their Avatar if they bought the game and created a character...a great membership perk not offered to any other fan club.

But things didn't stop there. After a successful launch, DKC came back to STARFLEET a couple of months later to ask if we would be interested in



having a seat on a *Star Trek Online* Advisory Council, intended to make the game better and more appealing to fans, as well as to help think up new ideas to get word out to more potential players. And finally, DKC and Atari donated a few hundred limited-edition *Star Trek Online* promotional plastic cups from Del Taco for us to sell through our Quartermaster and donate the proceeds to our Scholarship Fund. If we sell all the cups, STARFLEET could make enough to pay for one complete scholarship!

STARFLEET's Continuing Relationship with Roddenberry

As was mentioned previously, STARFLEET sold six *CQ* ads to Roddenberry Productions over the last twelve months to generate \$300 in ad revenue. And this next year, a new commitment to six ads from Roddenberry at a higher rate will result in \$450 in revenue. But that's not all.

STARFLEET's relationship with Roddenberry continues to be strong in other areas, as well. Last year, Roddenberry gave us 240 of its new 3D lenticular prints of the *USS Enterprise* to sell to our members. And for each print sold, STARFLEET was to keep \$2 as a donation to our scholarship fund. During this past year, we sold 107 of those prints so far, meaning that the scholarship fund has seen a donation of \$214 from Roddenberry Productions.

Most recently, Roddenberry has created a special contest open exclusively to STARFLEET members. To help celebrate the launch of Roddenberry Search, STARFLEET members will each receive a special "swag code" from the Member Database to use when they sign up for an account at RoddenberrySearch.com. Members will be given an initial 60 tokens and can earn more just by searching the Web like they always do, only using the Roddenberry Search toolbar. And members can earn tokens in other ways, too. At midnight PST on December 1, the STARFLEET member who has earned the most tokens will win their choice of one of three prop replicas valued at between \$60 and \$120 each. This contest is exclusive to STARFLEET members—no one else may enter because only STARFLEET members will have the special swag codes and each member's code will be different.

Public Relations and Advertising

The Communications department originally budgeted for up to three Press Releases for the previous fiscal year (each at \$360). However, our first Press Release, promoting our new strategic partnership with Atari and Cryptic Studios involving *Star Trek Online*, did not receive approval for publication by CBS Licensing. The reason given was that STARFLEET operates without a license to use *Star Trek* while Atari is a paid licensee. CBS could not give permission for a licensee to publicly acknowledge an official relationship with an unlicensed fan club.

This left STARFLEET with only one newsworthy item to publicize: that legendary *Star Trek* writer DC Fontana would be judging our 2010 Short Story Contest. That Press Release went out in May and got picked up by TrekMovie, TrekWeb, and Trek Today (among others—including IMDb, believe it or not). We're not sure yet if it produced any new members—it probably did—but it certainly served us well in keeping our name out there prominently as a premier *Star Trek* fan club. STARFLEET's Public Relations Director, Admiral Brandt Heatherington,

crafted the Press Release and is trying to track the results as best he can. Brandt is also beginning to take over the STARFLEET Facebook and Twitter pages, among other projects.

In the meantime, we were left with over \$700 in unused marketing funds. So STARFLEET finally took its first steps into online advertising using Google Ads. We decided to spend up to \$10/day (or \$300/month) for two months of Google Ads to see how things go. So far, with a report submitted by Webmaster X after just one month, over 2,200 people clicked on a paid ad to come to STARFLEET's website, and of these, 21 clicked on "Join Now" within 30 days of their initial visit. This implies that we are converting about 1% of visitors from Google Ads, although we have not been running the program long enough to get accurate statistics yet.

For the coming 2011 Fiscal Year, the Communications department has opted to focus our marketing/advertising budget primarily on Google Advertising, lowering our monthly expense from the initial \$300 to \$200 in order to keep the program going for the entire year.

New Press Kit and PR Guide

In October of 2009, Admiral Brandt Heatherington and I produced two long-awaited documents intended to benefit the entire STARFLEET organization. The first, a sleek Press Kit designed for the media, is now available with information on our club's history, organizational structure, activities, celebrity members, and even advertising rates for *CQ* and sfi.org. And everything is written for someone who might not be familiar with *Star Trek* (rather than just for the hardcore fan). The Press Kit is not intended to recruit but rather to gain press coverage. Therefore, toning down the "fan-speak" language helps to present STARFLEET as a professional and well-established organization.

The other new document is the STARFLEET Public Relations Guide. Written to help instruct a member, chapter, and/or region/fleet level officer or group in finding ways to market themselves and get the word out about events, the PR Guide was written primarily by Admiral Heatherington, drawing on his real-life experience as a PR professional.

Together, the STARFLEET Press Kit and PR Guide represent two great new tools for members at all levels of the organization. Both documents are in PDF format and can be downloaded from the sfi.org website.

STARFLEET Graphics

Speaking of the sfi.org website, the culmination of a personal dream of mine became reality after a few months of effort during this past year. For a long time, many STARFLEET members asked where they could get a hold of graphic files and logos for Fleet departments, regions, chapters, SFMC, and a host of other miscellany. Finally, there is now a repository of graphic files available on the STARFLEET website for any member to access and download. The folders include chapter logos for over 90% of currently-active chapters, all regional logos, multiple formats of STARFLEET logos, Executive Committee/Department logos, SFMC logos, and miscellaneous logos.

The Alumni Outreach Program

Every three-to-four months, the Director of the

Alumni Outreach Program collects a list of all STARFLEET members who have expired and not renewed their memberships in over two months. The list is then sorted through to eliminate members who passed away or canceled their memberships. Then e-mails are sent out to the rest, inviting them to rejoin STARFLEET or, if they have decided not to, to please let us know their reason(s) and what we might be able to do to improve the membership experience.

Although it's difficult to know exactly how many expired members the AOP has brought back, estimates are about 30-50 over the previous 12 months. For the vast majority who chose not to renew, the leading reason was lack of money. The second most common reason was that the member simply lost interest in either STARFLEET itself, *Star Trek*, or being part of an active fan club. Further down were complaints that their chapter didn't do anything, and a very few complained about chapter or fleet politics. We have noticed that a good portion of non-renewing members (not a majority, but a noticeable minority) never joined a chapter.

As the program continues, we hope to be able to use the feedback and statistics to increase STARFLEET's membership retention rate. Right now, we're only just beginning to collect enough data to start making some conclusions, as each mailing only results in, at best, about a 10% response rate. So out of a couple of thousand total e-mails sent out, only a couple of hundred have written back to the AOP Director.

Speaking of Directors, Fleet Captain Annie Wheeler had to step down from her position back in February due to time commitments. I'd like to personally thank her again for doing such a fine job in setting up the program and running it for over a year. Her assistant, 2nd Lieutenant James C. Jones II, has taken over the Director position and just finished sending out his first batch of a few hundred e-mails.

The Spreadshirt Online Store

The STARFLEET Spreadshirt online store has generated about \$70 in profit over the past year. Those are not staggeringly great numbers, as they represent only about 35 items sold. However, the cost to maintain the online store is zero or our club, as any item purchased is printed to order. The online store features items with both the classic and new style STARFLEET logos printed on T-shirts, sweatshirts, messenger bags, laptop cases, umbrellas, scarves, and even bathrobes. I highly recommend that more members check out the store. The prices are reasonable, and the print and product quality is top-of-the-line.

The 2010 STARFLEET Election

And finally, as I prepare to end my two-and-a-half year run as Chief of Communications in December, I've also taken on the constitutionally-mandated role of Election Coordinator for our triennial campaign to select our next Commander, STAFLEET. At the risk of jinxing anything, let me say: "So far, so good." There was some initial resistance to the naming of Vice-Chief of Communications Dennis Rayburn to be Lead Moderator on the Election chat list. Indeed, the decision became so controversial that some members demanded that the Admiralty Board discuss the matter, which they did. However, no directive came from them to replace MGEN Rayburn, and the Election List went active with Dennis doing the lead moderation. After three and a half months, as I write this, there have been no complaints submitted to

either myself or STARFLEET Inspector General Wade Hoover about Dennis' performance. Indeed, he has remained very professional, polite, but also stern in enforcing civil behavior rules and proactively shutting down threads that begin to get out of hand. Indeed, Dennis even moderated me on one occasion!

As for the rest of the election, things have been surprisingly and refreshingly civil this time as compared to last time. There don't appear to be any controversial forums like the infamous Vic's Place from the 2007 election. Fleetwatch has been mostly quiet, with only seven primary journal posts about the election since June 1st (significantly less than 2007). And so, with many of the historic sources of Fleetwide controversy either absent or mostly silent this election, and with two well-liked candidates who would each make excellent Commanders, STARFLEET, the campaign season has unfolded with civility and healthy discussion rather than the accusations and rants that plagued us three years ago. And so far, members have reacted very positively.

On the headquarters front, we faced a few speed bumps along the way (including at the last-minute having to find a new CPA firm to count the ballots). When the dust finally cleared, though, we had a CPA firm in place only 24 hours later than our club constitution mandates (August 2 instead of August 1), and all the Election Packets were assembled and mailed out on September 1, also as mandated. And this was quite a large Election Packet this time, filled not only with candidate literature and a ballot but also with a copy of the revised Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation plus a special *CQ* survey. I daresay this was the most challenging election packet to prepare in nearly a decade, but we got it all done in time.

And now, it's all up to you, the members. If you haven't voted already, remember to get your ballot mailed in. In order for your vote to be counted, it needs to arrive at the CPA no later than November 15.

And That's a Wrap...Almost

With only another three months left in my term as Comm Chief, this will be my final annual report for the foreseeable future. I'll write more in my final *CQ* article in issue #162, but for now, I would just like to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve STARFLEET these past two years, work with an amazingly fantastic EC and AB, and hopefully leave things in a better state than how I found them.

There will always be room for improvement somewhere here in this large organization. And while not everyone has cheered everything that's happened during the Sal Lizard administration, I still feel extremely proud of all the hard work and positive improvements we've accomplished. Change is difficult, risky, even scary sometimes. But change is the only way that things get better (and occasionally worse). It's how things evolve. STARFLEET has evolved over these past few years...and at least in my humble opinion, much more for the better than for the worse.

I wish good fortune, wisdom, and patience to my successor (and to the next EC, whoever they may be). He/she/they will not always be blessed with all three of the above simultaneously, but if they can keep at least one of those three balls juggling in the air at all times, they might just make it through to the other side. I did...almost (not finished quite yet!).





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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Report from the Chief Financial Officer

Greetings, everyone. For those that couldn't make the IC a few weeks ago in Wagoner, OK, the following is my report that I presented during the General Session.

Once again, I'm pleased to report that we've ended our current fiscal year with a net income of almost \$7,300. In last year's budget for this period ending, I had forecasted a loss of about \$400. During this current fiscal year, we took in a total income of about \$73,300, although our budgeted forecast for this period was \$81,600. Therefore, we came in under budget by \$8,300 of expected income.

Although we expected to earn more, we also spent a lot less. To be more precise, we spent almost \$66,000 during this past fiscal year, and our budgeted forecast for this period again was about \$82,000. The good news is

we were able to spend almost \$16,000 less than what we had budgeted for.

Our largest expense for this past fiscal year-ending, which is supported by our membership dues, continue to be *Communiqué* expenses at almost \$17,850. As I said last year, we're getting the best *Communiqué* Starfleet has ever had thanks to Jon Lane.

Membership processing continues to be the second largest expense that is supported by our membership dues at a cost of about \$7,300. Our other two largest expenses for this past fiscal year have been IC Expenses at almost \$12,200 and Quartermaster Supplies at about \$8,700. These expenses historically have been supported by IC registrations, meals, other associated income, and by STARFLEET's QM and the SFMC QM sales of merchandise, along with the IC's quartermaster sales.

Now moving on to the future, based on our current membership levels and expenses, we're forecasting a loss again of about \$400. Hopefully, once again we might be pleasantly surprised, but it always pays to expect the worst and hope for the best.

Sales Taxes

Currently, I'm pleased to report again that we have no outstanding sales tax issues with any states or municipalities. We're continuing to work to ensure all sales tax reports are filed on time and before their due dates.

Federal Form 990

Our outside CPA reviewed and approved the Federal Form 990 EZ, 990T, and various attachments at no charge to STARFLEET. The completed tax returns were mailed a few days prior

to its due date of November 15, 2009.

IC Reports

IC 2009

We received the final report from Steve Halber for IC 2009 on May 24, 2010, and it was posted with our other May financial activity.

IC 2010

Their report for May 2010 was received on June 3rd.

Well, that was it. I hope everyone enjoyed my report and once again,

attached are the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2010, along with the year-to-date totals. More detailed financial statements are available online for all members to see at the STARFLEET Finance home page. Please sign in using your SCC# and password to gain access to the members-only section.

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 2009 - June 2010

Operating Revenues:	July-Dec 09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Year To Date
Membership Dues	\$ 20,038	\$ 2,844	\$ 3,068	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,724	\$ 3,294	\$ 5,956	\$ 43,824
Scholarship Funds	1,175	25	12	15	13	73	176	1,489
Quartermaster Sales	6,846	283	1,099	2,478	219	1,479	1,757	14,162
STARFLEET Int'l Conference	6,555	254	-	441	625	446	1,759	10,079
Other Income	2,882	24	-	350	190	6	275	3,728
Total operating revenues	37,495	3,429	4,180	7,184	5,772	5,299	9,923	73,282
Operating expenses:								
Communiqué Expenses	10,098	2,033	1,682	1,071	1,616	700	649	17,849
Membership Package	2,962	1,347	94	1,553	360	-	1,000	7,314
Quartermaster Supplies	4,403	104	1,157	311	1,018	602.81	1,110	8,707
STARFLEET IC Expenses	9,766	-	107	-	-	2,244	57	12,174
Scholarship Awards	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bank Charges & Fees	1,189	151	213	261	192	169	334	2,510
Election Expense	-	-	167	-	-	-	-	167
Equipment & Software	1,712	103	-	-	-	-	-	1,815
Accounting Fees	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500
Legal Fees	1,898	924	-	1,881	-	-	813	5,516
Insurance Bond	853	-	-	-	-	-	-	853
Insurance Liability	1,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,731
Licenses & Permits	1,022	-	210	-	70	-	-	1,303
Supplies	1,036	-	60	276	88	31	69	1,560
Transition Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Office Expenses	12,941	1,179	650	2,418	350	200	1,216	18,955
Total operating expenses	41,171	4,662	3,690	5,352	3,344	3,747	4,032	65,999
(Loss) / Income	\$ (3,675)	\$ (1,233)	\$ 489	\$ 1,831	\$ 2,428	\$ 1,552	\$ 5,891	\$ 7,283

STARFLEET International Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2010

ASSETS	Total
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD General Fund A Risk Free	\$ 5,139
CD General Fund B	16,712
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	1,100
International Conference Odd	630
International Conference Even	6,363
Main Bank Account	18,937
Petty Cash SF QM	113
Petty Cash SFMC QM	-
SF Scholarship Fund A	7,383
SFMC Marines	3,099
SFMC Scholarship Fund	2,872
Spec Ops 6351	56
Total Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$ 62,404
Other Current Assets	
Deposits	-
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	62,404
Total Assets	\$ 62,404
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued expenses	-
Sales Tax Payable	273
Total current liabilities	\$ 273
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,000
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	53,848
Net Income	7,283
Total Equity	62,132
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 62,404





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VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The Second Banana Report

Another International Conference has come and gone, and it was a really good time. My personal thanks and congrats to the entire IC2010 Committee who busted their backsides to put on a great conference—Debbie and I had a great time and sincerely appreciate all of their efforts!

A quick shout out to Marian Murphy of the USS Rachel Garrett in Region 3 and her skills with a pie plate and whipped cream. For those who weren't there, the photos are here in the CQ under the heading of "There Must Be 50 Ways to Pie an Admiral"...have a look at those photos and you'll see what I'm talking about. Thanks for the laughs, Marian—I had a blast!

The ECAB Meeting on Friday definitely had its share of excitement. It was a very busy meeting for the ECAB, what with updates from the different EC departments, updates from the regions, and 11 different motions for the AB to vote upon during the meeting. There's always a great amount of work that gets done at the IC, which is complemented by a LOT of fun being had throughout the course of the weekend.

I always come away from STARFLEET's IC with a sense of having enjoyed myself, having been able to spend some good time with friends that I haven't seen in a very long time catching up on what they've been up to, and renewing friendships. It's also a great time because you get to meet some new faces and put names to people whom you've only communicated with over E-Mail or seen on Facebook.

I'm also impressed with how much we get through in terms of business at the IC, and how well the EC and AB work through that business during the ECAB meeting. You can really see it when you look below at the AB resolutions that are passed during the ECAB meeting. We still have business that has to take place in STARFLEET—we have things that obviously have to be addressed as an organization—and the ECAB works well to address that business and deal with it appropriately.

Overall, a productive weekend, and a very fun weekend.. I'm not sure if the videos of the dance are going to surface, but you can definitely tell people were having fun!

Now, on to the business. There's a lot to get through in this edition.

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee has all but been said to have finished their work. The Bylaws were completed and sent to the AB for their review; they were voted on and passed by the AB for the entire membership to vote on this fall in the STARFLEET Election.

A draft copy of the Bylaws and a redrafted Articles of Incorporation has been made available for download from the STARFLEET website, but by the time you're reading this, they'll already have been sent out as part of the Election Package.

The Committee took on an additional task of drafting some changes to the Membership

After the IC, the Committee completed what they could of the Membership Handbook, corrected some text in the section around the Triennial Election that broadened who could count the votes for STARFLEET's election and the mailing of the Election Package, and the draft copy of the Membership Handbook was provided to the AB for their review.

At the time of this writing, the handbook is still with the AB and will be addressed by them as they complete the review and address any concerns.

The Committee did a great job, working through an extremely large task and addressing it well. There were a few bumps

Everyone who submitted a short story should be very proud of their individual efforts. It was difficult for the judges to come up with the five finalists, and everyone should be proud of their accomplishments!

Gary is always interested in hearing suggestions from the general membership about ideas, challenges, and events this office could help incorporate into everyday operations so we can continue to be one big, happy Fleet. You can contact Gary at < campaign@sfi.org > or you can call/text him at 870-450-5154.

AB Discussions

Discussions during June focussed around reaffirming AB Resolution AB95-011 regarding the City of Charter for chapters, the draft Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws Review Committee, finding someone to act as STARFLEET's Internal Auditor to conduct internal reviews on STARFLEET's finances, a suggestion from a member about forming a Membership Representative Board, the STARFLEET Election List Moderator, ranks and Flag Officer Promotions, and polling members of Region 20 regarding the selection of an Acting Regional Coordinator.

As noted above, a suggestion came from a member about possibly forming a Membership Representative Board within STARFLEET, the concept behind it basically being that each region in STARFLEET would be allowed a number of Membership Representatives based on the number of active chapters within their region. The function of the Membership Representative Board was described in the suggestion as follows:

"Basically what this idea above does is put the members of STARFLEET in charge of seeing their idea, concerns, STARFLEET Policies, as well as procedures into their hands. Much like the Admiralty Board does now. The Admiralty Board can still do what they do, but they would have to send whatever resolution they work on to the Membership Representative for them to share with their respective regional members to see how they feel about the proposed AB Resolution then discuss it amongst the other Membership Representative,s of which they can then amend the Resolution or vote on it as it stands. If Membership Representatives amend an AB Resolution, it is sent back to the AB for the Admiralty Board to re-discuss and vote on."



THE GANG'S ALL HERE! THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADMIRALTY BOARD GATHERED FOR THEIR ANNUAL ECAB (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) MEETING TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF STARFLEET.
PHOTO BY MARK ANBINDER

Handbook for the AB to consider. When the Bylaws were drafted, there were a number of things which had come out of what we call the Constitution which are procedural, and part of the purpose in the work that the Committee was formed for was to clean up the Bylaws and remove procedural text so that it could be appropriately worked into the Membership Handbook.

By the time the IC had come around, the Committee was down to two sections of the draft handbook which had been causing some issues... and then the IC hit, and we collectively found out about the problems that STARFLEET was encountering with getting a CPA and some text written into the procedures for the Triennial Election that required a CPA to mail out the Election Package.

along the way, but there are always a few of those in life. I'd like to take a moment to give my personal thanks to the members of the Bylaws Committee for their hard work, open discussions, and for taking the time to consider concerns that came to them from both each other as well as the members of STARFLEET. Great work, folks!

Annual Campaign

The internal judges have finished their deliberations and submitted their ratings of the short stories, and after tabulating the results, we have our five finalists selected, and the stories have been sent off to be judged by our Guest Judge, D.C. Fontana.



When it was discussed, the AB felt that this board would be very much what the AB currently does and would result in making the process that the AB goes through to determine policy to be an even slower one than it is presently.

The AB appreciates the suggestion, however it chose to not implement such a representative board.

Discussions that took place during July were in regards to matters taking place in Region 20 at the given time.

The votes that are discussed in this report are all relating to those that took place both in June 2010 (AB10-05 through AB10-07), as well as those which happened during the ECAB Meeting at the 2010 International Conference in Wagoner, Oklahoma (AB10-08 through AB10-18).

Motions Voted Upon

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

historian.sfi.org/AB

Note: Some of the votes being noted below have not yet been announced by the Inspector General, STARFLEET. As such, the results are only considered preliminary.

AB10-05: Motion to Reaffirm AB95-011

Region 1 (Ruth Lane) made the following motion:

"I motion to reaffirm AB 95-011."

Region 15 (Tom Guertin) seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed** Aye: 14, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (Region 2)

Note: AB95-011 deals with each chapter having a City of Charter to establish their location. This was originally announced in CQ 63. However, subsequent editions of the membership handbook did not include it. Region 2 did not cast a vote in this matter, and such is noted as an Abstain.

AB10-06: Motion to Accept the STARFLEET Bylaws

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the following motion:

"Region Twelve motions to accept the STARFLEET Bylaws and send said Bylaws to the membership for their review and vote."

Region 2 (Jack Eaton) seconded the motion.

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

AB10-07: Motion regarding poll of Region 20

Region 13 (Joe Sare) made the following motion:

"...that the CS immediately instruct the IG to poll the members of the *ISS Rasillon* to determine the Acting RC of Region 20 while

the AB works to define the policy for regions 'without a chapter' and/or de-activating/re-activating regions within STARFLEET."

Region 15 (Tom Guertin) seconded the motion.

Result: **Passed** Aye: 12, Nay: 1 (Region 1), Abstain: 2

Note: Regions 2 and 3 did not cast a vote in this matter, and such is noted as an Abstain.

AB10-08: Motion to accept the minutes of the last ECAB Meeting

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the following motion:



"Region 12 motions to accept the minutes from the last ECAB Meeting."

Region 11 (John "Kiwi" Kane, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-09: Honorary Membership recommendation from the EC for Roy Sessler of Region 1.

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the following motion:

"Region 12 motions to accept the recommendation for an Honorary Membership for Roy Sessler."

Region 1 (Matt Moyer, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-10: Motion to table the vote for a Lifetime Membership for Wade Olson of Region 2.

Region 2 (Jack Eaton) made the following motion:

"Region 2 motions to table the vote for a Lifetime Membership for Wade Olson to determine if a suspension of rules to award two lifetime memberships can be awarded."

Region 6 (Mike Urvand) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (Region 17)

AB10-11: Motion to suspend the rules and allow the EC to recommend two members for Lifetime Memberships.

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the following motion:

"Region 12 motions to suspend the rules and allow the EC to recommend one or two members for Lifetime Memberships."

Region 10 (Paul Reid) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 2 (Regions 10 and 12), Nay: 12, Abstain: 1 (Region 7)

AB10-12: Motion to change the wording in the various Promotion Guidelines.

"Region 13 motions to table the discussion about whether Lifetime and Honorary memberships are extended to the family members of the recipients to the AB-L List."

Region 17 (John Roberts, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-16: Suspend the Rules regarding the hiring of a CPA.

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

"Region 17 motions to suspend the rules under Article 8, Section 3 of the Constitution requiring the Election Coordinator to hire a CPA by August 1st in order to allow the Election Coordinator to get more information to present to the AB."

"Region 17 motions to change the wording from "SHALL BE" or "WILL BE" to "SHALL BE OFFERED" or "WILL BE OFFERED" in the various Promotion Guidelines, excepting the Commander, STARFLEET."

Region 13 (Joost Ueffing, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 12, Nay: 2 (Region 6 and Region 8), Abstain: 1 (Region 15)

AB10-13: Lifetime Membership recommendation from the EC for Bob Vosseller of Region 7.

Region 6 (Mike Urvand) made the following motion:

"Region 6 motions to accept the recommendation for an Lifetime Membership for Bob Vosseller."

Region 7 (Jeff Victor, Proxy Assistant) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Note: Bob Vosseller was the named Proxy for Region 7, however given that Bob was the subject of the vote, he was asked to leave the ECAB Meeting for the duration of the Honorary and Lifetime Membership discussion and votes...and being recused, the vote for Region 7 was cast by his Assistant, Jeff Victor.

AB10-14: Honorary Membership recommendation from the EC for Wade Olson of Region 2.

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the following motion:

"Region 12 motions to accept the recommendation for an Honorary Membership for Wade Olson."

Region 10 (Paul Reid) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-15: Table discussion regarding Lifetime & Honorary Members and their families to the AB-L List.

Region 13 (Joost Ueffing, Proxy) made the following motion:

"Region 13 motions to table the discussion about whether Lifetime and Honorary memberships are extended to the family members of the recipients to the AB-L List."

Region 17 (John Roberts, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-17: Form a Privacy Committee.

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

"Region 17 motions to suspend the rules under Article 8, Section 3 of the Constitution requiring the Election Coordinator to hire a CPA by August 1st in order to allow the Election Coordinator to get more information to present to the AB."

Region 10 (Paul Reid) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-17: Form a Privacy Committee.

Region 13 (Joost Ueffing, Proxy) made the following motion:

"Region 13 motions to form a committee to address a privacy policy comprised of Emmett Plant, Dave Blaser, Joe Sare, an additional AB member and an additional Member in Good Standing, and that the Chair of the committee be someone other than Emmett Plant or Dave Blaser."

Region 1 (Matt Moyer, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

AB10-18: Adjourn the ECAB Meeting

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

"Region 17 motions to adjourn the ECAB Meeting."

Region 1 (Matt Moyer, Proxy) seconded the motion.

Result: Aye: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0



**NAME: PEG PELLERIN****RANK: ADMIRAL****POSITION: COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY****OTHER POSITIONS: DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF ALIEN STUDIES, DIRECTOR OF VULCAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE AND VESSEL READINESS PROGRAM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER****SHIP: SS IAN FLEMING SFR-1501****REGION: 15, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)****ACHIEVEMENTS: FORMER CO OF USS EQUINOX; FORMER OTS DIRECTOR; FORMER DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP****COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY**

Academy News

Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

This is just one of those articles that I look forward to submitting each year. There are so many people to congratulate, whether it is promotions and/or award recipients. I would like to extend my personal congratulations and big HUGS to all of this year's Squadron Award Recipients, as well as to Academy Staff, Institute, and College of the Year recipients. Please see further on in this article for promotions and awards.

I wish to thank both Glen Diebold, who acted as my proxy at IC 2010, as well as Tom Pawelczak, who assisted him. They didn't have a formal table, but that didn't stop them. They stood in the lobby handing out SFA bookmarks and talking to people about the academy courses. They did their best to drum up interest and tell people where to find things. Tom had his laptop and showed people how to go about requesting courses so they could tell others on their ships. They worked well as a team. There was another group at the facility where the IC was held, and both men were able to talk to people in that other group and actually referred at least six individuals and one waiter to the SFI.org site and showed them what we were about. Super job, Glen and Tom.

You did awesomely, and it was much appreciated. One of these days I will make it to an IC...just don't know when.

Also, a couple of new colleges have opened up in June: the Orion Orientation College and the Cadet College of Sci-Fi. See the Featured Colleges section for more information.

Many of you have had difficulty applying for our courses, and I do apologize for that. A couple of months ago the STARFLEET database server was moved, and in the process, many sections of their websites as well as ours (SFA) went into the dark black hole of some universe. Unfortunately some of the items of the SFA website have not been functioning since that time, but it is not for the lack of trying. Our Webmaster and Chief of Electronic Services has been working feverishly trying to get things up and running, but some things just won't happen immediately. Until such time, please pass

the word around for those who don't always read through their Communiqués (shame on you) that the alternate means to apply to courses is:

<http://www.academy.sfi.org/doc/SFACollegeCatalogue.pdf>

Now there is no excuse for not applying for courses. So apply, apply, apply...you get the idea.

How does one go about taking a SFA course if one does not have a computer?

It was brought to my attention by my proxy at IC 2010 that someone asked how a STARFLEET member who doesn't have a computer can apply and take SFA courses. There are a several ways you can do this. Some directors, due to the amount of paperwork they need to photocopy and surface mail, might charge you a small fee. They'll let you know if they do and how much it is when you apply.

1) Ask someone in your chapter to print out the Academy course catalog (available at < <http://academy.sfi.org> > or go directly to the catalog site mentioned above) so you have the information you need to apply for the college/course your desire. Since the catalog is several pages long, rather than your crewmate printing the catalog, you can ask him or her to email me < mrspeapod@myfairpoint.net > with your name, SCC#, and surface mail address. I will print and send the catalog directly to you.

2) If option #1 doesn't work for you, contact me with your request and I'll be happy to send a catalog directly to you. My mailing address is: Peg Pellerin, 180 South Reynolds Road, Winslow, ME 04901.

3) You can also ask your CO or XO to apply for the course for you using your name and SCC#. The course director will e-mail the exam to the CO or XO to print out and give to you. You could then complete the exam and return the answer sheets by regular mail. Be sure to include two or three U.S. First Class stamps to receive your certificate by return mail.

I hope the above suggestions are helpful to those of you who have been aching to take SFA courses and haven't been able to find a way to get them.

We'll be waiting to hear from you!

From the Desk of Coordinator of Academics: ADM Carol Thompson

For those of you who enjoy the fictional as well as non-fictional TV shows dealing with law enforcement and crime investigation/forensics, there is a new Law Enforcement Institute (IOLE) rapidly nearing a point where it can be presented to the membership. It will be live before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, we continue to bring in new directors and staff from enthusiastic members who have discovered Academy. We are seeing a lot of new names on the graduate rolls and more applicants for positions within the faculty.

The Academic Coordinator's goal is to have as many new directors as possible so that no one is saddled with too many positions.

Academy Information

Some of our website is working...but not all. To

apply for courses, you'll need to go to the directors directly. To find out what courses there are and whom to contact, go to our alternate means to apply as mentioned above:

<http://www.academy.sfi.org/doc/SFACollegeCatalogue.pdf>

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

June Boothby Awards

June was a slower month than the past few months but still better than the same time period in the last few years. For the month ending in June, we had 907 issued awards, so we broke the 900 mark and are heading to 1000 like a runaway train.

Bronze Star 1050

Sean Niemeyer

Diamond 250

James Herring
Adam Walter Wenclewicz

Silver 100

E. Jerry Beaulieu
Dr. Caroline Pajany

Sapphire 850

Josephine Fisher

Latinum 200

Jeffrey Allen Davis
James Daniel Maarsingh

Bronze 50

Patricia Baxter
Thomas Clark
Cher Schleigh
Tom Webster
Zebariah Young

Amber 550

Richard W. Hewitt

Gold 150

Franklin M. Newman, III
Alys Tremellwyn

Zirconium 400

TJ Wayland Allen

July Boothby Awards

This month was the slowest month so far this year with only 14 awards issued. Still, we are 79 awards short of hitting the magic 1000, and we could still hit that goal before year's end if things pick back up again.

Omega 1000

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Platinum 450

TJ Wayland Allen

Silver 100

Kelly Carter
Jeffrey Scott Triz

Sapphire 850

Erik Stubblefield

Dilithium 300

Jari L. James

Bronze 50

Kelly Carter
Christopher McDowell
Masibindi Mother Courage Miller

Opal 800

George Ann Wheeler

Diamond 250

Russell D. Ruhland

Trilithium 500

TJ Wayland Allen
Oliver Savander

Latinum 200

Monika Ruth Reinholz

Featured Colleges

Orion Orientation College

Fleet Captain Jeff Davis, Director
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But do you really KNOW the Orions?

The Orion Orientation College will introduce you to what the Orions really are: their planets, their people, their culture, and their long and tumultuous history. There is a lot more here than just green slave women!

Finally, the secrets about the galaxy's most whispered-about race will be revealed.

Course Tuition: Free (LSAE plus two loose 1st-class stamps if aprinted certificate is requested).

By Email:
capt_ncc_79158@insightbb.com

We were first introduced to the Orions in Star Trek before we were even introduced to Captain Kirk... when the Talosians cast Captain Pike into one of their illusions, with Vina as an exotic green Orion slave girl. Another green Orion woman was the Consort of Garth of Izar when he took over the prison he had been sent to. In Star Trek: Enterprise, Captain Archer found out about the Orion Syndicate and its slave trade when he had to rescue nine of his own crew from the slave market on Verex III.



Cadet College of Sci-Fi
Nancy O. Shields, Director
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Shirley Burton (assistant director)
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oddballextreme@yahoo.com

Nancy is currently on a leave of absence...contact Shirley for courses.

The Cadet College of Sci-Fi has courses specifically written for cadets aged 6 through 18. These would

consist of both children's television and movies that are specifically aimed at the younger STARFLEET members.

Course Tuition is free via email: IMN2TREK@charter.net

Course Tuition via mail: Free with submission of SASE (regular size for course only and legal size for certificate).

CALF 101: *ALF* Season 1
CALF 102: *ALF* Season 2
CALF 103: *ALF* SeaSon 3
CALF 104: *ALF* Season 4
CVOY 101: *Voyager*

Promotions

CONGRATULATIONS:

Shawn Gregory to Fleet Captain
Larry French, Sr. to Major General
Donald Dobrin to Lieutenant Commander

STARFLEET Academy Awards

Another IC year has come and gone. I thank my proxy, Glen Diebold, for stepping in for me. He got the best part, and that was to present the certificates to all the well-deserved individuals below who were able to make to the Conference. Without further ado, the winners are:

BLUE SQUAD

Leader: Jacob Hollifield
Assistant Leader: Kurtis William Andrew Nutt

Blue Squad Members: For exemplary work while attending STARFLEET Academy

Amber Rowlette (on behalf of Cadet College of Borg Technology)
Jacob Hollifield (on behalf of Cadet Preparatory College)
Jacob Hollifield (on behalf of Cadet Romulan Orientation College)
Ariana Heller (on behalf of College of Charmed)
Kurtis William Andrew Nutt (on behalf of Officer's Command College)
Katherine McKean (on behalf of Cadet College of Mathematics)

GOLD SQUAD

Leaders: Larry Dale French, Sr. and Debbie French
Assistant Leaders: Bill and Sharon Rowlette

Gold Squad Members: For exemplary work while attending STARFLEET Academy as a family

Jacinda Thorsen and Jayden Tyronian (on behalf of College of United Kingdom)
Debbie French and Larry Dale French, Sr.(on behalf of College of Charmed)
Debbie French and Larry Dale French, Sr.(on behalf of College of Intelligence in Media)
Brian M. Pickett and Kathleen Pickett (on behalf of College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi)
Bill Rowlette and Sharon Rowlette (on behalf of College of Intelligence Operations)
Donna Hollifield and Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr. (on behalf of Starfleet Officer's Leadership College)

RED SQUAD

Leader:Eric Schulman
Assistant Leader: Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr.

Red Squad members: For exemplary work while attending STARFLEET Academy

Russell D. Ruhland (on behalf of the College of Borg Technology)
Brian M. Pickett (on behalf of Cardassian Orientation

College)
Jeremy Andrew Skelton (on behalf of College of Xeno Studies)
Gary "Tiny" Wayne Hollifield, Jr. (on behalf of Klingon Warrior College)
George Allen Parker (on behalf of Romulan Orientation College)
Brian M. Pickett (on behalf of The Gorn Academy)
Stephen Stott (on behalf of the Vulcan Orientation College)
Donald Dobrin (on behalf of the College of Down Under)
Michael Wyant (on behalf of the College of United Kingdom)
Jeffrey Alan Davis (on behalf of the College of Charmed)
Thomas Pawelczak (on behalf of the College of Fantasy Realm)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of the College of Cryptography)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of the College of Intelligence Operations)
Joanne Schoenthaler (on behalf of College of Bond, James Bond)
Larry Dale French (on behalf of College of Intelligence in Media)
Wallace Whitaker Cady (on behalf of College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi)
George Alan parker (on behalf of College of Military Intelligence)
Jared K. Fielder (on behalf of Flag Officer's School)
Peter Hopkins (on behalf of Officer's Command College)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College)
Gary Wayne Hollifield, Jr. (on behalf of College of Survival Studies)
Scott Christopher Schaller (on behalf of College of Archaeology and Anthropology)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of College of Computer History)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of College of Mathematics)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of College of Medicine)
John M. Prushko (on behalf of College of Temporal Physics)
George Ann Wheeler (on behalf of Chaplain Services College of Spirituality)
John M. Prushko (on behalf of STARFLEET Officer's

Radio School)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of Vulcan Academy of Science)
Mark Anderson (on behalf of College of Special Operations in Movies)
Oliver J. Savander (on behalf of College of Special Operations Training)
Eric Johannson (on behalf of College of Special Operations Units)

Brian J. Landry (on behalf of College of Star Trek Chronology)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of College of Economics)
Eric Schulman (on behalf of College of Geneology)
Gary Wayne Hollifield, Jr. (on behalf of College of Humour)
Grahame Smith (on behalf of College of Mythological Studies)

STARFLEET Academy Staff Awards

Commandant's Star Award

Jayden Tyronian (Chief, Electronic Services, SFA Webmaster, Dean of Institute of Foreign Affairs, Director of College Down Under, Director of United Kingdom, Director of Star Trek Chronology)

Support Staff Member of the Year

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

Institute of the Year

Institute of Science Fiction Studies - Dean, George Ann Wheeler
College of Babylon 5 - Director, Carol Thompson
College of Charmed * - Director, Debbie French
College of Dr. Who - Director, Grady Glover
College of Fantasy Realm * - Director, Erik Stubblefield
College of Farscape - Director, Carol Thompson
College of Macabre * - Director, George Ann Wheeler

College of Sci-Fi Cinema - Director, George Ann Wheeler
College of Sci-Fi Television - Director, George Ann Wheeler
College of Stargate - Director, George Ann Wheeler
College of Star Wars - Director, Douglas Mayo

* These are now located in the Institute of Fantasy, Horror, & the Supernatural

Dean of the Year

George Ann Wheeler (Institute of Science Fiction Studies)

College of the Year

College of Charmed - Director, Debbie French

Director of the Year

Debbie French (College of Charmed)

From the desk of Scholarship Director, FCPT Reed Bates

We were fortunate to be able to award seven scholarships this year. Congratulations to the following recipients. Good luck in your studies.

Christopher McLain hails from R3 and the *USS Tejas*

LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship

Laura Ingles hails from R15 and the *SS Ian Fleming*

James Doohan / Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship

Jeremy McLain hails from R3 and the *USS Tejas*

Marina Sirtis Veterinary Science Scholarship

Lena Johnson hails from R17 and the *USS Wind Spirit*

Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Writers

Rachel Pevsner hails from R2 and the *USS Republic*

Space Explorers Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Jones hails from R3 and the *USS Gunslinger*

LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship

Erik Stubblefield hails from R11 and the *USS Southern Cross*

Riddle me this...

Last issue's riddle:

A strange earthen house,
That brings naught but disdain.
And yet those who stay there,
Never do complain.

Answer: A grave.

New Riddle:

After the final fire,
the winds will blow,
And these, which are already dead,
will cover the ones who have yet to die.

Answer in next issue.

ADM Peg Pellerin, SFA Commandant

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"I went to a bookstore and asked a saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose." -- George Carlin





Your Next Stop: IC 2011 at Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania

by **COMM Jeffrey Victor**
Chair, **STARFLEET International Conference 2011**



The 2011 International Conference is now less than a year away! The *USS Challenger* is playing host to all of STARFLEET when we descend on the Inn at Pocono Manor from August 12-14, 2011.

The Inn at Pocono Manor is an ideal spot for vacations, honeymoons, sports, activities and conferences like ours. The hotel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has been serving guests since 1902.

With 36 holes of Championship Golf—the hotel's courses designed by George Fazio and Donald Ross—the Inn at Pocono Manor has been host to many of the legends of golf, including Masters' Championship winners Arnold Palmer, Art Wall, Sam Snead, and Tommy Bolt. The Inn also features two practice putting greens, a driving range, and the Greg Wall School of Golf, with lessons taught by PGA Professionals. Tee-Times can also be booked online at poconomanor.com.

The Full Service Laurel Spa is a perfect opportunity to sneak away for an hour or two of tranquility with services ranging from hot stone massage to facials and manicures. With its soothing colors, granite and limestone flooring, and tumbled stone walls, the Spa has an ambiance that puts guests in the mood to relax while the fully certified and professionally-trained staff gets to work. You can even make Spa Reservations in advance by calling (570) 839-0140.

The Stables at Pocono Manor take advantage of the 3000-plus acres of the Resort and provide a wide array of activities, such as trail, pony, and carriage rides, daily kids programs, and even a petting zoo. Whether you own your own saddle or your only experience with a horse is from TV's *Mr. Ed*, the staff at the Stables are experienced with all skill levels. With the picturesque trails, the abundance of plant and animal life, and the streams of clear water and the beautiful mountain air, the Stables can be your ticket to avoiding all that small talk. To make an appointment with the Stables, please call (570) 839-6237.

If you're like me and are more of an indoors-y type, don't worry, there's plenty to do without leaving the building! The hotel features indoor and outdoor pools, a Nautilus fitness center, table tennis, pool, poker table, arcade games, a large gift shop, a post office, and even a 40-seat theatre. The theatre will be staffed by the conference team and will provide a great lineup of films...so if you have a suggestion for the room, please let us know.

The hotel has complimentary Wi-Fi in every guestroom and in most public areas, so you can stay connected wherever you go. Other onsite activities include miles of hiking trails, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, bocce, basketball, and a children's play area.

Don't forget the IC Paintball Tournament! Held at Skirmish USA, the Number One paintball facility in the USA, the tournament will finally decide who STARFLEET's top paintballer is! Your admission fee will include transportation to and from the fields, paintgun, goggles, face mask, CO2/N2, field judges, camo and ammo!

If you're going to go offsite for some fun activities, there's no shortage of great stuff to enjoy in the Poconos. Only 10 minutes away is the

beautiful, new Mount Airy Casino. Home to over 2500 slots and electronic table games, jackpots are always in season. The casino also offers great restaurants and live entertainment. Trek luminaries like James Darren and even Joe Piscopo have graced the Mount Airy's showroom. If shopping is more your speed, try the Crossings Premium Outlets. Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Burberry, Calvin Klein, Coach, Gap Outlet, J. Crew, Liz Claiborne, Movado, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, and Tommy Hilfiger are only a few of the 100-plus stores that call the Crossings home.



Camelbeach Waterpark, located at the Camelback Ski Resort, features 22 waterslides, a heated wave pool, an adventure river, kids play areas, bumper boats, mini-golf, and more. The Houdini Museum, which is the only building in the world dedicated to Harry Houdini, has been called "high-quality entertainment" by the *New York Times* and is a must-see. Even the Pocono Raceway, home to two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races, is a few miles away. Free tours of the facility are available when racing isn't in session. For more information on things to do in the Poconos, give the Pocono Mountains Convention and Visitors Bureau a call at 1-800-POCONOS.

As for programming, we're working on some great stuff for this year. Being that the hotel is as old as it is, it goes without saying that there have been some reports of paranormal activity over the years. We're assembling a ghost hunting team to explore the hotel with its own resident ghost team. Your conference staff is also putting together great discussion panels on topics such as old *Star Trek* v. new *Star Trek*, *JJ Trek 2*, *Stargate*, *Dr. Who*, the *Galactica* and *Caprica* Universe, *Star Trek Online*, Print Newsletters – Dead or Alive, and even onsite STARFLEET Academy courses. There's a lot of space to fill, so if you have an idea or would

like to host a panel, please email the programming chair at < programming@ic2011.com >.

Our accommodation packages are something new to the IC. We have five options that will suit every need. Our **Commander's Package** includes the room, tax, and gratuity only. The **Captain's Package** includes the room, tax and gratuity, as well as the Saturday night IC Banquet. Our **Colonel's Package** includes the same as the Captain's Package, plus the Friday Night Marine Dress Mess. The **Commodore's Package** includes room, tax, gratuity, as well as breakfast and dinner in the hotel's main dining room. The Friday Night Dress Mess can be substituted for your Friday night dinner, as well as the IC banquet can be substituted for the Saturday night dinner. Our **Admiral's Package** is the same as the Commodore's Package but includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Take the hassle out of deciding where to go for dinner and spend more time having fun right there at the hotel. For more information on hotel packages, please visit the IC 2011 Web site at < ic2011.com >. Also, if you're looking for roommates, don't forget to use our forums at < forums.ic2011.com >. They're also a great way to send us panel ideas or other suggestions, as well.

One thing STARFLEET members know is food. That's why we've got great lineups for the main meal events of the weekend. Tentative meal selections for our main banquet buffet include grilled chicken and broccoli scampi, beef braciola, vegetable manicotti with roasted red pepper sauce and varied sides, salads, and desserts. Currently, those attending the Marine Mess buffet will be able to choose from roasted turkey breast or herb crusted pork loin along with the standard accoutrements. The hotel also boasts the culinary delights of the main dining room for those members on a Commodore's or Admiral's plan, as well as à la carte dining at The Old Lamplighter Lounge and the Exchange at Pocono Manor. The Old Lamplighter is perfect for its pub fare and drink specials in a comfortable, casual atmosphere. For those looking for a little more upscale place to eat, the Exchange is the perfect place. On August 16, 1902, the Pocono Inn welcomed its first guests into the "Exchange," an inviting space for Quaker friends to share thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Today, the Inn carries on this tradition with eclectic continental cuisine and a global wine list.

Getting to and from the airport should also prove to be no problem with our complimentary shuttle service from Scranton-Wilkes Barre Airport to the hotel. Shuttles are on a first come, first served basis and should be reserved in advance with our transportation team at < transportation@ic2011.com >. We're also located within driving distance of Lehigh Valley Airport (AVP), Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), Harrisburg International Airport (HIA), Newark International Airport (EWR), John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), and LaGuardia Airport (LGA).

Proceeds from IC 2011 will benefit the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund, so by supporting IC 2011, you'll be supporting the educational pursuits of our members. All in all, it's going to be a great weekend for STARFLEET, and we're looking forward to having you join us in the Poconos! So don't wait, register and reserve today! We'll see you in 2011!





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RANK: COMMANDER
POSITION: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OTHER POSITIONS: OIC *USS RIVERSIDE* LOBO FLIGHT CREW
SHIP: *USS RIVERSIDE* NCC-1860
REGION: 6, IOWA (USA)

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Ten Minutes in the Sun: *USS Riverside* Helps a Record-Setting Trek Fest XXVI

The June sun in Iowa is known to be harsh. It was a real trial for the people trying to set a new Guinness World Record for most people gathered in *Star Trek* costumes. This attempt was at the 26th annual Riverside Trek Fest, in Riverside, IA. The Fest, celebrating all things *Trek* in the "Future Birthplace of James T. Kirk," went all out for this event. Some events were honors, and some were real treats. They all contributed to a real unique experience for attendees at Riverside's Hall Park and at the nearby Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

Aside from the Guinness attempt, the Trek Fest 2010 edition was to feature several new events: University of Northern Iowa Professor Rod Deiser would give a great presentation on "Friendship in *Star Trek*." The organizers of Trek Fest, the Riverside Area Community Club (or RACC), re-christened their Riverside shuttlecraft float/artwork. This was in the *Star Trek* tradition of naming shuttles for famous scientists and explorers. The group was honoring the name and memory of University of Iowa Professor James Van Allen, discoverer of the Van Allen radiation belts in earth orbit.

Trek Fest XXVI Guests of Honor included Walter Koenig (returning for the third straight year), BarBara Luna (Marlena Moreau of the TOS episode "Mirror, Mirror"), and James Cawley (James Kirk of the award-nominated web series *Star Trek: Phase II*). Unfortunately, a reported car accident kept Mr. Cawley from appearing. The Guests of Honor were to be truly honored, with the first stars on the newly proposed Riverside Walk of Fame. This is to be a bricked landscaped walkway and enhancement to be installed later in 2010 for the area surrounding the Kirk Birthplace marker in downtown Riverside.

STARFLEET's chapter home-ported in Riverside, IA, the *USS Riverside* NCC-1660, and her integral active-

interest group, the *USS Riverside* Lobo Flight Crew of the Davenport, IA/ Moline, IL area, were on the ground to help enjoy the event. The group was also going to participate and help run Trek Fest events. Several members of the *Riverside* and the LFC joined *USS Riverside* Executive Officer James Olson, who was honored with being named Trek Fest parade announcer and presenter, to kick off the Celebrity Q&A at Riverside Casino, introducing the Q&A Master of Ceremonies: Riverside-as-Kirk's-Birthplace founder Steve Miller.

Attending for the Riverside/Lobo delegation were Commander Olson, Quartermaster and Commander Dennis Arps and his wife, RACC officer Renee Arps, and Lobo Flight Crew's Senior NCO Chief Petty Officer M'Haus of Vulcan (aka Mike House), who was to run the *USS Riverside Trek* videothon at Hall Park in Riverside. Also attending were Petty Officer First Class William

Van Brunt and Ship's Ambassadors and Trek Fest Parade judges Brad Smith and Liz Robinson. Joining the combined crew were LFC Crewmen Alan Thompson and his wife, and Healer H'Dee of Bajor (aka Heidee Thompson). Rounding out the group were Crewman Mary Cichanowski, sporting an NX-01 jumpsuit, and her friend Pam McLaughlin joined her for the fun at Trek Fest.

The events for Trek Fest largely went well, though as with any event, "best intentions" did factor in to make some events seem a bit *ad hoc*, put together at the last minute and even "MacGyvered." Professor Deiser's presentation on Fest Friday evening was a nice follow-up to the *Star Trek* trivia contest, which was won by *Star Trek: Phase II* associate producer Alexander Yi. The University of Northern Iowa professor was very eloquent in pointing out the different levels and kinds of friendships found in *Trek* and especially in exploring

the "TOS triad": the friendship of Kirk, Spock, and McCoy.

The parade, themed on the TOS episode "Mirror, Mirror," was a great kickoff for Fest Saturday. Commander Olson had a great time announcing the various local group floats and especially had fun watching parade judges and ambassadors Liz Robinson and Brad Smith discuss which floats were better than others. The parade featured the new shuttle *James Van Allen*, a Klingon Bird of Prey, and a refurbished *USS Riverside* NCC-1818; the starship is the symbolic namesake for the STARFLEET chapter.



A FEW GOOD WARRIORS: ONLY THREE KLINGONS BRAVED THE 88-DEGREE-FAHRENHEIT TEMPERATURES TO JOIN THE GLORY OF TREK FEST. THE WARRIORS INCLUDED, AT RIGHT, COMMANDER K'RAD OF THE RING OF FIRE KLINGON GROUP, AKA BRYAN DETTAMORE OF INDIANAPOLIS. INTERVIEWING HIM AT LEFT IS WALTER KOENIG, THE COSTUME CONTEST JUDGE FOR TREK FEST XXVI. PHOTO COURTESY OF HERB KANE, RACC/RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY CLUB.



GUESTS OF HONOR AT TREK FEST XXVI: BARBARA LUNA (MARLENA MOREAU, AKA "THE CAPTAIN'S WOMAN" FROM *TOS* EPISODE "MIRROR, MIRROR, RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY CLUB/RACC PR DIRECTOR HERB KANE, AND WALTER KOENIG (THE ORIGINAL *TOS* CHEKOV. PHOTO COURTESY OF HERB KANE, RACC/RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY CLUB.

Immediately after the parade, Commander Olson, the Thompsons, and PO1 Van Brunt went to the costume contest. The *Riverside*/Lobo personnel had fun with the Federation portion of the costume contest, judged by BarBara Luna and Walter Koenig. Crewman Alan Thompson even made the finals before Gregg Piper of Iowa City, former RACC officer and "Mirror, Mirror Kirk," won the first prize. Participants came from as far away as the countries of Turkey and Colombia. There were even a few very brave (foolhardy?) Klingons in attendance, and Stormtroopers appeared from the Des Moines Garrison of the Fighting 501st. They were all in full armor or leather...and lots of perspiration!

The Guinness World Record attempt had been the brainchild of Commander James Olson, after seeing the benchmark London record set on Valentine's Day. He approached and received approval from RACC to include the event in

Trek Fest XXVI. Through a spring 2010 decision, the RACC decided to put the event under the oversight of RACC Public Relations Assistant Fred Monfeli, who also headed a chapter for Starfleet Command in eastern IA. The RACC received official sanction from Guinness in March, making the *Riverside* attempt the first one of several tries to bring the World Record to the United States.

The "Riverside Four" mingled with very hot, eager, and patient participants at the Hall Park tennis court, answering a challenge from the *USS Shooting Star*, a *Trek* fan group in Tampa, FL. The group had offered in April 2010 a challenge to Trek Fest "...in the spirit of competition." This challenge was for them to set the World Record, before Trek Fest could in June. Their attempt in Tampa, FL, on May 1st, did break the British record of 99, scoring 110 people gathered in *Star Trek* Costume. However, on the same day, FedCon in Bonn, Germany set the new unofficial benchmark of 507 people. The British



attempt was still official at Trek Fest time, but the German attempt was the one to beat.

The trick for Guinness consideration was to have people in recognizable Federation, Klingon, or *Trek* alien costume from any of the six series (animated series included) and the eleven films. The participants had to stay, filmed or photographed, in one area for 10 minutes to qualify for the record. Since the organizers decided to use a concrete, fenced-in tennis court, it would have been ideal...but not at 1pm on a June afternoon in Iowa!

Ten minutes at 92 degrees, even in basic command gold, made the average participant feel like the finished dish on a Julia Childs cooking show—"Trekkié flambé." However, after the last person was counted, only one individual required medical attention; she was reportedly okay after a short while. The *USS Shooting Star* had issued a challenge to set the record in the US "...in the spirit of friendly competition." Riverside, IA, answered by trouncing the Tampa attempt with 153 people, a new American record. It wasn't the unofficial German record, but did beat the London attempt, and the "friendly competition" gave Riverside and Trek Fest bragging rights in America...until the next attempt. The hot participants from Trek Fest wished them good luck—and more air conditioning.

[Editorial note: The folks in Iowa and Germany would not be able to hold onto their records for long. The new US and World records were set in Las Vegas on August 7: an unofficial count of 543. At the time this is being written, another attempt will be taking place at Dragon*Con in Atlanta, GA on September 4.]

Some Trek Fest events had to be postponed, as the area along the English River on the south edge of Riverside was flooded at Fest time. The Demolition Derby and Kiddie Tractor Pull gave way to the Kirk's Stomping Ground Rodeo (the biggest event draw in 2009) and though muddy, proved a popular feature of Fest Saturday. The Celebrity Q&A proved even more of a unique experience.

The Riverside Casino and Golf Resort had an unusual dilemma: how do you have a *Star Trek* Convention and a concert by rock legends Bachman & Turner (of Bachman Turner Overdrive fame) on the same day? They pulled out the stops and made the Q&A a conditional success. Commander Olson of the *USS Riverside* had to rush from the 92-degree Guinness site to the 64-degree climate-controlled Casino stage. While he shivered and readied for the Q&A, he was informed that a last-minute

change made him the presenter for the Riverside Walk of Fame. The project creator and *USS Riverside* recruit Elischewah "El" Basting had originated the idea to honor her favorite *Trek* star Walter Koenig. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she would not be able to honor her favorite star in person.

Commander Olson dutifully introduced the show and broke the first news of the new American record just set. Then Olson had the pleasure of introducing the "Father of Trek Fest," Steve Miller. He briefly recounted how, in 1985, as a Riverside Council member, he'd approached his fellow City Council and they had petitioned Gene Roddenberry and Paramount to claim Jim Kirk as their "Future Son." Gene Roddenberry wrote a very cordial reply saying, in part, "...as far as I'm concerned, the first who asks is the first who gets." The rest was history.

The Q&A began in earnest with Walter Koenig. He was funny, vigorous, and engaging with the audience. He recounted how he had become popular as Chekov with young girls, and then he held forth on Bester from *Babylon 5* as a favorite role. Koenig also spoke at length on his development and release of *Inalienable*, a 2008 film which has gained cult status.

Steve Miller called Olson to the podium, and the Riverside XO related how Ms. Basting, a Marion, IA adjunct college educator, had conceived and developed the Riverside Walk of Fame. The proposed bricked patio and walkway would feature stars, in part honoring the Guest of Honor who shared the stage with Olson. This, he said, was to redress the Hollywood Walk of Fame snubbing Koenig for over 6 years, including 2010. Ironically, all other Original Series



AT KIRK'S STARTING POINT: SURROUNDING THE KIRK BIRTHMARKER IN DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE, IA ARE TREK FEST XXVI GUESTS AND FRESHMAN RIVERSIDE WALK OF FAME HONOREES WALTER AND BARBARA LUNA. THE PROPOSED RIVERSIDE WALK OF FAME WILL BE A BRICKED LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENT TO THE AREA AROUND THE BIRTHMARKER. PHOTO COURTESY OF HERB KANE, RACC/RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY CLUB.

stars and Gene Roddenberry have Hollywood WoF stars. In fact, the Stars for the Riverside Walk of Fame were on display to the side of the convention at that moment.

Olson stated that Ms. Basting had a personal message for Mr. Koenig: that he represented the best in friendship, in humanitarianism, philanthropy, and community action. Koenig had personally touched Ms. Basting, and for Mr. Koenig to return to Riverside for the third year in a row, that it proved her right. She had commissioned a student of hers, Scott Hendricks of Cedar Rapids, IA, to hand paint the one-of-a-kind reverse-painted plaques. Then she

designed the stars, made from red Iowa flagstone. With that, Commander James Olson had the pleasure of presenting the first Riverside Walk of Fame Star to Walter Koenig. The convention crowd gave him a standing ovation.

After the crowd calmed, the Exec of the *USS Riverside* had a further surprise. Having turned over one plaque of several to induct the Riverside Walk of Famers with, Olson told the crowd that he'd informed Steve Miller that he had been going to call the next honoree out of the crowd. That wasn't necessary, as he himself was the next inductee. Miller, the founder of the "Future Birthplace" concept for Riverside, was very surprised, especially since the land where the Kirk Birthplace marker is located in downtown was, in fact, his property. Miller then publicized a plan he and his family had decided on: they were donating the Kirk Birthplace property to the Riverside Area Community Club, ensuring a tourist destination for Trekkies around the world to be there for years to come.

James Cawley was to be next, but due to his reported accident, *Star Trek: Phase II* associate producer Alexander Yi, the *Star Trek* trivia champion, then came to the podium and gave an update on Cawley's condition, which reportedly was good, and that he would try to reschedule his appearance. He also gave information on upcoming episodes on the award-nominated web series. Olson gave Mr. Yi James Cawley's Walk of Fame plaque, and he said he'd definitely make sure Mr. Cawley received it.

Barbara Luna, who was personal friends with Cawley, met briefly with Yi onstage and then held forth on her own Q&A. Answers to questions included: Shatner was a good kisser, she didn't date Elvis, and yes, she was on *Bonanza*. Then Olson was called back to present the last Walk of Fame plaque to Ms. Luna.

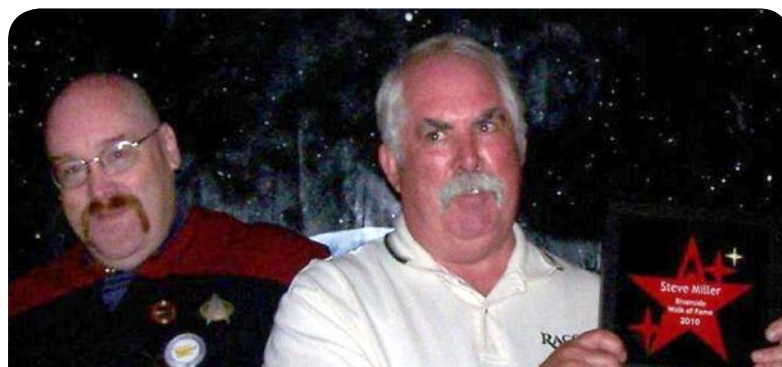
The Celebrity Q&A wrapped up with photo and autograph sessions with the Guests of Honor. Commander Olson was interviewed by a colleague, Bryan Dettamore, co-host of the *Star Trek* and Sci-fi genre webradio broadcast, the *Lou Trek Show*. The Indianapolis-based duo gave a very nice close to the Celebrity Q&A.

Though activities for Trek Fest Saturday continued in Hall Park with a carnival, the Rodeo, live music, and finally fireworks (courtesy of the City of Riverside), for the *USS Riverside*, it was time for something very special: the annual *USS Riverside* Shipwide Summit. This annual gathering is the only regular meeting of the *Riverside's* crew, other than the activities of the Lobo Flight Crew. The rest of the year the starship "meets" online at < www.ussriverside.us >.

The Shipwide Summit yielded some bittersweet news: due to some unfortunate happenstances and negative experiences at the Fest, a few members from the *USS Riverside* decided not to participate either in future Trek Fests nor continue with membership in the chapter. That was sobering news. But the remaining members then agreed that the process, rough though the Fest had been, had bonded the others more closely. The experience had made the *USS Riverside* and Lobo Flight Crew stronger. As a very touching surprise, *Riverside* recruit El Basting was feeling well enough to attend the Summit meeting. She brought a treat: being a native of the Netherlands, she had baked a "pie" (more of a mocha-buttercream icing cake), which every weary Trekkie appreciated as the ambrosia it was.

The camaraderie through the end of the Shipwide Summit was the best aspect of the entire Trek Fest. Through sometimes disappointing, hot, or negative experiences, the *USS Riverside* and Lobo Flight Crew together exemplified the edict from the crew of the *USS Voyager*: it is not so important getting to your destination... it is the journey together that counts.

May your voyages in STARFLEET and in our fine chapters worldwide prove to you that *Star Trek* lives and is stronger than ever. Live long and prosper!



HONORING THE FOUNDER IN THE DARK: COMMANDER JAMES OLSON, XO OF THE USS RIVERSIDE (LEFT) LOOKS ON AS HE INDUCTS RIVERSIDE-AS-KIRK'S BIRTHPLACE FOUNDER STEVE MILLER INTO THE FRESHMAN CLASS OF HONOREES FOR THE RIVERSIDE WALK OF FAME, A PROPOSED LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENT AT THE KIRK BIRTHMARKER. MILLER DOUBLED AS MC FOR THE TREK FEST XXVI CELEBRITY Q&A, AT THE RIVERSIDE (IA) CASINO & GOLF RESORT. OLSON ALSO INDUCTED THE FIRST WALK OF FAME HONOREE: WALTER KOENIG. PHOTO COURTESY OF HERB KANE, RACC/RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY CLUB.





THE ICON: THE LANDMARK AND FLOAT THAT IS STILL VISIBLE ON GOOGLE EARTH (THOUGH NOW GRACING THE PARKING LOT OF THE NEARBY THE VOYAGE HOME HERITAGE CENTER AND AR TREK MUSEUM) THE *USS RIVERSIDE* NCC-1818 WARPS DOWN STATE ROUTE 22 IN DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE, IA, THE CENTERPIECE FLOAT OF THE TREK FEST XXVI PARADE. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN WILLIAMSON, *IOWA CITY PRESS CITIZEN*.



THE "DARK SIDE" AT THE FINALS: *USS RIVERSIDE* LOBO FLIGHT CREWMAN ALAN THOMPSON, DRESSED AS THE "FUTURE EVIL *USS VOYAGER* SECURITY GUARD" (FAR LEFT), MAKES THE FINALS FOR THE FEDERATION DIVISION OF THE COSTUME CONTEST AT TREK FEST XXVI. FOURTH FROM RIGHT, "MIRROR, MIRROR KIRK" GREGG PIPER OF IOWA CITY LATER WON FIRST PRIZE. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN WILLIAMSON, *IOWA CITY PRESS CITIZEN*.



COMMANDER JM OLSON, ALONG WITH THREE *USS RIVERSIDE* CREW IN THE CROWD, SETTING A NEW AMERICAN RECORD OF 153 PEOPLE GATHERED IN *STAR TREK* COSTUMES, ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD, AT TREK FEST XXVI IN RIVERSIDE, IA. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.



RECORD-SETTING LONG SHOT: COMMANDER JAMES OLSON, XO OF THE *USS RIVERSIDE* AND THREE OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE PARTICIPATING AT THE GUINNESS RECORD ATTEMPT FOR MOST PEOPLE GATHERED IN *STAR TREK* COSTUMES AT TREK FEST XXVI. A TOTAL OF 153 PEOPLE IN RIVERSIDE, IA, SET A NEW AMERICAN RECORD, BEATING THE *USS SHOOTING STAR*'S PREVIOUS US RECORD OF 110 ON MAY 1. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN WILLIAMSON, *IOWA CITY PRESS CITIZEN*.



WAIT A MINUTE! MEMBERS OF THE FIGHTING 501ST DES MOINES (IA) GARRISON MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE TREK FEST XXVI PARADE, FEATURING AN APPARENT SCOTTISH INFILTRATOR. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN WILLIAMSON, *IOWA CITY PRESS CITIZEN*.

USS RIVERSIDE LOBO FLIGHT CREW AT THE TREK FEST PARADE AT TREK FEST XVI (FROM LEFT): CPO M'HAUS OF VULCAN (MIKE HOUSE) OF MOLINE, IL; GUEST PAM MCLAUGHLIN OF CHICAGO; CREWMAN MARY CICHANOWSKI OF WINONA, MN; AND PO1 WILLIAM VAN BRUNT, OF MOLINE, IL. PHOTO BY JM OLSON.





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Being a Comic Book Writer and Producer

When I was a kid, I'd read the Houston Chronicle's Sunday Comics page—the largest selection of all color comics in the United States—which made me want to be a comic artist. Although I did not allow my ability to draw grow as much as I would have wanted, I have found a niche in becoming a comic writer and producer.

It sounds easy to write a comic, but to be honest, it is not. You have to have a pre-conceived notion on how you want the story to go based on the number of panels on the page, the amount of action you want to show, similar actions. You must also describe what you want to see on each panel. I've often discovered that the most general description is also the best and gives the artist enough freedom to work rather than super-detailed image ideas. For example, here is a quick excerpt from my main graphic novel:

Page 1

Sun setting on a palace on the Nile.

Panel 1

Eboni is sitting in her room, clutching her belly.

Panel 2

Eboni pulls an urn to herself and throws up.

Panel 3

Eboni looks up and moans.

Panel 4

EBONI
 How... how can I tell them I love Jabari? How can I tell them that he's gone to war and left me alone with our child?

Panel 5

Eboni gets on her feet and staggers to the door.

It's bare bones, but if you're an artist, it's just enough to let your imagination run wild.

The only other difficulty of writing it is finding the time or inspiration to write more. I've written 24 pages of the graphic novel, and I hired an artist, but beyond that, it's difficult to move forward. Even though I've already written the story out in typical form, it's the conversion from that form to a script that is time-consuming and tedious since you're now moving from the story being pushed forward by an omnipresent narrator who allows you to hear the thoughts of the character to translating



**SAMPLES OF HOW THE PAGE 1 SCRIPT
 (PRESENTED IN THE ARTICLE) TURNED FIRST
 INTO A ROUGH SKETCH...**

that into dialogue and facial expressions. This is also the point at which you figure out how many plot holes you have or inconsistencies, which you absolutely have to catch BEFORE PUBLICATION, or else you will end up as the laughing stock of comic artists. Once you iron out everything, you can start with producing the comic.

As a general rule, if you're not willing to spend a ton of money on getting the comic drawn and published and then watch the money come in—and hope that you will wind up in the green—comic work isn't meant for you. The hardest choice I've found is choosing an artist. You have to find someone that enjoys drawing and likes the script. If you get an artist that hates the script, you're going to throw your money out the window on a sub par product. My current venture is being drawn by a Russian artist, who has expressed enjoyment over script and content.

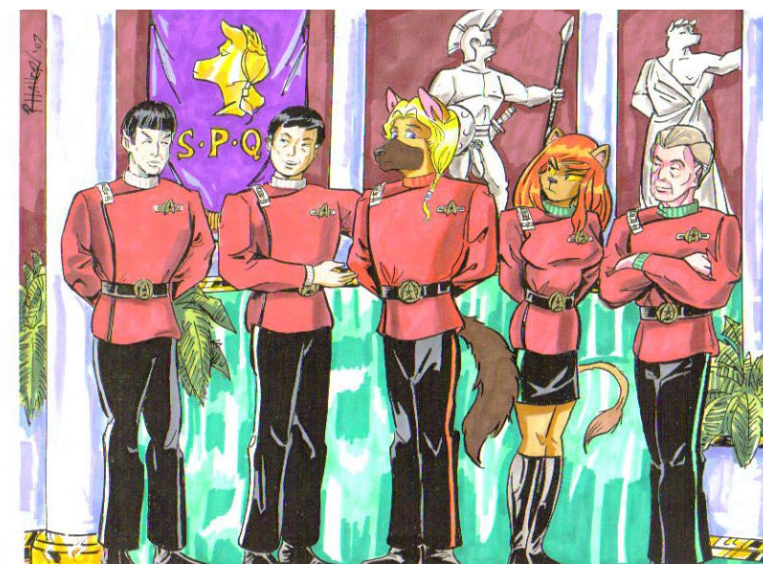
What was going to be my first venture into comic publishing—in this case non-profit work—ended in tragedy. My friend and colleague, Rusty Haller, a veteran comic artist for Marvel Entertainment, DC Comics, Disney

Publishing, Furlough Magazine, and Archie Comics, was set to draw my *Star Trek* comic (which was in no means easy to write) in the classic style of Filmmation. Unfortunately, on September 29, 2009, Rusty passed away in his sleep. His death essentially motivated me to finish writing the script for *Star Trek: the M'Kesh Incident*, which, if it is ever published either in print, online, or through *Star Trek: Phase II*, it will be dedicated to him.

Unfortunately, because it is unknown whether or not *Phase II* will pick up the project, it is doubtful that I will be able to produce it without making it myself. There are two ways that it could be done: live action or animated. Although I would prefer live action, if it is not picked up by *Phase II*, I will have to go with animation in the style of Filmmation's 1977 *Star Trek: The Animated Adventures*. Ironically, between animation and live action, it would be easier, and possibly shorter, to do a live action film. Live action requires specially-made suits, though while expensive at times, do pay off in the end with a sense of realism



**... AND THEN INTO FINISHED ARTWORK.
 SUPPLIED BY KARL KATT.**



THIS IMAGE WAS DRAWN BY THE LATE RUSTY HALLER IN 2007. HE DIED IN 2009, AND WORKED ON MANY COMIC PROJECTS, MOSTLY FOR DC AND HIS OWN IDEAS. PRIOR TO HIS DEATH IN SEPTEMBER 2009, HE WAS GOING TO WORK ON THE COMIC *STAR TREK: THE M'KESH INCIDENT*, WRITTEN BY STARFLEET MEMBER KARL KRATT. THIS PIECE OF ARTWORK WAS COMMISSIONED AND IS OWNED BY KARL.

in both feel and look. Often, these suits can be built within 6 to 12 months for anywhere from \$500 to \$4,000. Animation takes anywhere from 12 to 18 months to produce depending on complexity, but very few studios lean towards realistic portrayals, save the mid-1980's to early-1990's Japanese television shows, which would detract from this story in certain areas. But the Filmmation style is so iconic to *Star Trek* that it is impossible to see any kind of animated *Star Trek* movie or series in a different style.

While I am looking for a new comic artist, I have been working on my flagship project, a series of graphic novels under the title of *Balthazar's Treasures*. It's the evolution of three families spanning a time period of 30 years. All of the graphic novels are based on novellas I've been working on for the past 4 years. Currently, there will be 4 books that cover 1982 to 2010, each one focusing on a set of characters. I'm hoping to find a publisher eventually, but the web address has already been reserved. If you'd like to visit, even though nothing is there at the moment, please go to < www.twosilverankhs.com >.

For all those interested in writing and producing their own comic, you must remember that you will not have 100% gold on your first try. My first try was rot with nay-sayers and complainers who nit-picked every angle, some out of real genuine concern, but the majority seemed to be jealous that they were not able to create a comic in a short time and impress two artists. Working with comics is a learning process. The more you focus on what you want to portray to the audience, the more you learn to refine your craft, the more you refine your stories, and the more developed your characters become, the better the story becomes. Characters that start off as one-dimensional take on their own dimensions and evolve into something more. Plots you thought were going to be easy become more complex, making for more character development as the story progresses. You get better as everything goes along, but you also develop your own style.

When I look back, I'm glad that I'm working in comics. I always find it as a medium that mixes the visual stylings of animated television with the narration of literature. I enjoy every minute of working on my comics, even when it's not truly pleasant. It could be worse: I could be sitting in a cubical hating every minute of my life, all the while working a dead-end job. Here's to doing something you love and enjoy.





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Challenger Observes Summer with Comic Book Show and Picnic on the Beach



A DAY PRIOR TO ATOMIC CON, ADMIRAL BOB VOSELLER HAD TO GET SOME WORK DONE ON HIS CAR, ONLY TO FIND THAT THE SHOP NEXT TO WHERE HE HAD TO BRING HIS HONDA ACCORD SHUTTLE WAS ACTUALLY BUILDING BATMOBILES! HE GOT TO SIT IN THE ONE FINISHED MODEL. HE EVEN GOT TO MAKE A CALL ON THE BAT PHONE... WHICH BRINGS UP THE QUESTION: IS HE TALKING TO HIS WIFE EMILY OR PUTTING IN A LONG DISTANCE CALL TO COMMISSIONER GORDON IN GOTHAM CITY? BOB DID TRY TO GET THE BATMOBILE OVER TO ATOMIC CON, BUT THE OWNER OF THE FAMOUS VEHICLE HAD OTHER PLANS, ALTHOUGH HE CERTAINLY LIKED THE IDEA OF THRILLING COMIC BOOK FANS... PERHAPS NEXT TIME. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY BOB VOSELLER.

USS Challenger members combined their love of the summer, the beach, and comic books during the Memorial Day weekend with a visit to *Atomicon XX* held at the Stafford, N.J. Holiday Inn on May 30.

Ken Fedunewicz, a former area resident and former member of the *USS Challenger*, brought his show back to the *Challenger's* home turf that weekend. Over the years, we've attended the shows and put out fliers, but this time we wanted to do more.

The *USS Challenger* sent an away team to not only support and enjoy the show but to man a recruiting table. The team included ship CO Admiral Bob Vosseller, XO Commodore

from the 1960s.

As for me, well, a few more copies of books ranging from *RoboCop*, *The Shadow*, *Aliens*, *Iron Man* and *Namor: The Sub Mariner* found their way to my purchase bag.

Sitting next to us was Chris Campanozzi of Bayville, who manned a table during the day to sell copies of his recently-released graphic novel *Serpent Wars*.

"It was published last fall by AAM Markossa, a British Company. So far we've sold 700 copies," Campanozzi said. The book was drawn by Mexican artist Antonio Rojo and has an introduction by well-known comic book

artist and writer Howard Chaykin.

Campanozzi said he was contacted by writer Christian Rodriguez two years ago to "...flesh out the story and to write dialogue. I had done some theater writing work in the past."

The writer said he was proud of the final result of the project that involves a young scientist from the 1800s who explores the mysteries of mythology pertaining to sea serpents. Campanozzi said that another graphic novel called *Switched* is scheduled to come out from the same publishers in December.

Fedunewicz, who does coloring work for Archie Comics, said he remains mindful of the current economy and that he has tried to make his shows affordable and caters to a family audience.

During the day, free raffles of prizes were drawn. Prizes included movie tickets and "Bat Bux" coupons that could be used to buy comic books from the vendors at the show.

Fedunewicz will bring *Atomic Con XXI* back to the same location on Aug. 29, and we plan to be there as well.

The day's fun didn't end there. Following the comic book show,

we joined more *Challengers*—including Communications Officer Ann Marie McGinley and her mother, Ship's Counselor Emily Vosseller, Finance Officer Julie Victor and her husband, and fellow club member Kevin Victor and Assistant Security Chief Patrick Commune and his wife Kathleen for a kick off summer picnic on the 8th Avenue Beach of Ortley Beach, where our adopted dune is.

We all enjoyed a great picnic, and a few splashes of the Atlantic Ocean. Yup, summer is officially here and this was the first of many fun adventures for the next several months.



USS CHALLENGER'S RECRUITMENT DISPLAY TABLE AT ATOMIC CON XX ON MAY 30. SHIP EXECUTIVE OFFICER JEFF VICTOR AND HIS WIFE, SHIP'S COMM CHIEF LAURA VICTOR, ARE SEEN SITTING BEHIND THE TABLE. OTHER MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE RECRUITMENT OPERATION INCLUDE SECURITY CHIEF CAPTAIN KEN DOHN AND SHIP CO ADMIRAL BOB VOSELLER. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY BOB VOSELLER.





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What Do You Do When Your Tricorder Fails? Perform a Manual Patient Assessment!

Scenario

In the heat of a battle with the Jem' Hadar, you hear a Marine yell, "Medic—man down!" Upon arrival at the location, you hear the cry, and you find an Infantry Marine lying supine at the bottom of a 20-foot deep ravine. After making your way down to the patient, you discover an adult human male approximately 35 earth years of age. You quickly size up the scene and determine that there are no enemy soldiers in the immediate area, so there is no imminent danger to yourself or your patient. In order for you to accurately diagnose him, you must perform a patient assessment.

As you reach for your tricorder, the injured Marine informs you that the Jem' Hadar are using some sort of electromagnetic dampening field, making all electronic devices useless. How do you triage the patient without your instruments? The same way doctors and medics have for centuries, using the tools that are still available to you: your eyes, ears, hands, and your knowledge as a Medic.

Patient assessment has several main purposes:

1. To determine whether the patient is injured or has a medical illness.
2. To identify and manage immediately life-threatening injuries or conditions.
3. To determine priorities for further assessment and care on the battlefield versus immediate transport with assessment and care continuing en route.
4. To examine the patient and gather a patient history.
5. To provide further emergency care.
6. To monitor the patient's condition.
7. To communicate patient information to the medical facility staff.

Let us first break down the components of patient assessment so you have an understanding of the basics before we apply them to your patient. There are six (6) components of patient assessment, one of which varies depending on whether the

patient has a traumatic injury or a medical illness.

Patient Assessment

I. Scene Size-up

II. Initial Assessment

1. Airway
2. Breathing
3. Circulation
4. Deformity

III. Evaluate

1. Mechanism of Injury
2. Nature of Illness

IV. Determine Type of Assessment

1. Rapid Trauma/Medical Assessment (unstable patient)
2. Focused Trauma/Medical Assessment (stable patient)

V. Baseline vital signs

VI. Transport and Ongoing Assessment

I. Scene Size-Up

You have already conducted the scene size-up when you saw that there was no immediate danger to yourself and your patient.

II. Initial Assessment

The main purpose of the initial assessment is to discover and treat immediately life-threatening conditions. It is important to realize that every Marine you treat is unique—even though that Marine may exhibit the same signs and symptoms as another Marine that you treated previously. If any problems are found during the initial assessment, they must be corrected or stabilized **before** continuing. The initial assessment begins as soon as you approach the patient. When conducting an initial assessment, use your senses to help determine what happened to your patient. General appearances often give clues to the circumstances of the incident. Is the patient on the floor of his/her quarters reaching for a vial of medicine or, as in this case, on a battlefield following an explosion?

You see that the Marine is supine on the ground with his right leg underneath his left and holding the left side of his abdomen. He is conscious and tells you his name is Sgt. Rodriguez, and you ask him if he knows

where he is and the stardate. This helps with assessing his mental status and if a severe head injury might be present. If the mechanism of injury that you have identified is severe enough to cause you to suspect spinal injury, you would take immediate steps to stabilize the patient's head and spine. Luckily, he wasn't close enough to be killed instantly by the explosion, but the concussive wave knocked him down. The Marine fell from the top of the rocky ravine after absorbing the brunt of an exploding photon grenade. This type of blunt trauma usually results in some form of spinal injury. You apply a cervical collar to maintain spinal alignment and tell Sgt. Rodriguez not to move his head and to answer all questions verbally. After stabilizing his spine, you must now move on to checking his Airway, Breathing, Circulation, and obvious Deformities.

A, B, and C's

As you are talking with him, you are simultaneously checking his A, B, and C's. His airway is clear since he is talking, but check inside his mouth for foreign objects that might obstruct the airway later on. His breathing is hard and labored, but adequate enough to delay any immediate intervention. Checking his circulation requires that you check his pulse, usually the radial artery in his wrist. If a pulse cannot be found that way, check the carotid artery on the side of his neck. Determine the pulse rate by counting the beats for 30 seconds and multiply by two. Is the pulse strong or weak? If it is weak, you must suspect possible internal bleeding.

His pulse is 100 and weak. He may be in shock, but you must continue your exam to confirm this diagnosis. You visually check for obvious signs of bleeding, pools of blood or blood-soaked uniform. Upon palpation, you discover a laceration on the anterior of the head. It is not deep or profusely bleeding, so it can be treated later. His skin color, temperature, and condition are also important in determining if there is proper circulation. You note that his skin is pale, moist and cool to the touch. You have determined he is in shock, which is life-threatening. Stop and treat. (See section on shock for details).



After treating for shock, you continue on to **D**—deformities. You saw that his right leg is underneath his left, indicating a possible fracture. You cut away his pants and discover his lower leg is angulated, a sure sign of a fracture. Check for a pulse on the top of his foot (pedal pulse) to see if the broken bone stopped circulation. The pulse is not present, so you must straighten the leg to restore the pulse and to apply a splint. A splint is anything stiff enough to keep the limb straight (tree branch, rolled-up manuals, metal rod, etc.) during movement. Check again for a pulse after the splint is applied. In this case, the pulse has returned. You administer Metropen to manage the fracture and pain.

III. Evaluation

So far, you have determined that the mechanism of injury was blunt trauma caused by the shockwave of a concussive grenade and then landing in a ravine strewn with rocks. Now you have to use your experience and training to give a presumptive diagnosis of what other injuries Sgt. Rodriguez might have due to the type of injury he has sustained. You know that he has received blunt force trauma to his entire body from the initial explosion, and again after landing in the ravine. You consider that he has a weakening pulse rate, signs of shock, and hard, labored breathing. What now?

IV. Determine the Type of Assessment

Based upon your findings, you realize that his condition is barely stable and can worsen at any moment, so do you do a regular or rapid trauma assessment? This case clearly calls for a rapid assessment. When performing the rapid trauma assessment, it is necessary to inspect and palpate the patient to identify signs and symptoms of potential injuries. DCAP-BTLS are the chief signs and symptoms you are looking and feeling for during the rapid trauma assessment of each major body area. It stands for deformities, contusions, abrasions, punctures and penetrations, burns, tenderness, lacerations, and swelling. This is otherwise known as a head-to-toe assessment, where you start at the top of the head and palpate, look, and listen for additional injuries. The majority of the time, you have to cut away or remove clothing that restricts you from examining the entire body.

There are five steps:

1. **Inspect (look) for:** deformities, contusions (bruises), abrasions, punctures, penetrating wounds, burns, lacerations, swelling, unusual chest wall movements, angulated extremities, bleeding, discolorations, open wounds, significant bleeding.
2. **Palpate (feel) for:** tenderness, deformities, swelling, masses, muscle spasms, skin temperature.

3. Auscultate (listen with a stethoscope)

for: presence and equality of breath sounds.

4. Listen for:

sucking sounds, gurgling, stridor, and crepitation (grating sound when two bone ends rub together or crackling sound caused by air under the skin).

5. Use your sense of smell

to detect any unusual odors on the patient's breath, body, or clothing.

In the rapid trauma assessment, be most concerned with identifying potentially life-threatening injuries. If you find any injuries that are life threatening, you must treat them immediately to avoid further deterioration of the patient.

Starting at the head, you palpate the scalp, feeling the laceration you found earlier. There is no noticeable indentation or soft spot near the wound, so a skull fracture is unlikely. You can take a moment to put a dressing on the wound. You continue; checking the neck, then when you arrive at the chest, check for equal expansion of the lungs, broken ribs, etc. You discover a bruise and extreme tenderness on the patient's upper left side. It appears that the patient has a broken rib and, due to his earlier signs of shock, you suspect that the rib might have punctured an organ (possibly his spleen—which is located in the upper left side of the torso) causing internal bleeding. To be on the safe side, you administer Dobutamine Hydrochloride, to stabilize his blood-loss.

At this point, you call for an immediate extraction, but continue your assessment until the transport arrives. Since you suspect your patient has a spinal injury, you should assess his motor function at the extremities. Ask Sgt. Rodriguez to grasp your hands tightly and assess if there is any weakness on either or both sides. If there is weakness present, you can presume there is some type of spinal injury. Also check his lower extremities—can he move his feet? “Can you feel that?” you ask as you tap his feet. Be careful of the fractured leg since you don't want to aggravate his injury. Luckily, he has feeling in all of his extremities, but do not remove the cervical collar or let him move before a more accurate spinal exam can be performed at the hospital.

It is important not to rush to finish the assessment because you discovered a life-threatening injury. This is a common mistake among inexperienced I-Medics that can lead to missing other potentially life-threatening injuries. As you reach the legs, inspect the fracture site once again, checking for bleeding, any open fractures, discoloration, and his pedal pulse. You now have completed the rapid trauma assessment. At this point, while still awaiting transport (or during transport), you get a baseline set of vitals.

V. Baseline Vital Signs

The vital signs should be reassessed and recorded every 5 minutes in an unstable patient. In the stable patient, the vitals should be assessed and recorded a minimum of every 15 minutes. Consider any trauma patient with a significant mechanism of injury to be unstable and assess vital signs every 5 minutes. The vital signs are reviewed briefly below.

- **Breathing**—assess the rate, volume, and quality of breathing. Determine the quality of breathing as being normal, shallow, labored, deep, or noisy.
- **Pulse**—Assess the radial pulse; if the pulse is not present, assess the carotid pulse. If there is a carotid pulse but no radial pulse, or if the radial pulse is weak and rapid, the patient is likely to be suffering from shock.
- **Skin**—The skin is assessed to determine the perfusion status of the patient. Inspect for pale or cyanotic (blue) nail beds and pale skin. Feel the skin with the back of your hand for the temperature and condition. Pale, cool, clammy skin is a strong indication of poor tissue perfusion. A trauma patient with tachycardia (rapid pulse) and pale, cool, clammy skin should be assumed to be in shock.
- **Pupils**—Quickly assess the pupils for size and reactivity by shining a light into the patient's eyes. Head injury may cause the pupils to become unequal and unresponsive to light.
- **Blood pressure**—Take the blood pressure. Determine the systolic and diastolic pressure. Two signs of serious blood loss and shock are narrow pulse pressure (the difference between the systolic and diastolic pressures) and hypotension.

Assess the patient's vitals, all the time keeping him calm and asking if he is feeling any additional pain or discomfort. You find that his breathing is still labored, but not as bad as during your initial assessment. This is probably due to the Metropen that you administered earlier. His pulse is still 100 and weak. Monitor it closely during transport, as he can crash at anytime due to the internal bleeding. The skin remains unchanged; blood pressure is 90/60mmHg and holding steady. His blood pressure indicates his body is still compensating for the blood loss, but if it drops to less than 90mmHg systolic, he would be in decompensated shock and must be transported immediately. His pupils are normal, equal, and reactive to light.

VI. Transport and Ongoing Assessment

You hear over the din of the ongoing battle the whine of engines coming from the medical transport. You begin to ‘package’ the patient to be transferred and double-check his injuries to ensure that you haven't overlooked anything. The transport lands approximately

100 meters from your position, and you see two Medics rushing to you with a stretcher. All three of you load the patient onto the stretcher, careful not to compromise his spine.

In the transport, you take the opportunity to do a final assessment and get a detailed history to convey to the receiving physician. The SAMPLE method is the simplest way of remembering what information is needed for your report.

- **Signs**—during your assessment, you are continuously inspecting for signs of trauma.
- **Symptoms**—How do you feel? Do you hurt anywhere? What symptoms are you experiencing?
- **Allergies**—Do you have any allergies? Are you allergic to any medications?
- **Medications**—Have you been currently taking any medications?
- **Pertinent Past Medical History**—Have you had any recent illness? Have you been seeing a doctor for any condition?
- **Last Oral Intake**—When did you last eat or drink anything?
- **Events Leading to the Injury**—How did this incident happen? Information may shed additional light on the mechanism of injury.

En route to the hospital, your priority is to continuously reassess the components of the initial assessment—mental status, airway, breathing, and circulation—plus vital signs and components of the rapid trauma assessment focused on the patient's injuries. You will also reassess the effectiveness of your intervention.

In conclusion, you must set priorities for management of critical injuries and conditions both at the scene and throughout the transport to the hospital.

Congratulations, due to your effective patient assessment skills, you have successfully diagnosed and treated Sgt. Rodriguez's injuries, and he is expected to make a full recovery. Now that you have learned the importance and effectiveness of patient assessment, you will become an extraordinary field medic and a valuable asset to the Fleet.

Note that this outline is not a substitution for proper medical training and that this is an abbreviated and simplified version of the actual patient assessment protocols taught to EMTs and paramedics.



THE UNOFFICIAL STARFLEET "ANTHEM"



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STARFLEET Anthem

Helen Pawlowski

THE SHEET MUSIC FOR THE STARFLEET ANTHEM. PREPARED BY STEVEN GORDON.

A special thing happened at IC 2010 in Wagoner, Oklahoma: STARFLEET got itself an anthem! Here's how it happened...

It started several years ago when Admiral Helen Pawlowski wrote an anthem for STARFLEET. She wrote every word and every note. During a recent phone call, Helen shared her recollections of the creative process:

To be perfectly honest, I don't recall whose idea it was to create

an anthem that could, with the STARFLEET banner, be included in the opening ceremony at STARFLEET's International Conferences.

I know Mandi Livingston, Sunnie Planthold, and I batted the idea around, and I came up with an effort to be presented at the IC in San Antonio. (I may be off on that date, but Steve Gordon transcribed the anthem into his computer, and he might have a better idea of the time.)

I tried for something in everyone's voice range—I managed a 9-note span, as close to an octave as I could get—and 6 lines for brevity. I discovered that when I had it all written down, I had accidentally included the melody of the ending of the Naval Hymn, whose words read "...for those in peril on the sea." If you're going to copy, copy from the best!

I tried to incorporate all that my Starfleet experience has meant to me in this effort. I hope others share my heartfelt emotions.

But despite the effort and enthusiasm that went into creating this little piece of music, nothing ever happened with it. The anthem was not played at the IC in San Antonio, nor at any IC after that...until this year.

Several days before the start of IC 2010, Fleet Captain (and DJ) Steve Gordon of the USS Victory posted a message on one of the STARFLEET discussion lists asking people what songs they wanted him to play at the banquet and dance. I remembered that Steve originally put Helen's lyrics and music onto a CD and asked if he still had a copy of it. He did!

I had a brainstorm, which turned into a team effort: we would surprise Helen by playing the anthem at the IC! I suggested we print a copy of the sheet music on 'gold' parchment and have Sal present it to Helen. We also decided to print extra copies to make available to attendees who wanted one.



ADMIRAL HELEN PAWLOWSKI AND FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD POSE WITH THE STARFLEET ANTHEM AT IC 2010. PHOTO BY JON LANE.



SAL LIZARD (CENTER) AND STEVE GORDON PRESENT HELEN PAWLOWSKI WITH THE FRAMED VERSION OF THE STARFLEET ANTHEM AT IC 2010. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

IC Chair Greg Trotter approved, and Sal eagerly agreed to do the lead-up to the formal presentation. Since Steve was going to the IC (I couldn't make it) he said he'd get the copies made, including the "gold" one. Steve's wife TJ bought a nice frame and mounted the sheet music, which was presented to Helen during the IC's banquet.

It's not often that we see Helen speechless. In fact, I think this was a first!

Here are the lyrics to STARFLEET's unofficial anthem. Feel free to sing along...

**Starfleet ever in thy name
 Thy loyal members swell thy fame.
 Ideals of praise and courtesy
 We spread in our community.
 Fair in judgment, last to blame,
 Starfleet, honored be thy name!**





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STARFLEET at ConCarolinas

Charlotte, NC—STAFLEET was well represented at ConCarolinas' Deep South Con 48, held at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, NC on June 4-6, 2010. ConCarolinas is held every year on the weekend following Memorial Day. This year was very special for the convention: not only was it a record attendance (over 1,300 participants), it was also host for the 48th traveling Deep South Con, which is bid on by conventions all across the deep south.

ConCarolinas is no stranger to STAFLEET. Over the years, a portion of the ConComm (Convention Committee) has always been members of various chapters in the Southeast. COMM Frank Parker, CO of the *USS Maquis*, has been Con Chair or Vice Con Chair since 2007. VADM Mary and MGSgt John Kane, CAPT Carolyn Peters, and CMDR Donna

Parker of the *USS Hornet* have been involved with registration and have been there since the birth of the convention in 2002. At ConCarolinas 2006, Frank Parker met Donna Smith, and at ConCarolinas 2007, they were joined in marriage, attended by one Borg and an honor guard consisting of Klingons. After the ceremony, they went back to work as Vice Con Chair and Vice Registration.

This year's guests included science fiction author Jerry Pournelle; media guests Richard Hatch (*Battlestar Galactica*), Claudia Christian (*Babylon 5*), and Bill Blair (*Star Trek*); and Filk guests Bill and Brenda Sutton. All genres of fandom were represented: gaming, media, literary, filk, paranormal, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Dr. Who*, Klingon Karaoke, and much more.

STAFLEET, Maquis Forces International, and the Klingon Assault Group teamed up to recruit and talk *Trek*. Chapters that were represented were, from STAFLEET Region 1, *USS Hornet*, *USS Ronald E. McNair*, *USS Bonaventure*, shakedown chapters *USS Dakota*, *USS Maquis*, *USS Alaric*, *USS Star Runner*, plus Region 2's *USS Tiberius* and MFI Chapters MFS *Intrepid II* and *MRV Rhai'hlanelh*. KAG handled the ever-popular Klingon Karaoke.

Next year, ConCarolinas will be celebrating 10 years with ConCarolinas 2011 on June 3-5, 2011 at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, NC. Guests so far are Writer Guest of Honor Harry Turtledove, Art Guest of Honor Tom Fleming, and Film/Media Special Guest Brinke Stevens. For more information, go to: < <http://concarolinas.org> >.



FLEET FUN! LEFT TO RIGHT: DANIEL WALKER, JP PITTMAN, BRANDI WARREN, PAUL RIVERS (IN BACK), VICTORIA GARHMAN, MARI RIVERS (HOLDING BABY RJ RIVERS), CARL CHRISTIANSON, JACK WARREN, ANYA WALKER, WARREN JENKINS, CINDY JENKINS, SHANNON DUPELLE, MARY KANE, FRANK AND DONNA PARKER, NICK DUPELLE (KNEELING) WITH ETHAN SHAE, JESSE SMITH (IN BACK), PAM MICHAUD, CAROLYN PETERS, JERRY WARD, STEPHEN STOTT, HEATHER PARKER, TJ ALLEN, AND LEILA MCMICHAEL. SHIPS REPRESENTED: USS DAKOTA, HORNET, RONALD E. MCNAIR, MAQUIS, AND TIBERIUS. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY FRANK PARKER.



CAPTAIN CAROLYN PETERS (LEFT) AND COMMANDER DONNA PARKER, THE USS HORNET REGISTRATION GURUS. PHOTO BY FRANK PARKER.



CAPTAIN STEPHEN STOTT (LEFT) AND USS FARRAGUT ACTOR JOHN BROUGHTON WHO PORTRAYS CAPTAIN JOHN THOMAS CARTER. PHOTO BY PAM MICHAUD.



Trek Olympics Relights the Torch



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It came down to the last game of the day. Six people lined up around a table, three members per ship. Their faces pressed into pie tins full of flour, they desperately searched for the hidden nut, blowing clouds of white dust everywhere. At stake: ultimate victory. In the end, one ship would emerge triumphant, but everyone would be Data Faced.

TrekOlympics, once a large Region 7 multi-chapter event, is making a comeback. For those of you who weren't around the

outside on a nice spring day and socialize with other Trekkies while cheering on your friends to victory (with a few laughs along the way).

The games were relaunched on May 22, 2010 by the crews of the *USS Pride of Baltimore* and the *USS Richthofen* at a shady picnic pavilion in Patapsco State Park in Catonsville, MD. *Pride of Baltimore* CO Gary M. Ensey Jr. set up the games while *Richthofen* XO Chris Carothers slaved over the hot grills and treated us all to a Neelix-worthy feast.

No Olympic games would be complete without an opening ceremony. *Richthofen* CO Karen "Terpette" Carothers and Counselor Liz Gorman had planned something fittingly geeky: a Mentos/Diet Cola fountain. Though the effect wasn't up to *Mythbuster* standards, it was still fun. Next year we'll just have to ramp it up.

Traditionally, the first game is sort of a warm up game that anyone can play:

the Tribble Toss. Well, more like the bald tribble toss, since we're really throwing raw eggs! Teams of two line up, and after each toss, one line steps back, making the



PARTICIPANTS GET A FACE FULL OF FLOUR AS THEY RACE TO FIND THE PEANUT AND TRY NOT TO GET DATA FACED!

tribbles soar farther with each toss. After a dozen tosses over about 30 meters, the *Richthofen* CO/XO team pulled out a win. No actual tribbles were hurt during the game, but we did lose a few good eggs.

Second event: the Binar race (a.k.a. your basic three-legged race). And just like the Binars, the team that worked together the best made the best time down the field. A team from the *Pride of Baltimore* had the natural advantage of being a father/son pair. Although there were a lot of alien bodies littering the field, all the other teams



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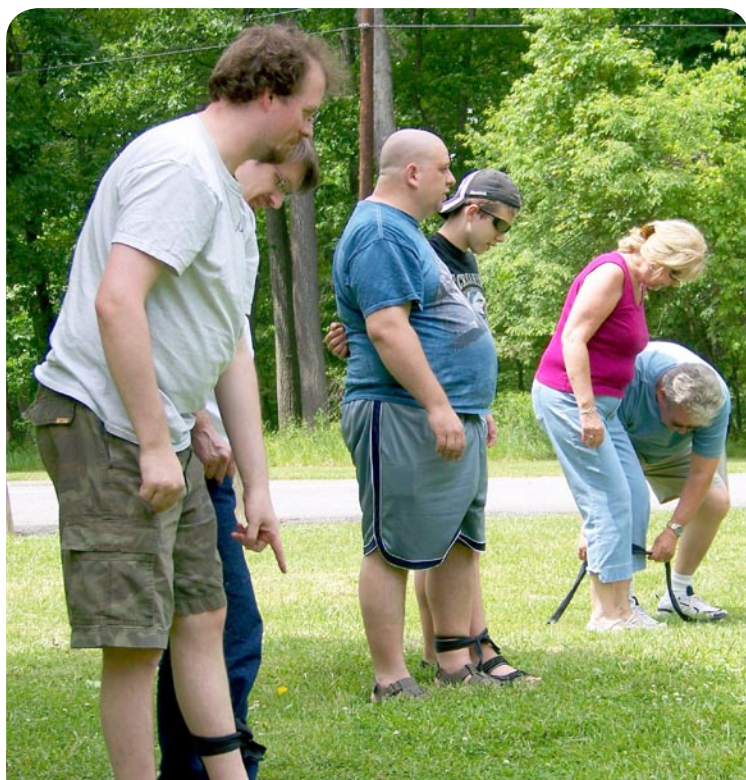
managed a respectable finish.

The first half of the games concluded with a round of Dizzy Q: a team race of equilibrium. Each team member took four turns spin-ning, face down, around a baseball bat, then running to a line and back to tag the next team member. As this was a

timed event—speed was a virtue, but running in a straight line without falling down was also a major challenge. Observers cheered and laughed as the participants stumbled around, sometimes running in the wrong direction. Once again, the *PoB* took victory, but by a very close margin.



USS RICHTHOFEN CO CAPTAIN KAREN "SHARPSHOOTER" CAROTHERS TAKES AIM AT THE TARGET.



TEAMS GET READY FOR THE THREE LEGGED RACE. PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT): CHRIS CAROLTERS, JOHN T. ERB, CHAD AND JEREMEY SMITH, NANCY AND GARY ENSEY.

last time the torch was extinguished, this is a picnic/field day where teams from the ships in attendance compete. It's family-friendly and a good excuse to kick back





USS PRIDE OF BALTIMORE XO MIKE ALLEN GOT DATA FACED!

beamed over to the line and each member got 5 shots with a Nerf Longshot rifle and one bonus shot with a Nerf handgun. Targets were worth 5, 10, or 15 points depending on the distance and difficulty of the shot.

Wind conditions, terrain, and a learning curve proved difficult for some, but the *Richthofen* CO pulled off a performance

worthy of a sharpshooter to hand the *PoB* team an ugly defeat.

Next up, each crew had to Save Odo. Teams were timed on how long it took to transfer Odo from one bucket to another using leaky plastic cups. To keep Odo from dripping out, participants tried to cover the holes as much as possible. Up first was Team *Richthofen*, made up of Counselor Liz Gorman, Security Chief Maggie Restivo, and Navigator/Second Officer Tom Restivo, posting an impressive 1:21 minute time. Sadly, they had to concede defeat to the more impressive 47.86 second time posted

After a quick intermission in the shade, the second half of the games was set to begin. The points were close, with one ship slightly in the lead, so this second set of games would be crucial in determining the winner of this year's Olympics.

Our fourth game, Phaser Range, tested participants' shooting skills. Three targets at varying distances were set up in the woods behind the pavilion. Thanks to R7 RC Wayne Augustson, R7 VRC Bob Vosseller, and R7 Chief of Staff Jeff Victor for providing the inspiring target photos!

Away teams of three members each



THE WINNING TEAM FROM THE PRIDE OF BALTIMORE DISPLAY THEIR RIBBONS. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE LEE WARREN, CHAD AND JEREMEY SMITH, NANCY AND GARY ENSEY, AND MIKE ALLEN.



THE SECOND PLACE TEAM FROM THE RICHTHOFEN DISPLAY THEIR RIBBONS. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE JOHN T. ERB, CHRIS AND KAREN CAROTHERS, LIZ GORMAN, AND TOM AND MAGGIE RESTIVO.

by the *PoB* team of PO2 Nancy Ensey, Colonel Chad Smith, and Cadet Jeremey Smith.

And at the end, it all came down to Data Face. Each contender, three per ship, had to find the nut hidden under about a half-inch of flour, then pick up the nut in their mouths. With six of us playing, the cloud of flour was impressive! And with a close score, the points for this game would make the difference between victory and "better luck next year."

Sorry you missed all the fun? Planning for Trek Olympics 2011 is already underway! We've secured a site in Patapsco Valley State Park on May 21 (the weekend before Memorial Day), so mark your calendars, grab your Nerf guns, and start training!

For incriminating photos and an awesome highlights video produced by a *Pride of Baltimore* associate member, check out the *Richthofen* and *Pride of Baltimore* Facebook groups or the Trek Olympics website: <http://www.trekolympics.com>.

In the end, the *Pride of Baltimore* team found all three of their nuts first, with Gary M. Ensey, Sr. bearing the winning Data Face. The rest of us were left to use a little bit of Odo to clean up all the flour.

With the final game concluded, the *Pride of Baltimore* made an impressive rally to secure a first place victory at Trek Olympics 2010. Ribbons were given out for first, second, and third place in all the games, and a plaque will be made for the overall winner with each year's champion added on.

(All photos supplied by Gary Ensey, Jr.)



PRIDE OF BALTIMORE TEAM MEMBERS TRY TO SAVE ODO, PASSING HIM FROM PLAYER TO PLAYER. PICTURED ARE NANCY ENSEY AND CHAD SMITH.



STARFLEET SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER - 6TH PLACE



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The Starfleet officer walked down the corridors of the Klingon High Command Council Chambers and approached the huge doors that led to the interior of the Council Chambers themselves. He stood outside the door and waited to be let inside.

"What's the hold up?" he asked himself, rather impatiently. "He knew we had an appointment to talk about the new trade possibilities." Right then, the large doors swung inward and Commodore Hollifield entered the chambers. He stopped at the entrance and waited to be announced to the Chancellor.

"Nug'neH?!" called Chancellor Martok. Commodore Hollifield stepped forward and greeted the imposing figure sitting on the throne atop the dais.

"Chancellor Martok, I bring greetings and well wishes from Starfleet Command—" he began but was cut short by the chancellor.

"I know of your greetings, human," he said brusquely. "Why are you here?"

"My name is Commodore Gary Hollifield, and I am the new attaché to Ambassador Worf. He has requested me to serve as his personal liaison to you, the Chancellor, and to the High Command and the Klingon Council," he replied.

"A commodore, eh?" mocked Martok. "Why aren't you commanding a star base or a fleet of ships? What honor is there in being a diplomat or a clerk?"

"I assure you, Chancellor, I am more than some simple clerk," retorted Commodore Hollifield. "I have served Starfleet with distinction for some time, and was one of the youngest people in history to be promoted to the rank of Commodore. I chose this assignment, Chancellor; this wasn't a burden. I wanted to work within the Klingon Empire."

The large young man had approached the dais the more he spoke, and had actually reached the throne by the time he finished speaking. He had clenched his fists at his side, and the more he spoke, the more he raised his shoulders and squared them back.

"Oh, so you find us specimens, do you, Commodore? You think the Klingons are something to be studied, do you?" roared the chancellor, who was now standing looking down upon the commodore.

"Quite the contrary, Chancellor. I was hoping to find honor amongst the Klingon Empire, and after all of

our continued successes together, I had hoped the Federation's attaché and the Chancellor and Council Members could work together to bring more peace to both of our people," said the commodore. "But now," he began, turning as he was speaking, "I see the hopes are dashed. I will go to Ambassador Worf and—"

"No one turns their back on the Chancellor of the Klingon Empire!" yelled Martok as he jumped down from the dais and grabbed Commodore Hollifield and jerked him around facing him.

A grin spread across the face of Hollifield. "Now that I have your attention, Chancellor Martok, shall we discuss today's business?"

"What? All of that was a ploy?!" asked Martok. Slowly, a smile began spreading across his face as well. "I like you, Commodore. You have that...spark. Bloodwine?" asked Martok as he turned towards the antechambers leading to his offices.

"No, thank you Chancellor. However a Raktakjino would be ideal," replied Hollifield. "I've yet to experience a real one."

"The replicated variety has nothing on the real thing, Commodore," said Martok as he reached his office door. "Come inside," as he gestured towards the open door. Martok walked around his desk and thumbed the communications channel. "Lieutenant, bring a bloodwine and a raktakjino into my office," he said and turned off the channel. "Now, Commodore, let's get down to business, shall we?"

"Very well, Chancellor. First note of business deals with Ambassador Worf's son, Alexander. He has reached the Age of Ascension and the Ambassador is requesting your presence at the Second Rite of Ascension ceremony for Alexander this coming Tuesday," said Hollifield.

"Of course," began Martok. "Tell the Ambassador I am honored to be asked, and I will be present."

"Next, the Order of the Bat'leth ceremony is in three weeks, and the Federation would like to have an

observer present for the induction."

"You know the ceremony is closed to all off-worlders," said the Chancellor.

"Yes, sir, I am well aware of the customs. However, Ambassador Worf and the Federation President would consider it...an open act of mutual peace moving into the new century if one sole observer were to be allowed in," said Hollifield.

"I will confer with the Council. I, personally, have no issue with observation of the ceremony by an outsider. However, I am considered a forward thinker by many on the Council, Commodore," grinned Martok. "Lieutenant, place the beverages here. What's on my schedule for today?" he asked the swarthy young Klingon.



"You have a meeting with the Bolian Ambassador at 1000 hours, lunch with the Nausican delegation at 1300 hours, and then you agreed to tour the new... hospital at 1600 hours," said the Lieutenant, obviously saying "hospital" with disgust. At the raised eyebrows of the commodore, Martok swiveled in his chair to face him.

"Yes, Commodore, hospital. I have decided to expand the Klingons' medical databases to an extent. As I said, forward thinker," said Martok and turned back to the aide. "That's all for now, Lieutenant. Dismissed." The aide left the office and Martok turned back towards the commodore.

"All right, Mr. Hollifield, where were you stationed before...how did you put it? Ah yes, requested being placed here?" asked the Chancellor.

"Before coming to *Qo'noS*, I was an instructor at the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy, Aquatica, in the Maritime Operations Branch, and before that, an instructor at the Starfleet Academy. I was the Commanding Officer of the *USS Star Runner* during the Dominion War. We saw over fifty combat situations, and I was promoted to Fleet Captain and placed in charge of the Delphi Expanse Theatre of Operations," said Hollifield.

"Impressive," murmured Martok. "So you have seen combat and have taught how to fight as well, eh? Good. I like that," he grinned. "Now tell me—" He was interrupted by the comm unit on his desk.

"Martok here. Nug'neH?"

"Governor Kurn seeks an audience, Chancellor. Should I tell him you are busy?" asked the same Lieutenant.

"Negative, Lieutenant. Show the governor to my office," he said as he closed the channel. "This won't take long, Commodore."

"It will be a pleasure to see Governor Kurn again," said Hollifield. "The last time we met—"

"Was over a viewscreen on a ship that was about to breach her warp core!" finished a thundering voice. Commodore Hollifield rose and grabbed Kurn by the forearm. The governor returned the greeting, and smiling, both men returned to their seats. Chancellor Martok eyed the Commodore with a newfound respect.

"So you know Mr. Hollifield?" asked Martok.

"Quite so, Chancellor. He and I fended off four Jem'Hadar attack cruisers before they could attack a supply convoy headed for a Federation outpost," replied Kurn.

"Governor, now, huh?" asked Hollifield, turning to face Kurn.

"Commodore, now, huh?" said Kurn, meeting Hollifield's gaze. "And you are being punished for being the—"

"No, Governor," began Hollifield, emphasizing Kurn's title, "I asked to be here. I am the Chancellor's attaché to your brother."

"Ah yes, Ambassador Worf. I am unsure whether I call my own brother 'sir' or vice versa!" At that exchange, all three men burst out laughing, but Governor Kurn sobered quickly. Turning to face the Chancellor, he said, "Chancellor, Captain K'etai, former commander of the *IKS Gre'thor* and now my aide, has requested the Hegh'bat be completed. He has been infected with a virus from the Gamma Quadrant. There is no cure in either the Klingon databanks nor the Federation's. K'etai has asked that you perform the ceremony, Chancellor, and



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since he is my closest advisor and friend, I came to personally beseech you to perform the Hegh'bat."

"Of course, Governor. I am only honored, and not to impugn the Captain's integrity, but I thought he had borne a son?" asked Martok.

"He did, Chancellor," began Hollifield. "Kor'tis was killed in combat during a skirmish with the Dominion some months ago."

"Correct, Gary. Kor'tis was K'etai's only son, and as such, has no one but a friend to perform the suicide," answered Kurn.

"Inform the Captain I will be there within a fortnight," said Martok. "What are your plans, Commodore?"

"I have nothing but time on my hands, Chancellor. I am here to work with you, and if you travel, and

if invited, I am to come with you," said Hollifield.

"Very well," said Governor Kurn, rising as the other two men followed suit. "I will inform K'etai you are en route, Chancellor." He nodded to Martok who returned the nod, and turned to Hollifield, "Commodore."

"Governor," said Hollifield as he escorted Kurn to the anteroom chambers. As he returned to

Martok's office, he pondered his first day as an attaché. It wasn't even time for breakfast ("Fresh gagh" thought the Commodore, relishing the thought) and went into the office.

The day hadn't even begun, and already the Chancellor's day was full of plans and engagements. They do say that life in the Empire is never boring.

USS RIVERSIDE NCC-1660



NAME: JM OLSON
RANK: COMMANDER
POSITION: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OTHER POSITIONS: OIC USS RIVERSIDE LOBO FLIGHT CREW
SHIP: USS RIVERSIDE NCC-1660
REGION: 6, IOWA (USA)



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Patches Boldly Go... To Boy Scout National Jamboree

When planning for the Centennial of Boy Scouting in the United States, Riverside, IA Scout Travis Riggan came up with a great idea. To celebrate 100 years of American Scouting, the BSA decided to delay the National Jamboree for a year, to have the multi-year event coincide with 2010, the Centennial year. A highly-regarded tradition for Scouts from all over the US is trading patches. To have unique and popular patches enhances the entire Troop, as well as gaining the renown of the regional Boy Scouts in the national group's collective eye.

Riggan, 16, is working his way up to Eagle Scout, and this year was asked to be the Junior Assistant Troop Leader for Troop 235 at the National Jamboree.

Riggan's troop includes portions of Johnson & Washington counties in Iowa. He was motivated by the Boy Scout tradition at the jamborees but also by practical need. Recently, some sponsors for patches dropped their sponsorships of Boy Scout patches.

Travis Riggan had the idea to try something new for the patch designs—incorporating the fictional claim of his hometown: being the "Future Birthplace" of Captain James T. Kirk from *Star Trek*. He sketched out several *Star Trek*-inspired design proposals. He then sought the help of craft artist Loree Sayre. Riggan outlined the design ideas, and Ms. Sayre made the patch designs come to life.

When presented to the Hawkeye Area Council Jamboree Committee meeting in Cedar Rapids, IA, Travis Riggan made his case, with Loree Sayre's help, before the assembled Scout Masters, including 2010 Jamboree Scout Master Gene Fields. The group reviewed the 8 designs, and suggested Scout-oriented tie-ins, including the slogan: "Beam Me Up, Scouty!" All 8 designs were eventually accepted and approved, with one Scout Master, a patch collector himself, reportedly stating, "These patches will be a top trading item!" at the National Jamboree.

To help defray costs to travel to the 2010 Jamboree, Troop 235 is raising funds by offering a limited supply of these Riverside and *Star Trek*-inspired patches for sale. Proceeds benefit Boy Scouts going to Jamboree. Travis Riggan says that the patches will vary in design and availability, and range in price from \$3.50 to \$6.50. They feature the USS Riverside NCC-1818, the fictional mascot of James Kirk's hometown, in various scenes with a space

background. Among the patches is a special Limited Edition Fundraiser Patch for \$5. The patches are available at The Voyage Home Heritage Center on State Route 22 in Riverside, IA.

For Information on the patches, call The Voyage Home Heritage Center at 319-648-2226. For Boy Scout National Jamboree information, please check out <http://www.bsa.org>.



"BEAM ME UP, SCOUTY!" TRAVIS RIGGAN (RIGHT) AND LOREE SAYRE DISPLAY THEIR SIX *STAR TREK*-INSPIRED BOY SCOUT PATCH DESIGNS. YOU CAN ORDER YOUR OWN TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUTS GOING TO NEXT YEAR'S JAMBOREE. JUST CALL THE VOYAGE HOME HERITAGE CENTER AT 319-648-2226. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JM OLSON.



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NAME: BOB VOSELLER
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 POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
 SHIP: *USS CHALLENGER* NCC-1876-D
 REGION: 7, NEW JERSEY (USA)
 ACHIEVEMENTS: 2007 REGION 7 CO OF THE YEAR, 2004/2007
 REGION 7 STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Night of the Dragon! Celebrating 20 Years of Fun with *USS Sovereign*

On behalf of RC Commodore Wayne Augustson, who had planned to be there but regrettably had to work last night, and the rest of the staff of SF Region 7, we extend a very happy anniversary wish to the *USS Sovereign* crew, which celebrated its 20th anniversary last June.

It was an evening of fun, fantastic food, presentations, and comments about the membership of the now-oldest STARFLEET chapter in Philadelphia. The *USS Sovereign* was also, for the night, the flagship of STARFLEET.

STARFLEET President Sal Lizard officially changed his membership status to transfer the flag to the *Sovereign* for that weekend. Sal also spoke rather eloquently about what chapters and their membership bring to STARFLEET and how the members build the character of each chapter.

Long time CO Beryl Washington was a tad tired after a full day at the Philadelphia Comic Con, but you'd



FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD AND ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG
 OF THE *USS AVENGER*. PHOTO BY JT SMITH
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hardly know it as she presented awards of thanks to her chapter plank holders, commendations to her senior staff, and when she received some special gifts from her command staff as a thank you for serving as their leader.

Music, dancing, and a fantastic party favor of Chinese rice bowls complete with chop sticks, fortune cookies, and other goodies were part of the fun. Longtime *Sovereign* member Traci Giorganni made these awesome favors.



SOVEREIGN'S ANNIVERSARY CAKE AWAITS CUTTING.
 PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BOB VOSELLER.

Members of the *USS Avenger*, *USS Adamant*, *USS Ascension*, and *USS Challenger* were present for this incredible evening. *Avenger* was the *Sovereign*'s mother ship twenty years ago, and the "A" Team chapters are close friends...and the *USS Challenger* is a long-time sister ship. Each of those chapters COs received a special plaque of appreciation.

The *Sovereign*'s logo includes a dragon, and there were dragon figures at each table. The table that my wife and ship's counselor Emily sat at included the



COMMODORE SONNY WRIGHT AND CO ADMIRAL BERYL WASHINGTON,
 BOTH OF THE *USS SOVEREIGN*. PHOTO BY JT SMITH
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Avenger, *Ascension*, and *Adamant* representatives, and I can proudly say that our lesson in the proper feeding of a small fire lizard was pretty successful. I dubbed our table's dragon, which was green, Fing Fang Foom...after the infamous Iron Man comic book character. We learned that coffee gives dragons the shakes, that sugar packs make them happy (along with melon), but that dragons just don't like strawberries.

There was also a nice raffle which benefited the *Sovereign*'s children's charity.

Like the *Avenger*'s 25th anniversary the previous month, the event had an atmosphere of nostalgia, accomplishment, and a lot of great energy for the next phase of activity for a senior STARFLEET chapter.

I remember well the year that *Sovereign* and *Thagard* were developing into full chapters. Hard to believe it was two decades ago! I'm glad you folks are still around as an active force in the Seventh Fleet and in fandom. It was great seeing you all on your special night.

Happy birthday, *Sovereign*. May Beryl never run short on Pepperidge Farm's Goldfish, and may the wind be at your back in the many years to come.





STYLIN' *SOVEREIGN* CO BERYL WASHINGTON SHOWS OFF HER FANCY HEADWEAR WITH FELLOW CREWMEMBER FLEET CAPTAIN JAY ANSKY. PHOTO BY JT SMITH © 2010 NUBIAN VISAGE PHOTOGRAPHY.

DANCING WITH THE STARS: LISA TOLL OF THE *USS SOVEREIGN* DANCES WITH FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD. PHOTO BY JT SMITH © 2010 NUBIAN VISAGE PHOTOGRAPHY.



TABLE FAVORS MADE BY *SOVEREIGN*'S LONG TIME CHIEF ENGINEER TRACI GIORGANNI INCLUDED A RICE BOWL KEEPING WITH THE *SOVEREIGN*'S 20TH YEAR CELEBRATION THEME OF THE CHINESE DRAGON. DRAGON MINIATURES SUCH AS THIS ONE EATING FRUIT WERE A BIT HIT AT EACH TABLE. SOME WERE FED ITEMS LIKE COFFEE, STRAWBERRIES, AND MELON. WE FOUND OUT THAT COFFEE GAVE THEM THE SHAKES, STRAWBERRIES (DESPITE THE CHOCOLATE DIPPING) WERE NOT APPRECIATED, BUT MELON WAS JUST RIGHT. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BOB VOSSSELLER.



JAY ANSKY, TRACI GIORGANNI, BRIAN HACKER, AND PAM FERNSLER OF THE *USS SOVEREIGN* WERE ALL PLANK HOLDERS. PHOTO BY JT SMITH © 2010 NUBIAN VISAGE PHOTOGRAPHY.



FLEET CAPTAINS MARY ANN AND JIM PUGLIESE, COS OF THE *USS ADAMANT* AND *ASCENSION*, RESPECTFULLY, JOIN *SOVEREIGN* CO ADMIRAL BERYL WASHINGTON IN A SPECIAL HUG DURING THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BOB VOSSSELLER.

FLEET CAPTAIN CHER SCHLEIGH OF THE *USS SOVEREIGN* SITTING ON FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD'S LAP. PHOTO BY JT SMITH © 2010 NUBIAN VISAGE PHOTOGRAPHY.



FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD AND ADMIRAL BOB VOSSSELLER DONNING HIS *SOVEREIGN* CAP. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BOB VOSSSELLER.



USS AVENGER CO COMMODORE JUDITH WAIDLICH HOLDS UP THE PLAQUE SHE RECEIVED FROM THE *SOVEREIGN* AS THE *AVENGER* WAS THE CHAPTER'S MOTHER SHIP 20 YEARS AGO. THE *USS ASCENSION*, *USS ADAMANT*, AND *USS CHALLENGER* RECEIVED PLAQUES AS WELL AS SPECIAL FRIENDS TO THE PHILADELPHIA-BASED CHAPTER OVER THE YEARS. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY BOB VOSSSELLER.





NAME: GUÐJÓN SIGMUNDSSON
RANK: FLEET CAPTAIN
POSITION: REGION 9 COORDINATOR
SHIP: *USS THOR'S HAMMER* NCC-74914
REGION: 9, REYKJARVIK (ICELAND)

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USS Thor's Hammer Parties in Iceland

It was a bright and a sunny day, and a warm one (for Iceland) of about 20 degrees Celsius (about 68 Fahrenheit) when the *USS Thor's Hammer* was called up to do an away mission by its Captain, Tomas Sigmundsson. It would

crew set up the shuttlecraft and took flight for the house of the RC in Hafnafjordur.

Fleet Captain Guðjón Sigmundsson's 40th Birthday was held at his house and in his

The whole crew enjoyed the warm weather that is always like that during the summertime in Iceland. They also had a discussion about the wrong naming of the country. Iceland was actually the second name it was given by the Vikings that discovered it over 1,000 years ago. Its original name was, in fact, Greenland, which is much more accurate. Iceland is actually very green. What is now called Greenland, however, is covered with ice. The Vikings switched the names so that would-be conquerors and pirates would head for the worthless ice-covered island...thinking from the name that it was actually green. And they wouldn't bother with the lush island, thinking it was all ice. Quite a plan!

USS Thor's Hammer by singing and generally just fooling around. Of course, we all sang the regional (motto) song, "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" from Monty Python, which is the spirit of the club here in Iceland. It's what we do during hard times here in Iceland, and it's the spirit and mood here in Iceland generally. We smile and take what comes and then deal with the problem at hand in a positive way.

After a few hours of a party going on, the crew was a bit tired, and we each went home with a happy heart and to get ready for the next birthday party in the ship in the coming months...and to have fun in STARFLEET.

Despite some of the crew not reporting for the mission due to sick leave, the rest of the *Hammer* had a great time at the party. After a quick "Skál" ("Cheers/Skoal" in the Icelandic and the Icelandic Vikings' language) to absent friends and crew in the Scandinavian area, and having another ale for the birthday boy, we set out to have fun in the tradition of the

*"Times past I was young
And traveled alone.
Alone I lost my way,
I felt myself rich
When I found another -
Man is man's delight."*

Hávmál 47 (sort of the Viking bible).



THE CREW OF THE *USS THOR'S HAMMER* IN ICELAND. FROM LEFT: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ÁRNI FREYR GUNNARSSON, COMMANDER ÁRNI JON BALDURSSON, COMMANDER SIGMUNDUR SIGMUNDSSON, CAPTAIN TOMAS A SIGMUNDSSON (IN THE BACK), FLEET CAPTAIN GUÐJÓN SIGMUNDSSON, AND LIEUTENANT EDYTA LABUDDA. THE SMALL ONE IN THE FRONT IS THE DAUGHTER OF GUÐJÓN SIGMUNDSSON: MCPO ANNA LIND GUDJONSDOTTI. PHOTO BY PO1 CAROLINA VEJIC CARTICIANO.

be an especially hard and dangerous one but with rich rewards for its crew.

The mission: to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Coordinator of Region 9 (and one of the ship's crew) Fleet Captain Guðjón Sigmundsson, known to be a grumpy old man and a tricky one at that...especially after being at the annual Viking Festival, Fleet Captain Sigmundsson would be in a "Viking warrior's mood." And so, after getting all weapons and equipment needed to protect themselves, the

garden on the 26th of June (the actual birthday date was on the following Monday the 28th). The crew of the *USS Thor's Hammer* got together and celebrated it with the RC. The party started with the traditional drinking of the ale in honor of the birthday boy and getting him "hammered"...and the grilling of the mammal flesh (chicken, lamb, and pork) and eating it while watching a world soccer cup match (of course, the entire crew was supporting the USA team with the American flag set up at strategic points).



AFTER A FEW ALES, THE *THOR'S HAMMER* CREW STARTS FOOLING AROUND. PHOTO BY PO1 CAROLINA VEJIC CARTICIANO.





NAME: JOHN ROBERTS
RANK: MAJOR GENERAL
POSITION: COMMANDANT, SFMC
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: USS ANASAZI NCC-82001
REGION: 17, NEW MEXICO (USA)



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Attention on Deck!

STATE of the SFMC

I hope this message finds you and your families all doing well and enjoying life in your areas of responsibility.

NEW QUARTERMASTER ITEM

This is a 3'x 5' single sided (printing on one side) red flag featuring the SFMC Globe and Anchor. This flag is made from 200D Knitted Polyester and has two grommets for display on flag poles. The SFMC Globe and Anchor is digitally printed on one side of the flag and will bleed through to the other side, which means that the image is reversed on the other side.

These flags look great but quantities are limited, so place your order now before they are gone!

SFMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our scholarship account total stands at approximately \$2,900.00. 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 get \$5,000.00 in the account by the end of 2010!

COMMANDANT'S CAMPAIGN AWARD

Please remember the Commandant's Campaign this year. To qualify, you must participate (simply donating money will not qualify) in one of the following activities (or your nation's equivalent program):

- Collecting Toys for Tots;
- Raising money/participating in events designed to raise money for Special Olympics; and,
- Collecting/raising money and other donations for hurricane relief efforts.

You must also make sure your unit OIC reports your involvement and what you did in his bi-monthly report to CO FORCECOM.

If the activity is not reported, you cannot be awarded the Commandant's Campaign award for last year.

What do YOU want from the SFMC? Tell us! We can't help you enjoy your experience in the SFMC without knowing what you would like to see of what you would like to do. We want to make the SFMC a fun and enjoyable experience but we need your feedback to do it the right way.

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

Report from the CO INFOCOM

Begin transmission...

Once again deep from the confines of the SFMC Data Warfare center it's time for the INFOCOM report. The last couple of months here at INFOCOM have been a little busy with the preparation for IC 2010. Other than that, things have been kind of quiet.

Appointment of New Deputy Commanding Officer INFOCOM

I would like to announce that after a lengthy application period I have chosen a new Deputy Commanding Officer Information Command, Lieutenant Colonel William Hof.

Attention on Deck! Extra Turns One!

The official supplement to the Attention on Deck!, the Attention on Deck! Extra turned one this year and is already working on its second year of publication. I would like to congratulate the Attention on Deck! Extra staff for a job well done! The Attention on Deck! Extra is a supplement to the Attention on Deck! that is published monthly and contains all the latest information regarding what is going on in the Corps. The latest edition, as well as back issues, can be downloaded from the SFMC website.

SFMC Manuals

By the time that this article goes to print, the IC will have already have happened and a few new and updated manuals will have been released. Now because this year is an election year, I have decided to try and get as many manuals as possible published by the end of the year. This means that several manuals will be published sometime after IC. No exact publication dates will be set and they will be published as work is completed on them. Because of this, an updated SFMC Documents Compendium CD will not be available until after IC.

Staffing

Volunteers are always welcome. If you have experience in programming, Joomla, video editing, publications, graphics, etc..., please send your SFMC resume and a small portfolio of your work to infocom@sfi-sfmc.org. INFOCOM is also looking for the following positions;

PHP/Javascript/Flash Developer

INFOCOM is once looking for a PHP/Javascript/Flash developer for various projects. 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.

General INFOCOM lackey

INFOCOM has a lot of projects going on at once and so needs a few people to help out here and there. If you have any web design, graphics, publishing, presentation, etc... experience and are willing to help out, please by all means contact and send me your STARFLEET and real world resume and if possible any examples of prior work. Also be sure to specify what area you would like to help out in (graphic, web design, publication, etc...). This is a great opportunity for someone who is looking to help out the SFMC on an international level and to get their foot in the door.

Awards

Add another ribbon to your fruit salad. Impress your friends! Get the Girl! *Please note results may vary.*

Do you or someone you know publish a newsletter or some other SFMC related literature or media (audio/visual)? Do you

or someone you know design and create SFMC related websites? If you do, then why not nominate that marine for the Communications Achievement Award? To nominate a marine for the award, just go here: <http://bit.ly/cEQhPV> (takes you directly to the award form). Please note that the site, newsletter, and/or video/audio must be related to the SFMC in some way.

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

Greetings, Marines!

Well, once again I'm coming to you from the booth in the back, in the corner, in the dark of the local NCO club, where that noise just outside the door is just the Air Defense installation taking care of the mosquitoes here, and the menu for the day for any NCO with MOS 467, 653, or 916 (meteorology types, just to save you looking it up) is crow, due to the weird weather we've been experiencing locally.

As I write this, IC/IM is looming, and I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's Star of Honor winner. I'll call this fine Marine out by name in my next report, but suffice it to say that reading all the nominations for the various Honor award winners sure makes me proud to be a Marine.

Special thanks go out to the folks who made the job even harder by writing such outstanding nominations for the candidates for the awards. I know I've said it before, but it's up to each and every one of us to make sure our fellow Marines get recognized, and it's always good to see folks going the extra mile and writing up such thorough recommendations.

Speaking of recognizing fellow Marines, as usual I'd like to take this time to give some shout outs to some of our enlisted members. This month, I got a link to a creative little video from MGSGT Matt Ezell of the 327th (SO) MSG using some videogame footage. Email me if you'd like the link. I personally think it's a few minutes well spent. Meanwhile, the 20th BDE has been reactivated, and over in the newly active R20, SGM Marie "M" Wilson is now the acting RC. It should come as no surprise to anyone who knows SGM Wilson that she turned down promotion, and is serving as RC as an E-9.

Remaining enlisted in the SFMC is a matter of personal choice, and it's good to see that choice being respected. If there's an enlisted Marine that you know of that has done something special that you think the whole Corps deserves to know about, please drop me a line so I can mention them here.

One of the responsibilities of SFMC NCOs is to lead the way in community service efforts. Just this past month, I received an email from a Marine who reminded me just why it is we work so hard in that area.

While part of coordinating communications for their state's Special Olympics event (over 250 hours put in by members of the brigade), a young participant spotted the SFMC comm. badge the Marine was wearing and told her how much he loved Star Trek. He asked where he could get one like hers, and she quickly removed it and presented it to the delighted youngster. In her words "you'd have thought I'd given him a million dollars", and she went on to tell me how much personal joy she took away from the event.

That's why we do community service ... for those moments when we realize how much what we're doing means to those we're helping. Here's hoping you have one of those personal stories to tell of your own. Please let me know.

In other news, there's a new course available over at the NCO Academy on NCO History and Traditions. I encourage you to give it a whirl.

Now it's time for Top's History Lesson. I'm often reminded that the US doesn't have a monopoly on Marines or outstanding NCOs, and I'd like to tell you about a member of the Royal Marine Corps that you should probably know about.

LCPL Thomas Peck Hunter, a 21 year old native of Aldershot, had recently been promoted to acting Corporal while serving as leader of a Bren gun section of 43 Commando. On April 2, 1945, as one of the leading elements of 43 Commando as they advanced toward their objective in Italy, Hunter and his fellow Royal Marines came under fire from German machine guns while crossing a wide stretch of open ground. Mortars joined the party, and the Marines were in serious trouble.

Acting CPL Hunter stood up, and charged across 200 yards of open ground, firing from the hip and changing magazines as he ran. He cleared three machine guns from houses, and six Germans surrendered to him, but at least six more machine gun nests were firing at the Marines.

From the citation:

"Again, offering himself as a target, he lay in full view of the enemy on a heap of rubble and fired at the concrete pillboxes on the other side. He again drew most of the fire, but by now the greater part of the Troop had made for the safety of the houses. During this period he shouted encouragement to the remainder, and called only for more Bren magazines with which he could engage the Spandaus. Firing with great accuracy up to the last, Corporal Hunter was finally hit in the head by a burst of Spandau fire and killed instantly.

There can be no doubt that Corporal Hunter offered himself as a target in order to save his Troop, and only the speed of his movement prevented him being hit earlier. The skill and accuracy with which he used his Bren gun is proved by the way he demoralised the enemy, and later did definitely silence many of the Spandaus firing on his Troop as they crossed open ground, so much so that under his covering fire elements of the Troop made

their final objective before he was killed.

Throughout the operation his magnificent courage, leadership, and cheerfulness had been an inspiration to his comrades."

On June 2, 1945, Thomas Peck Hunter became the only Royal Marine to be awarded the Victoria Cross in WW2. The posthumous award was given to his parents, and was later donated to the Royal Marines Museum. The Royal Marines treasure his memory and a number of buildings, memorials, and organizations are named after him. Among those is Hunter Company, of the Royal Marine Commando Training Center. Hunter Company is comprised of trainees who have been injured or otherwise physically unable to keep up for a time to maintain their edge while they heal up and can return to the normal training regimen.

As usual, I'll close with reminding you about 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 ... start one. <http://lists.sfi-sfmc.org/listinfo.cgi/nco-l-sfi-sfmc.org>

And, 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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IC/IM 2010 Awards

Cross of Honor

Jari James (503rd MSG, *USS Thermopylae*)

Sword of Honor

Mary Ann Morris (696th MSG, *USS Dark Phoenix*)

Shield of Honor

Carol Stewart (869th MSG, *USS Independence*)

Star of Honor

Daniel Walker (173rd MSG, *USS Dakota*)

Legion of Honor

898th MSG (17BDE, *USS Anasazi*)

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

Scott Anderson

STARFLEET Cross

D.J. Allen
 Mark H. Anbinder
 Reed Bates
 Sam Black
 Dave Blaser
 Joseph Dorffner Jr.
 Thomas Guertin

Jeffery Higdon
 Wade Hoover
 Mary Kane
 Aaron Murphy
 Sean Niemeyer
 Bruce O'Brien
 Linda Olson
 Wade Olson
 John Roberts
 Bran Stimpson
 Jerry Stoddard

SFMC Service Commendation

Joseph Fuller

Gary Hollifield
 Mike McGowan (32888)
 Aaron Murphy
 Sean Niemeyer
 Bruce O'Brien
 Wade Olson
 Linda Olson
 Jerome Stoddard

SFMC Achievement Award

J.D. Clancy (60846)
 Michael Timko III (60195)

Communications Service Award (Issued by Commandant, SFMC)

Sean Niemeyer

Communications Service Award (Issued by COINFOCOM)

J.D. Clancy (60846)
 Gary Hollifield, Jr. (49837)

Michael Timko III (60195)

Honor Guard (Issued by SFMC Commandant)

Brian Allen
 DJ Allen
 Mark Anbinder
 Dave Blaser
 Jeremy Carsten
 William Higgins
 William "Junior" Hof
 Jennifer Hoover
 Wade Hoover
 Bran Stimpson
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Leader's Commendation (Issued by SFMC Commandant)

MyKah Byers
 Shirley Kolb
 Cathy Mullins
 David Reustle

Eric Willette

Leader's Commendation (Issued by COINFOCOM)

Mark Anbinder (14560)
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 William Hof (64832)
 Gary Hollifield, Jr. (49837)
 Lauren Niemeyer (47996)
 Michael Timko III (60195)

Leader's Commendation (Issued by COTRACOM)

James Jones II (65809)
 Mike McGowan (32888)
 Eric Schulman (65659)

Meritorious Unit Citation (Issued by SFMC Commandant)

132nd MSG (1BDE, *USS Constellation*)
 225th MSG (12BDE, *USS*

BortaS)
 503rd BDE (5BDE, *USS Thermopylae*)
 The TRACOM R&D Team consisting of:
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 Gary Hollifield (48837)
 James Jones II (65809)
 William Hof (64832)
 Sean Niemeyer (47879)

Meritorious Unit Citation (Issued by COFORCECOM)

5th Brigade
 7th Brigade

TRACOM Commander's Award

Eric Schulman (65659)

Naval Unit Citation

USS Anasazi
USS BortaS



USS Dakota
USS Dark Phoenix
USS Independence
USS Thermopylae

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John Roberts Eric Schulman
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Heather Monroe
Becky Monroe
Jim Monroe
Jack Norman
Kira Norman
Gerald Purkey
Douglas Reagan
Dave Reustle
John Roberts
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Ask Prigal: A Monthly Question & Answer Session from the Enlisted Point of View

Dear Prigal,

Ok, so I hear through the enlisted grapevine that you managed to con a gullible young chaplain into granting you emergency leave because your dear old grandmother was at "death's door." I can believe that, because by and large, chaplains can be very trusting people. What I can't believe is your claim that "Death's Door" is a bar on New Las Vegas where your grandmother works as a bouncer?!?!?

I mean, given the number of years you've been in the Corps, your grandmother has to be, what, in her eighties? I just can't buy a little old lady as a bouncer at a bingo parlor, much less a place as tough as "Death's Door" is rumored to be. You're pulling my leg, right?

Skeptical Warrant Officer

Dear Skeptic,

If you'd like your leg pulled, I'm sure Granny would be happy to oblige. She might even be nice enough to only pull it partway out of the socket and make your recovery easier. I honestly have no idea of what her actual age is, and I'm not stupid enough to ask her. I only know that she's one of the meanest, toughest sentient beings you'll ever encounter, no matter what age.

In her younger days, she worked as the chief bodyguard for a top Orion boss. Rumor has it that she was actually running the show, but needed an Orion for a front man. She's a crack shot with any man-portable weapon you care to name, and has a nasty suspicious streak that makes Gunny look like one of those gullible young assistant chaplains we were talking about.

Granny's not one to brag, but growing up, I can remember martial arts experts from several different species coming to study with her.

To be honest, she scares the stuffing out of me and is one of the reasons I left home at a fairly young age. I'm just glad she's happy to stay semi-retired over on New Las Vegas.

Look, I'm all for being skeptical, but you're making what Gunny calls "unsupported assumptions." The first one is that a bouncer has to be big and tough-looking. Having extensive experience of low dives all across the Federation, I can tell you that just ain't necessarily so. Some of the best in the trade are quiet little folks who can defuse a situation with a few well-chosen words, and only need to get physical if that fails.

The second is that eighty standard years or so is not necessarily OLD. There are many species of sentient life for who eighty is just entering adulthood. Shoot, with modern medicine, it's entirely possible for even humans in their eighties to still be fit and active. (And who ever said Granny was human? Or me, for that matter?)

Prigal

Dear PVT Prigal,

I'm hoping you can help me out with a rather delicate situation and a kind of unusual request.

What's the quickest way to get thrown into the brig for a week or so?

You see, I may have run afoul of some rather nasty folks as a result of a little business deal that went sour, and to make a long story short, I need a secure place to hide

until the trouble blows over. I figure if I'm in the brig, nobody can get at me.

I can't go to the authorities because that would probably mean a much longer sentence, unless I was willing to inform on my erstwhile business associates, and that could lead to something much more permanent than the little bit of damage I'm trying to avoid.

If anyone in Starfleet can tell me how to draw two weeks in confinement, it would be the legendary Prigal. Please help.

Signed

Troubled

Dear Troubled,

Personally, I'd just take my lumps, but that's just me. Of course, I tend to give as good as I get, and I have some pretty tough friends and acquaintances who'd watch my back for me in the situation you're in.

Generally, I tend to devote a little more time and energy to staying OUT of the brig than I typically do on getting tossed in there, but I suppose I could take a crack at it.

Now, there was a time when it was pretty darn easy to draw a couple of weeks in the brig. Just walk into a Fleeter hangout in a Marine uniform, holler for a taxi or insult their ship, and the resulting brawl would most probably do the trick. However, nowadays it's a "kinder, gentler" kind of thing, and just triggering a brawl will probably only result in a chewing out, a little extra duty, and maybe some time with a counselor to deal with your "aggressive tendencies."

However, there are a couple of options if you want to be securely confined for a couple of weeks. Insubordination is generally good for brig time, even these days. Arrange for your Captain to be transported to a staff meeting without his pants, and you'll be on your way. Make fun of an Admiral's wife, or tell a Marine field grade officer to get bent, and that may do the trick as well. Another good option is to do something to offend a local religious leader. Just be sure to show no remorse for your actions, even be a little bit cocky and defiant, and anybody short of Jean-Luc Picard will toss your tail into the slammer.

Now, if you're not looking for actual brig time, but just want to be secured, consider developing symptoms of some mysterious ailment that'll get you stuck in top-level quarantine for the time you need. This has less impact on your permanent record, and the general atmosphere around Sick Bay is a lot nicer than down in the brig.

One word of warning: the sort of folks you seem to be trying to be locked away from have this nasty habit of looking on someone in a cell as a sitting duck. You might want to re-think your whole plan.

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

My little friends tell me there is no Santa Claus. Is this true?

Signed

ENS Virginia

Dear Virginia,

If you were expecting some sort of hearts and flowers, tug at the heartstrings, "peace on earth good will to men" response from me, you obviously have never read the column.

A fat old guy in a red suit that can cover an entire planet's surface in one night in an antique, animal-drawn conveyance while carrying enough gifts for all the "good" children, who knows if you've been naughty or nice, and can appear inside the most secure installation to make his deliveries, ostensibly by coming down the exhaust duct for the heating system?

That's no weirder or more improbable than some of the things Starfleet has seen, such as Trelayne of Gothos, the Q, or those silly sideburns that were part of the male dress code back in Jim Kirk's day.

So yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, if you want there to be one. Tell your little friends there's a lot worse things than coal in the stocking to look forward to for people who insist on being jerks, and use that case of "Flash-Bangs" that'll be showing up at your quarters wisely.

Prigal

Got a question only Prigal can answer? Send it to:

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





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Ride For Roswell

BUFFALO, NY—*USS Niagara* crew member CPO Bridgete Pawelczak rode 33 miles in the 15th annual Ride For Roswell cycling event held June 27. This year's event raised more than 2.6 million dollars and had more than 7,000 participants. Petty Officer Pawelczak raised \$540.

According to the event's website, the RideForRoswell is an annual celebration of community support for Roswell Park Cancer Institute and its core mission to understand, prevent, and cure cancer. The Ride is a year-round fundraising program for the Institute that culminates in a celebratory cycling event every June.

"The Ride For Roswell offers a distance for any type of rider. Participants can

choose to ride any of nine different routes. They can either choose a traditional route that starts from Baird Point—the 100-mile, 62.5-mile, 44-mile, 33-mile, 30-mile, 20-mile, 8-mile or 3-mile routes—or if they can't ride the day of the event (or want to simply fundraise and join us at the picnic), they have the ability to become a virtual rider," said an event coordinator. One final option is also available to event participants: the Extra Mile Club Peloton. "The Peloton is a unique 12-mile non-stop, police escorted ride from Roswell Park to the University at Buffalo—Baird Point. The concept of this ride is to connect Roswell Park Cancer Institute with The Ride event at UB," the coordinator stated. All proceeds raised by The Ride remain right here in the Western New York area.



USS NIAGARA CREW MEMBER CPO BRIDGETE PAWELCZAK, FAR LEFT, JOINED ABOUT 7,000 BICYCLISTS TO TAKE PART IN THE 15TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR ROSWELL, STARTING AT THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO NORTH CAMPUS IN AMHERST, NY. PHOTO BY JAMES P. MCCOY, BUFFALO NEWS.

USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371



CMDR JOE CAMPBELL, CO CAPT ERIC L. WATTS, ENS1 SUE LIN LANGE, ENS EDDIE HINES, AND ENS3 MARILYN TEAGUE OF THE *USS REPUBLIC* NCC-1371 ATTEND THE ATLANTA PREMIERE OF THE *STAR TREK: PHOENIX* EPISODE "CLOAK & DAGGER, PART 1" AT THE SHELTER NIGHTCLUB IN ATLANTA, HOSTED BY FANBOYS RADIO, ON JUNE 9, 2010. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY ERIC L. WATTS.



CRM JESSICA CURTISS, CMDR DAVE "GRIZZLY" SLAUGHTER, CO CAPT ERIC L. WATTS, AND ENS EDDIE HINES AT THE *USS REPUBLIC*'S RECRUITMENT TABLE AT SCI-FI SUMMER CON IN ATLANTA ON JUNE 11-13. ALTHOUGH MORE THAN A DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE *REPUBLIC* WERE IN ATTENDANCE, TRYING TO GET THEM ALL AT ONE PLACE AT ONE TIME FOR A GROUP PHOTO WAS NOT UNLIKE TRYING TO HERD TRIBBLES. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY ERIC L. WATTS.





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History of the Space Shuttle Program

The days of the Space Shuttle Program are coming to an end faster than you think. The National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) is going to stop the program because it's too old.

Today I am going to take you on a trip back in history on the start of the Space Shuttle Program. Many people think that the Space Shuttle *Columbia* was the first Space Shuttle, but actually the shuttle program was underway in 1976 during our country's 200th birthday, and long before *Columbia* ever rolled onto a launch pad. There was a mission to test out the orbiter's landing gear: the "Approach and Landing Test." The name of the test vehicle was the Space Shuttle *Enterprise*.

The original name for this test shuttle was *Constitution*, but a letter-writing campaign from a reported 200,000 Star Trek fans to President Gerald Ford and NASA resulted in the changing of the name to *Enterprise*. When it rolled out of the hangar, the cast of the original *Star Trek* was there, including *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry.

What we think of as the "Space Shuttle" is really just the Orbiter, one of three parts of the Space Transportation System (or STS):

- Solid Rocket Boosters (SRB)
- External Tank (ET)
- Orbiter

The first orbiter that was launched into space was the Space Shuttle *Columbia* on April 12th, 1981. The two-man crew at the time was Shuttle Commander John Young and Shuttle Pilot Robert Crippen. For a couple of years, the United States made do with just the one vehicle *Columbia*. But in 1983, the Shuttle *Challenger* was added to the fleet, followed the next year by *Discovery*, and then *Atlantis* the year after that. The last of the six orbiters, *Endeavor*, took its first trip to space in 1992. *Endeavor* was intended to replace the Shuttle *Challenger*.

A good deal of history was made during the life of the Space Shuttle program, such as the first female to go into space—Sally Ride on STS-7 (women then flew on nearly every shuttle mission since). The Shuttle Program also featured the first female Shuttle Pilot and the First Shuttle Commander, Ellen Ochoa. And the first civilian ever launched into space, Christa McAuliffe, was a woman and school teacher.

History was also made on the scientific side. From its payload bay, satellites and space exploration

missions took flight. Among the most famous were the *Hubble* Space Telescope, the *Magellan* Space Probe, and the *Galileo* Spacecraft that would orbit around the gas giant planet Jupiter.

The Shuttle program did not escape its share of tragedies; two Space Shuttles were destroyed with lives lost. The Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded 76 seconds after launch on January 28th, 1986 and lost seven crew members, including teacher Christa McAuliffe. And on February 1st, 2003 the Space Shuttle *Columbia* was destroyed while on re-entry through the atmosphere over Texas, killing all seven crewmembers.

With three shuttles remaining, their primary missions have focused on building and supplying the *International Space Station (ISS)* as well as missions to service the *Hubble* Space Telescope. Initial plans were to retire all the shuttles, beginning with *Atlantis*, in 2010. But one additional mission, likely *Endeavor*, is currently being planned for February 2011 to the *ISS*.

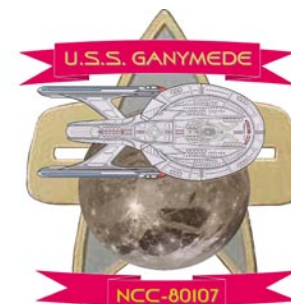
After that? Well, the Shuttle *Discovery* has been promised to the National Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The remaining three Shuttles—*Enterprise*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavor*—are planned to be sold to various

educational institutions or museums for \$28.8 million dollars each. Will that money help recoup the cost of the Shuttle program? Hardly! Over its entire lifespan, the Space Shuttle program is estimated to have cost more than \$174 billion! But the knowledge it has helped us learn and the history it has helped us make are truly priceless.





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Ask "Deep Trek" - #012: Final Installment

As with everything in real life, memories eventually come to an end. Deep Trek's recollections of his work for Desilu and Paramount on the original television series as a master prop artist have all been shared in previous installments. They're captured for posterity in earlier issues of the *Communiqué*. During the past 21 months, we have become close friends, a relationship we will enjoy for as long as we both are around.

Deep Trek is a man of many talents. He loves to work with his hands. He is skilled in just

about any trade or craft he has put his mind to. He served with distinction in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War. Most of all, he continues to be actively involved in helping fellow veterans of that conflict, especially those with injuries and/or post-traumatic stress disorder, find help through the maze of Veterans Administration rules and paperwork. His wife holds meetings in their home for wives of these veterans to encourage them and provide a place where they know they're not alone with what their husbands have faced.

Deep Trek is one of the most delightful, honorable men I have ever met. It has been my pleasure to share late hours bending a glass, talking about reality and responsibility. He was truly fascinated by his work on *Star Trek*, which at that time was competing with *The Monkees* and the *Ed Sullivan Show* for evening television ratings. How little did we all know then! Deep Trek enjoys his 3-D lenticular TOS Enterprise poster in his workshop. I have found a TOS lamp on ThinkGeek.com with a ship replica, the opening theme music, and Shatner's famous voiceover. It will be my gift to him on behalf of the Fleet.

On a personal note, you may have noticed from the byline that I am no longer CO of the *Ganyমেде*. Real life circumstances intervened, creating time demands that prevented my continuing in that capacity. Command passed to the XO, moving the ship into Region Four. I will continue in STARFLEET, taking opportunities as personal circumstances permit. This is not an ending, only a season. Thank you all for your enthusiasm. Every so often, comments get back to me as "the Deep Trek guy." It's been a good run, and I hope you've enjoyed the memories.



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USS VICTORY NCC-74208



USS Victory Invades KLRN Blazing Gavels Auction!!

The *USS Victory*, Region 3 in San Antonio, TX volunteered for the KLRN Blazing Gavels Auction. This was the 44th year for the auction, held on June 10th-19th. The *Victory* has been doing the auction for a number of



T.J. GORDON TAKING A CALL FROM A BIDDER.
 PHOTO BY ALVINA BRYANT.



FROM TOM
 TO BOTTOM:
 SHARON LAMBERT,
 ALVINA BRYANT,
 AND MICHAEL
 MCCOSLIN AFTER
 THE BID NIGHT
 WAS DONE. PHOTO
 SUBMITTED BY
 ALVINA BRYANT.

years. We would man the phones for people calling in to place their bids or give out

information for people wanting more info on

the items they see on air. The crew members who participated were: Captain Alvina Bryant, Rear Admiral Sharon Lambert, Commander T. J. Gordon, Fleet Captain Steven Gordon, and Ensign Michael McCoslin.



ENSIGN MICHAEL MCCOSLIN IN FRONT OF THE BID BOARD.
 PHOTO BY ALVINA BRYANT.



USS TIBERIUS, USS JUDAH, USS VICTORIOUS, USS MARATHON, AND USS GASPARILLA GET TOGETHER



LEFT TO RIGHT (STANDING): JAMES HAYES, MIKE CAFAZZO, JAMES REED (CROUCHING), MARK ANDERSON, STEPHANIE REED, MIKE THOMAS, OLLIE SAVANDER, SUNNIE PLANTHOLD, RALPH PLANTHOLD, DIXIE SAVANDER, JENNIFER TESTARDI, ANNA OBLINGER, MIKE MAYEUX, AND ANGELA LEWIS; (SITTING) LESLIE RYAN AND DAVID RYAN.



DIXIE SAVANDER, LESLIE RYAN, AND JAMES REED.



BRIGADIER OLLIVER SAVANDER, SR.



MARK ANDERSON, JAMES HAYES (BACK), MIKE MAYEUX, JENNIFER TESTARDI (WAVING), AND ANNA OBLINGER.



ADMIRAL DAVE RYAN.

RALPH AND SUNNIE PLANTHOLD.



Members from the *USS Tiberius*, *USS Judah*, *USS Victorious*, *USS Marathon*, and *USS Gasparilla* enjoyed a wonderful early June day in the sun. The event was hosted by *USS Tiberius* OIC Oliver Savander and the *USS Victorious* OIC Mark Anderson. This get together is an annual event. And even though it was in St. Petersburg, Florida, it felt much more like the planet Vulcan. In other words, it was HOT! All photos supplied by Dave Ryan.



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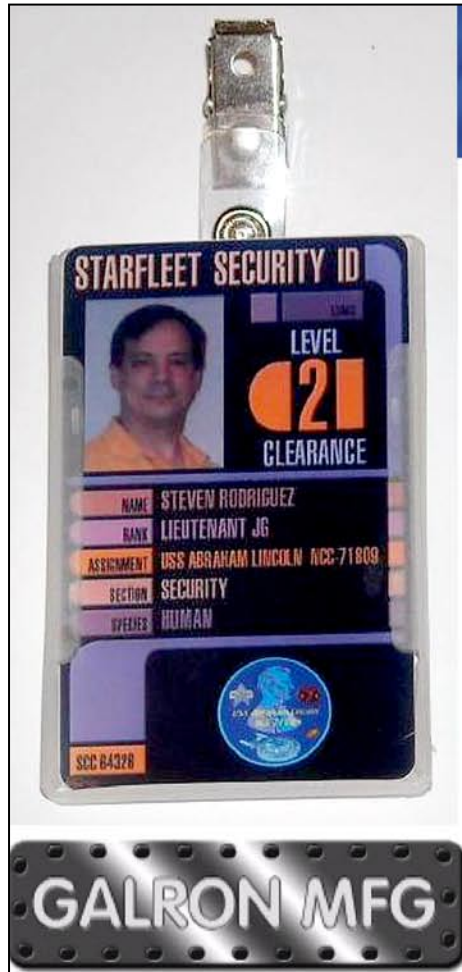
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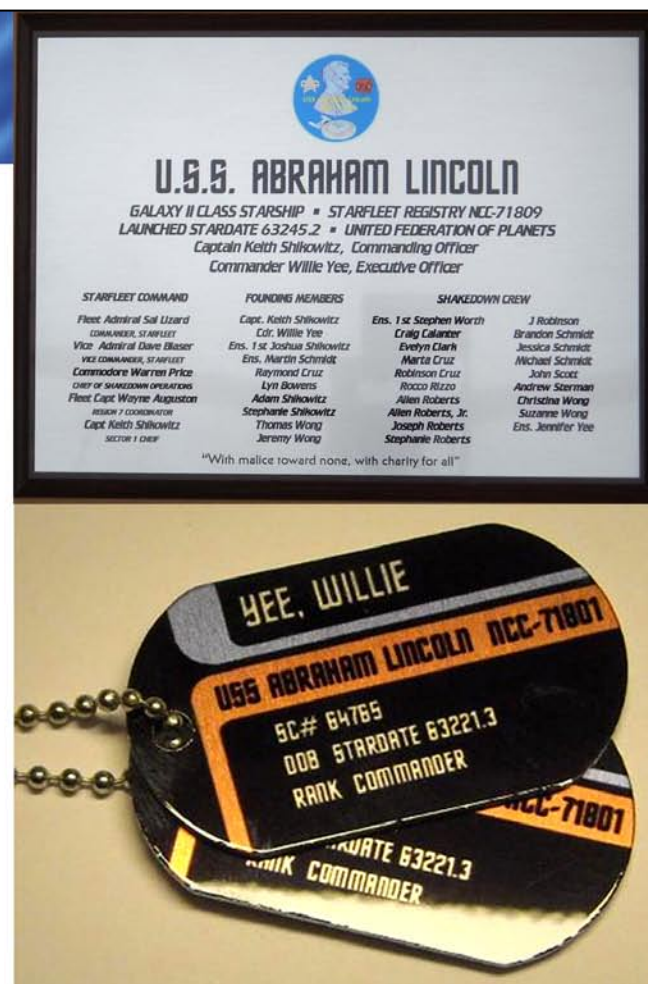
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OK, it's IC! Picture highlights of all the fun and zaniness!

Vice Admiral Greg Trotter, Chair STARFLEET International Conference 2010

On behalf of the staff of IC 2010, I want to thank everyone that braved the heat and joined us at Western Hills Guest Ranch. I hope everyone got home safely without too many travel problems!

We're still working on the books, but by all accounts, it appears to have been a financially successful IC. Soon, we'll announce the total that we were able to raise for the IC charity: Safari's Interactive Animal Sanctuary.

Speaking of them, I should probably pass along some news: shortly after IC,

someone broke into their facility and stole some cash and eight snakes—including the albino python that we saw at IC. The good news is that the snakes have been recovered and an arrest has been made, although the cash may be gone for good.

I know some people had asked me to send out information on how to donate to them. They have a Paypal donation button on their website at < <http://www.safarissanctuary.org> >. It's a worthy cause. These are all volunteers; none of them get paid for what they do. Any money they get goes to feed these exotic animals.

Again, thanks for coming, and we look forward to seeing everyone next year in the Poconos!



Admiral Bob Vosseller, Co-Chair STARFLEET International Conference 2011

I wanted to thank Greg and his staff for putting on a very fun filled event during the weekend of July 30-August 1.

I had started writing a post prior to returning to New Jersey on Monday, but signal issues at the airport developed. Sadly, that post has vanished from my NetBook, but I noted the many images that will stick with me for many months to come.

Those images (and sound bites) include—in no particular order—Linda Kloempken's "attachment" to a certain large albino python snake, the tears in Sal's eyes as he opened up his "real" present from the EC of a *Star Trek* watch, and observing a certain CO of the *USS Rachel Garrett* and her "eagerness" to know when she would see her new chapter become official.

More enjoyable memories include seeing Jon Lane's photo at the "Daisy Dog" (finale) party on Sunday night of Joost

Ueffing's and Dave Kloempken's rather large flame on the barbie, hearing R3 RC Reed Bates bust my chops on wearing some clothes while donning my ST:TNG summer wear that I hadn't worn to an IC since 1998 in Texas, and checking out a trailer of Sal's independent horror film...due out soon.

Certainly a highpoint of the weekend was hearing my own name when Sal noted this year's lifetime membership award, and also picking up Beryl Washington's award for STARFLEET Flag Officer of the Year.

Of course, what IC would be complete without petting a hairless cat and seeing my Communications Chief, Laura Victor, snuggle an African fox? Other highlights were watching in disbelief as we enjoyed the Saturday afternoon lunch outside under a tent in 100-plus degree humid weather, and seeing *USS Avenger* Security Chief Joe Horton (in a monster maroon!) not sweat. Joe, you have to be an alien. I was barely at a comfortable level wearing the summer wear tank top, shorts, and beach shoes.

The IC 2011 staff appreciated all the visitors and sign-ups for next year's IC at our hospitality suite. Did you know that we

estimated that about 1,200 cheese balls had been served up over the weekend to folks who dropped by? Linda and Mike Urvand certainly enjoyed them!

It has taken a few days to recover from all the fun and interesting experiences, although I've never left an IC without feeling renewed in my energy for this unique organization. One thing the IC also had plenty of was ...*STAR TREK*. Gee, imagine that.

Between the movie room and the hospitality suite, *Star Trek* was running all the time. I know we ran *ST II: Wrath of Khan*, *Star Trek*, and *ST:TNG*, *ST:DS9* and *ST* classic episodes throughout the weekend. There were also plenty of conversations that I took part in and overheard regarding *ST* novels and even *ST* comic book projects.

Returning to Oklahoma after so many years was interesting, as I was reminded just how hot that "hot" can be. In any case, we hope to provide at least as much fun next year in Pennsylvania. For details on IC 2011, you know how to reach us: < www.ic2011.com >. We are looking forward to seeing you all, and I guess we'd better start stocking up on those Utz brand cheese balls.



Rear Admiral Jon Lane Chief of Communications

Why this special Photo Edition "Supplement"? Well, two reasons actually: 1) it was a really good IC, and 2) it was a really packed CQ.

LOTS of photos were taken at IC 2010 by a myriad of members. I personally came away with nearly 700

pictures! And while I certainly don't intend to print quite that many photos, there's still a lot of great images to share. But at the same time, the *Communiqué* was already overflowing with material—some from IC (like annual award winners) and even more just from chapters around the Fleet.

What to do, what to do? Then I remembered that one of the services that our new printers can offer us is "drop-ins." These are separately-folded inserts that can increase the page count of an issue if necessary. So why not do a "CQ Supplemental"? It's a great to display all these wonderful IC photos that people took...and to show how much fun it was.

The cost was reasonable. Postage for an additional 16-page insert would be the same as without it, as we're currently well within the weight range. And the printing cost for a 16-page color insert and the labor to drop it in was only about half that of a normal CQ (the majority of the cost is set-up). STARFLEET finished with a surplus of funds last fiscal year, and we've already taken in enough in advertising this year to pay for the Supplement you now hold in your hands (or you will be holding once it's mailed to you...if you decided to read this online first). So with the EC's blessing, we went ahead and created this little gift for the members. It's a special occasion, lots of extra work to put together, and certainly not going to become the norm. But it's also, most definitely, a labor of love.

So I hope you like it.



Featured Photographers in this Special Edition:

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Mark H. Anbinder**
USS Accord
(Region 7)



**Brigadier
Rolando Gomez**
USS Jeanette Maddox
(Region 12)

**Rear Admiral
Jon Lane**
USS Angeles
(Region 4)



A TASTE OF PHOTOS FROM THE ENTIRE WILD IC WEEKEND



ENGAGE, NUMBER ONE! FCPT MATT MOYER AND HIS BRAND-NEW FIANCEE, ENS KRISTA DARBYSHIRE.



MGEN BRAN STIMPSON WATCHES MGEN JOOST JEFFERY SET A NEW TETRIS RECORD ON HIS CELL PHONE.



LET'S EAT!



REGION 12'S *USS DRAGONSTRIKE* IS HAPPILY REPRESENTED BY CO COMM JOHN DUBOSE, XO CAPT NORMA DUBOSE (BOTH SEATED), AND NEW CREWMEMBER DEB TRIMBLE.



"I NEVER MET A HAMBURGER I DIDN'T LIKE." AFTER THE GENERAL SESSION, THE CS (SPORTING A SPIFFY NEW, RED STARFLEET BASEBALL CAP) CHOWS DOWN AT THE SATURDAY BAR-B-QUE.



ONE OF REGION 1'S NEWEST CAPTAINS, GEORGE PIMENTEL, *USS CUMBERLAND*.



USS ARK ANGEL CO RADM LISA PRUITT CAME UP TO OKLAHOMA FROM DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.



ACCENTING THE FESTIVITIES! BRITISH MEMBER THERESA BRISTOW SPEAKS THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH WITH NEW ZEALAND NATIVE JOHN "KIWI" KANE.



REGION 12'S FLTCAPT STEVE GORDON CHATS WITH COMM LARRY FERGUSON.



STARFLEET FASHION STATEMENTS...



Dressed for the tropics of Oklahoma: ADM Bob Vosseller (*USS Challenger*, R7), MGSgt John "Kiwi" Kane (*USS Hornet*, R1), and FADM Sal Lizard (*USS Hood*, R15)



VADM Lea Morgan (*USS Antares*, R5) and ENS Leona Henry (*USS Aurora Vulcanus*, R3)



MGEN Joost Ueffing (*USS Magellan*, R13)



ADM Sam Black (*USS Lone Star*, R3), MGSgt John "Kiwi" Kane (*USS Hornet*, R1), and Captain Joe Horton (*USS Avenger*, R7)



VADM Jerry Tien (*USS Eagle*, R4) and VADM Paul Reid (*USS Majestic*, R10)

...WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED TREKKER IS WEARING THIS YEAR



**FADM Sal Lizard (USS Hood, R15) and
COMM Mike Stein (USS Justice, R7)**



**ADM Alex Rosenzweig
(USS Avenger, R7)**



**VADM Dave Blaser
(SS Bounty, R13)**



**RADM Jon Lane (USS Angeles, R4) and
ADM Bob Vosseller (USS Challenger, R7)**



RADM Lee Schmidt and COMM Ray Brown (USS Willam Wallace, R12)



**ADM David Kloempken (USS Czar'ak, R6), ADM Bob Vosseller (USS Challenger, R7),
ADM Mike Urvand (USS Imperium, R6), RADM Patrick McAndrew (USS Antares, R5),
and VADM Chrissy Killian (USS Peacekeeper, R4).**



SOME OF THE FOLKS IN CHARGE: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AND A PROXY)



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Commander, STARFLEET



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Vice Commander, STARFLEET



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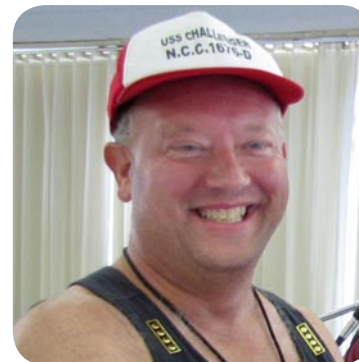
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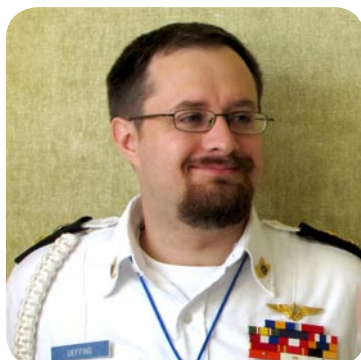
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R15 Proxy



LGEN John Roberts
R17 Proxy



ENS Theresa Bristow
R20 Proxy



OPENING CEREMONY



Every year, the STARFLEET International Conference kicks off its General Session with a STARFLEET Marine Corps Color Guard. This year, the flags of three nations were displayed to represent members of chapters from the United States, Canada, and Great Britain in attendance. Vice Admiral Eric Gay (bottom right) of the *USS Rachel Garrett* in Region 3 supplied an awe-inspiring rendition of three national anthems: "The Star Spangled Banner", "Oh, Canada", and "God Save the Queen." And with that, IC 2010 in Wagoner, Oklahoma was underway.



EXOTIC ANIMAL PLANET



If ever there were a photo in need of a caption, this is it. Among the winning entires were:

"I feel pretty,
Oh, so pretty,
I feel pretty and witty and bright!
And I pity
Any girl who isn't me tonight."
(Joshua Andrews)

"Well, actually, I am happy to see you."
(Jon Lane)

"That's MY watch - and no - you can't have it!"
(Eric Johannson)

"I know, I'll rename my shuttle the *Slytherin*!"
(Dave Pitts)



Lori Ensign-Scroggins (above, right) brought along a number of exotic animals for the members to interact with and learn about. One of the most popular was Jack, the one-eyed python, who got particularly friendly with ADM Linda Kloempken (above left)... and just how friendly, we don't exactly know yet.

The charity for IC 2010 was the Safari's Sanctuary of the Broken Arrow Zoo in Oklahoma. The charity cares for abandoned exotic animals that get adopted by families who don't realize how difficult some of these creatures are to care for and end up getting rid of the poor animals. STARFLEET raised about \$1,500 for this worthy charity.



Love at first slither. Awards Director ADM Linda Kloempken gets wrapped up in the process of making first contact with another species. She and the snake later exchanged phone numbers.



The world's smallest species of fox, the Fenec Fox of the African desert, can dig a burrow hole for shade at 100 mph!

No, this isn't Dr. Evil. It's CMDR Sarah Bolick of the *USS Top Gun* (R7) with a hairless cat, also known as a Sphinx Cat. And yes, this breed of cat is, indeed, naturally hairless (just like William Shatner).



FCPT Steven Gordon of the *USS Victory* (R3) finally comes out of his shell.



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR COMMANDER, STARFLEET...



Unfortunately, FCAPT Emmett Plant of the *USS Blackheart* (R7), one of the two candidates running for Commander, STARFLEET this year, was not able to make it to IC 2010 in Oklahoma. So instead, we borrowed a plant from the hotel lobby and named it Emmett. Emmett Plant himself (the candidate) called in from Delaware while Jon Lane (seated at right) moderated the lively discussion among the two candidates and their running mates for VCS.



The team of Plant/Rosenzweig promises to Spock the Vote this campaign season.



It took the STARFLEET Corps of Engineers nearly 90 minutes to get the microphone, speakers, and phone line set up so that Emmett (in Delaware) could hear the questions and the crowd could hear Emmett without the shriek of feedback. But finally, the session got underway.



Group photo after the session (left to right): VADM Dave Blaser, Emmett the Plant, ADM Alex Rosenzweig, and MGEN Ban Stimpson.



THE FINAL MISSION CEREMONY



A Solemn Remembrance...

Each year at IC, STARFLEET members hold a ceremony to honor the memories of members of our organization and sci-fi community who have passed into "the undiscovered country" during the previous year. D.J. Allen (lower right) organized the Final Mission ceremony with the participants pictured in the lower left photo (left to right): Jack Eaton, Peggy Moshell, Wade Hoover, Sal Lizard, Bran Stimpson, Alex Rosenzweig, Mark Anbinder, Joost Ueffing, and Dave Blaser.



OLDIES...BUT GOODIES!



Everybody loves Helen!

Sporting a Viking helmet, multiple Starfleet uniforms, a sleek scooter, the flag of Iceland (home of her STARFLEET "husband" and Region 9 Coordinator Guðjón Sigmundsson), with a gleam in her eye, a mischievous smile on her lips, and a heart the size of Saturn, ADM Helen Pawlowski's enthusiasm for our organization is unmatched. Helen keeps all of STARFLEET young at heart.



The second-ever Commander, STARFLEET

Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw made a rare appearance at IC. STARFLEET's Commanding Admiral from 1977-1979 (when the position was called "Chief of Staff"), her administration helped to create many of the structures that continue to define STARFLEET today. Adeline brought along her original membership card from 1978, back when members' cards were typed up, hand signed on the back, and color-coded by department or section. Still looking great, both the card and Adeline are a proud part of our history.



LOVE...STARFLEET STYLE



Engage!

During the Sautday night banquet, FCAPT Matt Moyer got down on one knee and proposed to ENS Krista Darbyshire—and as you can see, she said “yes”!

But it's not just Matt & Krista. Love abounds in STARFLEET. Just take a look at some of the other happy couples who shared a trip to IC this year...



Bran Stimspson & Christina Sievers



Laura & Jeff Victor



Susan & Joost Ueffing



PJ & Greg Trotter



Ruth & Glen Diebold



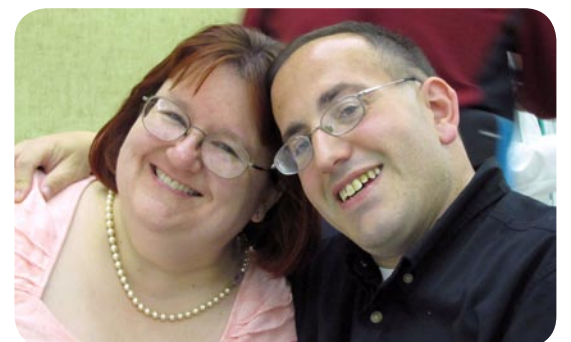
Linda & Sal Lizard



Dave & Debbie Blaser & the dogs



David & Linda Kloempken



Dixie & Steven Halber



THERE MUST BE FIFTY WAYS TO PIE AN ADMIRAL...

THE DIRECT APPROACH

Getting CREAMED for charity!

Three admirals volunteered, and members bid for the honor and pleasure of depositing a cream pie right in the keester of one of the club's leaders. By the end of the evening, over \$550 had been raised to go toward the Region 12 fund.

First up was R12RC Vice Admiral Jeffrey Higdon himself, taking one for the team. CAPT Dal Glenn of the *USS Peacekeeper* (R4) did the honors with a cream pie directly to the face.



THE GROUP SHOT

Revenge is sweet!

Be careful who you fire! During his tenure as Commander, STARFLEET, Sal Lizard (right, covered in cream) fired Matt Moyer, Chrissy Killian, and Mike Urvand (pictured above, left to right). Although Chrissy and Mike were later reinstated, all three of them got a chance to show Sal that revenge is a dish best served cold... and creamy. But as you can see from the bottom photo, it was all just in good fun.



...HERE'S THREE OF OUR FAVORITES!



THE FULL MURPHY

A job worth doing is worth doing right!

RADM Marian Murphy, CO of the *USS Rachel Garrett* (which was commissioned as a full Region 3 chapter earlier in the day), decided to show VADM Dave Blaser (Vice-Commander, STARFLEET) how a pieing is REALLY done! Marian took her own sweet and creamy time to thoroughly lather Dave in Cool Whip, giving him a "super facial" that covered his entire face, hair, and even plugged up his ears for a while. Marian definitely got her money's worth, and Dave Blaser had silky smooth skin and hair for the next week. Dave is actually now thinking about switching from using shampoo and conditioner to whipped cream.



SO, IS THIS GOING TO BECOME A
NEW STARFLEET IC TRADITION?

ARE THERE REALLY FIFTY WAYS
TO PIE AN ADMIRAL?

FIND OUT NEXT YEAR IN THE
POCONOS, PA AT IC 2011!



THE ~~DEAD~~ DAISY DOG PARTY



EVERY IC ENDS WITH A "DEAD DOG" PARTY FOR THE IC STAFF (AND ANYONE ELSE AROUND) TO FINALLY RELAX. THIS YEAR'S PARTY CAME WITH ITS OWN DOG, MISS DAISY, OWNED BY PJ AND GREG TROTTER.



LOOKS LIKE THE HOT DOGS ARE READY!



STARFLEET MARINE SURVIVAL RATIONS - THIS IS WHY YOU ALWAYS WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT LGEN JOHN ROBERTS IS AT YOUR PARTY!



A FINAL SUNSET SAID: "FAREWELL FROM WAGONER ...Y'ALL COME BACK NOW."

