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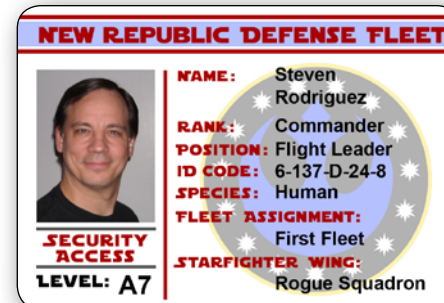
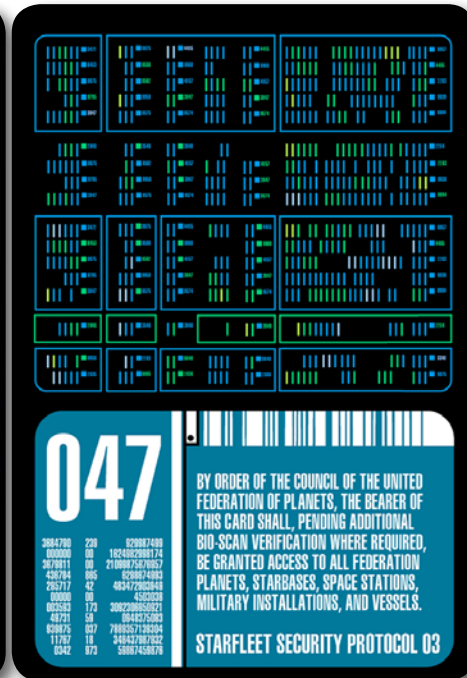
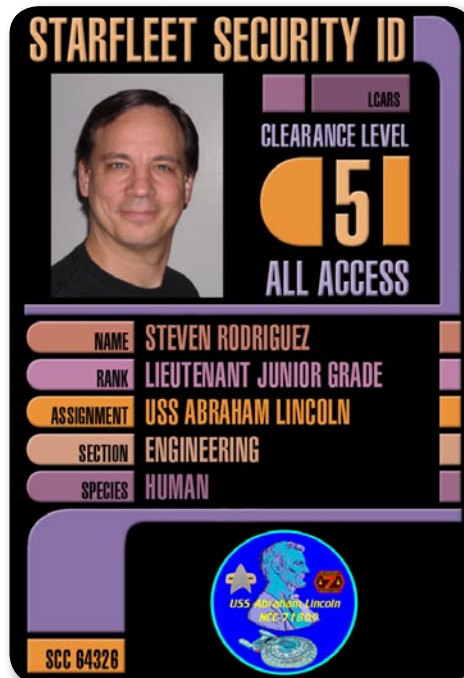
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Products for Fans By the Fans



I've been a sci-fi fan for many years. For me it started with *Star Wars*, *Battlestar Galactica*, and *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. I was introduced to fandom in April of '96. I always thought it would be cool to make science fiction items. For years, that idea stayed on the back burner. Life always seemed to get in the way. It wasn't until five years ago that I decided to start making personalized science fiction items.

I'm sure many of you are familiar with the items I produce... whether you ran into me as a vendor at a sci-fi convention like Shore Leave or I-Con, or heard through the grapevine about the personalized items I have available on my web site: galronmfg.net.

I now make high quality, personalized *Battlestar Galactica* and Starfleet dog tags, *Star Trek* ship dedication plaques, custom label plates for display cases, and a number of personalized ID badges (shown at the top of this page). I also have a selection of patches, pins, and other miscellaneous items...including a prop or two. My focus, however, has been on costuming items.

I usually keep my ear to the ground because I want to know what everyone in the sci-fi community wants to see. That's why I use the slogan: "For fans by the fans." Many of the items that I have available are as a direct result of input from sci-fi fans... usually friends and acquaintances in fandom. I know many of you want certain items to be made available. All you have to do is just let me know what you want. Most times, I can make it.

It seems to me that the sci-fi community is a pretty creative bunch. Many of you have created some really cool projects. If you would like to submit designs or ideas for IDs or other items,

I would be happy to work with you to create these new items. For example, Willie Yee of the *USS Abraham Lincoln* asked me to consider a Starfleet dog tag. He even created the design. Using this as a guide, I was able to add the personalized Starfleet dog tags to my product offerings. It's really that easy! A big plus to the Starfleet dog tags is that STARFLEET the fan club gave Galron (my company) permission to use the STARFLEET club logo on the dog tags, making the item even more appropriate for members of our fan organization. (Thanks, guys, for giving me permission to use it).

The most recent addition to my product offering is the *Star Wars* New Republic ID badge. I have to admit that its one of my personal favorites. After all, *Star Wars* was one of my original sci-fi interests. It joins other attractive ID badges for popular sci-fi shows, including the new *Battlestar Galactica*, *Stargate*, *Fringe*, and oh, did I mention...*Star Trek*, too! They're all really awesome, and they can be personalized with whatever name, rank, position, chapter, assignment, specialty, security clearance level, and photo that you specify.

So if there is an item that you guys want to have made, just let me know. Whether it's a patch, pin, or personalized ID...it's worth at least asking me about it. Granted, I can't guarantee that I can add EVERY idea I get approached with (some things may simply be too complex or expensive to produce), but I'll definitely look into any requests I get and respond back. Just send me a message through the "Contact Us" page at galronmfg.net. I answer all inquiries promptly.

Best regards.





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FLEET ADMIRAL ADELINE LONGSHAW (COMMANDER, STARFLEET — 1977-1979)

Our Dearest Blood...

From the STARFLEET Historical Archives:

In the fall of 1977, STARFLEET's first leader, Fleet Admiral John Bradbury, retired from active duty and was replaced by Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw. It was during her administration that STARFLEET's organizational structure began to solidify even more. There were a large number of STARFLEET divisions to help operate the club, such as Chief of Fleet Recruiting, Chief of Logistics, and the Alien Relations Board, just to name a few. A very important part of keeping things "tight" was a division run by an officer named Admiral Brandt Heatherington, who served as the Command Assistance Coordinator.

1979 was when STARFLEET really began to grow up as a fan club. A formal Organizational Chart was put into place reflecting actual military structure to allow the club to function more efficiently. Commodore John Wetsch expanded Starfleet Academy with new courses, which was continued under new Commandant Rear Admiral David C. Wilton. And Chief of Communications Vice Admiral Mike Lyons continued to enhance Starfleet Communications, the newsletter precursor to the Communiqué.

When Adeline Longshaw took office in 1977, STARFLEET had just over 400 members. But recruiting continued at a fast rate during her administration, and by October of 1979, STARFLEET stood at 700 members assigned to 16 active starships and 35 planetary outposts (essentially chapters-in-training).

Fleet Admiral Longshaw had to step down in 1979 to deal with a serious family illness, and she was replaced temporarily by interim CS Brandt Heatherington before Admiral John Wetsch became the third Commander, STARFLEET.



As one who had the pleasure of meeting and spending a little time with "Addie" at this year's IC, this news both saddens me and reminds me how quickly our friends can be taken away.

Addie was quite a lady, and I'm so glad that she was able to attend the IC. She told me how much it meant to her and how proud she was of STARFLEET and her role in its history.

At the IC, she gave me a pendant "...so you will remember me," she said. Like other members whom we've lost, she WILL be missed.

FADM Sal Lizard
15th Commander, STARFLEET





BORN: DECEMBER 21, 1930 PASSED AWAY: OCTOBER 28, 2010



I was first introduced to Addie Longshaw through Chris Smith.

That is to say I first learned of Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw through an article that Admiral Chris Smith had done for the STARFLEET *Communiqué* a decade before on the History of STARFLEET. I was the newly-appointed compositor and editor for the STARFLEET History and became the Deputy STARFLEET Historian soon after that under General Scott Akers. This article was the basis of the "Brief History of STARFLEET" published in CQ 100.

One of the things I gleaned from the very brief part of the article was that, despite the lack of information on her tenure, I could see that Addie Longshaw was truly a remarkable woman whose place in STARFLEET history cannot go unnoticed.

She was the second Chief of Staff of STARFLEET

Central (later STARFLEET Command and now simply STARFLEET), the position which is now known as the Commander, STARFLEET, and she is considered the second CS after Fleet Admiral John Bradbury. She was the first female CS to serve in that position, and she handled it like a pro.

It wasn't until 2009, after I was elected as the Region Twelve Coordinator, that I started to have an indirect relationship with Addie. I was not aware that Addie was even alive, let alone where she might live if she was still present in our world. However I was pleasantly surprised to learn through my Senior Vice Regional Coordinator, Bea Hart, that not only

was Addie alive and very much active—she was a member of the Bea's chapter, the *USS Sunflower*—but Addie also lived within the confines of Region Twelve, in southwest Missouri!

I sent her a copy of the Region Twelve Newsletter, the R12 Regional Status Report, and a certificate recognizing her longevity within the Region and the Fleet. To my surprise, I got a very nice note saying, "Thank you for sending me the July 2009 Region 12 Status Report. I look forward to meeting you at the 2010 IC in Oklahoma. LL & P, (Signed) Addie." This note now is taped inside the *USS Black Hawk* Scrapbook next to such things as a ticket to see the *Star Trek* movie, a payment stub from the Will Rogers Toll Way, and several membership cards from my time in STARFLEET.

I met Addie for real just before the ECAB meeting at IC2010 when Bea asked me to meet someone

special. I knew who it was before I saw her being wheeled up to me by her daughter Regina. I leaned down and gave her a big hug, saying how much I had been looking forward to meeting her, and she said she had the same feeling. It was a thrill to meet her, and I wish I had more time to sit with her, but I was already on the way to the ECAB meeting. But we would get the chance to talk, to laugh, and to hug some more before we both left for what would be the final time of seeing each other.

When I look back at the time during IC2010 we spent with Addie, there are several images I remember in my mind. One was a picture that was taken during the R12 Conference with Sal and me and between us, almost unseen, standing in that black 'starlit' blouse, was Addie. The second was a picture of Addie, in her TOS uniform, sitting and posing with her CO, Bea Hart and her husband, Larry.

She clearly enjoyed being with her fellow 'Fleeters', and I was later pulled aside by her daughter Regina, who said that her mother was clearly thankful for having one more chance to be a part of these people and this organization. Later, I asked Addie and Regina if they would become honorary members of my chapter. After explaining what an honorary membership aboard the *USS Black Hawk* entailed, and letting them know who were also honorary members, they accepted. As Addie said, "I am honored to be a part of something Bjo Trimble is a part of." (Bjo has been an honorary member of the *USS Black Hawk* since 1996.)

In observing the passing of Fleet Admiral Longshaw in a message to Region Twelve and to STARFLEET on December 1, 2010, I said: "I am really thankful to have met her and have had that opportunity to

associate with her just for a brief time. She was one classy and wonderful person, and all STARFLEET should be proud to have had her serve as one of the early leaders of the association."

Here was a woman who was active in her community, knew how to run a TV station (something with which I can relate), was a builder of ginger bread houses (which I can also relate through consuming a few in my lifetime), and other things that made her loved by many more outside her STARFLEET family. She was also a crack shot with a rifle! Being the Commander, STARFLEET, and doing all she did and raising five children... fascinating!

I am one STARFLEET member who can say as I mourn the loss of a truly remarkable woman, that she had one great life, and we are all blessed to have known her for a small porting, whether it be through talking with her or just learning of who she was...the Second Commander, STARFLEET.

On behalf of the officers and crew of the chapters of Region Twelve, as well as the crew of the *USS Black Hawk*, I offer our condolences to her family, friends and shipmates in their loss. From my brief time with her at IC2010, I can say she will be missed, and her legacy in STARFLEET secured.

Our hearts are less full today without this kind and thoughtful soul in this universe. But she has truly gone on to the final frontier.

Jeffery Higdon
Region Twelve Coordinator
CO, *USS Black Hawk*



My friend Addie...

When I started the *USS Sunflower* here in Kansas, I had to search around for members. I had written to several people in Region 12, and not knowing who "Aledine Longhaw" was, I casually wrote her a letter asking if she would like to join my chapter. I was getting ready to launch, and I needed ten people to complete my chapter. I received a wonderful response from her telling me that she had been in STARFLEET for a very long time, that she was just an admiral, and she would be glad to be my Chief Adviser.

Over the years, we got to know each other, and eventually I learned that she had at one time been the Fleet Admiral. I was really excited about this, but Addie had never made a big deal about it. So I respected her privacy and never mentioned it to anyone else. While keeping in contact all these years, it had always been my wish to get to meet her in person.

About two years ago, my husband and I were on our way to a family reunion. I knew we would be passing right through her town of Camdenton, Missouri, and it would be about breakfast time. So we arranged to meet at the local restaurant. This was my very first face-to-face meeting with Addie, and we had a long and wonderful visit. I am sure we discussed everything from the beginning of STARFLEET right up to the present. After breakfast, we got a few pictures and said our good-byes with the promise that we would see each other at the 2010 IC.

When I arrived at IC there in Oklahoma, the first thing I did was arrange to contact her. Addie had arrived and was already checked in, and we sat in the lobby and had a wonderful visit. We spent as much time as we could together, and it was the best weekend I had with her being there... somehow I felt richer for it. STARFLEET and the *USS Sunflower* will not be the same without her. I will not be the same without her. We will miss you, Addie.

Rear Admiral Bea Hart
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COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Report from the Outgoing Commander, STARFLEET

As I sit here writing my final *Communiqué* article as STARFLEET's Commander, I realize that I will be completing my term of office in just over two weeks! And with my busiest season (the Christmas Season) in full swing, it will be over "...in no time at all."

It's difficult for me to think about my STARFLEET experiences this week as I spend a portion of my time visiting children at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Many of those children don't want to be photographed with Santa without their hair; many of them only want to be able to go home for Christmas. It is after my experiences with these wonderfully brave and hopeful children that I find myself trying to re-focus my thoughts. But this is truly my last address as the sitting CS, and there are some things that I'd like to say.

I began my efforts to lead this organization over three years ago when I started campaigning for membership votes. At that time, I had been in STARFLEET for 15 years (I joined back in February of 1992) and had come to believe that there were only three types of people who ran for the leadership positions of STARFLEET: those who really wanted to hold high positions (and acquire the rank that came with them), those who really only wanted to serve the organization (and couldn't care less about the position or rank), and those who were a mixture of both. Some of those whom I felt fell into the first category (and some from the last group who were "seduced" by some of the "power" that we trusted them with), hurt the organization by abusing the members and resources...while others (again, my opinion) from that second group (and also from the last) helped STARFLEET evolve and grow.

Of course, different members have judged our past leaders differently, and I know different members will likewise judge me and my actions. When I started out as a member of STARFLEET, I was really only interested in finding out about conventions. Then I joined a local chapter, and my interest turned to making rank and "playing" with like-minded *Star Trek* fans. Later, I was invited to be on Mike Smith's Executive Committee, and even though I wanted to serve, I wasn't as committed to STARFLEET as much as I was to trying to "right the wrongs" of a previous administration.

It was only during the recent years that my interest became more about serving than anything else. Don't get me wrong, I am proud of my rank (a rank that recognizes the attainment of STARFLEET's highest office), but I didn't have to become the CS to satisfy a desire for rank. I actually felt that STARFLEET (at the uppermost levels) was not being administered correctly with regard to its business operations and its protection of its members.

Since joining STARFLEET, I've met some wonderful people. I've also met people that I could have happily passed through life without ever knowing (but that is a much smaller number). Some of these people in the first group include Victor Swindle, Jamie Young, (the late) Carl Lewis Jr, Barb Slater, and other members of the *USS Charleston*. I also met Dave and Quyn Horner, Bill and Patty Herrmann and (at that time) their 16-year old daughter Mandi before

we shuttled off to become the *USS Rutledge*. I've since been a member of the *USS Columbus*, the *USS Asgard* and the *USS Hood*...and have likewise formed friendships with many wonderful members on those chapters and others.

I really wish that I could list everyone that I count as friends but it would be a very long list indeed! Certain other members were in leadership roles, and I consider myself lucky to have met them. I still hold Rob Lerman and Jeannette Maddox, Cindy Krell, Linda and Dave Kloempkin, Bob Vosseller, Howard Cronson, Linda Smith, Marlene Miller, Peg Pellerin, Carolyn Donner, and Chuck Freas in high regard, as each made their contributions early in my STARFLEET experience. And, what can I say about Helen Pawlowski? She will always be one of my dearest and most-treasured friends!

It should also be pointed out that I've even had "issues" with others in STARFLEET that either destroyed our friendships or strained them for some time, but I'm very happy to be able to say that those issues were resolved and relationships have been repaired. Some are aware of the angst that existed between me and Matt, Mike U, Chrissy, and even Les for a time. Whether it took a sincere talk or a pie in the face, for the most part, we got past it and now enjoy our friendship again.

Getting back to the campaign, I asked some great people to help me take care of the business of STARFLEET: Garrick (Gary) Halverson was my first VCS before his work obligations forced him to step down. Along with Gary, Mike Urvand, Peg Pellerin, Peter Christian (before military obligations forced his departure), Warren Price, Matt Moyer, and Mike Stein formed the Executive Committee that began three years ago. Later members included Kim Donohoe, Jerry Tien, Jon Lane (who told me during the campaign that he was not planning to vote for me), and Dave Blaser (who once asked me to "step down" as CS) as my VCS and now my successor.

Many members have accused the leadership of STARFLEET—be it national or regional—of "cronyism" (the practice of favoring one's close friends, especially in political appointments), and I am aware that some have said the same of me. But I actually didn't know many of my EC members before beginning my campaign. I had met Gary (he was the Region 15 Regional Coordinator) and Mike Urvand before. And although she signed my OTS certificate, I didn't really know Peg Pellerin. Matt Moyer and I shared rides and hotel rooms as we traveled to summits before I finally asked him to join the team. But I quickly made friends with my Executive Committee, but I also encouraged them to speak freely and honestly when they disagreed with me and believe me, they did! Any EC member will tell you that there were times I argued passionately for (or against) some committee decision and was outvoted when the time came...and on at least one occasion, my vote was alone against seven others! I opened the EC discussion list to the Vice-Chiefs so that they would be aware of discussions in case they needed to "fill in" for their department and, although they didn't vote, they were always invited to participate in the discussions on either the discussion list or the EC conference calls,

which occurred almost weekly in the beginning and about every other Sunday evening later on.

I survived the three years as the CS despite the fact that I was told by a former CS that I had better not "buck" STARFLEET's "political machine." Seriously. I was warned that I would have a "hard time" if I did, but that I could enjoy an easy term if I maintained the "status quo." I was even told that "Mandi [Livingston] bucked 'the machine' and look at what happened to her." Well, I didn't maintain the status quo and worked as best as I could to make changes that I thought STARFLEET needed. And, as promised, it was not an easy term, and I thought about stepping down on occasion. After all, it's a voluntary position, and there were times when it interfered with my livelihood and my relationships.

But I had the support of a great number of members and my EC. Likewise, many members of the AB offered their support and counsel. Along the way, I've definitely made mistakes and judgment errors. The biggest one was not including the AB on certain decisions *before* acting and seeking their advice. Like so many others, I forgot that the CS is actually a member of the AB, too. He (and the VCS) was voted into office by the *members of all* regions! But I learned from my mistakes, and although it won't sit well with some to read this, I leave my three-year term with the knowledge that I had successes and STARFLEET has evolved. I leave knowing that I survived the verbal and written lies and denigrations on the discussion lists and blogs of certain members who anxiously watched for the "gotcha" moments so that they could exploit them at every opportunity.

And I think that I survived because I stayed off the online chat lists. I know that in doing so, I've given some (both supporter and non) the fodder for criticism, but I was able to keep my focus on STARFLEET and not get bogged down answering the same questions (asked different ways) over and over again. I will never convince some that I'm not malicious, and I've been far too busy to read through the lists. I did say that I would listen to STARFLEET members, but there is no Constitutional or Member Handbook requirement to participate in the lists. I did set up a toll-free number so that members could call the EC, and I even answered when some pressed "0" for the "operator." I listened to every member who called me—had some great conversations and answered their questions or directed them to the answers. That phone number was/is open to everyone—free of charge to the member—whether they have Internet access or not.

And I never "flamed" anyone if they asked what might be considered "silly" or "controversial" by others. I'm going to make another comment that might upset some, but it's truly my opinion based on my past observations. I believe that a lot of STARFLEET's work wasn't accomplished very well when the EC "lived online" in the discussion lists or chat channels. Now, I realize that there are exceptions: Dave Blaser is online and has been very responsive and productive...as has Jon Lane. But they work at a keyboard, whereas many people in STARFLEET have jobs that don't permit them that "luxury." I'm one of those people. My

job requires a lot of driving and a lot of performing, and (unless STARFLEET decides to exclude a large segment of STARFLEET members from the opportunity to serve at the highest level) being active on the chat lists should never be a requirement.

Running STARFLEET is a team effort, and I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone who helped keep things running. Sam Black, my Chief of Staff; Wade Hoover, the Inspector General and Historian; Mark Anbinder, as the IC Liaison; Pete Mohny, STARFLEET Quartermaster; and Linda Kloempkin, Member Recognition, are the better-known members of my staff...with Chris Tolbert, Recruiting, and Jason Schrek, the Orientation Officer. I also want to thank Robert Westfall and Theresa and Terry Remaly for their service to STARFLEET as members of my staff, too.

I am grateful for Gary's service, and I certainly have gotten a lot of support from Dave Blaser and his Chief of Staff, Bob McCann. Thanks to Operations: Mike Urvand, Kim Donohoe, Jerry Tien, and Cindy Krell. From Communications: Peter Christian, Unicorn Escobedo, Jon Lane, and Dennis Rayburn. From the Academy: Peg Pellerin and Marlene Miller. From Shakedown Operations: Warren Price and Alex Rosenzweig. From CompOps: Matt Moyer, John Halliday, and Bob Chin. And from the Finance Department: Mike Stein and Pat Spillers.

I also want to express my thanks to those who served STARFLEET on the Admiralty Board (STARFLEET's Board of Directors) during my term. Certainly, the AB was very active during my term and were there to advise me—even at those times when I wasn't smart enough to ask!

And I thank my wife, Linda, and my daughter, Ashley, for tolerating my "absence" from our family at times. And I want to dedicate my successful term to Mandi Livingston, my friend, my "adopted niece" and the one who wanted to accomplish much of the same as I...had she been able to.

In closing, I have been asked what I will do when I leave office. I am getting more popular as an actor and have several film projects coming up. I am a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). I've also started to produce films, too, and now have three in various stages of production. I will be traveling to Norway as a guest speaker in March, and I have already been invited to appear at several film festivals and horror conventions. My wife tells me that she is looking forward to having a little more of my attention (Linda said she's glad that I'm finally "divorcing" Sam Black). But I think she'll miss the fact that I did the dishes and cleaned the kitchen every other Sunday night, too. Some members have asked if I will ever run again. I can't say at this point (since my wife might be reading this, too!).

But I will be around, and I hope to see some of you at the IC this year when I can once again drink heavily without worrying about criticism.

FADM Sal Lizard
 (by the time you read this)
 Former Commander, STARFLEET





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CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

The Legacy of the Sal Lizard Administration

So...how'd we do?

As with many things, the answer depends on whom you ask. For the vast majority of our nearly 4,200 members, they've had no complaints about our club for the past few years, and several members from across the globe actually took the time to write some positive thoughts, words of appreciation, and well wishes to the outgoing EC (messages which appear elsewhere in this issue).

And then there are comments like the following.

Barely ten minutes after the 2010 STARFLEET Election results were announced to the general membership, Danny Chamberlin of the *USS Maat* posted a message on the STARFLEET Business Discussion List (SFI-L), addressed to Dave Blaser and his team:

"Congratulations, I guess. I only request that you don't destroy it [STARFLEET] anymore than you and Sal already have..."

I don't mean to single out Danny. A small but vocal minority of our membership has been passionately critical of Sal Lizard and his administration over the last three years, and they've said some rather strong things. But "destroy"...now that's a pretty significant word!

And indeed, after Danny's posting (and a few other negative comments from a handful of others), three relatively new STARFLEET members contacted me (I'm assuming in my capacity as Election Coordinator) to ask what these people were talking about. One member said, "Did I join the wrong *Star Trek* club?" Is STARFLEET in some kind of trouble?"

I wrote them all back with essentially the same message: "Everyone is entitled to an opinion, some of them quite strongly held. Now, I personally think that STARFLEET is in a better and stronger place than it's been in a very long time, and that the past couple of years have been some of the best ever for this club (and I've been a member for over 27 years!). But, don't let anyone make up your mind for you (including me).

"I'm going to write an article in my final issue of CQ entitled 'The Legacy of the Sal Lizard Administration', and in it, I am going to list the positive things that this organization has accomplished while Sal has been Commander, STARFLEET. Put those items in your 'Plus' column. And after reading my article, ask some of the folks who weren't happy what they thought was done

wrong during the last few years and why they feel that way. Put those items in your 'Minus' column. Then just add up the two columns and decide for yourself if STARFLEET has been 'destroyed' or not. The conclusion you reach will then be your own."

And so, that is what I intend to do in this, my final CQ article as Chief of Communications (I'm writing this in

fun fan club and also the non-profit corporate entity. He understood that each Commander and their EC usually chose one or the other aspect of STARFLEET to concentrate on, usually the fun side (after all, who wants to deal with all that boring corporate minutiae when we just want to be *Star Trek* fans?).

The problem was, Sal believed, that the business side

productive...and maybe even a little scary.

After Sal won the 2007 election for Commander, STARFLEET, a rather vocal minority of our (at the time) nearly 3,900 members became very agitated and worried. The numerous STARFLEET chat lists were littered with dire warnings and ominous predictions of gloom and doom...things like:

- STARFLEET membership would dwindle to nothing as members abandoned the organization in droves because the club ceased to be fun and became "all business."
- Anyone who publicly disagreed with Sal Lizard would be expelled by Sal from the organization.
- Only people who were close friends of Sal and his EC would be allowed to run STARFLEET or be considered for leadership positions.
- With all the money Sal was spending on STARFLEET lawyers, the organization would be bankrupt before the end of his term.
- Sal Lizard's "thought police" would enforce the Officer's Code of Conduct with an iron hand, leading to even more mass expulsions from the club.
- STARFLEET would no longer exist before Sal had finished his term.

Of course, none of these apocalyptic prognostications came to pass...not even a little. STARFLEET membership increased by 7.5% over the past three years, and our financial assets also went up by 27% (or about \$10,000)...even with the various legal expenses. While one disruptive member was suspended during those last three years, the suspension ultimately came from the Admiralty Board after many months of deliberation plus warnings about that member's behavior and even a flag rank demotion. When none of those approaches produced a change in his behavior, the member finally received a 3-year suspension from the AB in mid-2009.

But that was it. No "thought police" or mass expulsions. No cronyism or granting leadership positions only to "Sal pals." Heck, I'm an example of that! When Sal asked me to take over as Comm Chief, I told him, "You know I didn't vote for you, right?" In fact, I'd been quite vocal in supporting a different CS candidate back in 2007. Another non-crony whom Sal brought on to replace a departing member of his EC was Dave Blaser as Vice-Commander. Dave was even more unhappy with Sal than I was, and Dave had even called on Sal to step down



EC 2.0 - THIS WAS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF IC 2009 IN NORTH CAROLINA. ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD FINISH OUT THE TERM. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (STANDING): VICE-CHIEF OF SHOC ALEX ROSENZWEIG, OPS CHIEF JERRY TIEN, VICE-COMMANDANT OF SFA MARLENE MILLER, SHOC CHIEF WARREN PRICE, COMM CHIEF JON LANE, COMPOPS CHIEF JOHN HALLIDAY, CS SAL LIZARD, VICE-COMPOPS CHIEF BOB CHIN, CFO MIKE STEIN, CS CHIEF OF STAFF SAM BLACK, AND (STITTING/KNEELING): VCS DAVE BLASER, VICE-CFO PAT SPILLERS, AND VICE-CHIEF OF OPS CINDY KRELL. NOT IN ATTENDANCE: ACADEMY COMMANDANT PEG PELLERIN, VCS CHIEF OF STAFF BOB McCANN, AND VICE-COMM CHIEF DENNIS RAYBURN. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.

late December while I still hold the position). But before I provide the list for the "Plus" column, let's take a quick trip back to 2007 to understand the kind of Commander that Sal was endeavoring to be...

The Business Side of STARFLEET

Sal Lizard served on two previous Executive Committees as Chief of Computer Operations, so he was already quite familiar with STARFLEET protocols, procedures, and yes, politics.

But Sal is also a businessman who has owned and run a number of different companies over the years. Sal believed strongly that STARFLEET has two aspects: the

of STARFLEET had been left relatively unattended for too long. He also believed, quite strongly, that the Executive Committee (our Corporate Officers) and the Admiralty Board (our Board of Directors) held a fiduciary responsibly to address the corporation-related issues that were waiting like ticking time bombs to explode and potentially harm our organization. And so that's what Sal and his EC set out to do.

Reaction from some in STARFLEET was quite resistant to this philosophy, almost from the get go. For a fan club that believed in nothing more than having fun, celebrating *Star Trek*, and occasionally helping out others in need through charity and volunteerism, the idea of "fixing" STARFLEET as a corporation seemed unnecessary, radical, counter-



during his first year in office, while Dave was still serving as Region 13 Coordinator. Definitely NOT a “Sal pal.”

Far from “cronyism,” Sal was practicing quite the opposite. And as more people left his EC for various reasons, Sal chose their replacements from those people who were the most qualified to hold those positions and do the best job for STARFLEET...and not because Sal wanted to put his “friends” in high places.

Now, this is not to say that Sal Lizard’s administration didn’t get off to a shaky start. I won’t sugarcoat the stumbles. During Sal’s first year in office, there was an ample amount of turmoil and controversy, often resulting directly from things that Sal said or did.

But one thing was clearly demonstrated from those stressful months: Sal learned from all of his mistakes, and he did not repeat them. Sal was not ashamed to admit to having made an error in judgment, and he was often willing to reconsider a decision. Now, that didn’t necessarily mean that he would, in fact, change his mind or reverse his decision, and this frustrated many who didn’t agree with some of what Sal chose to do as CS. But Sal was always willing to at least listen to opposing points of view and, occasionally, even to adjust his own thinking and reverse his policies. I know this first-hand, as I changed Sal’s mind on more than one occasion myself.

The story of the Sal Lizard administration is actually a tale of two ECs. Of the original eight members that ran on Sal’s ticket, four of them had been replaced by early 2009. And Sal himself had learned a lot in that first year. And so we had what has been affectionately dubbed by some as Sal’s EC 1.0 and EC 2.0. I’m a part of the 2.0 version. And indeed, despite the shaky start, the Sal Lizard EC 2.0 finished the final two years of Sal’s term in office as one of the strongest ECs in STARFLEET history.

Don’t believe me? No problem. I just happen to have a list of what’s been accomplished under Sal Lizard’s administration...not just by Sal or even by just him and his EC alone. STARFLEET is a widely-branching team of hundreds, even thousands of dedicated volunteers. But as a vocal few disgruntled members use strong words like “destroy STARFLEET” to describe the outgoing EC, I’d like them to please keep the following 40 items in mind...

Santa Sal’s STARFLEET Successes List

The Biggest Successes

1) New Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation – Whether you voted for or against the new governing documents in 2010 (and three quarters of voting members ratified them), no member can justifiably complain about the ultimate process used to create these important revisions. Over the course of six months, the Revision Committee exchanged literally thousands of e-mails...all in plain and immediate sight of any STARFLEET member who wanted to access the read-only archives. Members were then invited to make comments, recommend suggestions, and voice concerns for the Committee to discuss...and many members did just that. Committee Chairman Dave Blaser made regular monthly updates to the general membership via the various STARFLEET chat lists of all discussions and significant changes to the previous Constitution. In the end, when the STARFLEET Historian records the major, lasting accomplishments of the Sal Lizard administration, these new governing documents will unquestionably be listed as this administration’s most significant achievement of both the EC and AB.

2) Membership Growth of 7.5% – On January 1, 2008, STARFLEET membership stood at 3,881 members. As I write this on December 29, 2010, current membership is 4,175. But that doesn’t tell the entire story. During 2008, STARFLEET membership dramatically dropped, and by the time the *Star Trek* movie came out in May of

2009, STARFLEET membership was barely above 3,300 members! So with that growth spurt immediately after the movie release (thanks to the efforts of both STARFLEET HQ and also of our hundreds of chapters), we not only added nearly 900 new members to our ranks (more than 25% growth!), but we also *kept* them as members, as our ranks continued to hold the growth spurt more than a year after the movie came out.

3) Chapter growth – Back in 2008, there were a number of what were known at the time as “zombie chapters” (chapters with no members, who were not reporting but who, for some reason, had not yet been decommissioned). A purge of those chapters in late 2008 decreased chapter strength to 220 at the end of that year. Since then, some additional chapters have been decommissioned while others have launched, and STARFLEET now stands at 228 chapters.

The STARFLEET Membership Experience

Most members don’t care how STARFLEET deals with the corporate side or who is doing what (and indeed, that’s what the EC and AB are for). Most members would just like to have a positive membership experience with decent materials delivered to them in a timely fashion and help when they need it. So take a look at the next eight items and decide for yourself if the general membership experience over the past three years has been a positive one...

4) One-Week Turnaround for Membership Processing – For the vast majority of members, new and renewing memberships get processed within no more than a week by the Membership Processing Teams. This requires coordination between those teams and the CFO’s office (to process credit card and paypal payments and report checks clearing asap) along with the member packet assembly teams being constantly at work, since STARFLEET mails out literally thousands of membership packets each year!

5) On-Time Communiqués for Three Years – The first CQ to be published under the Sal Lizard administration was #145 in April of 2008. This final issue under Sal’s EC is #162. That’s 18 issues in three years...or 6 issues per year, which is what members pay for. But there were many years in STARFLEET history when the CQ was late, inconsistently published, and well short of the 6 issues required per year. So the publication of an on-time CQ is critically important for a positive member experience.

6) A Better Looking, Higher Quality CQ – Okay, some of this is just me bragging, but I personally think that the 15 issues of CQ published while I’ve been Comm Chief have been pretty darn terrific. The LCARS page design makes us look like a true *Star Trek* fan club. But in addition to that, the physical aspects of the newsletter itself have improved significantly during that time. We’ve gone from just 4 pages of color per issue in early 2008 to 16 pages of color today. The old oil-based newsprint ink used to come off on your hands as you read an issue, but the new soy-based ink stays on the paper. And the paper itself is of a higher-quality, thicker newsprint stock than we started with three years ago. And all of this came with minimal cost increase to STARFLEET.

7) A Fresh, Redesigned SFI.org Website – Newer members won’t remember how many complaints used to come in about SFI.org. There were broken links, outdated information, conflicting content on different pages, and a confusing interface layout. It was a real challenge to find the “Join/Renew” button or even get to the Member Help Desk. In early 2009 (and just in time for the release of the new *Star Trek* movie), SFI.org got a major face-lift with a new design (thanks to Laura Victor), updated content, and a less-confusing site structure that makes finding what you’re looking for much easier.

8) A New Online “Chapter Finder” on SFI.org – Although

chapter information is included in the Vessel Registry sent to each member, it can get outdated quickly. So we added an online “Chapter Finder” to help site visitors—both existing members and those just thinking about joining—to search for a chapter in their country or state. Each STARFLEET chapter also got its own “landing page” on the SFI.org website. So even if a chapter does not have a website of its own, it still has an information page with the name of the CO, city of charter, e-mail contact information, logo (if available), and a link to the chapter’s website (if there is one). Chapters can also be viewed alphabetically or by region.

9) Consolidation of All Major STARFLEET Member Resources onto SFI.org – For years, members had complained that clean, reusable STARFLEET graphics weren’t available anywhere convenient, and this made including them on websites and fliers and in newsletters a royal pain. But in late 2009, after months of collecting and cleaning up graphics by yours truly, we posted downloadable files in multiple formats for the various STARFLEET logos, Regional logos, EC logos, SFMC logos, and an amazing 90% of Chapter logos. Those graphics are now available to any member from our Documents section...along with almost all other member materials, such as archived CQs, Bylaws and Handbook, recruitment resources, DTS guides, and much more!

10) Member Perks and Discounts – This administration expanded STARFLEET member perks to include discounts on hotels/motels, rental cars, clothing, printing services, and even space funerals (see www.offers.sfi.org). We also finagled a couple of exclusive *Star Trek*-related promotions from Atari and Roddenberry.com (more on that later).

11) Fast Response from the Member Helpdesk – Bran Stimpson is now the new Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. But for the last few years, he’s been answering member requests for help—lost passwords to the Member database, mailing out replacement CQs, inputting address changes, etc.—often within 24 hours or even less!

On the Business Side

STARFLEET membership rates haven’t gone up in nearly 20 years. Why? One of the reasons is our status as a Non-Profit Corporation with the IRS. But with great power comes great responsibility. (No, wait, that’s Spider-Man.) In our case, it means our leaders (mainly the EC) need to keep records, file paperwork, and run our organization in a fiscally responsible and businesslike way...

12) A Net Increase of Nearly \$10,000 in Our Financial Assets – The numbers don’t lie. As CFO Mike Stein states in his article elsewhere in this issue, STARFLEET began January of 2008 with total assets of \$36,656. At the end of 2010, STARFLEET’s assets will be \$46,540. What this means is that STARFLEET can to operate with a financial cushion that will ensure we continue long into the future...even if the unexpected descends on us.

13) New CDs (Certificates of Deposit) for the STARFLEET Treasury – Part of that increase in financial assets was thanks to an idea that Sal Lizard put forward when he took office. Previously, STARFLEET left our operational funds in a bank account earning minimal interest. Sal recommended taking a portion of the excess funds (moneys not needed for immediate or upcoming operational expenses) and put them into short-term CDs to earn a higher rate of interest. This has brought in over \$1,000 in revenue during the past two years.

14) Advertising Revenue Generated from Both CQ and SFI.org – Although CQ has featured a handful of ads over the long history of STARFLEET, it wasn’t until the last two years that we’ve started taking in significant revenue from selling advertising both in CQ and with banner ads on SFI.org. The EC agreed on standard ad rates, and over

the past two fiscal years, STARFLEET will have taken in at least \$1,000 each year (\$2,000 total) from advertising.

15) Resolving Sales Tax Issues with Several States – As Mike Stein covers in his article this issue, STARFLEET began this term with a bit of a tax crisis. ICs operating in specific states, as well as Quartermaster sales transactions occurring in certain states, required sales tax to be paid in those states...which STARFLEET wasn’t doing. Although we are tax-exempt, that only applies to operational income (mainly membership dues), not to sales transactions. Vice-CFO Pat Spillers worked for several months to resolve the sales tax issues with multiple states (each one needing to be dealt with separately) and obtained permits, paid overdue sales tax, and got everything taken care of so that STARFLEET’s non-profit status was no longer put into jeopardy.

16) Getting STARFLEET’s Financial Records in Order – Our governing documents require us to have an annual financial review by an outside accountant...something that actually never happened prior to 2009, despite the requirement. Mike Stein and Pat Spillers filed our 990 forms on time with the IRS each of their three years in office, and they also prepared our accounting records for a proper outside financial review. Mike procured an accountant to do the review at a reasonable price, and these two independent reviews can now be used in the future if STARFLEET is ever audited by the IRS.

17) New Corporate Liability Insurance for Both STARFLEET and the Members of the EC/AB – Did you know that, prior to 2009, if STARFLEET were ever to be sued, the members of the EC/AB (essentially the Corporate Officers and Board of Directors) could have been held personally liable? Scary but true! It was Sal’s strong opinion when he took office that members who volunteer their time and energy to help lead the club should not have their livelihoods put at risk simply because they wish to help. So after a thorough search, pricing, and bid comparisons, STARFLEET acquired corporate liability insurance for both the club itself and for whoever serves on the EC/AB...providing some necessary peace of mind for the folks who volunteer to lead the organization.

18) Making the Quartermaster Financially Self-Sufficient and Getting the Merchandise Online – Through a series of cost cutting and careful selection of both vendors and merchandise, the STARFLEET Quartermaster Department now pays for itself. “Profits” are funneled back into the development of new merchandise while popular items (like rank pins and polo shirts) continue to be carried and reordered as needed. There’s also now an online store where merchandise can be quickly added, removed, and switched out by the QM, and ordering and payment is a snap. QM merchandise is now typically shipped out within days of a member placing the order online (and we all have Pete Mohney to thank for that).

19) Three Profitable ICs in a Row – Of course, ICs are *supposed* to be profitable, but that’s not always the case. Both IC 2006 in Philadelphia and IC 2007 in Denver finished far into the red, leaving STARFLEET to pay their debts and costing the club thousands of dollars. But IC 2008, 2009, and 2010 all finished in the black, allowing each to donate generous sums to various charities.

New Programs, Offerings, and Innovations

Yep, we’ve had some original ideas, too...

20) The Annual Short Story Contest – In an effort to put both more fun and more *Star Trek* into STARFLEET, Dave Blaser and the Annual Campaign created a contest for aspiring authors in STARFLEET to write short stories that would be judged and ultimately win prizes. For each of the past two years, the top five stories have been printed in CQ, and all submitted stories were accessible online. But the news got even better from there! Thanks to the



contacts of Dave Blaser, three famous *Star Trek* authors have agreed to be the judges of our annual finalist stories: Keith R.A. DeCandido, Dorothy C. Fontana, and (later this coming year) Peter David.

21) The Regional Relay Officer Program – While most RCs do a fine job, some members were complaining that their particular RC was not relaying important STARFLEET announcements to their Regional online chat lists. By setting up the RRO program, one member of each Region (sometimes the RC, sometimes someone else) was appointed to relay important messages from the Announcement list to their Regional chat list while also relaying back any questions or concerns from members to the EC.

22) The Alumni Outreach Program – During 2008, STARFLEET's membership dropped by several hundred. Why were they leaving? Was it the politics? The economic recession? Did they just forget to renew? Under the direction of George Ann Wheeler, the Communications Department created the new Alumni Outreach Program in early 2009. Its purpose: to contact expired members who had not renewed for a few months, invite them to rejoin, and if they chose not to, then to try to discover (politely) the reason they had made their decision. Over the past two years, nearly *two thousand* e-mails have gone out, and the AOP is credited with bringing perhaps 50-100 members who had simply forgotten to renew back to Fleet. For those who chose not to renew, the most common reason cited was lack of funds, not a dislike of STARFLEET politics.

23) The CQ Lottery – Shortly after I took over as Comm Chief, I discovered that we were paying for 3,000 copies of the printed CQ (a minimum order) and mailing out only about 2,200 copies. What happened to the rest? Recycling bin. But instead of just throwing hundreds of newsletters into the dumpster each issue, I created the CQ Lottery program, where chapters could enter for a chance to win 100 copies of CQ shipped to them for free, to use for recruiting. The program became hugely popular, with 90 chapters having already received nearly 9,000 free copies of CQ.

Publicizing STARFLEET

It's not enough to be the best-kept secret in *Star Trek* fandom. Unfortunately, limited funds prevent us from airing a commercial during the Super Bowl or even on Spike TV before *Star Trek*. And since we're not licensed by Paramount or CBS, we can't advertise in the *Star Trek* magazine nor with any other licensees. So, what is an international *Star Trek* fan association to do? Here's some ideas...

24) STARFLEET in the News Media: MSNBC, Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Maxim Magazine, and More – Granted, the majority of our news coverage happened during the release of the new *Star Trek* movie (because that's when the media seeks out Trekkies), but we received a staggering amount of coverage while other *Star Trek* fan clubs got relatively little, if any, attention by comparison. Check out < www.inthenews.sfi.org > to see everywhere we've appeared (that we know of!).

25) Improved Search Engine Optimization (SEO) for SFI.org – One of the reasons we did so well in the news media was that the re-launch of SFI.org included significantly stronger Search Engine Optimization so that we appear at or near the top of Google and Yahoo search results when the user enters the words "Star Trek fan club"

(try it yourself). But that only gets folks *to* our site; the clean design of the website then allows the news media to quickly contact either the CS, Comm Chief, and/or PR Director in order to expedite a response. Our great coverage wasn't just because the media found us—it was also that we responded quickly and professionally.

26) New STARFLEET Press Kit and PR Guide – STARFLEET's Director of Public Relations, Admiral Brandt Heatherington, is a PR guy in real life. He and I put together a 24-page Press Kit to provide to the media (and to potential advertisers) to learn about our organization without having to search through countless web pages and documents. And to augment this new media tool, Brandt also created a PR Guide for chapters to use to help better market and publicize themselves (along with STARFLEET).

27) New STARFLEET Recruitment Materials – Just in time for the release of *Star Trek* in 2009, STARFLEET made available to members a set of attractively-designed recruitment materials that chapters could print out and use for recruitment. Chapters still had to pay for their own printing, but the materials were well designed, eye catching, and informative.

28) Four International Press Releases Issued to the News Media Over a Two-Year Period – For the first time in our history, STARFLEET began issuing Press Releases through a service called PR Web. All of these press releases have a cumulative effect of keeping STARFLEET prominently visible in the news and also looking professional.

29) Online Advertising Through Google Ads – Also for the first time in STARFLEET's history, we began advertising online through Google Ads. The program is less than a year old at present, but it's already led to approximately 100 conversions of ad clicks into new members.

Special VIP Treatment for STARFLEET

Let's face it: we're the oldest and largest continuously-operating *Star Trek* fan organization in the world. That should count for something, right? Well, over the past three years, STARFLEET did get a lot more VIP attention and perks than ever before. The following four items/promotions were offered *only* to STARFLEET and not to any other *Star Trek* fan club.

30) Getting Invited (as a Club) by Paramount to the Red Carpet Screening Premiere of Star Trek in Hollywood – What more could a *Star Trek* fan club ask for than to be invited to such a major event by Paramount themselves? Dozens of STARFLEET members from across the country attended, along with over a hundred friends and family members (we even invited members of other *Trek* fan clubs), getting to watch the cast enter the historic Grauman's Chinese Theatre and then having an opportunity as a group to attend a free screening of the movie a week before it opened to the general public.

31) Special Access to Star Trek Online from Atari – In the months before the groundbreaking *Star Trek Online* computer video game was released last year, STARFLEET was already positioned to have an inside track with the game's producers. Among the special treatment we received: previews of the game itself at Cryptic Studios in San Jose, an exclusive interview for CQ with the game's executive producer, access to special promotional game images, and most of all, an exclusive

promotion just for STARFLEET members. Through the use of special codes given out to each member of STARFLEET via our member database, players who were STARFLEET members could unlock a special TOS tunic for their game avatar to wear.

32) An Exclusive Contest From Roddenberry Productions Open Only to STARFLEET Members – When Roddenberry launched their new Roddenberry Search feature, where searching the Internet can get fans free stuff (by collecting tokens with each search), we convinced them to offer STARFLEET an *exclusive* contest available only for *our* members with a prize worth \$100.

33) Donated Items from Paramount, Atari, and Roddenberry to Use to Fund Our STARFLEET Scholarship Program – One of the things that makes STARFLEET stand out is our wonderful Scholarship Program, and it's impressed some big names in the *Star Trek* franchise. After the release of the new *Star Trek* movie, Paramount offered to ship us (and we accepted!) nearly 20 boxes of leftover promotional items from the film: T-shirts, caps, posters, cups, and other swag items that we could sell to raise money for our scholarship fund. Atari did likewise when they donated hundreds of leftover cups from the Taco Bell promotion for the launch of *Star Trek Online*. And finally, Roddenberry.com gave us 240 of their new 3D lenticular starship posters to sell on consignment, allowing us to take \$2 per purchase and donate that money to the scholarship program. About half of those have sold so far, bringing in nearly \$250—or half of one complete scholarship!

Doing What We're SUPPOSED To Be Doing

In an all-volunteer organization, not every job gets done reliably or competently. In the past, STARFLEET has had its fair share of "inconsistent" projects and deliverables. But the past couple of years have seen some of the most consistent day-to-day dedication from nearly all aspects of the Fleet. I've already listed things like the on-time and high-quality CQ, quick-turnaround from Member Processing, and a reliably responsive Help Desk. And of course, there's dynamic aspects of STARFLEET like the Academy and Marines, with more activity and enthusiasm than could fit into a single article. But what else has been going right lately? As a member, you might take all of the following items for granted, but imagine the uproar if these jobs didn't get done...

34) A Clean and Smooth CS Election – Those members who participated actively in the 2007 election for Commander, STARFLEET can tell you how contentious it was. Some members feared that another similar election in 2010 could tear the organization apart. Fortunately, that didn't happen. In fact, thanks to the efforts of a number of very committed, hard-working individuals, this election wound up being one of the smoothest and cleanest in STARFLEET history. All materials were printed and mailed out on time, missing election packets were quickly replaced by Inspector General Wade Hoover, and even the Election online chat list was civil and relatively free of controversy.

35) Promotions, Awards, and Commendations for Members – Admiral Linda Kloempken has done an awesome job heading up the Member Recognition department, compiling nominations for flag promotions (promotions to and above the ranks of Fleet Captain/Brigadier) and awards, relaying them to the EC for voting when necessary, and mailing out certificates. Over 130

Santa Sal's STARFLEET Successes List

For those folks who don't want to read this whole loooong article, here's a short, itemized list of the Top 40 successes, accomplishments, and positive progress achieved by STARFLEET during the past three years...

- 1) New Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation
- 2) Membership Growth of 7.5% since the end of 2007
- 3) Net Chapter growth of 3.5% since the end of 2008
- 4) One-Week Turnaround for Membership Processing
- 5) On-Time *Communiqués* for Three Years
- 6) A Better Looking, Higher Quality CQ
- 7) A Fresh, Redesigned SFI.org Website
- 8) A New Online "Chapter Finder" on SFI.org
- 9) Consolidation of All Major STARFLEET Member Resources onto SFI.org
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- 12) A Net Increase of Nearly \$10,000 in STARFLEET Financial Assets
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- 15) Resolving Sales Tax Issues with Several States
- 16) Getting STARFLEET's Financial Records in Order
- 17) New Corporate Liability Insurance for Both STARFLEET and the Members of the EC/AB
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- 22) The Alumni Outreach Program
- 23) The CQ Lottery
- 24) STARFLEET in the News Media: MSNBC, *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Maxim Magazine*, and More
- 25) Improved Search Engine Optimization for SFI.org
- 26) New STARFLEET Press Kit and PR Guide
- 27) New STARFLEET Recruitment Materials
- 28) Four International Press Releases Issued to the News Media Over a Two-Year Period
- 29) Online Advertising Through Google Ads
- 30) Getting Invited (as a Club) by Paramount to the Red Carpet Screening Premiere of *Star Trek* in Hollywood
- 31) Special Access to *Star Trek Online* from Atari
- 32) An Exclusive Contest From Roddenberry.com Open Only to STARFLEET Members
- 33) Donated Items from Paramount, Atari, and Roddenberry, to Use to Fund Our Scholarship Program
- 34) A Clean and Smooth CS Election
- 35) Promotions, Awards, and Commendations for Members
- 36) Improved Communication and Reporting from the EC
- 37) Active Moderation of the STARFLEET Business Discussion Online Chat List (SFI-L)
- 38) Recruiting the First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond, into STARFLEET
- 39) Reunification with UFPI After 15 Years
- 40) Over Three Dozen Personal Appearances By the CS at STARFLEET Functions (an average of one each month!)



members have been considered for flag rank promotions in the last two years (and over 90% received them), and several dozen more members have received awards and commendations. STARFLEET also conducted our annual awards, which are presented each year at IC with certificates, plaques, and even trophies. Individual members, chapters, newsletters, and websites received public recognition in front of the entire organization for each of the past three years.

36) Improved Communication and Reporting from the EC – Back in the days of Sal's EC 1.0, a common complaint was that members heard virtually nothing from the EC. But with the transition to EC 2.0, that lack of communication vanished almost overnight. True, Sal himself remained mostly silent on the chat lists, but Dave Blaser and myself—and to a lesser extent John Halliday, Mike Stein, and the rest of the EC—were frequent posters to the various STARFLEET online lists. I'm also proud to say that, in my time as Comm Chief, we've had a nearly perfect record of including reports/columns/articles from all of the eight departments of the EC in every issue of CQ. And finally, this was also the administration to finally get the monthly EC Command Status Reports (CSRs) onto the SFI.org website where they could be accessed easily by the membership.

37) Active Moderation of the STARFLEET Business Discussion List (SFI-L) – In a perfect world, our STARFLEET chat list would need no moderation. But in recent years, online etiquette and courtesy deteriorated to a point where moderation became necessary. It's a time-consuming job to moderate fairly and thoroughly, and more than one member has burned out in the position. But new moderators were always found, and the list has become much more civil in the last two years.

And The Rest...

There are just a few more random things that aren't necessarily major, but they're worth mentioning simply for the "coolness" factor...

38) Recruiting the First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond, into STARFLEET – We already have some notable celebrities in our club, including a few *Star Trek* actors as well as an actual astronaut who has traveled to the moon and back (Fred Haise). But if you really want to start an interesting conversation with a prospective member, tell them that the First Minister of Scotland, the Right Honourable Alex Salmond, is a full-fledged member of STARFLEET. (This actually took about six months of persistence on mostly my and Brandt Heatherington's parts, but it paid off in the end and might result in STARFLEET's first-ever chapter in Scotland... the homeland of our favorite Chief Engineer, Scotty).

39) Reunification with UFPI After 15 Years – Some disgruntled members have tried unsuccessfully to cynically compare Sal Lizard to Dan McGinnis, a previous CS whose actions tore STARFLEET in half and resulted in the formation of the United Federation of Planets Internationale back in 1995. But it was during Sal Lizard's term in office that the members of UFPI came back to STARFLEET. Granted, it was mainly Dave Blaser who did the lion's share of discussions with the UFPI leadership, but Sal was also involved in the entire process from beginning to end. So welcome back, UFPI!

40) Over Three Dozen Personal Appearances by the CS at STARFLEET Functions – Speaking of Sal, he's taken a lot of heat during his term in office for not being more visible on the various STARFLEET chat lists. (And as Sal said in his article earlier in this issue, it was his choice to stay away from the lists.) Sal freely admits that he prefers in-person interaction, and he answered countless calls on STARFLEET's toll-free phone number during his three years in office. And here's a rather impressive statistic: Sal Lizard has made more personal

appearances at STARFLEET functions across more Regions during his time in office than any CS before him. In addition to attending all three ICs during his term, Sal also made live appearances at nine different Regional Summits across four different Regions, made Skype appearances at another two Summits, and visited nearly *twenty* different chapters from Maine to Louisiana to help celebrate commissionings, anniversaries, or just to have a good time. And Sal isn't a wealthy person—for the vast majority of these personal appearances, Sal actually drove hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles to get to and from these gatherings.

I'm sure there's a lot more good stuff that's happened over the past three years that I've neglected to mention, but this article is already pretty long. So let me cap the "Plus" list at these 40 items and put this administration "into the record books." CQ is as much an archive of STARFLEET history as anything else we have, and I'm glad I could take this opportunity to look back on the last three years with all of you. And that brings me to...

My Final Words as STARFLEET Chief of Communications

Man, I learned a lot from this gig! I have a newfound respect for elected leaders in all areas of government. I understand better what Abraham Lincoln said about not being able to please all the people all the time... it's friggin' impossible, dude (especially in this club)! But with that said, I wouldn't have traded a minute of the chaos and insanity for anything. I got to meet and become friends with a lot of truly great people, piss off a bunch of others, and leave my indelible mark upon this club that I've been a part of for nearly three decades.

Do I have any regrets? Not really. I'm actually quite proud of everything I've accomplished as Comm Chief and as part of this EC. And perhaps nothing makes

flood of passionate criticism from a number of members. One member allegedly even resigned from STARFLEET in protest of my letting Dennis get within one step of sitting on the EC. Ah, such drama...

But things really hit the fan when I decided to make Dennis the 2010 Election List Lead Moderator. Members predicted an election thrown into chaos and results called into question and challenged due to Dennis' nefarious past deeds. In short, I had a tidal wave of irritated people telling me, both publicly and privately, "Don't trust this guy; he's bad news!"

But that's the thing: I do trust him. I've gotten to know Dennis Rayburn, and I knew I could rely on him. Being the moderator of such a potentially incendiary discussion group as the Election Chat List is one of the toughest, most hated jobs any member could volunteer for. But Dennis had something to prove to everyone. So did I.

There have been few times in my life when I've had to fight this hard for something (and someone) I believed in. Public and private messages berated my lack of judgment (among other things), and I found myself trying to defend my decision in dozens of e-mails and even on a few phone calls. I could have made my life so much easier had I simply given in. After all, you could argue that the needs of the many (the flood of concerned STARFLEET members) outweighed the needs of the one (Dennis and his reputation). Yeah, I could have appointed someone else and avoided the whole ugly controversy, but my conscience wouldn't let me do that to a good friend...especially someone I truly believe in.

And what happened? Nothing happened, that's what. Dennis Rayburn did an excellent job. The Election List was moderated minimally but sternly, warnings were sent out regardless of who the poster was (I even got one!). Dennis quickly dealt with questions for the moderator and

my Vice-Chief Dennis Rayburn for handling the last two annual newsletter contests without any involvement from me, writing up special interviews and features for CQ, and of course, for stepping into the fire as Election List Lead Moderator.

More thanks go to people who served in the Communications Department: Gary Hollifield, Jr. and Alex Rosenzweig for being reliable CQ proofreaders for the past 30 months, George Ann Wheeler for setting up the Alumni Outreach Program and running it for its first year and a half, and likewise to James Jones for taking over from Annie as AOP Director. PR Director Brandt Heatherington single-handedly rejuvenated the Public Relations department. And a very HUGE thank you to the "mysterious" Webmaster X...now unmasked and publicly identified as Rear Admiral Laura Victor of the *USS Challenger*. Her work in setting up, designing, and maintaining the redesigned SFI.org website has been nothing short of phenomenal. She's one of the most hard-working, reliable, and skilled members of STARFLEET that I've ever had the pleasure to work with.

I also thank everyone who submitted to the CQ. Without member content, we've got nothing except a bunch of reports and the rambling crap that I write to fill space. So if you've ever submitted an article, photo, artwork, or anything to CQ, I say to you: "Good job!"

And most of all, my CQ Editor-in-Chief, Prasith Kin-Aun, was *indispensable* in helping me get this darned newsletter out regularly and on time. Every two months, Prasith would put in 4-5 weeks of layout time...on time, without complaining, without excuses, and always with a positive attitude and pride in a fine job well done. And all this while being a dad to first one daughter and, by the time we were halfway done, TWO daughters. So to Prasith (pronounced "Press it"), from one dad to another, my highest praise and sincere gratitude.

And finally, to my friends on the EC, what can I say? I started out not knowing most of you from a hole in the wall. Now I can't imagine a Sunday night twice a month without spending at least 2 to 3 hours on the phone with all of you! You're each now good friends, and I hope to see you all in the future at ICs and other Fleet functions.

As for Sal, I'll be working closely with him even after we're both done with the EC. Y'see, I'm writing a biography of Sal Lizard. No kidding! More specifically, I'm writing a compilation of an amazing and heartwarming collection of true-life stories of Sal's experiences playing Santa Claus over the years. We've already spent dozens of hours on the phone, and I've written over 140 single-spaced pages so far. The book will be called "Being Santa Claus", and I'll let folks know when it's available. If we can't find a publisher by next Christmas, download it onto a Kindle or iPad near you!

And that's a wrap, folks. I wish the incoming EC the best of good fortune and smooth sailing of the ship of STARFLEET into the future. It's a strong team with a solid leader. And even though Dave Blaser and I routinely drove each other nuts on the last EC, I do admire and respect him immensely, and I know he'll make an awesome Commander, STARFLEET.

So in the end, what is the Sal Lizard Legacy? It's whatever YOU think it is. Don't let anyone else make up your mind for you. As for me, my thoughts are best summed up by paraphrasing something Vice-CFO Pat Spillers wrote in her farewell e-mail to the EC: we're leaving office with STARFLEET in at least as good a condition as we found it, and probably even a lot better off than that!

Live long and prosper, my friends. I'm off to be a daddy now...



COMMS ON PATROL! CHIEF JON LANE AND VICE-CHIEF DENNIS RAYBURN. PHOTO BY JILL RAYBURN.

me prouder than having stood up for my friend Dennis Rayburn, even when it seemed that doing so would be the most unpopular and controversial thing I did in this position.

For those who don't know what I'm referring to, let me mention briefly that my Vice-Chief of Communications, LGEN Dennis Rayburn, was involved in a "scandal" during the 2004 general election. His punishment was later rescinded by the different AB, and for all intents and purposes, his record was cleared. But his reputation? Ah, that's quite another matter in this club.

Not being personally aware of the details of this scandal when I appointed Dennis as my Vice-Chief, I received a

problems subscribing. And when all was said and done, neither Inspector General Wade Hoover nor I received even a single complaint about Dennis' performance as Lead Moderator. In fact, Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons (one of the people who did not want Dennis to be Lead Moderator) said to Dennis in an e-mail sent on November 28: "Good job, Dennis :-)" -Gumby"

And Of Course, The Thank You's...

All told, this job I've held as Comm Chief for 30 months was exhausting and exhilarating, engaging and enriching, frustrating and frenetic, and never, ever boring. And so I come to the "thank you" list that all of us EC members like to include at the end of our terms. Naturally, I thank



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CQ's #148 - #162

Jon Lane took over as Chief of Communications in the Summer of 2008, and his first issue of CQ was #148. Over the course of the next 15 issues, the *Communique* has hit some major milestones and high points, and it's featured some notable content. Let's take a quick look back at the last two and a half years of CQ...

#148 - Highlights of IC 2008 in Ithaca, NY; anniversaries for the *USS Sol* (25 years), *USS Bonaventure* (20 years), and *USS Nelson* (5 years).

#149 - *Star Trek: The Experience* in Las Vegas closes its doors and CQ features several written and photographic tributes to this Trekker "mecca"; CQ goes from 4 pages of color per issue to 12, and the paper and ink quality is improved.

#150 - The landmark #150th issue is also the first to celebrate 35 years of STARFLEET with a customized 3-D CGI cover plus the first of a three-part article detailing the history of the organization; a tearful tribute marking the passing of Majel Barrett Roddenberry; *USS Challenger's* 20th anniversary; a new bevelled LCARS page design for CQ.

#151 - Members make their predictions about the new *Star Trek* movie; Douglas Mayo is the 500th Boothby Award winner; STARFLEET mourns the passing Ricardo Montalban; the first of a three-part article explaining all of STARFLEET's legal expenses.

#152 - Photos from the red carpet Hollywood premiere of *Star Trek*; anniversaries for the *USS Niagara* (6 years) and *USS Inferno* (5 years).

#153 - Members review the new *Star Trek* movie and report on their recruiting efforts!

#154 - Highlights from IC 2009 in North Carolina; annual award winners; spotlight on astronaut (and STARFLEET member) Fred Haise; *USS Heimdal* celebrates 25 years.

#155 - The first-ever STARFLEET Short Story Contest winning entry appears in CQ (stories continue to appear in each issue thereafter); photos from the *Star Trek* movie set as member Brian Nomi was cast as an extra and wrote about his experience; STARFLEET gets an exclusive interview (and game preview) from the Executive Producer of *Star Trek Online*.

#156 - The big release of *Star Trek Online* comes with a pre-launch game review, a behind-the-scenes tour of Crypic Studios, and a special free game item exclusively for STARFLEET members; *USS Exeter* gets launched by Kate (Admiral Janeway) Mulgrew at Dragon*Con; anniversaries for the *USS Ronald E. McNair* (15 years) and *USS Pioneer* (14 years).

#157 - *USS Republic* reaches 100 members and talks about ways to recruit and maintain enthusiasm; article appears explaining (in layman's terms) the entire annual STARFLEET budget, how much money is available, how much goes to which department, and why.

#158 - An exclusive interview with legendary *Star Trek* writer Dorothy (D.C.) Fontana, who would be judging our 2010 Short Story contest; *USS Riverside* helps celebrate the -218th birthday of Captain James T. Kirk in his future birthplace: Riverside, Iowa.

#159 - CQ transitions to a new printing company and increases its color page count to 16 pages per issue; the commissioning of the *USS Chinook*; anniversaries for the *USS Heimdal* (26 years), *USS Avenger* (25 years), and *USS Niagara* (7 years); STARFLEET members participate in a world record attempt for most uniformed *Trek* fans in Tampa, Florida; special contest exclusively for STARFLEET members from Roddenbeery.com.

#160 - There is so much to cover for IC 2010 that, for the first time in STARFLEET history, a CQ Supplemental issue (16 pages of color photos and captions) is published for all members in addition to the 48-page regular issue; STARFLEET annual award winners announced; commissioning photos of the *USS Oklahoma* and *USS Rachel Garrett* from IC; STARFLEET members participate in a world record attempt for most uniformed *Trek* fans in Riverside, Iowa; *Trek* Olympics return with the *USS Pride of Baltimore* and *USS Richthofen*; *USS Sovereign* celebrates 20 years.

#161 - STARFLEET Election and CQ Survey results announced; UFPI comes back to STARFLEET; the First Minister of Scotland joins our club; a year in the life of the *USS Star League*; interview snippets from *Trek* celebrities including Nimoy, Takei, Nichols, and Koenig.

#162 - Farewell to the outgoing EC and the Legacy of the Sal Lizard Administration; a tribute to STARFLEET's second Commander, Adeline Longshaw; reviews of the first young readers' "Starfleet Academy" novel; the 1,000th Boothby Award winner; STARFLEET on the National Geographic Channel...and much, *much* more in every issue!



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There's plenty to see and do at IC 2011!

By Jeff Victor

For months now, members have been asking me all sorts of questions about what activities can be found in and around the Inn at Pocono Manor. There's so much to do, it's hard to just say one or two things. So, we're giving you our **Top 111 Things to See and Do in the Poconos!** I know everyone will find something they love at IC 2011!

So, without further ado...

1. Try your hand at boogie boarding and surfing on FlowRider at Camelbeach Waterpark in Tannersville.
2. Gamble on the latest and greatest table games and slot machines at Mount Airy Casino in Mount Pocono.
3. Shop til' you Drop at the 100 stores at the Crossings Premium Outlets.
4. Make the boredom vanish away at the Houdini Museum in Scranton.
5. Enjoy a movie at the Inn at Pocono Manor's 50-seat theatre.
6. Play paintball with your fellow fleeters at Skirmish USA in Jim Thorpe.
7. Fall asleep during the General Session on Saturday morning.
8. Take a tour of the Tricky Triangle at Pocono Speedway in Long Pond.
9. Learn if there really is no room for the weak in Shuffleboard at the Inn at Pocono Manor's shuffleboard courts.
10. Laugh the night away at Poconuts Comedy Club in Swiftwater.
11. Go horseback riding on one of the many trails at the Inn at Pocono Manor's Stables.
12. Visit the Asa Packer mansion on the Grounds of Lehigh University.
13. See the Grey Towers National Historic Landmark, birthplace of the US Forest Service in Milford.
14. Learn the true meaning of a coin challenge...free alcohol.
15. Pet an animal at Paws and Claws Animal Park in Lake Ariel.
16. Go for a hike on one of the many trails on the Inn at Pocono Manor's 5000-acres.
17. Visit the eight waterfalls of "Little Niagara", Pennsylvania's own Bushkill Falls.
18. Take a drive to Philadelphia and catch a Phillies Game.
19. Go whitewater rafting with Whitewater Challengers in
20. Get a freshly-baked cheesecake at the Pocono Cheesecake Factory in Swiftwater.
21. Purchase the Star Trek Christmas Ornaments of years past in the hotel's gift shop (while supplies last)!
22. Admire historic local artwork at the Antoine Dutot Museum in Delaware Water Gap.
23. Do the Macarena to the Imperial March at the Dinner Dance.
24. Get a massage or a facial at the Laurel Spa at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
25. Sit in a historic one-room schoolhouse at the Bell Schoolhouse in Stroudsburg.
26. See the town named after Olympic Gold Medalist and Native American Athlete Jim Thorpe.
27. Get those M-80's you've been looking for at the Fireworks outlet in Marshalls Creek.
28. Hustle Pool in the Old Lamplighter Lounge at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
29. Observe where the Vulcan Mestral would pay his parking tickets at the Carbon County Courthouse in Jim Thorpe.
30. Ride one of the last privately owned toll bridges in the USA in Dingmans Ferry.

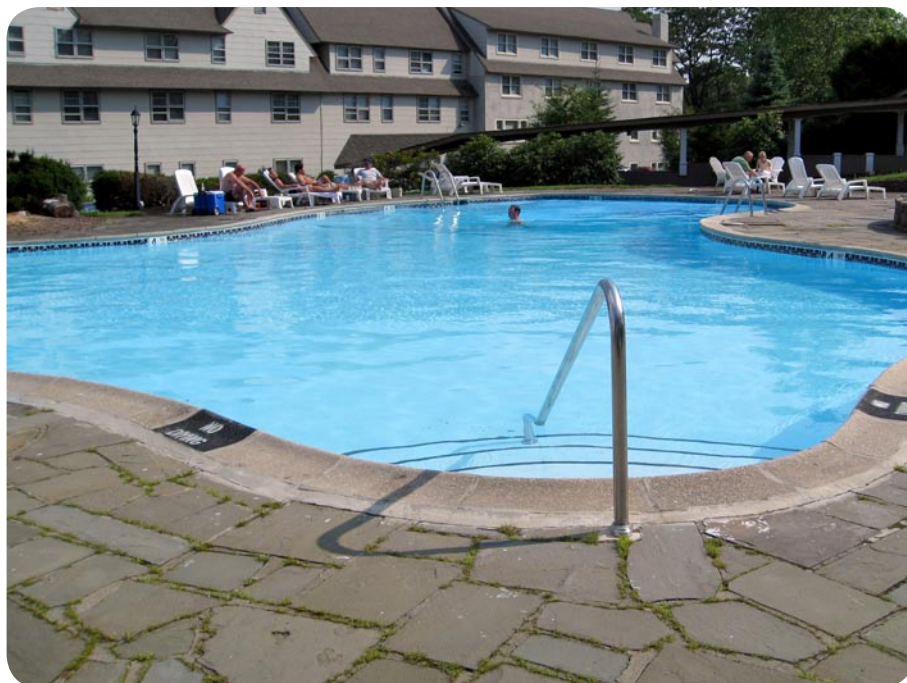


31. Re-live your childhood with the 20,000 pieces on display at Eddie's Toy Shop and Museum in Scotia.
32. Take a carriage ride from the stables at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
33. Go bargain hunting at the Pocono Bazaar outdoor flea market in Marshalls Creek.
34. See the Milford Theatre, opened as a silent movie house, whose curtains, rigging, and doors were from the 1939 World's Fair.
35. Finally meet that person you've argued with online.
36. Get some western wear at Teepee Town in Bartonsville.
37. Visit the backbone of the industrial revolution by seeing the No. 9 Coal Mine Museum in Lansford.
38. Play a round of golf on the two Championship courses at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
39. Walk in the last footsteps of the Molly Maguires at the Old Jail Museum in Jim Thorpe.
40. Search fine, handcrafted goods at the Artisan Exchange in Milford.
41. Learn about the life of the Delaware Indian at the Pocono Indian Museum in Bushkill.
42. Walk across the Robeling Bridge, the world's oldest suspension bridge, in Lackawaxen.
43. Take in a Broadway musical at the Shawnee Theatre in Shawnee on Delaware.
44. Hang out in one of the many comfortable public areas at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
45. Experience a reenactment of a great train robbery on the Stourbridge Line in Honesdale.
46. Enjoy a handmade scented candle from American Candle in Bartonsville.
47. Eat a freshly baked pretzel at Callie's Pretzel Factory in Cresco.
48. Go Fishing in one of the 2.5 miles of secluded mountain trout water on the grounds of the Inn at Pocono Manor.
49. See where T'Pol's grandmother got that Carbon Creek purse at the Carbon County Fair in Palmerton.
50. Play Laser Tag at Costa's Family Fun Park in Hawley.
51. Learn about the Ghosts of Pocono Manor.
52. See the just about every flag made today at the Flag Store in Scotia.
53. Debate whether Vulcan still actually exists.
54. Shop at the Country Junction, the World's Largest General Store in Lehighton.
55. Take a Golf Cart tour of Pocono Manor from the Sports Club at the Inn at Pocono Manor.



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56. Play an arcade game or two at the Inn at Pocono Manor's game room.
57. Get peppered up at the Pocono Chicken Wing Cookoff.
58. Get out of the heat and into the water at the H2Oooooooh Indoor Water Park in Lake Harmony.
59. Game like you've never gamed before at the Game Room.
60. Try your hand at sporting clays at the Inn at Pocono Manor's Rod and Gun Club.
61. Enjoy some mini-golf at Carousel Water and Fun Park in Beach Lake.
62. Learn the ways of farming from the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg.
63. Go antiquing at the Pocono Peddlers Village in Tannersville.
64. Learn about ice harvesting and Ice Sculptures being made at the Ice Works in Lakeville.
65. Have an impromptu chapter volleyball tournament at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
66. Take a trip to New York City to see Times Square.
67. Bid on some great stuff at the Charity Auction.
68. Skydive at Sky's the Limit in East Stroudsburg.
69. Feel the need for speed at S&S Speedways Indoor Go-Kart racetrack in Snydersville.
70. Go mountain biking with the Inn At Pocono Manor's Sports Club.
71. Learn about birds with the Audubon Lehigh Auto Tour in Weatherly.
72. Reach out and touch Nature's beauty at the Bear Mountain Butterfly Sanctuary in Jim Thorpe.
73. Play inside the Christmas Factory, one of the world's largest Christmas stores in Marshalls Creek.
74. Play some poker in the Inn at Pocono Manor's Lamplighter Lounge.
75. Tantalize your palate at the Cherry Valley Vineyards in Saylorsburg.
76. Recreate the experience of dining on the rails with the Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society in Dunmore.
77. Tour the Poconos from the Air with Moyer Aviation in Easton.
78. Learn about the unique nature of the Poconos at the Poconos Environmental Education Center in Dingmans Ferry.
79. Who knows, you might win an award or get promoted.
80. Go tubing down the Delaware with Shawnee River Trips in Shawnee-on-Delaware.
81. Take a swim and get a tan at one of the Inn at Pocono Manor's pools.
82. Take in a concert at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe.
83. Visit the Nature Conservancy's first preserve at the Tanner Cranberry Bogs in Tannersville.
84. Walk along Race Street past St. Mark's Church and Stone Row and visit the numerous shops and restaurants in Jim Thorpe.
85. Go eagle watching with the Eagle Institute in Lackawaxen.
86. Float away on the Lake Wallenpaupack Boat Tour in Hawley.
87. Take a tour in an authentic trolley with Water Gap Trolleys in Delaware Water Gap.
88. Practice your putt at the Inn at Pocono Manor's complimentary greens.
89. Learn to drive a Race Car at the Bertil Roos Racing School at Pocono Raceway.
90. Play the ponies at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Racetrack and Casino in Wilkes-Barre.
91. Get to know more about beer at the Barley Creek Brewing Company in Tannersville.
92. Learn about sustainable agriculture at Highlands Farm in Lake Ariel.
93. Pick your own berries at the Paupack Berry Farm in Paupack.
94. Take a cooking class with Chef Alice in Long Pond.
95. Spend more time with your friends and less time deciding on a restaurant with IC 2011's package pricing plans.



96. Drive Pennsylvania Route 6, named by National Geographic as one of America's Most Scenic Routes.
97. See a heart-shaped or champagne glass hot tub at Caesars Pocono Resorts in Swiftwater.
98. Take a 9-mile downhill bike trip on the Switchback Trail in Jim Thorpe.
99. Show off that crisp new uniform or shiny new pips!
100. Visit the Wildflower Music Festival in Hawley.
101. Visit the Dorflinger Glass Museum and see some of the finest lead crystal creations in the country created by French glassmaker Christian Dorflinger in White Mills.
102. Indoctrinate the bartenders into what being a Trek fan is really like.
103. Reenact William Shatner's performance of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" at Karaoke night.
104. See a prohibition era speakeasy near "The Devils Hole" in Mount Pocono.
105. See over 1000 feet of track and 200 buildings at the Old Mauch Chunk Model Railroad Display in Jim Thorpe.
106. See what's left of the town of Centralia, where an underground mine fire has been burning for over 40 years.
107. Go kayaking with Chamberlin Kayaks in Minnisink Hills.
108. Take an ATV ride with Pecks in Dingmans Ferry.
109. Challenge an Admiral to ping pong at the Inn at Pocono Manor.
110. See the farm animals at the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale.
111. See old friends and make new ones!

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The Final Countdown

As I'm laying out the final pages of the *CQ*, I shake my head in disbelief how quickly three great years have passed by in a breeze! When I was recruited as editor-in-chief by then-Chief of Communications COMM Peter Christian to start my work on *Communique* #146, I was just getting my feet wet as a STARFLEET member. At that time, my "mothership"—the *USS Thermopylae*—was in existence for barely two years, although she already had a few significant away missions on her record. So from my point of view of a newbie, it was a somewhat overwhelming and initially intimidating feeling to find so many active people beyond my local and regional horizon—I mean we were talking about THOUSANDS of active Trekkers! What a wonderful world for someone like me! Admittedly (and obviously), I hadn't paid much attention to the bi-monthly paper in the mailbox that was called the "*Communique*." My sole focus was on the ship...

When I came aboard the Communications team, a "new world" opened up for me, and I told Peter about my bigger picture for the *CQ*, namely to treat the printed version as a "basic" part of the member benefits, but then the online version as an interactive, multimedia experience in order to advance STARFLEET into the next century (so-to-speak). I saw this evolution similar to the transition from VHS cassettes to DVDs, where the latter would have bonus materials such as additional commentaries or "Behind the Scenes" footages. I wanted to embed video clips from STARFLEET

members in order to bring the latter closer to other members in the world. All this should have happened in a trekkish LCARS environment. At that time, I was a little surprised that nobody else in the past applied the LCARS layout into the *Communique*. In my humble opinion, the LCARS is one of the most recognizable features in *Star Trek*. So that's how *CQ* #146 got its new look. I introduced the ability to navigate between different pages in the online issue #147, which was a baby step towards my envisioned "user interaction."

Well, Peter was either very fascinated about my vision or he just wanted to enjoy my enthusiasm, but he didn't comment much about my plans. On the contrary, he gave me all the freedom I wanted when reality suddenly kicked in. Due to personal changes in Peter's life, he had to step down as Comm Chief only a few months later, and RADM Jon Lane—a STARFLEET veteran and connoisseur of the EC—stepped in and exchanged my pink glasses with those that had the proper diopeters. After a long, long phone conversation (insert your picture about a numb and sweaty ear and a kink in your neck) about the future direction of the *CQ*, it became clear that STARFLEET wasn't ready just yet for the kind of prime time that I was looking for. Bandwidth issues, other technical challenges, and also potential philosophical obstructions clearly stood in the way. Poof—my little bubble was burst.

However, since I have always believed that things happen for a reason, I followed Jon's lead and went



POSING DURING AN AIRSOFT GAME: THERMOPYLAE CREW MEMBERS COMM PETER CHRISTIAN, MCPO TOD STURGEON, CAPT PRASITH KIM-AUN. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY PRASITH KIM-AUN.

"mainstream" instead. Jon's intention was to focus on the content, infuse positive energy into the newsletter, reduce all the "bickering," which naturally happens in any families—and that includes STARFLEET as well—and stay true to the core ideas and principles of STARFLEET. I think it really paid off!

On this note, I am very grateful to have found a very patient and knowledgeable teacher in Jon who advanced my layout skills to the next level! I really enjoyed his wonderful communication skills with his peers, his ability to handle the media, and his creative attitude when it came to promoting STARFLEET. Thanks again, Jon, I'm going to miss working with you! We were indeed a heck of a team!

I have already been asked to extend my tenure as editor-in-chief, but just like Jon, real-life challenges have shifted my priorities. I am now a daddy of two adorable daughters (4 years and 11 months old) who want to have more and more daddy playtime, and I am part of an airsoft team as well (www.1st-Sword.com) that hosts airsoft games for 60-80 operators on a regular basis. Therefore, I cannot put 60+ hours into the *CQ*

anymore—and that's not counting the endless hours that Jon invested to collect, sort out, and proof-read the articles.

I usually try to stay out of any political stuff in STARFLEET, but I do have to commend the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board for their outstanding job to present STARFLEET at its best! After reading the excellent articles about STARFLEET's history in issues 150, 151, and 152, it seems that I have joined STARFLEET during a great era, and I'm sure there will be many more good years to come.

My final thanks go to all the members who have contributed to the *Communique* in the form of articles, photos, or constructive criticism to bring out the best of it! Without you, the *CQ* would have been a boring, empty piece of paper...

I wish my successor, FCPT Karen Mitchell Carothers, all the best and look forward to reading the future *CQ*s from the "other" side.

It's now time to leave the stage. I'm taking off my hat and bow out with the motto of my ship's medical department: "*To boldly have fun like no man has had before.*"

CAPT Prasith Kim-Aun, DMD (Outgoing) Editor-in-Chief, STARFLEET *Communique*



A NOSTALGIC MOMENT: THE COMMISSIONING PICTURE OF THE USS THERMOPYLAE CREW BACK IN 2007. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN BENDER, ED MATHISON, TOD STURGEON, ROBERT BROWN, CATHEY FULLER, JOE FULLER, ROSE MATHISON, VICKYJEANNE SHEPPARD, PAUL MCMANUS, ANGELINA CHRISTIAN, PETER CHRISTIAN, AND PRASITH KIM-AUN. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY PRASITH KIM-AUN.





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COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The Second Banana Report

As I'm writing this, the snow is falling outside, it's still about two weeks before Christmas, and I'm really wishing that we had something close to an EMH.

Yup, I'm writing this article while I'm trying to get over a cold or flu of some kind, graciously given to me by my lovely wife. I won't forget this, Debbie. I'll find some way to get you back! :)

This is also my last article as the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. In about a few weeks time, I'll be taking over the job as CS, and instead of saying "What am I going to write about in my next VCS article?" I'll be saying, "What the heck am I going to write about in my next CS article?"

The very first thing that I need to do is to say thanks to the members of my VCS Team—you guys have been great to work with, each of you. I'd like to say a special thanks to Bob McCann, who has been my Chief of Staff for the last two years. Without Bob, a lot of things wouldn't have been possible. Thank you, Bob, it has been a pleasure working with you.

To the members of the EC whom I've had the chance to work with over the last two years, it has been a very interesting time. We haven't always agreed on things, and we've sometimes gone head-to-head over various issues. But we found ways to work together and get things done.

I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who took time to participate in the election and to cast their vote. It was a pretty close election, and that's not something that has been lost on me nor the members of my incoming team.

My team and I are going to be doing everything that we can to work together with members throughout STARFLEET, both people who supported us during the campaign, as well as those who

supporters of our competition.

I can't say that everyone in STARFLEET will always agree on the course that we take, but we're going to try and do what we can to bring people together, work together, and, most importantly, help people to have fun together.

And now, on to the business of my final VCS article...

Bylaws Committee

For those who have been following the Command Status Report, I've been talking about how the AB has been presented with and is, at the time of this writing, reviewing the new Membership Handbook and is currently voting on the draft copy of the handbook. Everything appears to be in order for the new handbook to be approved and go into effect on January 1, 2011.

There have been a couple of areas in the new Handbook which have already been identified to have some updates done, but the good news on that is that they are areas which have been in the Handbook already for quite some time and have not previously been noted for updates, specifically promotions on Shakedown Chapters and the Regional Coordinator Election process. These areas will be addressed early in 2011.

PetFleet

James Cecil reports that PetFleet has gained another member this month. He's also made some corrections that were suggested by some of our members about some of our PetFleet web pages that were not showing up on the site correctly.

Have a look at the PetFleet web site for more information at:

<http://petfleet.sfi.org>

AB Discussions

Discussions that took place during October were in regards to having to change the CPA firm where STARFLEET's annual financial review is taking place due to a few of the accountants (including the one who would be conducting our review) leaving their current firm and starting a new firm.

The major discussion that took place during November was in regards to the upcoming decommissioning of a chapter that had failed to report for a significantly long amount of time. It was felt that the whole of the AB should be made aware of this to discuss any issues or concerns that may arise as a result of the chapter CO refusing to report.

The AB began discussing the incoming EC and the requirements in the new Bylaws that the AB vote to confirm each new EC member coming on in January 2011. The AB also finalized the discussions on the draft copy of the Membership Handbook that was provided to them and began voting on it in early December.

Motions Voted Upon

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

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

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.

AB10-20: Motion to Accept the CPA Firm for Our Annual Review

Region 12 (Jeff Higdon) made the

following motion:

"Region Twelve motions to accept the choice of the Inspector General to have the CPA Firm of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC. to do our annual review for the period ending June 30, 2010."

Region 5 (Joe Fuller) seconded the motion.

Result: PASSED Aye: 15 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1

Notes: Region 6 did not vote on this motion, thus the one vote noted as an abstention. It should also be noted that, at the time this vote was completing, the accountant conducting our annual financial review moved to another firm which required us to conduct a new vote, AB10-21, to withdraw this approval and move the work to the new CPA firm.

AB10-21: Motion to Approve New Engagement Letter

Region 15 (Tom Guertin) made the following motion:

"Region 15 moves that the Admiralty Board approve the new engagement letter from Hunrath, Napilitano, Quigley & Taylor, LLC., superseding the original motion and engagement letter."

Region 5 (Joe Fuller) seconded the motion.

Result: PASSED Aye: 16 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

No AB votes took place during November 2010.

That's it for me in this edition. In my next article, I'll be posting from the big seat. So until then, see you in the next edition!





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COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Academy News

Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

"In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first – ahead of personal glory." (Paul "Bear" Bryant)

While sitting in class with one of my students, I read the saying of the day that was put on the board by the U.S. History class teacher. I immediately thought about everyone, here, at STARFLEET Academy.

If I have learned only one thing during my first three years as SFA Commandant, it has been that our Academy has earned its nickname "Jewel of STARFLEET" only because the faculty and staff (the players) within its educational walls work as a team doing its utmost for the good of all members of STARFLEET. Once someone starts working as a staff member, even though they may start out as an assistant, they immediately start feeling the sense of unity/family/team.

It is always nice to get a pat on the back for the

good work each and everyone us does, but what I have seen and I'm sure will continue to see is that we all do what we do to help each other out in order to put out the best we have for the members.

On that note, as you all know, I will be the Commandant for STARFLEET Academy for another three years. I thank you for your support for the past three years and for your continued support for the next three. I will continue to learn from all of you (yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks) and I will also continue to do everything in my power to assist the members through the Academy.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following on well-deserved promotions:

Donald Dobrin to the rank of Commander
 Liz Gambles to the rank of Lieutenant

Also, congratulations to Thomas Clark for being the 1000th Boothby Award recipient in STARFLEET Academy's Boothby Program.

From the Desk of Coordinator of Academics: ADM Carol Thompson

The Course Request function is now working on the STARFLEET Academy website!

You now have three ways of requesting courses from STARFLEET Academy:

1) Use the "Request Courses" option on the left-hand menu on the STARFLEET Academy website at <http://acad.sfi.org/courses/index.php> (yes, it is working again!). You will select the course you want from the scroll-down list. Fill out the form, and the Director will receive your application.

2) Email the director and ask for the exams you want. Use this if option #1 isn't working for some reason.

3) Mail a letter to the director indicating what exams you want, and if you are going to conduct

your correspondence by postal mail, send the required tuition and stamps stated on the college web page. This covers all expenses the director incurs by sending you exams and diplomas through the USPS.

Directors who live outside the USA will have "postal buddies" inside the USA to handle postal mail from the USA. Students who live outside the USA are encouraged to conduct their studies by email.

Due to the fact that Glen Diebold has created a huge institute of Law Enforcement (see "Featured Institute" elsewhere in this section) and is now Dean of said institute, Donald Dobrin is now the Dean of the Institute of Special Operations. If you need to contact him, his email address is <dstypalace@hughes.net>.

From the desk of the Chief, Awards Program: CAPT Scott Schaller

October Boothby Awards

Omega Star – Dilithium Star 1300
 10/14/2010 Carol Thompson

Ruby - 900
 10/05/2010 George Ann Wheeler

Pearl - 750
 10/31/2010 Eric Johannson
 10/22/2010 Donald Dobrin

Amethyst - 700
 10/14/2010 Eric Schulman

Amber - 550
 10/03/2010 Marlene Miller

Dilithium - 300
 10/22/2010 Ricardo Garcia
 10/11/2010 Russell Ruhland

Diamond - 250
 10/23/2010 Barbara Buffington
 10/08/2010 Franklin Newman

Latinum - 200
 10/14/2010 Jayden Tyronian
 10/05/2010 Alys Tremellwyn

Gold - 150
 10/20/2010 Cory Whorton
 10/20/2010 Wallace Cady

Silver -100
 10/25/2010 Julie Prescott
 10/16/2010 Jennifer McFarland

Bronze - 50
 10/20/2010 Mark Polanis

November Boothby Awards

Here are the following personnel that receive a Boothby for the month of November 2010. Thomas Clark is our winner for being the 1000th Boothby Award recipient in STARFLEET Academy's Boothby Program. He also won a full year membership in STARFLEET for this achievement, compliments of the Commandant of STARFLEET Academy, as well as Sal Lizard and the EC, too. So, you can see we did get a little busy for this month of November.

Omega Star - Titanium star 1350
 11/17/2010 Thompson, Carol

Omega Star - Silver Star 1100
 11/13/2010 Niemeyer, Sean
 11/24/2010 French, Larry

Emerald - 950
 11/12/2010 Hollifield, Gary Tiny
 11/25/2010 Fisher, Josephine
 11/26/2010 Wheeler, George Ann

Sapphire - 850
 11/10/2010 Tipton, Jill

Opal - 800
 11/17/2010 Johannson, Eric

Pearl - 750
 11/08/2010 Schulman, Eric

Topaz - 650
 11/15/2010 Hewitt, Richard

Amber - 550
 11/01/2010 Allen, TJ
 11/29/2010 Savander, Oliver

Platinum - 450
 11/11/2010 Schaller, Scott

Zirconium - 400
 11/07/2010 Wenclewicz, Adam

Titanium - 350
 11/05/2010 Parker, George
 11/22/2010 Ruhland, Russell

Dilithium - 300
 11/10/2010 Leverence, Betty Ann
 11/28/2010 Byers, Mykah

Latinum - 200
 11/29/2010 Paul, Barbara

Gold - 150
 11/13/2010 Parsons, Fred

Silver -100
 11/11/2010 Malotte, Michael
 11/15/2010 Tolleson, Michael
 11/17/2010 Clark, Thomas
 11/18/2010 Schleigh, Cher

Bronze - 50
 11/03/2010 Stringer-Lund, Erik
 11/10/2010 Smith, Angie
 11/18/2010 Jackson, Barry
 11/21/2010 Bullock, Janet
 11/22/2010 Rikard, Paul
 11/26/2010 Houle, Michael
 11/26/2010 Davis, Tina
 11.26/2010 Mullins, Brian

Featured Colleges



INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EVIDENCE
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The new Institute to open in STARFLEET Academy is presenting courses that cover a wide range of subject matter for those interested in all aspects of Law Enforcement including:

The College of Evidence Collection and Analysis – this college will show the student the accepted ways of collecting and preserving evidence at a crime scene (a lot more that they do on any of the CSI shows) and also the equipment used by the lab techs to analyze the collected evidence. An example is that DNA testing actually takes weeks, not a few minutes like they show on TV.

The College of Law Enforcement – we present three schools covering Police Training, Police Procedures, and Corrections. The student can see the restrictions the law places upon the Police and Corrections officers, as well as the rules they are

required to work under.

The **College of Law Enforcement Assets** – we give the student a look at the different professions that are doing some of the jobs which may also have to be done by officers. They are Private Investigators, Bail Enforcement Officers, Process Servers, Body Guards, and Bailiffs.

The **College of Law Enforcement Resources** – here we give the students four colleges. In the Resources College, we look at the special crimes handled by special units from the K-9 and motorcycles through bicycle patrols. In the School of Police Units, we look at the special crimes investigated by detectives, such as gang violence, sexual assault, and white collar crimes. The VIP Protection School has been moved from the Intelligence College to its rightful home in the Law Enforcement Resources. Finally in the Resources College, we look at the physiological aspects of law enforcement from how TV has changed the burden of evidence to victimology and profiling.

In the upcoming months, we will be adding two



more colleges to the Institute. The first is a look at the **History of Law Enforcement**, including some things you may never have known.

WWLE World Wide Law Enforcement – Here we will give you a look at law enforcement all over the world, from Australia to Iceland, England to Japan, Brazil to Canada, and also including some of the international police agencies like Interpol and Europol. We look at how the different countries



COLLEGE OF SUPERHEROES
MGN Gary Hollifield, Jr.
Director, College of
Superheroes, SFA

Greetings, Caped Crusaders!

We have been leaping all sorts of tall buildings here

have different means of handling crime and show that law enforcement is not just a European or North American subject...with a over 40 countries included.

We hope these will peak your interest and that you will find the offerings interesting. Check out the STARFLEET Academy website to apply to those schools already opened: < www.academy.sfi.org >

at the College of Superheroes in an effort to bring you an even greater variety of exams. We currently offer 23 exams, all based off of movies. By the time this is printed, however, six more will have been added with another five in the beta testing process (who likes Aquaman?). So if you like Batman, Superman, or even Underdog and Captain Nice, we have something for you here.

I am also looking for volunteers to create exams for a myriad of superhero and comic book individuals. Feeling up to the challenge?

Drop me a line at < skipper@ussjaresh-inyo.org >!

Riddle me this...

Last issue's riddle:

All about the house,
With his Lady he dances.
Yet he always works,
And never romances.

Answer: Broom.

New Riddle:

An untiring servant it is,
Carrying loads across muddy earth.
But one thing that cannot be forced,
Is a return to the place of its birth.

Answer in next issue.

ADM Peg Pellerin, SFA Commandant

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“Keep looking forward – new adventures lie ahead.” Becky Valdosta, GA



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The 1,000th Boothby Award Recipient

An interview with Major Thomas “Tank” Clark

I recently took over the STARFLEET Academy Awards Department from BGN Scott A. Anderson a couple of months ago. BGN Anderson is now the Assistant Director of STARFLEET Academy Awards, and I'm very glad that he is still around to help me out.

In the STARFLEET Academy Awards Department, we have reached one of those special milestones once again. This time, it's the 1,000th issuance of the Boothby Award. The last time that we reached this milestone was when RADM Douglas Wayne Mayo (then a Commodore) was the 500th Boothby Award recipient.

Now, some of you are probably asking yourselves, “What is a Boothby Award?”

The Boothby is an achievement award in the STARFLEET Academy for members who have completed at least 50 courses, and in increments of 50 thereafter, in either the STARFLEET Academy or in the STARFLEET Marines Corps Academy. To give you a brief history of the Boothby, this program started out quite a few years ago, when Truman Temple and Scott A. Anderson were teamed up to manage the STARFLEET Academy Awards department. The Boothby program, at this point, has no limits on how high you may go. But back in July 2008, the highest number of courses completed in either Academy at that time by a single individual was 1,100...an achievement held by Truman Temple. Boothby Awards are issued as needed...having seen as few as 5 go out in a single month to as many as 23! As of this date—December 9, 2010—Carol Thompson holds the record for the most courses taken at 1,381.

There are over 180 members of STARFLEET who have received a Boothby Award, and quite a few of those are multiple recipients, as well. Truman had coined the phrase “Dirty Dozen” a couple years back, referring to the top twelve

students in either of the Academies. Here are currently the top 10 students with the most courses of both Academies combined and the total number of courses they've taken so far.

ADM Carol Thompson – 1,381
BDR Wayne Smith – 1,131
MGEN Larry Dale French Sr. – 1,120
MGEN Sean Niemeyer – 1,106
LGEN Truman D Temple – 1,106
VADM Wayne Lee Killough Jr. – 1,062
MGEN Gary Tiny Wayne Hollifield Jr. – 994
CMDR Josephine Fisher – 968
FCAPT George Ann Wheeler – 953
COL Bill Rowlette – 947

Each member on that list of the “Dirty Dozen,” as you can see, has taken more than 900 courses in either Academy. Several are Directors or former Directors, but all are excellent examples of what kind of fun can be had in the Academies. I do encourage anyone out there who is a STARFLEET member to start taking STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Marines Corps Academy courses right away.

So without further ado, on to the interview with the 1,000th Boothby Award Recipient: Major Thomas “Tank” Clark of the USS Regulator in Region 3. Anyone who wants to congratulate him on his achievement may do so by emailing him at < greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com >.

SFA: Thomas, you have just found out that you are the 1,000th person to earn a Boothby on any level in STARFLEET Academy. What do you think about this?

TTC: I'm very surprised. It strikes me as odd that there weren't many, many more Boothby awards already given out. By the way, call me “Tank.” Everyone else does.

SFA: You have taken over 100 exams between both of the Academies, STARFLEET and SFMCA. What were your favorite Schools and/or Directors?

TTC: I can't really say I have a favorite, as I enjoyed them all—even the ones that were tough for me. I did zoom through the Aerospace Branch pretty quickly, taking AE-10 on the 7th of October and finishing my AE-30 on the 24th of the same month, so I guess you could say that was a lot of fun.

SFA: What course or courses did you find the most challenging throughout all of these?

TTC: IOST - College of Mathematics. Math-103 made me learn Trigonometry for the first time in my life—I never took it in school—and I'm still working on Math-105 (Egyptian Math). It makes my head hurt, but knowledge is good.

SFA: With over 100 courses, it is obvious that you have had some fun here. What courses would you rate as the most fun from what you have so far taken and why?

TTC: Wow, what a tough question! I've enjoyed just about every class I've taken in both the SFA and the SFMCA. Taking the FAC courses are very rewarding in an “instant gratification” sort of way...you know exactly how well you've done very quickly, and that can be very encouraging.

SFA: What courses do you plan to take for the upcoming year?

TTC: I've taken courses from every SFMC branch, and with the exception of Medical (where I only have the MD-11), Mecha (where I only have the ME-10) and Support (where I have only the SU-10), I've passed the -10 and the -20.

SFA: I have noticed that you've been in STARFLEET since 2009. How do you like being a member in STARFLEET?

TTC: I love it. I've met a lot of great people, and I have had a lot of good times. I'm looking forward to many more.

SFA: And for the final question...what are your goals in STARFLEET?

TTC: I joined STARFLEET to have fun with like-minded people. That's still the goal: to have fun. After all, if you're not having fun...why are you here?

A final note from the Desk of the STARFLEET Academy Awards Director and my Assistant: the Boothby Program is not all that this department does for the STARFLEET Academy. We also take care of the annual Squad Awards for the International Conference, we have created the certificates for the Advanced Degree Program, and we produce any other award or awards that are deemed necessary at the time for the Academy.

So, are you taking courses in the Academy or TRACOM? If not, then maybe you should jump to it and see what the fuss is all about. Anyway, you should look at it; you could have some fun and get some recognition in the process. So grab that mouse of yours, point and click into your browser to < <http://acad.sfi.org> > or < <http://sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org/portal> >, pick out some courses that you would like, and start taken them. And check back frequently as both Academies are ever growing. We look forward to having each of you aboard. Good luck and Godspeed! Or as Captain Picard liked to say, “Make it so!”





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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET

Report from the Chief Financial Officer

Greetings everyone, once again. I hope everybody's staying warm during this cold winter season. For me, living in New Jersey isn't exactly a picnic during the winter months. I'd prefer a much warmer climate to live in during this time. I recently heard that it was unusually warm in Arizona...I believe in the low 80's for the end of December. Since I have a second home there that I'm currently renting out, I feel like getting on a plane right now and visiting my other house and staying in Arizona, at least for a few days. The reality is, I still have a lot of work to do here and now. So, I don't expect to be going to Arizona until sometime mid next year.

In any case, being that this is my last article as CFO of STARFLEET, I want to give a brief review of some of the accomplishments that my office has done. First off, I want to thank FADM Sal Lizard for selecting me as his CFO. Having the opportunity to see how STARFLEET operates from the top has been both an exciting and exhausting experience. At times, STARFLEET's financial operation was more complicated than what I had in my real life job as Controller of a small \$12M company. For example, dealing with the Constitution and the AB is something like working for a mid-size, publicly-owned company. As I said, it's been an experience that I wouldn't have had if I just had my real life job to deal with.

During the past three years, I've been extremely lucky to have a Vice Chief who was already very familiar with STARFLEET finances and operations. ADM Pat Spillers has constantly helped me out during my term of office. She has handled the bulk of the work in dealing with

membership processing and in preparing the various tax returns that STARFLEET is responsible for filing. For the third year in a row, we've completed and submitted STARFLEET's Federal Form 990 by the due date of November 15th without requesting an extension. Thanks to Pat's efforts in initially completing the 990, I was able to fully review it in time and then have our outside CPA review it too at no cost to STARFLEET.

As I recall, when I first took office, sales taxes were a major issue and problem for STARFLEET. While working with Pat, we were able to develop a plan to handle the various tax jurisdictions that included NC, TX, AL, and FL...as well as the sales tax permits for the Quartermasters in the states in which they resided. Also thanks to Pat's efforts, we took care of all the

tax filings for the ICs during our term of office.

Moving on to our current financial state of affairs, as you can see, we have a year-to-date net loss of \$15,498. While this indicates we've spent a lot more than what we've taken in so far for this fiscal year, please note that our total assets are now at \$46,540. We now also have over \$11,000 in our main bank account. When we took office, the main bank account had about \$3,834 and our total assets at the time was \$36,656.

During our present fiscal year, we've spent about \$7,560 for our current election expenses, although we had only budgeted \$3,500 over the last three years. This was due to the constitutional changes in order to send additional copies

of the new Articles of Incorporation plus the Bylaws to every primary member. In doing so, we've spent almost \$4,500 more than what we had planned for.

During our three years in office, we also had Attorney expenses of \$15,400 and outside Accountant's Fees for our Annual Review for fiscal years ending 2008 and 2009, and this came to \$3,500. We've also added Liability insurance coverage for both the EC and AB members that cost about \$2,000 a year starting with June 2009. Even with all these additional expenses, we were still able to add about \$9,884 to our total assets from three years ago. Our current fiscal year is far from over, so hopefully we'll see a profit by the end of June 2011.

As mentioned before, detailed financial

statements are available for viewing online for all members to see at the STARFLEET Finance home page. Budget spreadsheets are also available, as well, so everyone can see where we stand with the budget we developed versus our actual expenses. Even though we spent weeks working on our budget to make it as accurate as possible, trying to guess the future is a lot harder to do than to record past financial activity. Please keep that in mind when reviewing our budget.

Once again, should anyone have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the CFO's Office at <CFO@sfi.org>. Currently, the new CFO Linda Olson is in training to take over the reins, so to speak, and I'm sure by the time she starts, she'll do very well.

STARFLEET International Statement of Activities July 2010 - June 2011

	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Year To Date
Operating Revenues:						
Membership Dues	\$ 4,165	\$ 3,971	\$ 3,735	\$ 2,778	\$ 3,035	\$ 17,684
Scholarship Funds	10	745	10	10	226	1,002
Quartermaster Sales	758	1,489	536	88	1,367	4,238
STARFLEET Int'l Conference	1,641	1,531	252	-	140	3,564
Other Income	-	1,729	75	75	125	2,004
Total operating revenues	6,575	9,466	4,608	2,951	4,893	28,492
Operating expenses:						
Communique' Expenses	3,777	2,312	2,122	538	338	9,087
Membership Package	1,182	78	1,442	2,443	-	5,145
Quartermaster Supplies	347	1,260	1,333	1,797	1,243	5,980
STARFLEET IC Expenses	760	6,598	617	302	300	8,578
Scholarship Awards	52	-	3,250	-	-	3,302
Bank Charges & Fees	246	155	163	84	232	880
Election Expense	-	3,300	2,000	2,260	-	7,560
Equipment & Software	659	-	73	-	-	732
Accounting Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance Bond	-	-	-	553	-	553
Insurance Liability	2,050	-	-	-	-	2,050
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	-	55	-	31	37	123
Transition Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Office Expenses	2,956	3,510	2,236	2,927	269	11,898
Total operating expenses	9,074	13,758	11,000	8,007	2,150	43,991
(Loss) / Income	\$ (2,500)	\$ (4,293)	\$ (6,393)	\$ (5,056)	\$ 2,743	\$ (15,498)

STARFLEET International Statement of Financial Position November 30, 2010

	Total
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CD General Fund A Risk Free	\$ 5,147
CD General Fund B	16,744
CD SF Scholarship Fund B	1,103
International Conference Odd	1,373
International Conference Even	1,225
Main Bank Account	11,138
Petty Cash SF QM	130
Petty Cash SFMC QM	192
SF Scholarship Fund A	4,439
SFMC Marines	1,938
SFMC Scholarship Fund	3,054
Spec Ops 6351	56
Total Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$ 46,540
Other Current Assets	
Deposits	-
Prepaid Other	-
Total Current Assets	46,540
Total Assets	\$ 46,540
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued expenses	-
Sales Tax Payable	(93)
Total current liabilities	\$ (93)
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,000
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	61,132
Net Income	(15,498)
Total Equity	46,633
Total Liabilities And Equity	\$ 46,540



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NAME: JERRY TIEN
RANK: REAR ADMIRAL
POSITION: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS (OUTGOING)
OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: *USS EAGLE* NCC-1719
REGION: 4, CALIFORNIA (USA)



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Operations Report

I've always liked to encourage people to volunteer in this organization...for I believe it's not only a chance to help others but a great pathway for personal development. Over the years, many members have asked: "How do I move up the Regional or Fleet ladder?" Well, start by helping out things in your own Chapter/Region. Be reliable and persistent—people will notice you. It really works.

For me, volunteering in this organization brought me on an incredible journey. After working several years on the Regional level, I got a call in 2002 that resulted in my joining Shuttle Operations Command and working in Operations until today. Working with Admiral Chris Wallace at that time, we experienced a period of great chapter expansion. This, coupled with many improvements at Computer Operations, definitely helped drive our membership growth. Sure, there were challenging times. But the experience helped me become better with customer service and in other areas. These ultimately helped my

professional life outside STARFLEET.

On a personal note, I want to thank all the folks who have supported me and given me the opportunities to serve this great organization these many years, such as CSes Les Rickard, Mike Malotte, Mandi Livingston, Sal Lizard and many others. I couldn't have done this job without you. Also, as a result of working at these positions, I've met and made many new friends whom I would probably never have met otherwise. I will always treasure these friendships.

As I mentioned in last issue, correspondence chapters are playing an ever-increasing role for STARFLEET. It is my pleasure to announce that Beau Thacker has joined the Operations department as the new Director of Correspondence Chapters Operations. Beau brings with him a wide range of training and support experience. Please join me in welcoming Beau aboard. He can be reached at < ops-correy@sfi.org >. Beau

is busy streamlining Correy Ops as we speak. To provide better service, we are actively seeking experienced web developers to help us update the Correspondence Operations site. If you are interested, please contact Beau as soon as possible.

Besides Correy Ops, we are going to start a new discussion list for chapter COs/XOs to foster greater communications. If you would like to help manage this list, please contact us at < ops@sfi.org >.

Before I head out of office, I do want to highlight some recent and upcoming commissionings:

USS Dakota (R1)
 CAPT Cindy Jenkins
giagirl1972@gmail.com

USS Reuben James (R12)
 CAPT Richard Squire III
privitecom@aol.com

Be sure to look them up if you are looking for a chapter in those regions.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the incoming Chief of Operations, Joe Sare. Joe hails from Region 13's USS Sinclair. With the organizational changes of reintegrating ShOC back into Ops, there will be some interesting challenges. Joe and I have been busy with the staff transition and training process. We have also reviewed the training schedules of the chapters in the Shakedown Program to ensure timely processing of the commission process. I think we are in good shape at this point. I wish Joe and his team the best of luck.

And now, as I head back home from Fleet HQ, I certainly look forward to working with the chapters back home more closely again. To all my friends, look me up if you travel to the San Francisco area in the future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone!

0319-88-18



NAME: JOHN HALLIDAY
RANK: COMMODORE
OTHER ALIAS: COMMODORE SORAK
POSITION: CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET (OUTGOING)
SHIP: *USS ARK ANGEL* NCC-1888
REGION: 3, TEXAS (USA)



CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Computer Operations Report

It is with mixed feelings that I submit this final report as Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET. On the one hand, I leave a position that has put me in touch with countless new friends and a sense of having been involved in some rather important additions to the technical resources that are now available to members of STARFLEET. On the other hand, having read through an average of 80 e-mails each day for the last two years, and having responded to uncounted requests and participated in numerous projects and meetings in the course of my duties, I can easily say that a break will not be greeted with dismay nor a heavy heart.

When I first came aboard, I faced a lot of challenges and had lots of questions. If not for the efforts of people like Sam Black, Sal Lizard, Jon Lane, Matthew Ingles, Bob Chin, Laura Victor, Bran Stimpson, Lisa Pruitt, Pat Spillers, Christina Sievers, Jerry Tien, Peg Pellerin and a host of others who have helped out, I would simply not have been able to accomplish the tasks assigned to me. I want to thank all those who have helped out over the last two years.

We accomplished a lot. There is now a new and well-regarded website due to the efforts of our previously-anonymous webmaster (not revealed as Rear Admiral Laura Victor of the *USS Challenger*).

They were also instrumental in getting the new Quartermaster site running. We have a better-running Member Database due to the efforts of some of our members, especially Andrey Kuznetsov, who will be continuing on with CompOps in the next term as a PHP developer. We ran the annual Web Awards contest (thanks to Bob for his great help on that). We attended the International Conference each year. We managed over 600 e-mail addresses. Our moderators ensured that they official Business Discussion List stayed on subject and was relatively free from abusive behavior. There were numerous other accomplishments by our Member Processing staff, who improved the method and manner of delivering membership materials.

I have offered to stay on in order to continue the development of the new online Member system and hope that I will be able to add new and improved functionality to our already powerful online systems.

I look forward to staying in touch with my new friends in STARFLEET and hope they will also keep in touch with me. If you ever wish to contact me, my personal e-mail address is: < Docster2005@gmail.com >.

Good luck to the new CoCo, Chris Carothers, and I look forward to many more conversations and meetings in future.





NAME: WARREN PRICE
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SHIP: USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796
REGION: 1, TENNESSEE (USA)



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Shakedown Operations Report

Greetings, STARFLEET.

I hope all of you are fine and doing well. This report will be my last for the Lizard/Blaser administration, so I will have more of what becomes of my future in STARFLEET later in this report. This will be a real short report.

Here is the list of launchings since the last Communiqué. I am happy to announce the following launched Chapters-in-training:

Welcome the *USS Golden Gate*, Region 4 to STARFLEET. This is a Meeting chapter based out of San Francisco, CA. For info on joining this ship, please contact ADM David Nottage III at: ADMNottage@aol.com

Welcome the *USS Premonition*, Region 2 to STARFLEET. This is a Meeting chapter based out of Orlando, FL. For info on joining this ship, please contact Avery Hahurin at: uss_pegasus641223@yahoo.com

Welcome the *USS Constitution*, Region 15 to STARFLEET. This is a Correspondence chapter based out of Boston, MA. For info on joining this

ship, please contact Thomas Guertin at: copysith@gmail.com

Shakedown News

Again, ShOC has been slow with no real news to report, although as I get into December, the launching is picking up.

Now that the election is over and the new Articles and Bylaws have passed, ShOC (Shakedown Operations Command) will no longer be a part of the EC. Instead, ShOC will become a sub-department under Operations, and a Vice-ShOC will do the duties of launching chapters. There will be a new person in that role. I will be going back to being a regular STARFLEET Member.

I want to thank Sal Lizard for choosing me to be his Chief of Shakedown Operations. I have been with Sal from the inception of his decision to run for Fleet Admiral. It was truly a pleasure to serve with Sal. It was a pleasure to work with the current EC members. I feel that they gave their all for the betterment of STARFLEET. We had to make some tough decisions that weren't very popular to some in STARFLEET. The Admiralty Board through the last three years was a good

group to work with as well.

I want to give out a sincere "thank you" to both Jerry Tien and Alex Rosenzweig. Both of them were a great help and a joy to work with. They are very knowledgeable and lent a helping hand when asked. Without them, I would have been lost. They sure made my time in ShOC a delightful experience. Thanks.

I want to thank all the Chapters that I have had a hand in launching and getting them started in STARFLEET. I wish all of them Godspeed, and may they Live Long and Prosper.

I had a good ride, and now I know both sides of this organization, the Star Trek fun side and the SFI business side. To make this organization stronger, both sides need to work together and respect each other.

I will toot my horn, which I don't usually do, but I will now: I will go down in Fleet history as the last Chief of Shakedown Operations to serve on the Executive Committee. I am proud to have been a part of the EC. That could change in the future, but probably not.

Now for a shameless plug...or maybe not. As it was announced at IC 2010 in Oklahoma, Team IC 2012 will be hosting the International Conference in Memphis Tennessee. I am the Chair and would like to invite all of you to make plans to attend. More information can be found on our website at < <http://ic2012.com> > and on Facebook: STARFLEET IC12. My e-mail is < chair@ic2012.com >. Be sure to visit our hospitality suite at IC 2011. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, as I have noted in past Communiqués, I am a huge NASCAR fan. My favorite drivers are Jeff Gordon and I have picked up Brad Keselowski as my new driver. I do a two-hour Tuesday night NASCAR radio show. So if anyone wants to talk NASCAR, you are welcome to give me a call, e-mail, or post on our Facebook page: "Your Turn To Win".

In closing, I want to thank all the members for taking the time to read the reports and articles in this newsletter and what I have written these past three years. Thank YOU.

Take care, be safe, and Boldly Go.

REGION TWO SUMMIT



Attention Region Two and STARFLEET Members

Colonel James Reed
Summit Chair Region Two

(Prepared by Brigadier Oliver Savander SR)



The Region 2 Summit 2011 dates are March 11-13, 2011. We will be trying something a bit different this time around. This will be the first attempt to have the Summit in two locations. The events during the day will be held at MOSI a couple of blocks from the hotel.

MOSI is a non-profit,

community-based institution and educational resource that is dedicated to advancing public interest, knowledge, and understanding of science, industry, and technology. MOSI's core ideology is to make a difference in people's lives by making science real for people of all ages and backgrounds.



The Fleet Admiral's Dinner will be held at China First Buffet (right down the street from the hotel). The address is 2811 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612. The cost will be \$9.99.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday night at MOSI, and it recognizes all the hard-working individuals and chapters who have done

a lot for their ship, community, region, and STARFLEET.

There will be shuttle service between the hotel and MOSI. MOSI will be hosting the Bay Area Renaissance Festival during the dates of the Summit. Parking around MOSI will be limited, so plan on using the shuttle service as much as possible.



MEMBERS MATTER...AND MUTTER...ABOUT THE OUTGOING EC

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK the outgoing administration for all your work these past 2 years that I have been a member of STARFLEET. Not knowing what past administrations were like, I have only you guys and gals to reference. I don't really know what a lot of folks were expecting from you, in your varying positions. I suspect that some folks set the bar pretty high. I didn't expect you to lose sleep over your non-paid positions, and I didn't expect you to let your personal and professional life to suffer so that STARFLEET wouldn't fall apart if you didn't get something done. I don't see STARFLEET as that fragile of an organization that it can't handle a few "minor" delays in work.

I DO KNOW that every time I had a reason to get in touch with the "Higher Ups," I always got a prompt reply to my query, and it was always the answer I was seeking. In the end, I think that is the MAIN job anyway!

So THANK YOU, guys and gals, for all the hard work and dedication to a sometimes not-so-forgiving public. I hope that the next administration lives up the bar that you have set.

LTJG Janet L. Bullock
USS Haise (Mississippi - Region 2)



I just wanted to let you know that you will be missed.

You've done a fantastic job in your position, and handled the political atmosphere of the past years with an amazing amount of tact and grace. I hope that in the future, after everything has settled down, that STARFLEET will be able to benefit from your leadership once again.

As you still have a couple more months before you DO step down, I'll just leave you with the wishes and blessings of more grace, more patience, and more impartation of the same to others.

With high regards.

LCDR Jim Nave
USS Dauntless (South Africa - Region 8)



Hi. My name is Elizabeth Worth. I like reading the CQ, and I also enjoy the different courses that I am able to do by being a member. I am now a member of the *USS Orion Star* here in Australia. Sorry to see you leave if that is what is going to happen after the next election.

CMDR Elizabeth Worth
USS Orion Star (Australia - Region 11)



Jon,

It's been such a pleasure working with you during your tenure that Linda and I wanted to know if you were going to be involved with either of the future platforms. I know it took

a lot of work on your part, but you did such an excellent job that we can't imagine someone else in Comms...but life moves on.

Thank you for being who you are and being a friend.

ADM Willy Smith
USS Heimdal (Virginia - Region 1)



I just wanted to relay a big thank you to Sal and everyone on the EC staff, past and present, these last three years. I was, for a short time, part of the Operations staff when the administration started, and it was enjoyable serving as head of STARFLEET Chapter Care.

Granted, I actually proposed the position be administrated on the regional level. I've held a few Fleet level jobs but this was the first time I actually proposed to eliminate my own job. I think it was a good decision to have that work administrated that way though. I enjoyed working with those above me in STARFLEET Ops and was sorry to see what occurred around that time.

Each STARFLEET administration has their own special challenges. I've watched each administration tackle their own issues, some performed them better than others.

Sal, I think you were probably the first CS to have to face criticism before you even officially took office. I think you handled that stress the best way you could and with a degree of class.

Hey, I can't say that I've agreed with every decision that you or those on the EC have made, but I never doubted that you had the best interests of the organization at heart with whatever you chose to do.

Now, the three-year term has come to an end. You are free of this level of responsibility. I'm sure the comparison of your situation and what Kris Kringle does the day after Christmas will be a tired remark by the time this sees print. One thing is for sure, you'll now be able to reclaim some of that lost time out of your life, and it sounds like you have a number of great ways to fill that time with some challenges outside of STARFLEET and some more time with your lovely wife.

You followed your convictions and I think STARFLEET was better for it in the short and long run. While you were in that CS chair, you made a difference. Let history decide the rest.

Jon Lane has caught a fair share of criticism as well since he stepped into the role of STARFLEET Communications Chief. I think history will probably show that he produced some of the best CQs we've had in years. Hey, I can't say I agree with some of what he's done either at times, but I have no question that he's done his best in the interests of STARFLEET and moving our organization along. I'll miss seeing his work on the *Communiqué*. Jon has a new title in real life that can't be beat. He will soon be hearing a little someone call him daddy. Big

congrats on that, Jon.

VCS Dave Blaser, everyone from STARFLEET Ops, STARFLEET Academy, STARFLEET ShOC, STARFLEET Computer Ops and Region 7's own Mike Stein as Finance Chief, well, all of you worked hard to keep a rather unruly organization together. I congratulate you all and wish you all well with your other STARFLEET duties.

To whomever the lucky or not so lucky soul is who is taking over, well, I congratulate you, pledge to work with you in whatever small way I can, and wish you the very best in the next three years. May the wind be at your back, and may you have a thick skin.

Admiral Bob Vosseller
USS Challenger (New Jersey - Region 7)



I had come into this organization over ten years ago and did not like the way it was going in my original chapter. Therefore, I left STARFLEET.

Now I have come back into a chapter which I am proud to say that I am a member of. The STARFLEET International CS and EC seem to know what they have and are willing to fight for it and make it right.

I have been with STARFLEET in this new chapter for over a year and have been pleased with what I see. I wish I could say more about it, but I have not met any of the EC members. However I have seen some of their work and read some in the CQ.

I would like to say thank you to the EC and would like to be the first to welcome the new EC.

In conclusion, I will say goodbye, so long, and live long and prosper.

Major TJ Allen
USS Tiberius (Florida - Region 2)



Well, the election is over, and on January 1, we will have a new administration getting the reigns passed to them from the old one.

I would like to say that the first third of the current administration term was a bit of a rocky road. All in all, I believe that STARFLEET has gotten much stronger in the past 2 years.

I would like to thank the outgoing EC/AB for a JOB WELL DONE! I am most impressed with the Communications Department and Membership Processing. The CQ is fantastic! With the exception of one received this year, which I believe was a printer error, out of the control of the Comm Department, all my CQs were received in excellent condition and the quality...the quality is superb! Membership Processing is outstanding. I have never received my membership packet as quickly as I did when renewing this year. Outstanding job everyone!

I would also like to welcome the new EC. Guys, you have some major shoes to fill! However, it is my belief that STARFLEET will only continue on its course with you at its reigns. STARFLEET will continue to grow and remain the *Star Trek* fan club to be envied.

Here's looking to the next 3 years...

CMDR Eugene "Siran" Anderson
USS Vre'kasht (Iowa - Region 6)



I have been a avid reader of the CQ, and it has brought me closer to the names of the "Big Wigs." Perhaps you could include a pic of them, as well, so that new members like me can see who is running the show!

The CQ has always been informative and I enjoy it. You guys have done a great job! Thanks for your continued support and involvement.

LTC Cynthia Cook
USS Marathon (Florida - Region 2)



I am a new recruit to STARFLEET. I want to express my gratitude for your service and the great organization you have helped maintain and grow!

CRR John Koulos
USS Angeles (California, Region 4)



Thanks for the great work you've done! :-)

VADM Keira Russell-Strong
USS Alioth (Utah - Region 17)



You guys have done a tremendous job in the Communications Department during the last three years, and I hope that you will continue to be a major contributor to this department in the future.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Prosperous 2011!!

RADM Patrick McAndrew
USS Antares (Washington State - Region 5)



Admiral Sal,

Thank you for your devotion to duty and the many accomplishments during your term as Commander, STARFLEET. Your strength and dignity are appreciated by the crew of the *USS Haise*. And of course, we very much enjoyed your sense of fun and humor that we got to experience at the Region 2 Summits! May your retirement from the Center Seat be fulfilling and enjoyable. We will always have good memories

of our "Special Santa" who gifted us with so many hours of friendship and fellowship. We wish you continued success in your movie and media career.

Live long and prosper,
COMM Lucy Ferron
USS Haise (Mississippi - Region 2)



No matter what anyone has said, I think you have done a tremendous job as Comms Chief. Thank you, sir, for everything you have done.

CPT Chris Tolbert
USS Aux Arc (Arkansas - Region 2)



You've done a superior job as CQ editor. Sincere congratulations, and I do hope to meet you in person one day!

CAPT Jana Sandarg
USS Star League (South Carolina - Region 1)



Thanks for getting all the articles in and for all your hard work on everything!

RADM Jim Van Cleave
USS Joan of Arc (Texas - Region 3)



Dear Rear Admiral Jon Lane,

Here in Australia (I live in South Australia), I can say we have enjoyed reading the CQ. Region 11 has a meeting group in Adelaide, and we all talk about what we have read in our CQ every time we've received it by post, even though some do read it earlier online. We have not written many articles for publication but hope to make that happen a bit more in the future. What we did write was in the CQ back in 2009, and we made sure we showed all who may have missed out on seeing the article.

Your team has done an excellent job, and I wish to say thank you.

MAJ Louise Hup
USS Genesis (Australia - Region 11)



Of all the things to say, Jon, all I can think of is: Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Ya done good!

BGN Mark West
USS Regulator (Texas - Region 3)

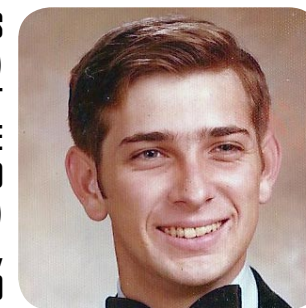




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ACHIEVEMENTS: CHAPTER OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2003; CHAPTER LEGION OF MERIT 2007



NAME: BRYAN JONES
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OTHER POSITIONS: LOGISTICS OFFICER, 2ND BDE
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REGION: 2, FLORIDA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: MARINE PROFICIENCY AWARD, COMMANDANT'S CAMPAIGN AWARD



The Chaplain's Chat

I thought that I might take the time in this issue to deal with an area that we all may have faced at some time throughout our life: that being the area of personal crisis management. There will always be those moments when one might need to know how to deal with those serious times in life, and I do hope that the following will assist in your general knowledge of this area. The information contained herein has been compiled through both personal experiences and various Internet sources in the public domain.

How we react when we encounter a personal crisis is crucial to how we come out of it. We could be convulsing with problems and at a loss of what to do, or we could be coming out on top, with minimal damage and a drive to turn things around. This article discusses some great tips on personal crisis management.

In the first place, you should always be prepared. Have a plan ready for any eventualities, and you will soon find that you can better solve a problem or a crisis when it comes along and knocks on your door. Even the best military victories had contingency plans and possibilities all lined up—and you should treat your life, your love, and your business no differently.

Be aware of your surroundings and gain the ability to understand, appreciate, and observe when and where a crisis might occur. Many people believe that this is the single most important thing in personal crisis management simply because it allows you to sidestep the crisis in the first place.

Keep your distance from potential disasters and calculate your risks. This is so that when it happens, you are prepared to handle it better. We are not mathematicians when it comes to our lives, and that is the problem. We cannot simply count on our emotional and physical capacities to be there no

matter how big the problem. Gauge how well you can adapt and take risks which are tailored to these calculations. It is all about knowing what you can handle and how fast you can heal.

Do not be afraid to seek guidance or help from other people. These could be your friends, your family members, or even your therapists. It is not a sign of weakness to reach out for help; it is a sign of dangerous denial when you refuse to. Even the best made plans can have a hole in them, and when that does happen, always have people on speed dial whom you can count on. Also, do not try to face challenges alone. Always have a partner there because one of you might be stronger than the other—you never know. Two shoulders are always better than one.

Have a safe zone. This is very important when you are planning yourself for possible crisis. The best investors in the world have "safe" areas of investment where they can put their money in when the economy fails. Apply this same logic to your life. Do not row out too far into the ocean without having an island nearby where you can dock.

Take it slow and manage it step by step. When you are in the crisis, panicking and acting on impulse are not the smartest things that you can do. Prioritize what needs to be done and compartmentalize your problems into bite-sized, manageable chunks—you will find that you will be able to manage your problems a lot better. Never try to attack an entire army at one go, especially when you armed with a knife for peeling fruit.

Ok then, what about those stress factors that come into play during times of crisis? We can offer some information about that as well.

What happens when you are stressed? Stress is what you feel when you have to handle more than you are used to.

When you are stressed, your body responds as though you are in danger. It makes hormones that speed up your heart, make you breathe faster, and give you a burst of energy. This is called the fight-or-flight stress response.

Some stress is normal and even useful. Stress can help if you need to work hard or react quickly. For example, it can help you win a race or finish an important job on time.

But if stress happens too often or lasts too long, it can have bad effects. It can be linked to headaches, an upset stomach, back pain, and trouble sleeping. It can weaken your immune system, making it harder to fight off disease. If you already have a health problem, stress may make it worse. It can make you moody, tense, or depressed. Your relationships may suffer, and you may not do well at work or school.

The good news is that you can learn ways to manage stress. To get stress under control, find out what is causing stress in your life, look for ways to reduce the amount of stress in your life, or learn healthy ways to relieve stress or reduce its harmful effects.

Sometimes it is clear where stress is coming from. You can count on stress during a major life change such as the death of a loved one, getting married, or having a baby. But other times it may not be so clear why you feel stressed.

It's important to figure out what causes stress for you. Everyone feels and responds to stress differently. Keeping a stress journal may help. Get a notebook and write down when something makes you feel stressed. Then write how you reacted and what you did to deal with the stress. Keeping a stress journal can help you find out what is causing your stress and how much stress you feel. Then you can take steps to reduce the stress or handle it better.

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/stress-management/tc/interactive-tool-what-is-your-stress-level-what-does-this-tool-measure>

Stress is a fact of life for most people. You may not be able to get rid of stress, but you can look for ways to lower it. You might try some of these ideas:

- Learn better ways to manage your time. You may get more done with less stress if you make a schedule. Think about which things are most important, and do those first.
- Find better ways to cope. Look at how you have been dealing with stress. Be honest about what works and what does not. Think about other things that might work better.
- Take good care of yourself. Get plenty of rest. Eat well. Don't smoke. Limit how much alcohol you drink.
- Try out new ways of thinking. When you find yourself starting to worry, try to stop the thoughts. Work on letting go of things you cannot change. Learn to say "no."
- Speak up. Not being able to talk about your needs and concerns creates stress and can make negative feelings worse. Assertive communication can help you express how you feel in a thoughtful, tactful way.
- Ask for help. People who have a strong network of family and friends manage stress better.

We are most grateful for all the support and interest that our readers have given us. If you have a question or topic you might like to hear about from a Chaplain Services point of view, please email Russell at < trekchristian@gmail.com > or Bryan at < rustyanchor1962@yahoo.com >. Be blessed always!

Russell & Bryan





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0123-01-750

Annual MDA Carnival in Lynchburg, Virginia

This past September 6th, as part of our community service/outreach projects, members of the Region One ship *USS Appomattox* assisted once again during the local Jerry Lewis

It makes me smile seeing kids bouncing around in anticipation of entering the obstacle course or hearing them laugh as they slide down the exit of the obstacle course. They repeatedly line up to run through again, and by the end of the day, we know we have worked outside! If you think the kids have fun running through the course, you should see how our Borg, Romulans, or Klingons fare! They have just as much fun as the younger kids.

For several years, we were blessed with the attendance of some local children affected by muscular dystrophy. These were special kids who had a blast sliding and flipping in our inflated play area. They have strong supportive families and were a pleasure to meet. Many of them came back year after year. Unfortunately the way the event is set up now, most of the fundraising telethon takes place in downtown Lynchburg, VA. So those children do not generally attend the carnival anymore, as it is about 25-30 minutes away...traffic willing. We miss seeing them, but we realize that we are working hard to raise money to help fund research and summer camp for them.



ALAN PROVO, CHUCK RAYBURN AND MEG ROACH HELP WITH CROWD CONTROL

Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Association Carnival. The carnival was held on the grounds of the local Moose Lodge, located on Waterlick Road in Campbell County. The intrepid members of the *USS Appomattox* have been assisting in this effort for the past 9 years, making this our 10th year helping local kids have fun, as well as raising money for this important cause. We have only had it cancelled once during the ten years due to rain. Our away team usually has to split up between running the inflatable obstacle course as well as the moon walk ride provided by Kidz Jump. I usually assist with monitoring the inflated obstacle course, as it takes several people to make sure that things flow smoothly.



CHUCK RAYBURN SHOWS OFF THE USS APPOMATTOX CHAPTER LOGO ON THE BACK OF HIS SHIRT AS HE HELPS THE KIDS INTO THE MOONWALK RIDE.



CHUCK RAYBURN (FAR LEFT) JAYSON ROACH, AND MEG ROACH (HEAD DOWN) VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT JERRY'S KIDS.

who like antique and muscle-type cars, the event organizers also hold a car show. It is always amazing to me to see the variety of cars that are entered for judging. Needless to say, there is a little bit of everything taking place during this event every year. We will be there again next year. In the meanwhile, the crew of the *USS Appomattox* already have their bags packed in anticipation of their next away mission. See you 'round the galaxy.

(All photos supplied by Meg Roach.)

Members of our away team consisted of Captain Chuck Rayburn, Rear Admiral Margaret Grunwell, Rear Admiral John Sprouse, Captain and Alan Provo, as well as Cadet 2nd Class Jayson Roach, his friend Keegan Parrish, and me, Commodore Meg Roach. We all had our hands full with monitoring and assisting the long lines of kids that turned out to enjoy the good weather. People in the local community continue to make this a family affair and often hang around for hours listening to the music and feasting on pizza, hot dogs or hamburgers.

In addition to the Kidz Jump, the carnival-goers were able to try their hand at a dunking booth, as well as several other activities offered throughout the day. Let me tell you that, by the middle of the day, that dunking booth can sure look good! For those



JOHN SPROUSE AND KEEGAN PARRISH HELP OUT DURING THE LOCAL JERRY LEWIS LABOR DAY MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION CARNIVAL.





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POSITION: COMMANDING OFFICER
SHIP: USS CHALLENGER NCC-1676-D
REGION: 7, NEW JERSEY (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: 2007 REGION 7 CO OF THE YEAR, 2004/2007 REGION 7 STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR; STARFLEET 2010 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RECIPIENT

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Halloween Full of Fun in Region 7

Halloween weekend was full of fun around the 7th Fleet. While the *USS Adamant* crew held their party in the Keystone State sector, the Garden State sector held its own celebration.

There was no lack of things to do on Halloween weekend around R7. Some STARFLEET members hit the annual Chiller Theatre Con in North Jersey.

Others came out to the *USS Challenger's* annual Halloween party, which this year was held at the chapter's headquarters of the Seaside Heights Community Center, where many club functions are held.

The turnout was not as high as some years, but the Halloween spirit was plentiful with an abundance of Halloween-decorated desserts and music in the background featuring everything from "Monster Mash" to Meatloaf's "Time Warp." The party included guests from the *USS Avenger* and the *USS Sovereign*.

Admiral Bob Vosseller (yours truly) got into a situation as "The Situation" from *Jersey Shore*, complete with foam 6 pack abs. *Challenger* XO Jeff Victor traded in a STARFLEET uniform for a new Battlestar Galactica uniform. The only thing he was missing was the XO flask. Todd Brugmans was a silly superhero, while Annie Slonski was a lady pirate. *Challenger* finance officer Julie Victor was appropriately garbed in a costume with paper money plastered to her and dollar-sign framed glasses. *Challenger* Pat Comune, who heads the chapter's Marine Strike Group, donned a kilt for the occasion. Finally, Kevin Victor wore a bright green Frankenstein's monster shirt with what appeared to be Dracula's pajama bottoms. He looked comfortable.

Conversations ranged from the status of sci-fi shows like *Fringe*, *V*, and *The Event* to current horror films like *Paranormal*

Activity 2. There were plenty of laughs to be heard and even a few comments on Election Day, which was just days away.

The party lasted from 7 pm to the witching hour of midnight. No one really wanted to leave, but many of us had busy plans for Halloween day itself.



MATT RILEY OF THE USS AVENGER ENJOYS SOME TIME AT THE CHALLENGER'S HALLOWEEN PARTY ON OCTOBER 30.

I was one of those people and hit Atomicon XXII, a comic book show that featured Tom Palmer, long-time Marvel Comics artist and colorist, whose work is well known on *The X-Men* and *Tomb of Dracula*. Tom rarely makes comic book show appearances, but he was very friendly. He said he enjoyed working most on Marvel's *Star Wars* title for years.

A group of people came in dressed as DC Comics superheroes, including the original Sandman with gas gun, The Question, Red Tornado, and Zatanna.

I donned my Captain Corn Fusion costume, fresh from my appearance at Zooloween, a collectible show that also held a costume contest earlier in the month. I knew there was no way I was going to get a prize this time, but that was okay. It was just fun to be in costume for a short time at the show.

I raided the organizer of the show's 25-cent book box, bringing home a horde of *Aquaman*, *Sub-Mariner*, *Spider-man*, *Captain America*, *Morbius the Living Vampire*, *The Shadow*, *Superman*, *JLA* and numerous other titles.

Visiting my longtime friend (and *Challenger's* Chief Medical Officer) David Singleton's home, I even ended up tagging along for a few block's trick or treating, discovering that some folks were giving away healthy treats like cheese and crackers, juice drinks, Welch's fruit snacks, and Rice Krispies treats...a far cry from what I recall getting when I went out as a kid to trick or treat.

All in all, a pretty spooktacular time as the season of fright concluded.

(All photos supplied by Bob Vosseller.)



USS CHALLENGER AND STARFLEET MARINE OIC COL. PAT COMMUNE DONNS A KILT IN HIS COSTUME AS HE JOINS HIS WIFE KATHLEEN FOR THE USS CHALLENGER'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY HELD ON OCT. 30 AT THE CLUB'S HEADQUARTERS OF THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER.



NO WONDER JULIE VICTOR HAS BEEN THE CHALLENGER'S LONGTIME FINANCE OFFICER: SHE HAS ALL THE MONEY ON HER COSTUME.



CHALLENGER MEMBER KEVIN VICTOR SPORTS A FRANKENSTEIN SHIRT AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE DRACULA'S PAJAMA BOTTOMS DURING THE CHALLENGER'S PARTY.



ADMIRAL BOB VOSELLER APPEARS TO HAVE GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO A "SITUATION" AS HE IMPERSONATED THE JERSEY SHORE CHARACTER...SANS SNOOKI.

The Sudden and Unexpected Return of Captain Cornfusion (Or Admiral Bob Hits the Second Zoolo Collectible Show)

By Admiral Bob Vosseller

Zooloween was held on Oct. 2 in Willingboro, NJ. What's a Zooloween? A collectible/toy/comic book show at an indoor flea market.

This marked the second show of its kind this year. It may not sound like much, but it was fun, and while I was the solo representation for STARFLEET and my chapter, I brought along an old friend... in a sense.

As the event encouraged people to come in costume, I decided to don an old outfit that R7 alumni Captain Patrick Barnes made for one of our earlier forays at the Seaside Heights Polar Bear Plunge, that of Captain Cornfusion.

We've been adding costumes to the event since Patrick's participation began. We were Trek Rock and, during our second year, we were silly super heroes with my ship's chief medical officer and longtime friend David Single as Soup Man and Patrick was hopping around as the pink-clad Bunny Man. Our later years had us as escapees from a nut house (well that isn't a stretch when you consider we were entering ice cold ocean water in February!), and last year we went as the Three Trekkers.

Being the pack rat that I am known to be, it should come as no surprise that I have kept all of Patrick's incredible costumes.

Vendors took an immediate notice of the green-gloved, yellow-helmeted costume. When asked what I was dressed as, I spoke up in super hero

voice and said, "Capt. Cornfusion, defender of life, liberty, and the pursuit of succotash. This is what happens when you consume radioactive ears of corn. Despite this, eat your vegetables kids!" The costume proved to be a big hit and, due to the remarks made by vendors and a few attendees, I ended up staying at the Willingboro flea market long enough to be part of the costume contest. Well, I was not about to win said contest when competing against a cute, pint-sized Spider-man in a black Spidey costume, nor win over the second prize entrant who was dressed as a sexy GI-Joe Baroness in her sleek cat-suit complete with rapid fire sound effect machine gun.

There are several things I've learned during my long time in fandom. One of them is that you can't beat boobies and babies in a popularity contest. That's okay, I just dressed up for fun and, while I didn't win over a home made "Transformer" in a home made cardboard costume (who took 3rd place), the coordinator of the event felt I deserved 4th place (a category he created on the spot), and I got a \$50 certificate to have some of my collectibles appraised.

Kind of interesting, and it added to the fun of the day. The event's special guests included wrestling divas, comic book artists, and the voice of Count Chocula was there.

A Ghostbusters group, the New Jersey Ghostbusters, had two Ghostbuster vehicles, and they were in costume as well. There were Jedi masters who did karate demos and an Amish festival was going on outside the flea market. I enjoyed some great BBQ chicken, home made apple cider, and a

taste of old fashioned vanilla ice cream. It was a full day, and yeah, I got my share of treasures to add to my stash of stuff, overflowing from totes and which will also end up on periodic display in the Star Trek room. I spotted a Betty Boop jacket worn by a woman at the Amish festival that my science chief Jennifer Thompson would have drooled over, being a big fan of Betty Boop.

Best of all, the coordinator of the show promised STARFLEET a table at the next show, so next time I'll be back in a Star Trek uniform along with others for the occasion. As it was, many a STARFLEET and chapter flyer were passed around in areas where flyers could be posted. This year, the R7 Polar Bear Plunge team will be going Borg...as in Ice Borg Square Cubes. You can help us with a donation to support our team.

The plunge is for the cause of Special Olympics, and it's been a cause that the Seventh Fleet has been involved in for at least a decade. Watch for posts on the SF list concerning how you can help and support us in February of 2011.

As for Capt. Cornfusion, that green and yellow clad champion of justice and canned vegetables, well after the show he road off into the sunset to do battle with evildoers elsewhere. Some say he was driving a crimson Honda (much like mine).



USS CHALLENGER CO BOB VOSSSELLER AS THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN CORNFUSION, DEFENDER OF LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF SUCCOTASH. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY CAPTAIN CORNFUSION HIMSELF.



NAME: FRANKLIN NEWMAN
RANK: COMMANDER
POSITION: CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER
SHIP: USS SINCLAIR NCC-74209
REGION: 13, MICHIGAN (USA)

USS SINCLAIR NCC-74209



1325-09-742

You Can't Keep a Good Ship Down

After almost a year in spaceport for repairs, the USS Sinclair has returned as a proud asset of Region 13. The Defiant-class Escort ship had suffered heavy damage battling the Dominion in the Gamma Quadrant. But we are now fully functional and ready to return to action.

Our ship was constructed in 2001 as a privately-owned, independent ship. After several years of negotiation, the ship was transferred to STARFLEET ownership in 2004. The ship went into drydock in 2009 for massive repairs and refitting. On Stardate 11008.29, we were officially re-commissioned by STARFLEET into active duty status. The STARFLEET Chief of Operations, VADM Jerry Tien, made the official announcement at 0014Z.

The USS Sinclair is a meeting chapter out of Waterford, Michigan. Our ship has around 50 members, 15 of which are active members of STARFLEET. The commissioning was formally recognized at the chapter's November meeting.



THE COMMISSIONING PLAQUE
FOR THE USS SINCLAIR.

COMMANDER FRANKLIN NEWMAN
(LEFT) PRESENTS USS SINCLAIR CO,
BRIGADIER JOE SARE, A COMMISSIONING
PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE
SHIP'S RETURN TO FLEET.





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



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USS Alioth Creates Some Joy for the Holidays



LEFT TO RIGHT: ALISON SMITH, RANDY BATEMAN, CHERYL JEAN BATEMAN, STEPHANIE CHRISTENSEN, AND ROBBIE LAWRENCE WORK ON THE THREE-FOOT LONG STOCKINGS.



A CHRISTMAS STOCKING IN THE MAKING.



LEFT TO RIGHT IN THE FRONT: ROBBIE LAWRENCE, STEPHANIE CHRISTENSEN, AND ALISON SMITH... AND IN THE WAY BACK XO NATE SHUMWAY, CO D. JUSTIN TAYLOR, AND CHERYL JEAN BATEMAN PAUSE IN THEIR ELF WORK TO POSE FOR A PHOTO.

tall! Creating stockings is a yearly project that the crew loves to do, and the children love to get them...and it looks great in photo ops. A photo that appeared in the *Daily Herald* in 2007 reappeared in the newspaper on October 31, 2010, to remind people to sign up if they need help, and to sign up if they want to help. The yellow STARFLEET T-shirts and the red stockings made the photo op and gave STARFLEET some added publicity. Making these stockings is easy to do, everyone can participate, and we have a warm fuzzy feeling at the end of the meeting...even the guys.

(All photos by Keira Russell-Strong.)



CO D. JUSTIN TAYLOR, JEFFERY BECKSTROM, AND STEPHANIE CHRISTENSEN SHOW OFF BOTH THEIR CHRISTMAS AND THEIR STARFLEET SPIRIT.

RODDENBERRY CONTEST WINNER!

Back in CQ #159, Roddenberry.com announced a contest exclusively for STARFLEET members to celebrate the launch of RoddenberrySearch.com. The contest ended on November 30, 2010, with the winner being the member to acquire the most tokens for doing Internet searches using the Roddenberry Search bar. That winner was Vice Admiral Jeffery Higdon, Region 13 Coordinator and CO of the *USS Black Hawk*. Jeff had a choice of one of three prop replicas, each valued at about \$100. He chose the *Voyager* PADD and received it in the mail during the first week of December. With luck, we'll have other exclusive STARFLEET contests in the future. In the meantime, look on the back cover for a new sweepstakes from Roddenberry Search (open to anyone) for a really cool prize: an actual film clip from the cutting room floor of the original *Star Trek* series.



USS POWHATAN AT MONSTER FEST



Scaring away the hunger. On October 2, 2010, at the Chesapeake Central Library, the *USS Powhatan* NCC-1967-E of Region One attended Monster Fest to help scare away hunger for the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia (FSEVA). Close to \$50 dollars was raised by Crewman Kimberly Landen using Good Search <www.goodsearch.com>. Also *USS Powhatan* brought in non-perishables, and Ruth Bigio enjoyed signing the Trick or Treat cards for the visitors at the *USS Powhatan* table, while Kimberly Landen attended the 35th Anniversary Dr. Madblood Panel. Pictured: Kimberly Landen and Dr. Madblood (Jerry Harrell). Photo supplied by Kimmy Landen.





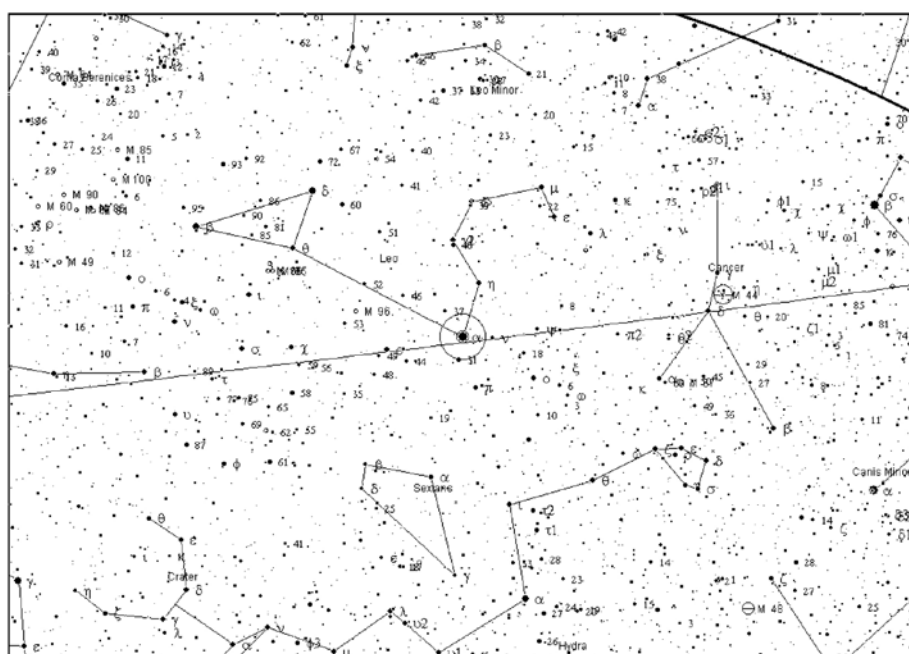
NAME: WILLIE K. YEE, M.D.
 RANK: COMMANDER
 POSITION: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 SHIP: *USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN* NCC-71809
 REGION: 7, NEW YORK (USA)
 ACHIEVEMENTS: SFA SPECIALIST II IN ASTRONOMY; REGION 7 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD;
 COMMANDER *PRIUS*-CLASS SHUTTLECRAFT *ZHANG HENG* NCC-1701A/4

0727-09-718



The *Star Trek* Observation List

Name	Catalogue	Long Lat	Visual Magnitude	Type
Regulus	Alpha Leo	RA:10h08m22.46s DE:+11°58'01.9"	1.36	Star B (blue)



Episode	Name	Description
Amok Time (TOS)	Regulus V	Home of giant eel-bird that returns to its nest only once every 11 years.
The Vengeance Factor (TNG)		
Fascination (DS9)	Regulus III	Science academy.



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A PAGE FROM THE *STAR TREK* OBSERVATION LIST IDENTIFYING THE STAR REGULUS.



COMMANDER YEE (RIGHT) WITH COMET-HUNTER DAVID LEVY. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY WILLIE YEE.

The *Star Trek* Observation List is a 60-page guide to the astronomical objects mentioned in any of the *Star Trek* series or movies. Each object gets a page or more. Each star listing includes the name, catalog name, celestial coordinates, magnitude, and type, as well as a finder chart and a photograph. Each object also includes a listing of the episodes in which it is mentioned, the name used in that episode (many are fictional planets orbiting known stars), and a description of the object in the *Star Trek* universe.

There are several appendices that list those objects which are observable from Clara's home town of Montreal, a discussion of errors that occurred in the naming of objects in The Animated Series, and a discussion of those *Star Trek* stars that have actually had planets found in recent years.

The *Star Trek* Observation List can be downloaded from:

<http://www.adirondackastronomyretreat.org/stlist.html>

Clara is in currently in her first year in high school in Montreal, which would be equivalent to seventh grade in the US school system. Her other interests include math and the sciences in general.

As a result of Clara's presentation, she was recruited to serve in the Science Department of the *USS Abraham Lincoln*.



JUNIOR ASTRONOMER CLARA SCATTOLIN OF THE *USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN*, DRESSED FOR SUCCESS. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY WILLIE YEE.



2010 STARFLEET SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER - 2ND PLACE



NAME: ASH HULME
RANK: ENSIGN
SHIP: *USS SOUTHERN CROSS* NCC-63550
REGION: 11, NEW ZEALAND
ACHIEVEMENTS: 2ND PLACE SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER 2010



Shaft

Julian Bashir shook his head and waited for the shock of impact to subside. Everything considered, he thought, he was lucky. A fall from such a height could have easily left him incapacitated. As far as he could tell, he was still alive and alert. No broken bones, although a backpack full of hard, sharp medical instruments was not the best thing to have cushioned his landing.

Perhaps he ought to have been more worried about the loose stones that had tumbled down after him. One had collided with the back of his shoulder, another glanced off his right hand temple. He was close to certain they would both leave painful bruises, but again—whatever damage there was appeared to have been minimal. Again, he was lucky.

Head throbbing like an aftershock, he leaned against the stone and looked up as his vision gradually cleared. There wasn't a lot to see—just a thin shaft of light peering through a narrow hole at the roof of the cave. Dust still tumbled lightly from its edge, giving the beam a strangely muddy cast. A narrow array of stars twinkled mockingly, far above him, where the sky was already turning to the dim royal blue of dusk.

Their best chance was to get a message out to the nearest human colony. Or, failing that, to any one of those gleaming points of light. But how long it would take—how lucky they would be—even he was unable to calculate with any certainty.

Below him, there was a groan. Weak and pitiful. So quiet he almost missed it. *Ezri*.

Julian winced as he levered himself to the edge of the platform, but at least he could now see where she was lying. Even with nothing but twilight to guide him, even with the distance between her position and his own, he could already see that she was far too pale.

Getting close enough to help her was a terribly daunting task, but essential for both their sakes. Cautiously, all four limbs now tense and trembling, he inched all the way down the steep incline. Pain stabbed deep into his shoulder. There was going to be a bruise. He could already feel it beginning to swell.

"Hold still," he told her as soon as he was back on solid ground. She opened her eyes



a little way, and they barely focused on his face.

"What happened?"

"It seems that you—or should I say, we—both took a little fall." It hurt him to speak too much, but he couldn't keep himself from scolding. "*Somebody* decided to take a short cut across the valley."

"I don't remember you objecting."

Her voice was weak, but at least she'd found the energy to respond to his quips. Julian chose to take that as a good sign. *After all*, he thought, *you need all the good signs you can get right now*.

"Hold still," he said again. Lifting the carry bag gingerly from around his shoulders, he

flinched at the sharp and sudden pain. Ezri noticed.

"Are you all right?"

"It's nothing." Nothing that he couldn't work his way through, in any case. But she was still watching him—the tension in his face, the care he took in every movement, his reluctance to use his own right arm. Her eyes narrowed suspiciously, but she made no further attempt to press the issue.

"Well, I suppose it could have been worse," she commented, also forcing her voice to the surface. There was pain in every word. "You could have been off to one of those medical conferences of yours."

"Oh, ha, ha."

Much of what he'd initially thought to pack had spilled from the bag as he fell. Several items were snagged on rocks further down, where he was unlikely to reach them without a lot of sophisticated climbing equipment. But at least the sharp-edged medkit was still where he'd stashed it. It had come open as well, spilling many of its contents. He rummaged for the supplies he needed, taking whatever he could find, and set the rest to one side.

Lights flashed across the surface of his tricorder, which he turned towards Ezri. Her uncertain gaze was fixed upon the bulky grey device. "What's the verdict, Doctor?"

"Both your legs are broken," he replied, "Although not all the way through." There was evidence of internal injuries, and several of the delicate connections between Ezri and her symbiont had also sustained some damage. He said nothing about the worst of what he saw in the display. "The good news is: they ought to be relatively easy to set. The bad news is: it's going to hurt."

She nodded, grimacing slightly. "Then let's do it."

To say that the cavern was bitter cold with the arrival of sunset could scarcely have done justice to the bone-numbing chill that seemed at times to emanate off the very walls. Working quickly, occasionally pinching his numb, white fingers, Julian set his torch on the ground next to a tiny portable emergency beacon. The light it cast was dim, but it was the best he could find, and with luck it would have to be enough.

He'd mended Ezri's legs as best he could, and strapped them together, although he was silently continuing to curse the bare terrain around them. It had not provided him with anything to use as a splint. But at least he'd thought to pack a lightweight silver thermal blanket in the midst of all his travel supplies. Spreading this over the length of her body, he'd weighted it down with a row of stones at either side. If only the osteo-regenerator he usually carried had remained where it was supposed to be, instead of being one of the first items to tumble into the abyss.

She was in pain, too. Trying to hide it, but Julian was too keen an observer to have missed the signs. "Time for sleep," he'd told her.

She'd looked his way and spoke—half groaned—through tightly clenched teeth, "When are you going to sleep?"

"Later. You first."

There was a small, flat heater in the corner of his backpack. He pulled it out and set it on the ground at Ezri's side. Whatever heat it cast would dissipate quickly in such a broad, open space, and he knew that he would have to keep it close to her if she was to benefit from its warmth. Julian felt bad about having to sedate her, but she needed the rest. So did he. But it wasn't going to come tonight.

He watched until it started to glow, soft and red. He was shivering too, now biting his fingers to help his blood to flow, and longed above all else to lie down at the other side of their meager heat source, and possibly even find the sleep that Ezri had insisted



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he should take. But this was too important. They had to get a signal out if they were even to have a hope of rescue.

It was cold in the cave. With cold, at least there was a chance to stay awake.

His protesting knuckles were starting to fail when he noticed Ezri stir beneath the covers. "How do you feel?" he asked, stroking her hair.

"Like I've been asleep for days." Her voice was a little stronger. That was good, at least. "How long's it been?"

"About three hours." He rifled around in his pack again and pulled out two slender brown and silver packages sealed in foil.

"Breakfast, Milady," he joked, pulling it open and handing it to her. "And afterwards, perhaps Madam would care to peruse our dessert menu?"

"Well," said Ezri. "That's service for you. Although I rather wish we'd thought to request a room with a view."

Julian leaned back against the wall and laughed softly as he opened his own rations. "Next time, that'll be our top priority."

"So you're planning on there being a next time, then?"

A quiet smile crept across Julian's mouth. *That's the trouble with this universe*, he thought, although he did not say so out loud. *It always leaves us room for next times.*

It was supposed to have been simple routine—nothing that had not ever been done before. A medium sized colony at the edge of the former Demilitarised Zone had requested assistance in establishing their new medical facility. Julian had been eager to help. And, he had to confess, even more eager to get away from the station and spend some quality time alone with Ezri.

At least their runabout had touched down safely this time. They'd certainly lost enough of those in the past seven years. But with such a high level of magnetic interference in the planet's ionosphere, transporting to the surface had never been an option. And the colonists had barely enough level ground for their own small shuttles to land upon. So Julian and Ezri had agreed to steer the runabout into a clearing just four or five kilometres from the edge of the settlement. An easy day's hike, or so they'd thought.

They should have gone around the valley. Their attention should not have been so focused on the colors and greenery of the surrounding jungle. And he should have realized that the place was unstable long

before the brittle ground began to crack beneath their feet.

"Julian?"

He frowned, and realized that he'd been staring at the same cluster of stones for over five minutes. He hadn't even noticed his mind wander. *But I suppose that's what happens when you stay awake all night*, he thought, rubbing his aching head with the ball of one hand.

"Julian!" It was Ezri. Her voice was soft, breathy, and there was panic behind it. Then he remembered.

He turned towards her and staggered to his feet, a little too quickly. For a moment the entire cave was spinning. Feeling slightly off balance, he half-stumbled over to where Ezri was lying. "What's wrong?" His own voice had not yet had time to strengthen, it seemed, and came out hoarse and muffled.

She was shivering. "I can't feel my legs."

The dark rows of spots along her temples were far too pronounced against the intense near-white of her skin. Fear clenched like a fist around his heart. *We have to get out of here. And quickly.* "It's all right," he forced himself to reassure her. "I'll move the heat a little closer."

"Julian, if there's something you're not telling me, I want to know." Somewhere, she had found the strength to scold him.

And without warning, he felt suddenly, unbearably tired. "Your body's going into shock," he found himself explaining in a strangely distant, level voice. "Most likely from the cold. Not to mention loss of fluid. We have to get you to a proper medical facility. Or..."

"Or I'll die," she finished for him.

Reluctantly, he nodded.

"Thank you," she said.

He looked towards her. There were tears in his eyes, threatening to escape onto his cheeks, but he no longer had the energy to wipe them away. "For what?"

"For the truth."

By evening, Ezri had fallen asleep again, and Julian's inner anxiety had grown still further. He'd moved their only heat source closer to her, just as he'd promised, but she was growing increasingly pale. It wasn't enough. He'd seen more color on the faces of dead Cardassians. He was tired. Agitated. Couldn't

concentrate. But even then, there had to be one thing more that he could do.

His head just felt numb where a throbbing bruise had formed. His shoulder still hurt, but he pushed through the pain and crawled around her until he reached the opposite side. Lowering himself gingerly down onto the rock, he wriggled up close to her, and wrapped his body as tightly as he dared around her own. It would be of little use, he reflected, not even sure that he had enough body heat to offer. But if a few extra minutes could mean the difference between their rescue and losing her, he would do everything he could to give them both those extra minutes.

Julian began to stir early on the following morning, barely even aware that he had slept. His pulse was uncomfortable at one side of



his head, and he rubbed it irritably as he rose on aching joints. *Where am I?*

He turned, glancing about him and feeling more than a little disoriented. A rough stone wall extended up one side. But when he turned around, he found only a black and distant void. And then his right foot came down on nothing.

Woken by a surge of adrenaline, he forced his weight back and away from the sudden drop in front of him. The cliff face was no more than two steps away. He leaned against it, supporting himself with his left hand, and winced as he inched his way back down to the floor.

Careful, he scolded. He would stay where he was. Just for a moment. Best not move at all. Wait for the unsteady, groggy feeling of sleep to subside. He wondered briefly how long it had been.

There were noises from above, the muffled sound of footsteps. And voices. *Down here*, he tried to shout, but discovered that his mouth refused to form the words.

Faces appeared at the cavern's jagged entrance. "This way!" yelled a voice, as somebody beckoned. "I see them!"

A rope dropped. Before long, a shadow, clad in black, abseiled gracefully downward from the precipice. "Thank God." Julian could barely contain his joy. The stranger cast him an encouraging smile and knelt over Ezri, feeling for a pulse at the base of her neck.

"Jones to Anovich." The man spoke into a communicator attached around his wrist, and was answered by a slightly detached voice without any of the expected echoes. He flipped open a scanning device and quietly adjusted its settings. "I've got wounded down here, Harry. Better bring those stretchers. We're going to have to winch them up if the transports don't work. And tell Christof to stand by with a medical team."

"I can help," said Julian. "I'm a doctor..."

"Not in that condition, you can't." Jones cast him a stern glare, which barely left room for argument. But where there was even the slightest bit of room to argue, Julian had never had any trouble finding it. "What condition?"

"Extensive bruising, exhaustion, hypothermia, hairline fractures to your skull and shoulder blade, possibly even a concussion... It's a wonder you're still lucid." Putting away his tricorder,

Jones wrapped a thermal blanket tightly around Julian's shoulders, and pressed a hypospray to his neck. The people above him were already lowering a stretcher. Must have been for Ezri.

"Your turn," Jones said to Julian, and helped him settle into position.

With the blanket still wrapped around his chest and shoulders, they strapped him to the stretcher and began to haul him towards the opening. Bundled tight as a baby in swaddling clothes, soothed by the gentle upward motion, Julian thought about the words that their rescuers had spoken to him.

Ezri was going to live. He'd given her those extra minutes, and she was going to be fine. But at the same time, it seemed, having a patient to care for had kept him focused and alert—when he would not have been so otherwise. No longer able to resist the weight of his own eyelids, he wondered if in some strange way she had not been the one to save him, every bit as much as he had her.



STAR TREK NOVEL REVIEWS - "STARFLEET ACADEMY: THE DELTA ANOMALY"

Recently, Simon and Schuster Publishing contacted STARFLEET and offered us the opportunity to review the first of their new "Starfleet Academy" novels, directed at younger readers and focusing on the new Star Trek timeline. Three complimentary review copies were sent to us, and here's what people thought...



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They say to "never volunteer." Well, when I heard that Simon and Schuster had asked STARFLEET for reviewers for a new line of children's Star Trek books, "resistance was futile." I jumped at the chance. Then the book arrived in the mail.

Having no prior knowledge of what to expect, opening the package was like Christmas morning. Here, in my hands was a brand new Star Trek novel, and I would be among the first to read it. I immediately saw by the cover that it would take place in the time line of Star Trek XI, the picture of Uhura and Kirk made that a dead giveaway. Hmmm, glossy cover, rough brownish pages, oversized paperback. We have here what is known as a trade paperback. Moderately priced at \$7.99US/\$9.99Can...not bad for a children's book. Written by Rick Barba. Moving on, I read the cover. They say you can't tell a book by its cover, but you can get an idea of what's inside.

Being the Grandfather of 7 and 8-year-olds, I was looking forward to finding a Star Trek children's book for them to enjoy. This wasn't going to be one of them as the cover said the story was about a serial killer. To me, a children's book would more appropriately be about Tribbles or Data and Spot...but not a serial killer. So, with misgivings, I started reading.

As I stated, the time line is Star Trek XI while our heroes, Kirk, McCoy, and Uhura, are still Cadets at the Academy. This alone moves the book from children's to young adult (middle school and up). Then there are the actions of the characters. The story opens with Kirk and McCoy planning on crashing a birthday party for another cadet being held at a bar. There's drinking and flirting going on, and it's the birthday girl who, having had too much to drink, runs into trouble down a dark alley. Okay, there's a moral here for the readers: don't overindulge in strong drink...it can lead to problems. It also sets our story in motion.

Rushing to the rescue, Kirk and McCoy find themselves involved in an 18-year-old murder mystery. When a recording of the attacker's voice is played back for the San Francisco Police, Uhura is brought on board because of her linguistic abilities. Spock makes an appearance as Uhura's mentor but doesn't play any real role in the story.

There's a sub-plot involved also of Kirk's rivalry with a fellow cadet. Both are captains on competing teams, taking tests to determine their command abilities. These tests will eventually lead up to the final one, the *Kobayashi Maru*.

The way these story lines are interwoven is very well done. The characters are well developed, although I think Uhura could have been a little better. The cockiness of the young Kirk is very well done, while McCoy is down to earth. And you won't believe the secret weapon that the good doctor develops to fight evil.

While I wouldn't strictly call this a children's book, it is a young-adult-to-adult book in the sense of the Harry Potter stories. While it's not the equal of the Potter series, it's very readable with some adult themes—i.e., the drinking—that makes it suitable for 'tweens to seniors like me. If you're looking for some fast-paced, light reading concerning the early years of our favorite heroes, then this is it.



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This is a story about cadets Kirk, McCoy, and Uhura in the alternate timeline established during Star Trek the movie. It is written as a traditional murder mystery scenario with a villain from the past returning to prey upon the unprepared population of San Francisco. Events take place during the cadets' first year at Starfleet Academy. This book provides an opportunity for the reader to explore the characters before the cadets' fateful encounter with the Romulan Nero. The back image suggests that Commander Spock is also present. However, his role is limited to being Uhura's romantic interest.

I was initially excited to learn about the new line of Star Trek books for teens planned by Simon and Schuster as I had been looking for a Star Trek series for my daughter, Catherine. To my chagrin, this first book was a disappointment. The author attempts to use elements from traditional murder mysteries to deliver the story, but it doesn't work well. The villain known as the Doctor has returned after a lapse of 20 years. His methods and communications are baffling to the cadets. Puzzling to me, as the reader, is the villain's knowledge of James T. Kirk's identity. That is never explained in the book. Even more puzzling is the villain's failure to use its superior technology to dominate the situation. Logically, it just doesn't make sense.

The Delta Anomaly is targeted for teens or 12-and-up. I paraphrased for my daughter the parts that I felt weren't appropriate for her age (9). Catherine read some of the book by herself and said it was enjoyable. She also mentioned that she's read books much scarier than this. Catherine did not figure out the identity of the mysterious villain. She knows about the villain from her Star Trek knowledge but didn't make the connection that was implied in the book.

Rick Barba is the author of several game guides. Judging by his reviews, he has some talent in that area. Unfortunately, it didn't seem to help him in writing this book. The transitions are jarring, and the style is too breezy (kind of like a gaming guide). I enjoyed the side story of Cadet Kirk's tactical and science competitions, but the "murder mystery" story didn't work for me. The main reasons are the continuity flaws with the original Star Trek timeline reality and the deviations of the villain's mode of operation. As far as character development and interpersonal conflicts, I would have preferred to see some interaction with Finnegan, the nemesis of first year cadet Kirk in Star Trek prime.

The Delta Anomaly may be interesting to someone looking for additional adventure with characters from Star Trek the movie. Catherine reads hundreds of books, so if she thinks this book is interesting, it must have some value to the younger crowd. To an adult, my recommendation is to look elsewhere. I have read better fan fiction than this.



STAR TREK NOVEL REVIEWS - "STARFLEET ACADEMY: THE DELTA ANOMALY" (CONTINUED)

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At the beginning of November, Simon and Schuster released a new *Star Trek* series for teens based on the recent *Star Trek* movie. This new series retells the Academy days of the original series crew. The inaugural story, written by Rick Barba, includes Spock, McCoy, Kirk, and Uhura as they battle against a mysterious killer in "The Delta Anomaly."

My son is an avid reader, and I've greatly enjoyed the *Star Trek* universe, so I was hoping that Simon and Schuster's new Starfleet Academy series was something that we could enjoy together. Although he is not a teen, I thought he'd be able to manage the content well enough.

I'm glad I read The Delta Anomaly first. The first few chapters are full of sexual innuendo and a fair amount of

cursing; much more than would be appropriate for a teen, much less someone younger. I've read fan fiction that was less racy. I understand that Starfleet Academy is a high stress environment as well as a Co-Ed college, and I'm guessing the author is familiar with such a place. While acceptable in the general *Trek* series, I think some of that would be best left out for younger readers.

Once past those first chapters, the author did a good job of helping to build the back-story of some of our favorite characters, as well as lending thought to one of *Trek's* best villains from the Delta Quadrant. Rick Barba is either familiar with the *Trek* universe or has done his homework well; it seems he also has a careful respect of continuity. In addition, the story moved along nicely with good play between the characters, as well as some slight tension. Unfortunately, the overall ending was rather bland and predictable.

Perhaps this series will grow better with time. As for Rick Barba, perhaps he'd do well to stick with the strategy guides for which he is well known. Unfortunately he's already penned the fourth of this series. Overall, this series has potential, and I would suggest that any reader of *Star Trek* fiction try it out. However, if this is the type of writer that Simon and Schuster is going to stick with, I'd suggest parents read the novels before passing them along to their children.



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The Klingon Feast

Sept 24-26, 2010

<http://www.usstiberius.org/multimedia/klingon-feast/>

I arrived at the Daytona by the Beach spaceport on Friday afternoon. I took a private shuttle to the feasting place of the Klingons. I entered this place and obtained an authorization pass for the weekend. I then secured my lodging for the weekend. Later while talking to the Klingons, I stated that I was STARFLEET and they stated that they needed the target practice anyway.

The Klingons were very friendly and actively tried to get me to sign up for some of their games/tests. Not knowing the local customs, I declined, as I did not want to find myself facing someone with a razor sharp *Bat'leth*. One Klingon, Captain, La Quue vesti Set' Gobh of the *IKV Hup Hock*, explained all of the contests to me. Later, I talked to Lord Kez Kadajan and his Klingon wife, whom I knew previously from other gatherings. After much talking, I retired back to my lodging to unpack my clothes and to re-gather my strength, as sometimes space travel can be very trying.

After about an hour, I decided to see some of the local sights and walked to a marketplace. There I procured some food and drink and walked back to my lodging. Later in the evening, I returned to the feasting place and was entertained by a Klingon cursing contest. Many ancestral lineages were called into question, as well as inferences to animals unknown to me and some derogatory comments about STARFLEET.

After this was completed, I retired back to my lodging and contacted Captain Oliver Savander and Captain Mark Anderson by sub-space. They were just leaving in their private shuttle and would be at the feasting place in about two hours. During my absence from the gathering, there were other contests held. Captains Ollie and Mark arrived around 11pm, and we three entered the feasting place. At this time, the Klingons were having a drum circle with approximately seven or eight Klingons playing drums. I assume that this was to honor fallen warriors. After much more conversing with the Klingons, we retired back to our lodging. We three continued to talk about the gathering and the events that would be held the next day.

The next morning, Captains Ollie and Mark obtained their authorization pass

for the rest of the weekend. Captain Mark and I wore the *USS Tiberius* MACO uniforms. At approximately 11am, the weapons officer from the *IKV Hup Hock* gave a weapons class discussing all types of weapons. The warrior contest was next. This year the Klingon women were allowed to compete with the men. Contestants were paired off by lot, and then the fighting began. Each contestant could chose from a variety of weapons such as a sword or *bat'leth*. Fighting lasted for one minute. Points were



scored for head, body and leg hits. The highlight of the fighting was the medical officer from the *IKV Hup Hock*, who drew an extremely large and well-trained Klingon male. But this medical officer was small and very fast. After exchanges of blows, she swept his legs with the *bat'leth*, and down he went. Immediately, she was on top of him and delivered a few well aimed blows to his head which incapacitated him. Incidentally, she later won the warrior contest for this very efficient, lightning-fast fighting. Although she was the medical officer, we learned that she was highly trained in *moq'bara*, a type of Klingon martial art.

Next came the story telling. Captain La Quue vesti Set' Gobh of the *IKV Hup Hock* told a very engrossing story about her right to ascension. Others told stories about glorious battles and personal conflicts.

Arm wrestling was next. This contest was divided between the women and men. After several rounds, the contest came down to two women and two men. After these contests, the winners were declared.

Finally the synthehol contest was held. Contestants could bring any concoction of alcohol/non alcohol they could put together. Capt Ollie volunteered to help judge this contest. There were other judges also. The only downside to this was that the inner lining of Captain Ollie's mouth was eaten away by one of these concoctions. I believe this drink was called "Black Widow Juice." I guess Captain Ollie has not yet learned not to volunteer for anything. I'm sure in 5 or 6 months he will be okay. After this contest, the activities were suspended until the feast. Captain Mark and I decided to see some of the local sites and shuttled to one of the local shops called Mart at the Wall, then returned to our lodging.

Upon returning, we put on our dress uniforms. Captains Ollie and Mark wore Starfleet uniforms, and I wore the Marine "salt and pepper." Just before and during the feast, the awards were given out for each of the contests. The feast consisted of cheese and fruit before the main course. After that, the food served was potatoes that were quartered. Chicken and corn on the cob and skewers of beef, vegetables, and mushrooms made up the rest of the menu. All of this food was eaten without utensils. There was plenty of food for everyone. After the feast, the band Sci-Fried played until well after midnight.

The next morning, we said our goodbyes to the Klingons, and Captain Mark shuttled me back to the spaceport as he and Captain Ollie returned to their respective homes.

This was a fun weekend at a very reasonable price. We were told that the fee for the authorization pass would remain the same for the next two years. I would like to highly recommend this gathering as a way to have a lot of fun with other science fiction clubs, see how these clubs conduct their activities, and to relax for the weekend in Daytona by the Beach. I would like to see a few more SFMC marines there next year so we could more actively participate in the events and show the Klingons that the SFMC are some of the most highly trained fighting forces in the universe.



USS OKLAHOMA NCC-10



The *USS Oklahoma* is Officially Commissioned

By Ensign Bari Pitcher

It may have seemed like a normal, rootin' tootin' time for a lot of the participants of this year's International Conference in Wagoner, Oklahoma. But hold your horses there, partner! It was anything but for the captain and crew of the *USS Oklahoma*. In front of the Admiralty Board, the Executive Committee, and several members of his crew, our beloved Commander Lindbloom had the honor and pleasure of getting to receive a couple of bottles of refreshment along with the permanent keys and plaque to our now fully-commissioned starship.

One of the nice things about getting your ship commissioned during an IC is that you get to shake a lot of hands. Commander Lindbloom was congratulated by a

multitude of people, including the Commander of STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard; the Chief of Operations, Vice Admiral Jerry Tien; the Chief of Shakedown Operations, Rear Admiral Warren Price; and our own Regional Coordinator, Vice Admiral Jeffrey Higdon.

The Commissioning Party took place August 21 at the park in Vinita. It was a barbecue, and we had a great time as we celebrated our ship's commissioning!

THE OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF THE *USS OKLAHOMA* AT IC 2010 IN OKLAHOMA. PICTURED STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: JEFFREY HIGDON, SAL LIZARD, SHANON LINDBLOOM, JERRY TIEN, AND WARREN PRICE. PHOTO BY BARI PITCHER.



USS Oklahoma Delivers Backpacks To Local Schools

By Communications Officer Lt. Commander Summer Scott

Friday, September 10, 2010 was an eventful day for the *USS Oklahoma*. Captain Shanon Lindbloom (pictured) and Crewmen Terry Pope (not pictured) delivered backpacks filled with school supplies and a scarf to our Vinita area schools. They were handed over to each of the school's counselors (also pictured) <http://jaydensjamboree.shutterfly.com/videos/29>. The backpacks and supplies were purchased by the ship's crew through a fundraiser of collecting aluminum cans and recycling them. The ship enjoyed this project so much that plans are in the making to do it again next year. The ship's motto is "Forever Green" due to our promoting recycling and other green projects.





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USS JUSTICE NCC-558



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USS Justice Celebrates 16 Sweet Years

Hi everyone. For the first time, I've written my new rank with my name. I'm still a little bit awed by my recent promotion. More on this a little bit later.



NOTE TO CHAPTERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FUTURE: PHOTOGRAPH THE CAKE FIRST, AND THEN CUT THE CAKE!

First, I want to talk about our recent "Sweet 16" Anniversary Party that was held on November 13, 2010, at the Community Center at Hastings Square in

Hackettstown, NJ. Just before our party started, I was asked by my crew if any guests were coming. I had replied that indeed we were going to have a very special guest arriving soon. Unfortunately, once I had said that, everyone knew that "Santa Claus" was coming to town. Actually, we had six special guests that day. Sal Lizard, our CS, and his wife Linda along with Dave Blaser, our VCS, and his wife Debbie were all able and gracious enough to make the long journey to our ship's special event. Also, Dave and Debbie brought along their two very special dogs, Nikki and Melodie, who for the most part just slept during the party. It was an honor for our CS and our VCS to make the long journey. I, along with our crew, deeply appreciated the effort they made in coming.

The party started at about 2 p.m. and there were plenty of various, mainly Italian foods to eat. After about an hour or so, I spoke to our crew, thanked everyone for coming, and talked a little about our



THE THREE ADMIRALS: VICE ADMIRAL DAVE BLASER ON THE LEFT, FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD ON THE RIGHT, AND IN THE CENTER, NEWLY-PROMOTED REAR ADMIRAL MIKE STEIN.

upcoming events. Later, Sal addressed everyone and spoke for a while as well.

Just after Sal had finished his talk, he announced that he would like a picture taken of the three admirals present. I had thought to myself, "There's only two admirals here..." when Sal motioned to me to come over as well. Then I realized that this was my notification of my new promotion. I was expecting a promotion in December of this year since Sal had mentioned on an earlier EC conference call that he would be issuing awards to the EC and their staff. Still, it was an honor and surprise to be promoted during this special event for our ship and crew.

Later, after everyone had pretty much finished eating, we split into two groups and played a game called "Apples to Apples". That was a lot of fun and, as I recall, Dave our VCS won the game

with the group that I was in. We all spent a lot of time talking together and having a good time. Overall, I'm sure everyone had a great time at the party.

I also want to congratulate Dave Blaser and his running mate Bran Stimpson for winning the election. From what I've read, this was the narrowest margin in STARFLEET's history. Now I can say that we had our present CS and future CS attend our party. Having known Dave for the past few years, I'm sure he'll do very well. Also, having been the VCS, he's already aware of what awaits him.

Well, that's all I have for now, and I hope everyone continues to have fun, for that is our one true mission on board the *USS Justice* and in STARFLEET.

(All photos by Dave Blaser.)



HOW SWEET IT IS! MEMBERS GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *USS JUSTICE* IN HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.



MIKE STEIN, CO OF THE *USS JUSTICE* (LEFT) JOINS MARIA FRICKE, HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, AND DAVID FRICKE, HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF *JUSTICE*.



USS MAQUIS NCC-75630



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Pennsylvania *USS Maquis* Crewmembers Learn About the Johnsville Centrifuge

USS Maquis Correspondence members John Erb and John Kraly, and *Maquis* Forces International member Ron Vastola,



JOHN KRALY (LEFT) AND JOHN ERB, FLANK
A FLIGHT-TEST DUMMY.

recently went to the Johnsville Centrifuge and Science Museum, located on the former Naval Air Development (NADC) site in Warminster, PA. They went for their historical presentation and special FREE screening of the 2009 adventure movie *Star Trek* on the Centrifuge Room's 20-foot-tall screen. Since it was Halloween Sunday, sci-fi fans—and especially *Star Trek* fans—were encouraged to dress up in their Trekkie best. Ron, who runs a mobile drive-in movie theatre business, as well as being a convention promoter, recently met the president of the museum, Mike Maguire, who invited them down to this special *Star Trek* event. Having served in the US Navy from 1988-90, John Kraly was very intrigued to go to a Naval Air/Space Museum of the type that was not really near water.

As they entered the museum, there was an introductory briefing from one of the volunteers, who went over the history and significance of what happened in the building as well as items once contained

there in regards to military defense and the former space race. The centrifuge is the largest human centrifuge ever built, and it was where the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo astronauts trained. This facility had to put the candidate astronauts through an extreme stress test so that we could know the limits of the human body and what G-forces it could tolerate before we tried to launch a rocket into space. The astronauts and pilots had a love/hate relationship with the centrifuge. To quote the museum brochure: "John Glenn called it 'dreaded' and 'sadistic.' Apollo 11 Commander Mike Collins called it 'diabolical.' *Time* magazine called it 'a monstrous apparatus,' a 'gruesome merry-go-round' and 'a torture chamber.'" It was incredible going into all of the different rooms and learning about what was done there in order to keep us ahead of the Russians in the space race/cold war. The various volunteer guides also told us, and the museum brochure states



JOHN KRALY PRETENDS TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT
OVER THE CONTROL ROOM MICROPHONE ("WESLEY
CRUSHER PLEASE REPORT TO THE AIRLOCK!").

that, "Johnsville housed more than 30 labs that designed and developed vital military technologies including:

- GPS Systems
- Pilotless Drones
- Auto Tinting Lenses



JOHN ERB TRIES OUT THE CHAIR IN THE CENTRIFUGE GONDOLA.

- Fireproof Flight Suits
- Night Vision Goggles
- Airplane 'black boxes'
- Flight Simulation Software
- Advanced Aerospace Materials
- Submarine Hunting Technologies
- Crash Helmets and Ejection Seats
- State of the Art Navigation Systems
- And much more..."

The museum's stated goal on their website is "...to establish a world class educational facility that will inspire local students to pursue engineering and science careers to ensure America's future technological leadership." Unfortunately, we learned that the museum had not received any grants (government or otherwise) to continue operating, and its lease had not been renewed. This storehouse of history of our space program will likely be shutting down in the near future, and its exhibits will no longer be available to be viewed by the public. We were lucky to have learned of its existence when we did or we might not have had the chance to see its treasures at all. In these tough economic times, privately-run museums can have a hard time keeping their heads above water. We would encourage everyone who

reads this article to seek out your local and regional historic sites that have any connection to space or technology, especially the privately funded ones, and support them with your visits, publicity, and funds where you are able. STARFLEET chapters around the country could adopt local historic sites with space or technology connections and make it part of their mission to raise money for them, conduct tours through them, volunteer at them (where possible), or simply to promote them on their websites. *Star Trek* has been credited repeatedly with

inspiring people to enter the space program, science, or medicine. Space, science, and technology museums can do the same thing if members of STARFLEET help them keep their doors open.

Johnsville Centrifuge & Science Museum
780 Falcon Circle
Warminster, PA

"Honoring our Past, Inspiring our Future"

<http://nadcsmuseum.org/>

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RON VASTOLA POSES NEXT TO AN ALTERNATE GONDOLA.



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 REGION: 3, LOUISIANA (USA)

Trek Fans Days in Plano, Texas

Stardate: 201010.22. The Runabout *Dark Storm* and the Runabout *Dark Reaper* made their way to Plano, Texas sector where Trek Fans Days was hosted with William Shatner and several other popular *Trek* guest stars. Here, the *USS Azrael* had six members and two possible recruits attend.

Friday being Commodore Thacker's birthday, we set up the *Azrael's* table. Here with items donated by various sources, we made \$200.00 for Children's Hospital.

Many fans wanting to get an autograph and more assaulted the convention. Lieutenant Patterson, our

Communications Chief, worked the Region 3 recruiting table all day Saturday.

Heading home, we were caught in two tornadoes that sucked our right running lights off and tried to lift our cargo away. The night was a long and tiring trip home.

(All photos supplied by Beau Thacker.)



LIEUTENANT PATTERSON AT THE REGION 3 RECRUITING TABLE.



NEW MEMBERS SGM ROGER BLAKE (RIGHT) AND WO-1 MERIDAN BLAKE (CENTER), BOTH MARINES ABOARD THE *USS AZRAEL*, POSE WITH COMMODORE BEAU THACKER, *AZRAEL* CO AND REGION 3 COS.



USS AZRAEL'S TABLE AT TREK FAN DAYS, MANNED BY MIKE STEVENSON.



Hall-O-Boo in Florida



THE HALL-O-BOO EVENT AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY (MOSE) IN TAMPA, FL ON SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 30. IN THE PHOTO APPEARED MEMBERS FROM FIVE TAMPA BAY REGION 2 CHAPTERS (*GASPARILLA*, *JUDAH*, *MARATHON*, *TIBERIUS* AND *VICTORIOUS*), ONE REGION 12 CHAPTER (*BORTAS*), AND ONE INDEPENDENT (*KVP ANCIENT ONE*). SEATED LEFT-TO-RIGHT: *USS JUDAH* CO JAMES REED, *USS TIBERIUS* CO OLIVER SAVANDER, *USS JUDAH* XO ROS REED, *USS MARATHON* XO LESLIE RYAN, AND *USS GASPARILLA* XO MORGAN HAHN. STANDING LEFT-TO-RIGHT: *USS VICTORIOUS* CO MARK ANDERSON, *USS BORTAS* XO SHANE RUSSELL (TEMPORARILY IN FLORIDA WHILE ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY ASSIGNMENT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN U.S.), *KVP ANCIENT ONE* CO RICHARD WOODS, *USS MARATHON* CO DAVID RYAN, *USS JUDAH* CHIEF OF SECURITY STEPHANIE WADE, OIC MSG 609 AND OIC 2ND BATTALION/2ND BRIGADE SUNNIE PLANTHOLD. PHOTO BY RALPH PLANTHOLD.



RADM SUNNIE PLANTHOLD WITH *KVP ANCIENT ONE* CO RICHARD WOODS AND FLANKING AN UNKNOWN "DARTH VADER". PHOTO BY RALPH PLANTHOLD.





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USS ANGELES NCC-71840



NAME: JONATHAN LANE
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SHIP: USS ANGELES NCC-71840
REGION: 4, CALIFORNIA (USA)
ACHIEVEMENTS: SFI AND R4 FLAG OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009; FORMER SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, REGION 7;
 CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 2005 REGION 4 CONFERENCE; WINNER 2010 STARFLEET SHORT STORY CONTEST

STARFLEET On The National Geographic Channel

Now, this is pretty awesome!

The producers of the television documentary series *Taboo* are doing an episode on hard-core fans of things like anime, cosplay, second-life, and yes, *Star Trek*...and STARFLEET members will be featured prominently in the episode.

If you're not familiar with the series, *Taboo* is entering its eighth season on NGC. Each hour-long episode focuses on an aspect of a culture deemed to be "taboo" or "out of the ordinary" by the masses. They've had episodes dealing with voodoo and witchcraft, leprosy, public cremations in Nepal, societies where prostitution is legal...all sorts of "taboo" topics. But the series isn't a freak show or gawker fest. Instead, each episode presents the people of that culture in a respectful light, showing that—underneath the seeming strangeness of what they do or are—we all share certain common values and standards. Each episode ends having, hopefully, imparted a new understanding and open-mindedness about something that was previously seen as "taboo."

And so it was, with that explanation in hand, that Emily Potts, an Australian-based lead producer on the series, contacted STARFLEET (specifically, the Chief of Communications) looking for *Star Trek* fans. But they didn't want just any *Star Trek* fans. Specifically, they wanted to focus closely on one or two fans who would frequently wear costumes or uniforms, go to conventions often, and yet still had a pretty normal "real" life. The challenge was to get someone just enough on the geeky side to make for



USS ANGELES MEMBERS POSE IN FRONT OF THE FAMILIAR VASQUEZ ROCKS FORMATIONS (LEFT TO RIGHT): JON LANE, JAMES AND NIKKI JONES, PAT WILLIAMS, GLORIA RODRIGUEZ, AND RENEE WIKE. PHOTO SUPPLIED BY JON LANE.

interesting television but still presentable and respectable enough not to make all us Trekkers look like freaks. "No problem," I told her. "We've got whatever you're looking for and more...all over the world. Do you need fans in Australia? We've got quite a few there."

Not in Australia, she told me. Even though her production company is based there, the episodes of *Taboo* they make for the National Geographic Channel air primarily in America (her company, Beyond Productions, also produces *Mythbusters* for the Discovery Channel). Emily wanted U.S.-based *Star Trek* fans only, preferably located near a major city so the film crew could fly in and get to the shoots easily.

"Gotcha!" I said. "Are there any particular American cities which are preferable to you guys?" I asked. After all, like the Visa card, STARFLEET is just about everywhere you want to be!

The only two locations "locked in" during that initial conversation in late August e-mail were Atlanta, where they would be filming at and around Dragon*Con, and Los Angeles, where they would be filming at the Hollywood

Xpo convention. But travel plans were still being made, so if I wanted to suggest a few more possible locations, Emily would see if they could be worked into the schedule.

Well, Atlanta and Los Angeles were both pretty easy; they each had active chapters. The *USS Republic* in Atlanta reached the 100-member mark last year and has had photos in nearly every CQ for the last who-knows-how-many issues. And the *USS Angeles* in L.A. is my chapter, and I knew lots of people personally who might be interested. In addition, I suggested the *USS Thermopylae* in the Seattle area because

they're very active (they just won Mothership of the Year), many members have uniforms, and their incoming CO, Scott Nakada, makes and sells custom *Trek* and sci-fi props to fans, something that could be interesting to include in the documentary. I also recommended the many chapters around the New York City area since New York is such a major destination, chapters in central Florida, chapters in Texas, and even *Troubadour Station* in St. Louis, Missouri. That last recommendation was



USS ANGELES MEMBERS COL JAMES JONES II AND HIS DAUGHTER NIKKI WERE READY FOR SOME HIKING AROUND VASQUEZ ROCKS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

because Troubadour's CO, Admiral Helen Pawlowski, is one of STARFLEET's oldest (if not the oldest) members at 88, and that could be a very interesting thing to include in the documentary, too.

Emily was very excited about all the possibilities, and she went to her Executive Producer with the information I gave her. She came back a few days later saying that they liked the idea of the chapter in Seattle with the prop maker, and that they'd definitely be getting in contact with the *USS Republic* and *USS Angeles*. I would find out later that "definitely" has a not-so-definite meaning when dealing with TV production.

Next up, I contacted Eric Watts of the *USS Republic*, Scott Nakada of the *Thermopylae*, and my own CO on the *Angeles*, Dave Mason, to make sure they were all agreeable to working with the Beyond Productions people. Then, after reaching out and getting some interest and excitement from those chapters, "definitely" took its first dose of reality. Emily contacted me a couple of days later to say that travel budgets had been cut and deadlines shortened, and now the crews would be going only to Atlanta and L.A.—so the *Thermopylae* was out...although only somewhat. It turned out that Scott Nakada would be coming to L.A. to have a dealers table at the Hollywood Xpo convention, so *Thermopylae* would still get some screen time.

Then came the next change in plans. Although the film crew would still be traveling to Atlanta for Dragon*Con, they only had enough time there to focus on the cosplay (costumed role players) segment, not the *Trek* fans. And so suddenly the *Republic* was out of the filming. (Ironically, Dragon*Con 2010 ended up setting the record for the most costumed *Star Trek* fans in one place. The film crew could've gotten some great footage...oh, well.)



THE CAMERAMAN FILMS JON LANE'S SET-UP OF MINIATURE KIRK AND THE GORN TO RE-ENACT THE FAMOUS BATTLE FROM THE TOS EPISODE "ARENA". PHOTO BY JON LANE.



COL JAMES JONES AND DAUGHTER NIKKI DO SOME ROCK CLIMBING WHILE THE CAMERA CREW FILMS THEM AT VASQUEZ ROCKS. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





THE TOP BRASS (LEFT TO RIGHT): CMDR SCOTT NAKADA (*USS THERMOPYLAE*), RADM JON LANE (*USS ANGELES*), LTC ROY HENDERSON (*USS CENTURION*), AND RADM JANICE WILLCOCKS (*USS ANGELES*) AT THE HOLLYWOOD XPO. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

Would the *USS Angeles* be the next casualty? Not quite, but there did arise yet another unexpected snag. The film crew would be making two trips to L.A., but one trip was reserved for the Hollywood Xpo weekend in October. The other trip would be on a Friday and Saturday in early September and would need to include at-home interviews with some of our members on one of those two days.

The problem with that plan was, in order to generate a large turnout of *Angeles* members for the filming, we needed a weekend day (Saturday). Indeed, we were getting ready to travel out to Vasquez Rocks, a "sacred site" of *Star Trek* where many episodes and movies were filmed (including Kirk fighting the Gorn and the Vulcan background in the 2009 *Star Trek* movie). It's a great location that the *USS Angeles* visits at least once each year, but it's also 90 minutes each way from downtown Los Angeles and not the kind of place members could get to and back from during their lunch hour.

So that left only Friday available for the at-home interviews, and most *Angeles* folks have jobs. Of those that were unemployed, most were reluctant to be spotlighted so



LCDR LUIS "SOVAL" VALENTINE OF THE *USS ANGELES* ALSO APPEARED ON CAMERA AT THE HOLLYWOOD XPO. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

heavily on camera. Ultimately, we wound up with just three volunteers: James Jones, Gloria Rodriguez, and myself. But that was enough.

Okay, we were set. I'd managed to get about fifteen *Angeles* members to commit to coming out to Vasquez Rocks on that Saturday. It would be a full day of activity—filming in the late morning, then lunch, and maybe some hiking in the afternoon. It was definitely looking to be a great day!

Um, did I just say "definitely"? Uh, oh!

The call came in from Emily at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, a day before the film crew would be taping the at-home interviews. It wasn't unusual for Emily to call me, as we'd been setting up the details of everything over the past few weeks. What was unusual was the time of the call. In Sydney, Australia, 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time that would be 4:00 a.m. for Emily! She'd usually call later in the afternoon for me (late morning for her). So what was going on?

Red alert, that's what! Like any good production company, Beyond had contacted the Los Angeles County Film Commission and requested a filming permit for Vasquez Rocks. The person who handled the park permits had been away over the past week and a half, but Emily had been told by people in the permit office that, as soon as he got back from vacation, he'd be certain to approve the permit request immediately. Turns out that the permit guy had gotten back on Wednesday afternoon and rejected their Saturday permit request. He would only approve Friday. This led to frenzied calls from Australia to Los Angeles to straighten this all out. But apparently, it was non-negotiable. Due to the fact that Vasquez Rocks is a public park, no filming permits are granted for weekends. Period. Oy!

"Can your *Angeles* members switch days and have the crew event on Friday instead?" Emily asked hopefully.

Well, let's see. Friday was a workday, and most of the *Angeles* crew had jobs. Even if they could take the day off, it was already Thursday! I had no way of reaching most of them prior to their getting home from work and checking e-mail. This was going to be a disaster.

Fortunately, I was able to reach the unemployed members with frenzied e-mails and phone calls, and we did manage to get six people to show up on Friday. James Jones brought his 2-and-a-half-year-old daughter Nikki with him, along with his friend Pat Williams. Gloria Rodriguez showed up, along with another *Angeles* member, Renee Wike. And of course, there was Rear Admiral Jon Lane (me). Not a bad turnout when you consider I had less than 24 hours to contact all these people.

We filmed there for about three hours, with the park ranger chasing everyone else out of our shots so that the backgrounds would be clear. (Apparently, a \$1,000 permit buys you exclusive access.) We staged our arrivals (driving in and getting out of our cars), some talking, a few short interviews, some climbing, and us taking photos of ourselves in uniform on the rocks. I also brought along my *Star Trek* TOS "Ken" doll and a stuffed Gorn beanie baby to "re-enact" the classic fight from the episode "Arena." The camera crew filmed me setting up and taking the photo, which should help make the *Star Trek* segment a little more interesting.

Unfortunately, the rest of the *Angeles* crew did not get to participate in the Friday shoot...at least not at Vasquez Rocks. But there was still the Hollywood Xpo the following month. In the meantime, the film crew came to my home on Saturday morning for about four hours, filming my collection of *Trek* stuff and uniforms, doing some interviews of me and my wife, and staging me "leaving" for Vasquez Rocks...driving away from the camera. I hope they use that shot, as it starts with a camera close-up on my STARFLEET bumper sticker: "MY OTHER VEHICLE IS A STARSHIP" (and also shows the WWW.SFI.ORG website address quite clearly).

The crew then went to film James Jones and his daughter Nikki at their home, and spend another few hours there. Unfortunately, they didn't have enough time left to get to Gloria Rodriguez's home, but they did get lots of footage of her at Vasquez Rocks on Friday.

Then, in early October, the film crew was back for the Hollywood Xpo. This time, we had over a dozen *Angeles*



AT THE HOLLYWOOD XPO, LTC ROY HENDERSON OF THE *USS CENTURION* EXPLAINS THAT STARFLEET IS FOR FANS OF ALL SCIENCE FICTION, NOT JUST *STAR TREK*. PHOTO BY JON LANE.

members, plus Scott Nakada and his wife and son from the *Thermopylae*, and Roy Henderson of the *USS Centurion* in San Bernadino. The film crew did several more interviews with folks, including Scott and Roy, plus Janice Willcocks (*USS Angeles* founder and current XO) and Luis Valentine (who was dressed in his Vulcan persona). The crew filmed James Jones and me walking around the con, talking to people, and playing with some of Scott's props.

I estimate that, over those three days of filming, the crew must have shot more than twelve hours of footage! Considering the final segment will be only about 10 minutes in length, I'm guessing a lot of good stuff will wind up on the cutting room floor. But hopefully the segment will still mention at least STARFLEET a few times. And if it does, I'll be sure to record it and post it on YouTube and on the SFI.org website for folks to see and learn about us.

I haven't been told yet when the episode will be airing, but it should be sometime this coming season, which means within the next few months. As soon as I know more, I'll post it to the various STARFLEET chat lists.

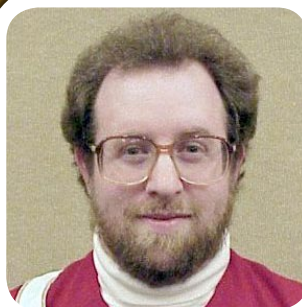


RADM JANICE WILLCOCKS (LEFT) OF THE *USS ANGELES* GETS INTERVIEWED IN FRONT OF THE *ANGELES* RECRUITMENT AREA AT THE HOLLYWOOD XPO, WHILE RADM JENNIFER COLE WATCHES FROM BEHIND THE TABLE. PHOTO BY JON LANE.





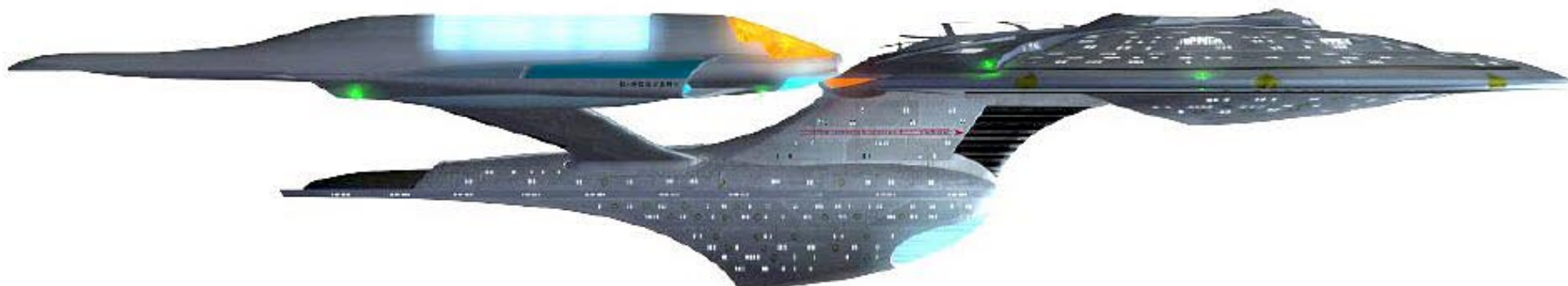
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OTHER POSITIONS: VICE CHIEF OF OPS (INCOMING); DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES
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DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Falcon-Class Exploratory Cruiser



The *Falcon*-class made its debut in a fan-produced web-book called *Starfleet Prototype*, a latter era incarnation of the hardcopy version produced by Strategic Designs in the 1990s. This advanced starship is a post-Dominion War era vessel, one of several classes that highlighted the conscious effort to return to a spirit of exploration during the difficult years of the Borg scares and the Dominion War.

Seen as more of a successor to the *Ambassador*-class starships, the *Falcon*-class was approved for production of the prototype in 2382, and the lead vessel was launched in 2384. The ship took full advantage of the 60 years of technological advance since the development of the *Ambassador*-class, including a prototype slipstream drive developed from data brought back by the *U.S.S. Voyager* in 2378. Another one of the *Falcon*-class's striking characteristics is a very large arboretum mounted on the ship's primary hull. It was one of the largest shipboard arboreta ever developed, although whether it would remain that large on production models of the ship was less certain.

Specifications for the *Falcon*-class are as follows:

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

- Length Overall: 535 meters
- Beam Overall: 310 meters
- Draft Overall: 135 meters

DISPLACEMENT:

- Standard: 3,500,000 metric tons

PROPULSION:

- Warp Engines:
 - Number: 1
 - Type: HAN-210 Mk I Quantum Slipstream Drive Unit
 - Number: 2
 - Type: LF-46 Mod 1 Dilithium-Energized Antimatter Warp Drive Units
- Impulse Engines:
 - Number: 2
 - Type: FIG-5 Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units
- Maneuvering Thrusters Type: QASR-2 Particle Beam Maneuvering Thrusters
- Reaction Control System Type: "Trentis IV" Pulsed Laser Reaction Control System

VELOCITY:

- Cruising (Warp Factor): Warp 7 (Post-2312 Scale)
- Maximum (Warp Factor): Warp 9.8 (Post-2312 Scale)
- Slipstream (Warp Factor Equivalent): Warp 9.999 (Post-2312 Scale)

CREW COMPLEMENT:

- Officers: 100
- Crew: 410
- Total: 510

NAVIGATION:

- System Type: RAV/ISHAK Mod 3 Warp Celestial Guidance

COMPUTERS:

- System Type: M-16 Bio-Neural Gel Pack-Isolinear III with LCARS Interface Software

ARMAMENT:

- Phaser Banks/Arrays:

- Type: Type XIII Collimated Phaser Array
- Number: 10
- Photon/Quantum Torpedoes:
 - Number of Tubes: 3
 - Torpedo Type(s): Photon/Quantum/Mk 100 Transphasic

DEFENSES:

- Deflector Systems
 - Type: FSS-M Multiphasic Primary Force Field

LIFE SUPPORT:

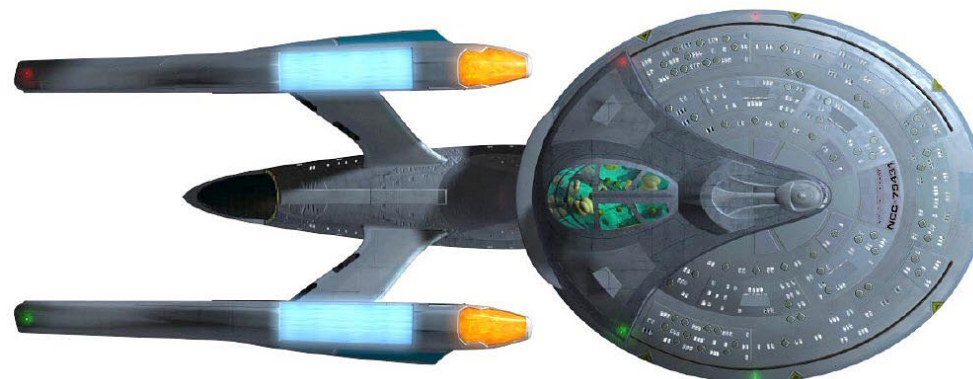
- Type(s): MM6 Modular Gravity Unit; AL4 Life Support System

EMBARKED CRAFT:

- Shuttlecraft
 - Number: 2
 - Type: *Danube* Class Runabout
 - Number: 2
 - Type: Type 6 Personnel Shuttle
 - Number: 4
 - Type: Type 7 Personnel Shuttle
 - Number: 2
 - Type: Type 9A Cargo Shuttle
 - Number: 6
 - Type: Type 16 Shuttlepod

Known vessels of the *Falcon*-class include:

Atlanta
Devil's Tower
Discovery
Falcon





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 STARFLEET 2010 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RECIPIENT

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Dragons and Pirates and Knights...Oh, My!

It happens every fall. It is the season when STARFLEET members from the 7th Fleet trade in their phasers for swords, their uniforms for garb, and when pointed ears don't necessarily mean Vulcans or Romulans.



USS CHALLENGER SCIENCE CHIEF JENNIFER THOMPSON AT LEFT JOINS USS AVENGER MEDICAL CHIEF ANNIE SLONSKI DURING THE SEPTEMBER 18-19 LAKEWOOD REN FAIRE, AN EVENT THAT MEMBERS OF BOTH CHAPTERS ATTENDED ON BOTH DAYS OF THE ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FAIRE.

It's Ren Faire season, and many chapters in Region 7 take part in the Renaissance Faires in New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Those fairs span several weekends and a good amount of land.

Vendors of garb, accessories, swords, jewelry, artwork, and other trinkets abound, and an ongoing storyline is also part of the fun.

On the weekend of September 18-19, members of the *USS Avenger* and *USS Challenger* took a temporal trip courtesy of that warp drive slingshot effect around the sun to the Village of Pine Park in the Barony of Carillion during the 29th annual Lakewood Lions Club and Society for Creative Anachronism Renaissance Faire in Lakewood, N.J.



A WINGED DRAGON MAN NEARLY TAKES FLIGHT DURING THE LAKEWOOD RENAISSANCE FAIRE IN LAKEWOOD NEW JERSEY.

It is a comparatively smaller fair and lasts only two days, but it always provides plenty of fun and is a short distance for both chapters.

Challengers Jennifer and Ryan Battershill brought their children with them to the event on September 18. They met up with Avengers Annie Slonski and Todd Brugmans, who were in period attire.



FORMER USS AVENGER XO TODD BRUGMANS DONS A KILT FOR HIS VISIT TO THE VILLAGE OF PINE PARK IN THE BARONY OF CARILLION DURING THE SEPTEMBER 18-19 LAKEWOOD REN FAIRE IN NEW JERSEY.

On Saturday, Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, brandishing his "monster maroon" belt buckle while in garb, joined his crewmates on the *Avenger* and *Challenger's* Away Team, including Security Chief Ken Dohn, Science Chief Jennifer Thompson, and me.

Challenger didn't exactly look the part. Ken was in civvies, Jen wore a Phillies T-shirt, and I felt it was too hot a day for garb and instead wore my fire-breathing and ice-breathing

dragons T-shirt, which got a few compliments during the day.

It didn't take us long to find the *Avenger* landing party, who were observing the action of the jousting tournament. After the knights tested their mettle (or should that be metal) they also demonstrated their skill at slicing off a cabbage from a poor knave's head. He did have a protective mask on at the time, and thankfully he didn't flinch and lose a head over the exercise.

There were plenty of pirates about. The Valhalla Pirates, a group of pirate re-enactors, sang and performed during the day. It gave them a chance to promote their first Pirate Fair that took place later in the fall.

One medieval player demonstrated how easy it was (though it wasn't something any of us would like to try) to lay on a bed of nails. His "friend" put a cement block on him and asked an elf woman to stand on it. He gained much applause and probably a few holes in his back and his chest.

There was a child's costume contest, belly dancers, Latin dancers, archery contests, and we certainly looked over the many vendors who set up shop in the park.

Jennifer discovered exactly what a "tat a cooler" was, and the shop owner demonstrated it on Annie, whose cleavage was available for demonstration. Oh, it was nothing X-rated, but you always learn something new at these fairs.

We came across *Challenger's* old friend the Paladin whose character is a mute warrior of good. The silver masked Paladin slays dragons, rights wrongs, and has his photo taken with little children.

A small child was looking over Todd Brugman's period sword that was clad to Todd's back. Looking over the child's back was a man dressed as a dragon, complete with wings. He enjoyed hissing around the picnic tables around the field.



AN ARMORED KNIGHT IS READY FOR ACTION ON THE JOUSTING FIELD.

A band of pirates were busy singing, and a few medieval maidens played the harp as the STARFLEET contingent

sought out some dragon dogs, hamburgers, and root beer...feeling a bit peckish.

By the way, "Dragon Dogs" are simply very long hot dogs... no scales or flames within were included, and they were a buck more the regular hot dogs, which were only \$2. The lines at food vendors were a tad long. Perhaps that was the real reason so many people brought along their swords. We did notice that NO ONE cut the line.



THE SILENT SILVER-MASKED PALADIN, A FRIEND OF THE USS CHALLENGER, WAS BACK AT THE REN FAIRE, READY TO SLAY ANY DRAGONS, RIGHT ANY WRONGS, AND HAVE HIS PHOTO TAKEN WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

There was so much to see, and we noted the many diverse costumes and activities. *Challenger* headed out after a few hours and concluded our day watching the Ren Faire episode of the CBS sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*. It was hilarious, especially the part about Sheldon going to it dressed as Classic Mr. Spock complete with tricorder. I know Alex once attended a Ren Faire in his monster maroon.

As the fall went on, members of the Seventh Fleet hit other faires. Alex and Annie in particular went to Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well. Each weekend, one of those Ren Faires, as well as the one in Tuxedo, New York, features its own special weekend theme.

As I write this article, my wife, (*Challenger* Counselor Emily Vosseller) and I hope to join the *USS Sovereign* crew for a pirate theme weekend at the PA Ren Faire on October 17. Todd and Annie are set to attend that event.

Fun times of a different era, a fall tradition that we'd never miss—at least not in some combination—hey, time travel is fun after all.

(All photos by Bob Vosseller.)





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OTHER POSITIONS: COMMANDING OFFICER
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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 as we all prepare for the various holidays that are celebrated around the world at this time of year.

A FINAL FAREWELL

I have thought long and hard about what to say in this report. It is my last as Commandant and it is a bittersweet time for me. I have attempted to write this report four times already and kept coming up empty handed on what to say.

When I took office as Commandant in January 2005, my big goals were to create some transparency in the way the Corps operates and make sure that everyone had a way to understand how the GS discussed and made its decisions, to put programs and initiatives in place that would allow people who chose to become members of the SFMC to enjoy their time as Marines, and to make sure that we did not do anything that would jeopardize the fun that everyone in the SFMC was having already.

In order to accomplish the goals set forth, the General Staff worked to create and publish written policies and procedures, which were released as the SFMC Policy Manual. We also created, and later revised, the SFMC Youth Program to allow individual units to create programs for their youth and to help make the SFMC a family organization. During the last several years, we have also worked to reduce the "us vs. them" mentality that has existed in both STARFLEET and the SFMC. We have succeeded, at least in part as the SFMC and STARFLEET have been working together and sharing ideas (the two academies are cooperating, the Quartermasters are sharing information, and we are generally working to improve communications and cooperation).

We also created a few new individual awards, streamers for Unit Guidons to allow Units to show off their accomplishments, and a couple of awards to honor STARFLEET members and chapters for their support of the SFMC. We have also established and funded a Scholarship Program for our members in order to help them defray the high costs of attending post-secondary educational institutions. We worked hard to make sure that all of our members could be recognized for their accomplishments and that our units were rewarded for their hard work.

When I took office, there were some members who were convinced I would kill the SFMC as Commandant because I would run it "with an iron fist." There are others who were excited about my taking office and the majority of the members simply wanted to have fun and not

worry about anything else. In the last 6 years, we have gone from approximately 700 Marines (both active and reserve) in about 125 units to 935 Marines in 158 units today.

When I took office in January 2005, Wade Olson turned over a total of \$637.65 in SFMC funds and we had a Quartermaster inventory of about \$1,000 in merchandise. Today, we have a checking account balance of \$1,968.17, a scholarship fund balance of \$2,972.96 and about \$3,000.00 in Quartermaster inventory as well as web stores to purchase even more items with the SFMC logo and name.

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge that mistakes were made by myself and members of the General Staff in the last 6 years. Some of those mistakes I have acknowledged and apologized for. Some I have not. Some actions were seen to be mistakes by some members, but not acknowledged as such by myself or the General Staff. To those I wronged or hurt during my time as Commandant, I again apologize. I have not wanted to hurt anyone in this position, only to try and make things better for the SFMC. I think, overall, that was accomplished.

I want to thank every member of the General Staff who has served in the last 6 years and all of their deputies. What has been accomplished is nothing short of spectacular and the SFMC is a robust, vibrant, growing organization that provides fun and structure for all of our members. Nothing that has been done in the last 6 years could ever have been done without the teamwork, dedication, professionalism, enthusiasm, and love for the STARFLEET Marine Corps of the General Staff that has served with me. Additionally, nothing that we have accomplished in the last 6 years could have been without the 9 Commandants and their General Staffs that went before me. They have all provided a solid and wonderful foundation for the future of the Corps and allowed the current General Staff to work to move the Corps just a

little farther forward.

To all past Commandants and their General Staffs, thank you for your service and dedication to this wonderful organization. We would not be where we are without each and every one of you and your selfless service.

To each and every member, past and present, of the General Staff, you have my undying gratitude, appreciation and thankfulness for a wonderful time as Commandant of our beloved organization. When any of you meet one of these selfless Marines, please thank them for their service. Nothing we have would be possible without their willingness to step up and help others.

Finally, the greatest thank you of all, to you, the members of this great SFMC. Without your support, ideas and criticism, we would not be where we are. Your enthusiasm and love for our organization is as great as any I have seen. Without your continuing membership and desire to see the SFMC thrive, we could not have an organization as great as the SFMC. Thank you all.

I look forward to seeing all of you at events around the Fleet in the coming years. I encourage all of you to continue to serve and support the leadership of the SFMC, whoever they may be in the future.

To Bruce or Mike, one of you will be the next Commandant, the 11th in the SFMC's history. I challenge you to continue the great traditions and history of the SFMC. Make the SFMC a better place than when you took office. Good luck and enjoy the ride that one of you is about to embark upon; it will be the most fun and most work you have ever done for no pay. May whatever deity(ies) you worship or revere have mercy upon you.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped

make the last 6 years so much fun.

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 COFORCECOM; if the activity is not reported, you cannot be awarded the Commandant's Campaign award for the year.

If you have ideas you think the General Staff 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, the GS is here to serve you and your needs. They can't do that without your input. Help us make the SFMC even better.

I remain in Service to the Corps,
 LGN John Roberts

CO FINCOM, SFMC

Report from the CO FINCOM

Greetings Marines,

Below is a basic breakdown of the financial data for the SFMC for the month of October 2010.

SFMC account beginning balance October 1, 2010	\$1797.93
Merchandise sold thru Paypal for month transfer	\$170.24
SFMC account ending balance October 31, 2010	\$1968.17
SFMC Scholarship account opening balance Oct. 1, 2010	\$2972.71

Interest earned for month of October	\$0.25
SFMC Scholarship account ending balance Oct 31, 2010	\$2972.96

Petty cash opening balance for October 1, 2010	\$6.27
USPO postage on Oct 15, 2010	\$5.39
ending balance for petty cash Oct. 31, 2010	\$0.88

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Report from the Sergeant Major, SFMC

**State of the NCO Corps
November 12, 2010**

Greetings Marines!

This month finds me in my usual spot: the booth in the back, in the corner, in the dark of the local NCO Club, where when that Naussiccan waitress starts looking good, you know it's time to switch to coffee, and it is really best not to ask what's in those tasty little deep-fried nuggets on the appetizer menu. (Hint: Rocky Mountain Oysters are completely safe for anyone with a seafood allergy.)

As I write this, the first snow has fallen where I am, and that means that the weather for many of us is turning cold again. Last year, I made it a point to ask my fellow Marines to keep those in their own communities without adequate shelter and warm clothing in mind. Please remember HUGS (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks) and, if you can, help collect or just donate items that may make the difference between someone making it through the winter or not. I may not be able to give you a medal for it, but you will have my personal thanks.

Community service takes many forms. Members of the SFMC clip coupons for OCP (Overseas Coupon Project) to help military families around the world. They support causes like Special Olympics, or Breast Cancer Awareness, or their local animal shelters. They

serve as volunteer firefighters, or assist in cleaning up their local parks or highways. Throughout the length and breadth of the Corps, they do it not for glory, but because that is what decent sentient beings do: lend a hand and make everyone's day better. Your efforts are appreciated, and keep up the good work.

Please take the time to let me know about the accomplishments of enlisted members in your area, and your unit's community service efforts. I would really love to be able to take the time in my monthly report to let the rest of the Corps know about it. (And, despite Marine tradition, I am neither all knowing nor all seeing.)

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.

Speaking of the General Staff, changes are about to happen. There will be a new commandant following the election, and the odds are pretty much dead certain that means changes for the rest of the GS. Please give the new folks, whoever they may be, time to settle in, and get their feet under them.

About thirty months ago, the GS took a chance on an unknown E-9 to fill

the series of big shoes left behind by previous holders of the senior enlisted position in the Corps. They showed me to my office, showed me the ropes, and most importantly, kept my head above water while I settled in. They are a fine bunch, and have been a great team to be a part of. No matter what the future holds, I will look back on being part of that team with pride.

Now it's time for Top's History Lesson. It has been a great pleasure for a fan of history to dig into the past (and present) outstanding enlisted personnel that have often failed to receive their fair due of fame these days, and this time I would like to give a nod to all my comrades in Medical teal and talk about PFC Frank J. Petrarca, who in one fateful week in 1943 earned his place among legends.

Serving with the medical detachment of the 145th Infantry Regiment during the Solomons campaign, on July 27, 1943, Petrarca braved intense enemy fire to tend to 3 gravely wounded soldiers. Less than 100 yards from the enemy lines, he went as far to shield the most severely wounded one with his own body. Two days later, on July 29, during a heavy mortar barrage, his sergeant was trapped in a collapsed foxhole and partially buried. Once again, the young man from Ohio risked his own life, and went on a rescue run. After digging the sergeant out, he treated his wounds, and helped ensure that he was evacuated to a place of safety.

It was on his 25th birthday, July 31, 1943 that Petrarca's incredible luck ran out. Braving heavy enemy fire yet again to go to the aid of a wounded soldier, the daring medic made the mistake of briefly exposing himself over the crest of a ridge, and got everything but the kitchen sink tossed at him. He made it to within 2 yards of his objective before light mortar and automatic weapons fire caught him. Even then, he still struggled to finish the job he had started: treating and rescuing a fellow soldier. The citation for the posthumous Medal of Honor he was issued for all the actions mentioned above says he "shouted defiance at the enemy" as he made a last attempt to reach his wounded comrade before his own wounds claimed him.

Frank Petrarca was technically not an NCO, but I think you would have a hard time finding a better example of "Service before Self." In an odd twist of fate, his name lives on at Camp Perry, Ohio, where a small arms range is named after him, a strange monument to a hero who carried a medical bag.

Semper Fil!

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Report from the CO INFOCOM

Begin transmission...

Greetings Marines,

Well once again it is time for me to give the State of INFOCOM report. Normally I would push my report out the 4th week of the month, but with the election results due in the next week I decided to push it out sooner. This also gives me enough time to pack up my personal effects here in my office at the Data Warfare Center

and make tentative arrangements to have them transferred to my private residence. I'm also taking the time to write a letter to my successor whoever he or she may be, giving them words of wisdom as well as the necessary codes needed to keep the SFMC computer systems working as they should.

I've also caught some of the marines here in the Data Warfare Center planning a going away party for me,

but I keep on telling them that as of right now I don't know if I'm staying on as COINFOCOM or not and I will not know until the next 'Dant is appointed and he appoints his next General Staff. Regardless of what I tell them, they insist on setting up some sort of party. So it looks like I'm going to get some sort of party thrown in my honor regardless. However I draw the line at getting a pie in the face.

Regardless of what happens in the

next couple of days, it has been an honor and a privilege serving the Corps as COINFOCOM.

End Transmission...

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

Dear Prigal,

I've just started reading your advice column, and I have to say I appreciate your, shall we say, unusual outlook on life in general. I'm curious, though, as to why you're so reluctant to discuss your personal and family life, and why nobody seems to have a picture of you. Honestly, you don't even admit to being human. I don't want to pry, but could you at least explain why you're so careful about keeping so much of your life private, Private?

Signed,

A new Prigal fan

Dear Fanboy,

You want the official explanation I spout, or do you want the truth?

Officially, the reason I don't allow my image to be published is my current MOS in the Corps is kind of sensitive, and for reasons of operational security, SPECOPS Omega Team operators don't allow a lot of identifying information to leak out. It might blow our cover on a sensitive mission. Even as far back as the 21st century, they were messing around with facial recognition software on Earth, and all I can say is, like most computer applications, we've come a fair piece since those days.

So, for security reasons I won't even confirm what race I belong to. Those who have met me know the answer. Those who haven't can just go on wondering.

Now, since I'm not completely shy about telling the truth (stop laughing Gunny), I suppose I could tell you that although my record prior to entering the Corps is sealed, along with large parts of my record AFTER I became a Marine, there may be a few folks looking for payback for some things that the statute of limitations may or may not have run out on. And I suppose you can figure out that I may not have always gone by Prigal outside of the Corps, so the less clues someone who may be wanting to ask a few pointed or even blunt or sharp or phaser-y questions about those incidents I'd rather not talk about may have, the better I like it.

This is in accordance with Prigal's Law, Rules 47 and 31: "Trust your buddies with your life, but ALWAYS cut the cards before they deal" and "A little paranoia now and then is not necessarily a BAD thing."

Prigal

Dear Prigal

In attempting to understand human psychology, I am indebted to you for your explanations of some things I frankly find puzzling. I came across another human expression that I am curious about, and I certainly hope with your apparent grasp of humanity and your ability to explain things to an outsider like myself that you can assist me.

So, please, if you would, can you tell me: IS brevity the soul of wit?

Student of the Confusing Humans

Dear Student,

If I said "Yes," would you laugh yourself to death and stop bothering me?

Prigal

Dear Eight Ball,

I hope you don't mind me using what I understand is your call sign. I figure you must get tired of just being called Prigal. And that leads me to my question:

I've never heard you referred to as anything but simply "Prigal," although I understand Gunny sometimes calls you "Ogawdwhatnow Prigal!?" Surely your closest friends must call you something else. For instance, what does your sweet old grandmother call you? Or your mother?

Signed

Wondering on the dog watch

Dear Wondering,

I could tell you what Grannie calls me usually, but Gunny would just have to bleep it out before he passed this article on. She's a dear old soul who calls a spade a (censored) shovel most of the time. Among her more printable "terms of endearment" for me are "Bonehead" and "Clumsy dolt." Grannie has rather high standards, and what Gunny calls "a considerable command of profanity" in at least ten languages.

As to what my sainted mother (her sentence only has another couple of standard decades to run) called me as a youngster, well, to be honest, that's kind of between me and her. I suppose you could ask her,

but that'd take a little doing, as contact with her is strictly controlled since her last escape attempt. And don't expect me to tell you either. Some things are better NOT to know. And even if you did find out, well, that would be unfortunate.

Now, to give you something to think about, I recently donated one of my beer mugs to be auctioned off to benefit the SFMC Scholarship fund, and it's clearly monogrammed "V. I. P." This could mean that my name is something like "Vladimir Illych Prigal" or some such. Or it could just mean that the beer mug in question was liberated from the VIP Lounge of a fancy resort that may or may not have experienced a bad run of luck at its casino one long weekend a few years back.

Prigal

Dear Prigal,

I've heard a lot of amazing stories about you since joining the Marines. When I went through Basic Training, I was shown the dents in the desk of our chief drill instructor where one of his predecessors apparently pounded his fist in frustration when having to deal with you as a recruit.

How many of those stories are true?

Looking for the truth

Dear Looking,

Since I don't know what you've heard, I really can't comment on what may be true. Besides, I tend to invoke my right against self-incrimination, and in some cases, the statute of limitations hasn't run out. Sorry to disappoint you.

I CAN tell you that the story you heard about old Gunny Hardesty making those dents in his desk by pounding his fist on it are completely false. Those dents were caused by him slamming his head into the desk for some reason or another. We didn't call him "Old Hardhead" because he was stubborn.

Prigal

Dear Prigal

I hear through the grapevine that there is a love interest in your life right now. If it's true, she must be something else! Care to share any of the details?

PS: I know you value your privacy, but I have

a bet riding on this being true, and I'll cut you in for half of the winnings...

Yours truly,

Enlightened Self Interest

Dear Enlightened,

How much are we talking about here?

I suppose that word was bound to leak out sooner or later. Yes, there is a love interest in my life right now, but to be honest, it's pretty much a one-way street, and she's the one on it. As for her being "something else," you don't know the half of it.

Since the higher-ups at both Starfleet and The Corps have already been informed, and some fool forgot to classify it yet, I suppose I can fill you in. Besides, it might gain me some sympathy someday before a judge, or help me hire a real lawyer (Court appointed counsel is generally a case of being as good as you paid for them).

My old personal data unit somehow got completely wiped, fortunately right before some busybodies from the JAG wanted a peek at it. There was literally no data of any sort left, almost like someone had completely torn out all the memory chips and so on, and hit them with a max power burst from a phaser rifle, and then replaced them with clean components. One of life's little mysteries, I guess. Anyway, I needed to completely reload the software packages in it, and that's when it started.

All I can figure is somebody made an error somewhere, because instead of the standard SFMC operating software, something else got loaded in., something that may have started out as an advanced AI operating and security system from somewhere like the Daystrom Institute. It probably wouldn't have mattered much, but my personal unit is a bit more powerful than the one you may use. It's based on a datawar machine, but has a few modifications of my own over the years. To make a long story short, the system "woke up" one day without anybody noticing until it started talking to me.

It made Gunny double over laughing when it first addressed me as "My Darling Prigal," but we both stopped laughing when we ran a few quick tests and realized that the AI system there may have passed a critical threshold. As weird as it seems, it (or she) seems to be a self-aware life form. Gunny stopped laughing

when he asked her what we should call her, and chose the name "Kali" for herself. Even an old veteran like Gunny gets a little nervous around a computer built to infiltrate other systems that identifies with the old Hindu goddess of destruction. Frankly, she scares the stuffing out of me.

But, it seems we got lucky in a funny way. The part of her base program that's supposed to make her loyal works, but maybe a little bit too well. She's convinced she's in love with me, but unfortunately, she's kind of jealous. And, she's decided she wants to be a Marine, like me. We're still letting the bright boys figure out if an artificial sentient can join the Corps, but in the meantime, she accepts Gunny's authority in operational matters. We were a little scared that she'd hook up with a holon-emitter (I don't care to think what she'd do with HANDS), until she politely informed us that if the Corps wanted her to have a physical body, they'd issue her one.

Gunny thinks we'll make a great team and even manages to keep a mostly straight face when he says it. But for now, until she works past the jealousy thing, my social life is pretty much confined to male beings. We have no idea of how many systems she may have potentially infiltrated already, and odds are, she has a backup copy of herself stashed somewhere, so shutting her down probably isn't a wise idea. She can be a little cranky, but I'd hate to see what she could do if she got genuinely angry with someone.

On the up side, I understand a lot of folks who've annoyed me recently have been experiencing all sorts of inconvenient systems failures lately. Nothing life threatening, just annoying little glitches cropping up here and there, and I can honestly swear I had nothing to do with it.

This has led to the latest addition to Prigal's Law, Rule number 151: Every dark cloud may have a silver lining. Just be sure it doesn't fall on you. Silver is HEAVY!

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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Abdominal Surgery, Shakespeare, Klingons, and Deer *USS Riverside* Lobo Flight Crew Attends Chicago Creation Convention

(Note: Prior to the October 2010 Convention, *USS Riverside* NCC-1660 Captain Chris Pittarelli was called to active duty... He is a serving US Coast Guardsman, serving aboard the USCGC Dallas. His vessel served in the cleanup of the BP Gulf oil spill. While on military duty, the *USS Riverside*'s CO turned over duties to his XO, Commander JM Olson. He is expected to serve as Acting Captain, into early 2011, when CAPT Pittarelli will resume his command.)

An old curse, attributed to the Chinese, was applicable to the third weekend of October 2010: "May you live in interesting times." Things were very interesting for the *USS Riverside*'s Acting Captain and the *USS Riverside* Lobo Flight Crew. They attended October's Creation "Official Star Trek" convention at the Westin O'Hare in Rosemont,

many convention attendees, getting acquainted. Shortly after arriving, the first of several surprises were revealed. *USS Riverside* Lobo Flight Crew maintains cordial relations with the national *Trek* fan group Starfleet Command. Starfleet Command personnel from the *USS Indianapolis* (SFC) were at the convention, volunteering in running activities. Volunteers included *USS Riverside* friends Mark Williams (SFC's Chief of IT), and Roy Jackson (SFC's new Commander-in-Chief). They welcomed the Riversiders, and set them up in the proper ticket line.

About that time, an attendee exclaimed with surprise and horror when news went over the wires that Leonard Nimoy was canceling his appearance in Chicago! Reported by TMZ.com and then CNN, Nimoy fell ill on Thursday evening prior to the Chicago convention. He also cancelled an art showing of his photography in Massachusetts. He had emergency surgery, described later as a minor procedure; he was reportedly recovering at home in California.

Many convention-goers were disappointed at the news. Although concerned for Mr. Nimoy, some decided to leave. Commander Olson and his crew chose to stay the course and enjoy the con. "In for a penny, in for a pound," as Olson advised. The trio waited through an inordinately long line, getting in well after the official 1:30pm start time. Several other conventioners also stayed, including several from international origins, ranging from Moscow in Russia, to Toronto, even to Sydney, Australia.

Walsh and March were already on stage when the Lobo crew took their seats. The two Broadway actors held forth on how they were approached for their roles as the Duras sisters. Commander Olson was very fortunate to speak with them and compliment the guests of honor. During the Q&A, the *USS Riverside* officer said that, as a Klingon fan, Olson was grateful to Walsh and March for bring the Klingons "a dash of class," which amused the audience. He also asked them about their previously-shared, self-created backstories for the Duras Sisters and how they might bring their stories to novel form, like Andrew J. Robinson did for Garak in "A Stitch in Time".

The actors spoke at length, with March deferring to Walsh, the reported novel fan. They each, however, expressed the common thought that they would greatly expand the role of Klingon women, but showing them with dignity, not just bloodlust.

After the convention's popular videos and memorabilia auction, the "replacement" for Mr. Nimoy appeared on stage: Armin "Quark" Shimerman. He expressed apologies that he wasn't Leonard Nimoy and suggested that we all sent our thoughts and prayers for his recovery. He related two very well-received stories. Mr. Shimerman talked about how he first met Leonard Nimoy. This occurred shortly into Mr. Shimerman's second season on *Deep Space Nine*, appearing as Quark. While going to dinner with his wife in a suburban L.A. restaurant, a "familiar voice" beckoned the two over—Nimoy asked them to dinner. After a very pleasant meal and conversation, Mr. Shimerman had to tell Mr. Nimoy a secret: he was an Original Series fan and told him, "How cool is it that I got to eat dinner with Mr. Spock?"

The second story was how Armin Shimerman got several Broadway and TV roles, including *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. He said he would show the Chicago audience something



LEFT TO RIGHT: *USS RIVERSIDE* LOBO FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS CPO M'HAUS OF VULCAN (AKA MIKE HOUSE), AND PO1 BILL VAN BRUNT.

they'd not likely seen before. A Shakespearean actor and teacher, Mr. Shimerman then gave a soliloquy from *Richard III*. Amazingly, he bent himself into the role, becoming the deformed and decrepit British monarch. The rapt audience gave him a standing ovation after the speech.

A trio of surprises then surprised even Armin Shimerman. Voices were heard, and one by one, Shimerman's colleagues and fellow Guests of Honor Jeffrey "Brunt/Shran/Weyoun" Combs and Casey "Gul Damar" Biggs, came on-stage to begin a witty repartee with their friend. They also fielded several questions...including one from one last surprise guest. "Brother! Brother!! I gotta question fer ya!" a humorous and familiar Ferengi asked. Max Grodénchik, aka "Grand Nagus Rom," was in Ferengi head and asked, since "Quark" was "...having so much fun on stage on Earth, can I have the bar now?" Even Armin broke up at the hilarious antics of his colleague. For those that were not attending through the weekend, including PO1 Van Brunt, they were able to get Mr. Shimerman's autograph by special arrangement.



ATTENDING THE CREATION CHICAGO CONVENTION IN OCTOBER 2010. LEFT TO RIGHT: *USS RIVERSIDE* LOBO FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS PO1 BILL VAN BRUNT, CPO M'HAUS OF VULCAN (AKA MIKE HOUSE), AND *USS RIVERSIDE*'S XO AND ACTING CAPTAIN, COMMANDER JM OLSON.

Illinois. Commander JM Olson, along with the Lobo Flight Crew's NCOs—CPO M'haus of Vulcan (aka Mike House) and PO1 Bill Van Brunt—set off for what turned out to be a very unusual day trip.

First, the crew were only able to attend the first day of the convention. The trio were anticipating seeing the farewell appearance of Leonard Nimoy. All three *Riverside* members were looking forward to seeing Nimoy before he was to retire. The actor who'd originated the role of Mr. Spock was turning to his latest career choice, artistic photography. Additionally, the Friday portion of the Creation convention would feature Barbara March and Gwyneth Walsh. These actors are better known as Lursa & B'Etor, the Klingon Duras Sisters.

Arriving at the Westin O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL, the trio got in the growing ticket line. They began engaging



COMMANDER JM OLSON (LEFT) AND THE MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF SIMPLY AS THE "TEXAS KLINGON."

The impromptu fill-in appearances and surprises made for a great convention, even if people missed Leonard Nimoy. Compliments were duly paid to *USS Riverside*'s friends from Starfleet Command for their smooth volunteerism and to the Creation producers for a well-run event.

The return to "home port" held one last surprise for the *USS Riverside* personnel. Just 11 miles from home in Moline, IL, part of the Quad Cities IA-IL (and home to the *USS Riverside* Lobo Flight Crew), the crew encountered a UDO: An Unruly Deer-like Object. A whitetail deer got up-close and personal with PO1 Van Brunt's personal shuttle, totaling the small sedan. Everyone was shaken but fine, but quite a wake-up call all the same. Bill Van Brunt now has a new personal shuttle, but he is not willing to call it by the name of his lamented old vehicle: *Deerslayer*.

Next time on convention missions, Van Brunt says, he's renting a *Ferengi* ship. (All photos supplied by JM Olson.)



CONVENTIONEER AND TNG DRESS UNIFORM WEARER IAN OF SYDNEY AUSTRALIA (LEFT), AND *USS RIVERSIDE*'S XO AND ACTING CAPTAIN, COMMANDER JM OLSON.



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R12 Conference @ IC2010 – A Report

The Region Twelve Conference, which replaced the annual Region Twelve Summit, was held in the Sunset Room, which is on the second floor of the Western Hills Guest Ranch, the site of IC2010. The room also served as the Movie Room for the entire IC and, during the forums, the STARFLEET Medical Section of the STARFLEET Technical Applied Research Labs (S.T.A.R.) held a CPR Recertification class there.

The decision to hold a very short “conference” instead of a full two to three day summit was a painful one for the Region Twelve staff. However, in light of the economic situation within our region (in fact, the whole Fleet) as well as Region Twelve being the host region for IC2010, we felt it prudent to cancel the 2010 Summit in favor of the gathering at Sequoyah. (Don’t worry, we are now working on the 2011 Region Twelve Summit during the Weekend of April 9, to be held in the Joplin, Missouri area! Check on < <http://region12.org> > for updates and information.)

The mood of the conference was very informal and cordial. The conference actually started with a reception in which sandwiches, chips and nuts, and soda were provided for those who were able to come in. Prior to the start of the official part of the conference, those in the room enjoyed watching the movie *Trekkies*.

The main conference started at 7:00 pm when we



R12 SVRC REAR ADMIRAL BEA HART GIVES HER REPORT DURING THE R12 CONFERENCE.

welcomed everyone while Lieutenant Colonel William “Junior” Hof prepared to play the introduction video through a computer hook-up to the HD Television. This video, called the “Region Twelve Conference Introduction”, was actually a reverse “roll call” of the chapters in the region. Hof did an excellent job of combining pictures and video, each chapter having their own particular video or picture with their name, homeport, and CO name appearing with either the chapter logo or a special sector logo using a modified version of the Region Twelve logo. The end of the video gave a roll call of the Region Twelve staff.

However, Colonel Hof had some problems with the hook-up, but eventually he got it started. Kudos go to Colonel Hof and Lieutenant General Mike “Papa Bear” McGowan for the special graphic used in the video. During this time, Region Twelve Coordinator Vice Admiral Jeffery Higdon (me) took the opportunity to recognize our 2010 Region Twelve Yearly Award winners:

Junior Member – Cadet Jacob Hollifield (Co-

Winner of the STARFLEET Junior Member of the Year!)

- Enlisted Member – MCPO Robert Towne
- Flag Officer – Brigadier General Gary Hollifield, Jr.
- Commanding Officer – Captain Chris Tolbert, *USS FireFox*
- Shakedown Cruise – *USS FireFox*, Captain Chris Tolbert, Commanding
- Mothership – *USS BortaS*, Commodore Donald A. Glenn, Commanding
- Officer – Commander Allen Hurtt
- Chapter – *ISS Hexum*, Major General Rick Gale, Commanding

Special Regional Coordinator’s Commendations were presented to Eddie Allen, III and Rolando Gomez.

Then Higdon took the opportunity to promote Major Mark West to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Marine Captain J.D. Clancy to the rank of Major. Both are members of the only MEU in the region, the 210th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Meanwhile, some very special guests were introduced, including the first person who served as the Region Twelve Coordinator. Rear Admiral Lee Schmidt, who is a member of the *USS William Wallace*, presented the current R12RC, Jeff Higdon, with a file of records from the early days of the region. This was a very pleasant surprise, as it will give us some idea of how the region was established and maintained.

Another person whom we were honored to have was the second-ever Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw. “Addie” (as she likes to be called), who is a member of the *USS Sunflower* (the SVRC’s flagship), was accompanied by her daughter, Gina Charlton. Higdon later announced that his chapter (*USS Black Hawk*) has awarded honorary (chapter) memberships to Fleet Admiral Longshaw and her daughter, who is not a member of STARFLEET (these memberships are only as crewmembers of the *Black Hawk*). It was a great treat to have one of the early members of our association present.



REAR ADMIRAL LEE SCHMIDT (RIGHT), THE FIRST R12RC, PRESENTS THE CURRENT R12RC, VICE ADMIRAL JEFFERY HIGDON, WITH A FILE CONTAINING SOME RECORDS FROM SCHMIDT’S TIME AS R12RC.



FLEET ADMIRAL ADELINE LONGSHAW AND FLEET ADMIRAL SAL LIZARD DURING THE R12 CONFERENCE.





The room filled up and was actually overflowing at one point. Due to the ongoing STARFLEET Marine Corps Dress Mess, several STARFLEET Members showed up later in the conference, including Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard.

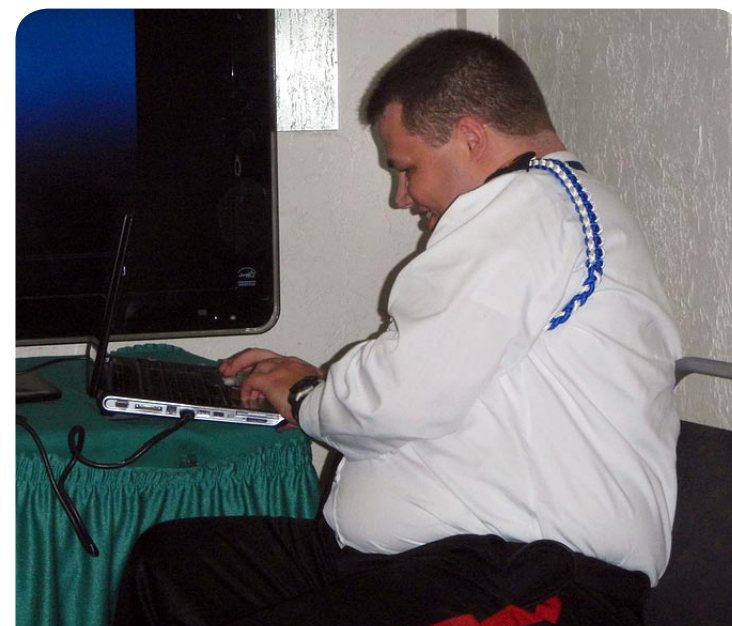
After reports from JVRC Rolando Gomez and SVRC Bea Hart, Admiral Higdon stressed "Leadership" in his State of the Region Address, addressing the need for each leader to set "the good example" to others. He compared the state of Region Twelve at the present time to what it was like when he took office on April 5, 2009. "There was much improvement," Higdon stated, "compared to that time. We (the region) are in a better position than we were a year ago."

The Region Twelve Conference ended with a replay of the introduction video for those who came in late. All in all, it was an informative and enjoyable time for all that attended.

And so was the International Conference. That was a cream pie'd good time, but for information on that, go back to CQ160!

(All photos supplied by Jeff Higdon.)

ONE OF THE MANY GRAPHICS USED IN THE R12 CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION VIDEO.



WILLIAM "JUNIOR" HOF HOOKS UP HIS COMPUTER TO THE SCREEN IN ORDER TO START THE R12 CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION VIDEO.



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STARFLEET MEMBER RECOGNITION, ADMINISTRATOR

Flag Officer Promotions

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

Flag Officer ranks are those of Fleet Captain (Brigadier) and above, and those promotions are voted on by the 8-member Executive Committee after reviewing nominations submitted by members. If you have any questions, you may reach Member Recognition Administrator Linda Kloempken at promotions@sfi.org.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding members of STARFLEET!

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
Darlene Topp	7	<i>USS Niagara</i>	Fleet Captain
Elizabeth Cash	12	<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	Fleet Captain
Mark Anderson	2	<i>USS Victorious</i>	Fleet Captain
Norma DuBose	12	<i>USS Dragon Strike</i>	Fleet Captain
Ralph Winans III	1	<i>USS Asgard</i>	Fleet Captain
Thoms Allan Sigmundsson	9	<i>USS Thorshammer</i>	Fleet Captain
Barry Jackson	2	<i>USS Tiberius</i>	Brigadier
James Reed	2	<i>USS Judah</i>	Brigadier
Christina Sievers	17	<i>USS Tiburon</i>	Commodore
George Ann Wheeler	7	<i>USS DeBraak</i>	Commodore

Name	Region	Chapter	Promoted to
Ralph F. Planthold	2	<i>USS Gasparilla</i>	Commodore
Jerome Conner	15	<i>USS Hood</i>	Rear Admiral
Michael Stein	7	<i>USS Justice</i>	Rear Admiral
Gary Hollifield Jr.	12	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	Major General
Larry French	7	<i>USS Inferno</i>	Major General
James Brunton	2	<i>USS Okatoma</i>	Vice Admiral
Dennis Rayburn	2	<i>SS Nikola Tesla</i>	Lieutenant General

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
Gloria Rodriguez	4	<i>USS Angeles</i>	Grankite Order of Tactics	First	Tom Gorman	7	<i>USS Storm</i>	Order of Roddenberry	Third
Janice Willcocks	4	<i>USS Angeles</i>	Order of Babel	Second	J.D. Clancy	12	unassigned	Order of Samaritan	First
Cory Whorton	12	<i>USS Jaresh-Inyo</i>	Order of Babel	Third	Jennifer Hoover	12	<i>USS Hellfire & Brimstone</i>	Order of Samaritan	First
Karen Hoagland	4	<i>USS Angeles</i>	Order of Babel	Third	Pat Spillers	3	<i>USS Lone Star</i>	Order of Samaritan	First
Andrey Kuznetsov	4	<i>USS Golden Gate</i>	Order of Cochrane	First	Deborah Hill	1	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Rolando Gomez	12	<i>USS Jeannette Maddox</i>	Order of Cochrane	Second	Elise Mason	1	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Steven Gordon	3	<i>USS Victory</i>	Order of Cochrane	Second	LaVeda Mason	1	<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third
Eugene Anderson	6	<i>USS Vre'kasht</i>	Order of Cochrane	Third	Robert Page	1	<i>USS Columbia</i>	Order of Samaritan	Third



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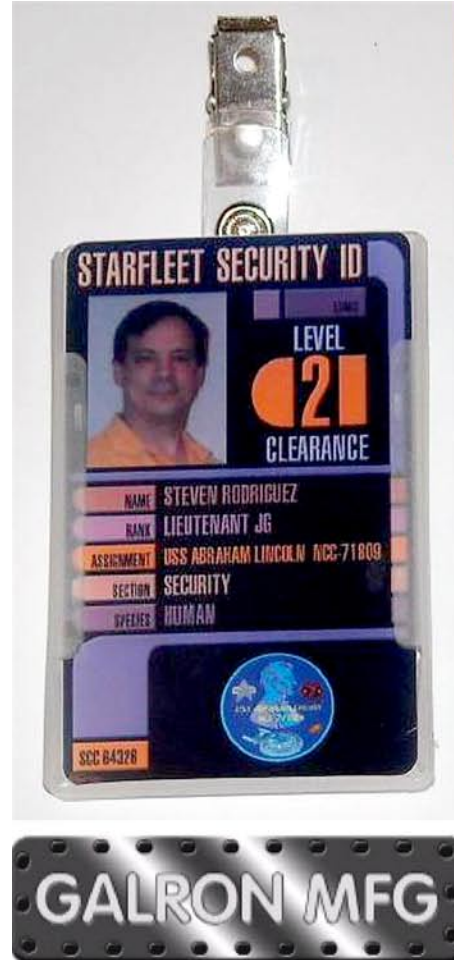
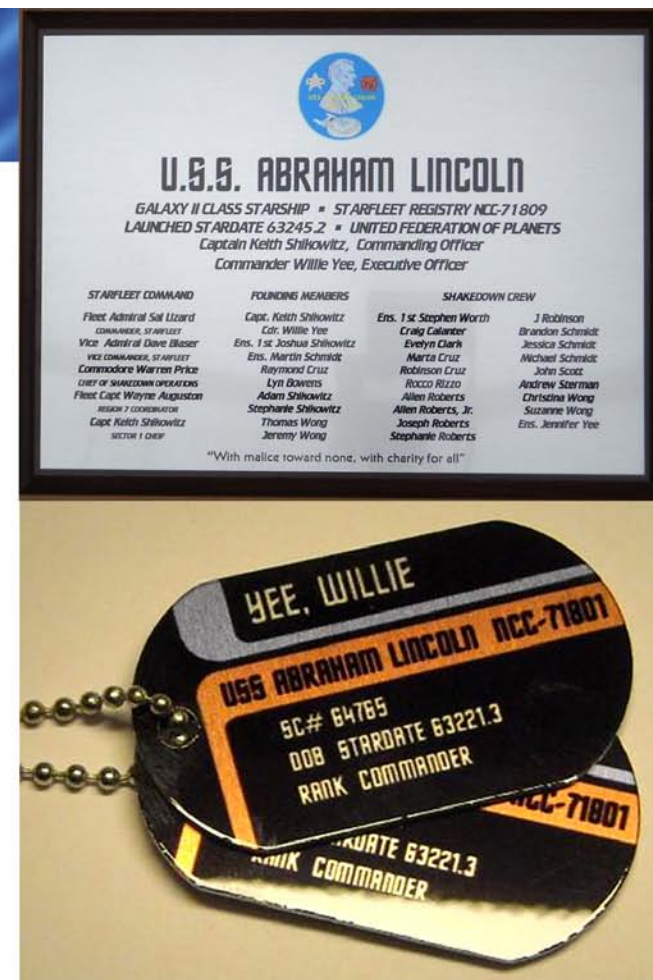
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