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An Interview with Peter David



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Summit Reports**

**USS Darwin Celebrates
Earth Day**

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Report From The Commander, STARFLEET

In my last article, I mentioned that we were a week away from the Region 2 Summit, and as I write this now, the summits for Region 1, 2 and 12 have already taken place. Regions 5 and 15 will be having theirs this coming weekend.

I wasn't able to make it out to Region 12's summit, but I was able to be at the summits for both Region 1 and 2. Boy, what a great time I had at both, meeting members, talking about Star Trek and what's happening in STARFLEET, and overall having a great time with friends, making new friends. I even got a chance to repair a friendship that I was worried was badly damaged.

That's one of the great things that I've found about summits and conferences... it's a great chance to have fun and enjoy yourself with your fellow members.

In Tampa, at the Region 2 Summit in March, we had a blast at MOSI. I'd like to give a quick shout-out to some people who made it a great time for me: DJ Allen, Bruce Dolan, Linda Olson, Alvin Dozier, Angela Lewis, Jack Eaton, and so many more people who welcomed me and made me feel right at home at the summit. (Not to mention helping me warm up from the frigid winter weather up here in Canada.)

Last weekend (May 13-15), I traveled down to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for the Region 1 Summit, and again I had a fantastic time. I didn't get to see much in the way of sights in Pigeon Forge (which I've started to call the Niagara Falls of the South – those of you who have been to Niagara Falls, Ontario will know how much of a tourist town it is), but I did get a few good shots as I drove through town – in particular the Titanic Museum. I tried but wasn't able to get a picture of another attraction called "Hatfields and McCoys" which had a picture of someone who looked a whole lot like Sal half-way in his Abner Zombie costume.

At the Region 1 Summit, I got a chance to sit in with the First Brigade during their Marine Muster. I stepped out before they had their Nerf War (seeing the pictures of that was great!), but I did get to inspect some of the arsenal that they had there... truly something to see!

I hadn't been to a Region 1 Summit in about 12 years, and this was a great chance for me to get back, see some friends, and to make some new friends while I was there. A quick shout-out to some people there, if you don't mind, who made it for a great time for me were Willy and Linda Smith, the crew of the USS Cumberland, Susan Mahaffey, Pam Michaud and the crew of the USS Ronald E. McNair, Matt Moyer & Warren Price (the Summit Chairs), Cindy Krell and the crew of the USS Star League, Ruth Lane, and many, many more. Special thanks to Barry Jackson from the USS Tiberius for being so kind as to share his room with me at the summit.

It's interesting to see how different regions and chapters do things in their areas, how they interact with each other, and how they go about working the fun and entertainment into the things that they do – it's very clear that we have an extremely dedicated group of people in our chapters and regions, people who want to see their chapters, regions and STARFLEET as a whole succeed, and have fun while they're doing it! Having fun in their particular area of fandom is at the top of just about everyone's list, and it's really incredible to see the different ways that it manifests.

At the Region 1 Summit, one of the conversations that I had was with Peter Yohe. Peter is fairly new to being the First Brigade Officer in Charge, and I could tell that he was a little nervous about his first time in that position at the Summit and Marine Muster. During the conversation, one of the things I said to Peter was that the most important thing was having fun, which I thought that he definitely had, outside of that short time being nervous during the General Session.

Peter was among a pretty decent sized group of people who got up on the dance floor, forgot about their worries, and just cut loose and enjoyed themselves. At least, it really looked like everyone was having fun... but I think that the mission was accomplished. The weekend had fun, silliness, and Star Trek, so Region 1 achieved the best things that they could for a summit.

I'm really looking forward to going to more regional summits now, in meeting more of our members,

and seeing how they really enjoy Star Trek in their areas.

I won't make it to all of the summits and conferences each year. I'm sure I won't be able to get to all of them throughout my time as CS, but I'm going to try and get to as many of them as I can and see what our members enjoy doing!

I definitely hope that each of you will go out to your local summit or conference. It's a great time and something you'll definitely enjoy!

Moving on to other topics, we're now into the last days of NASA's Space Shuttle Program – a few days ago, Endeavour was launched and docked with the International Space Station, and we're probably a month or so away from the last flight of Atlantis.

It's definitely unfortunate that the program is coming to an end now. There's definitely a LOT more science to be done, but I'm looking forward to what our various nations' governments come up with in terms of taking us to the next world and beyond.

History is one of my personal areas of interest, including the history of the space programs. Those of you who follow some of the historical space missions will know that Voyager 1 and 2 are still on their way out into the galaxy, with Voyager 1 being the furthest space probe that mankind has made and sent out. Even though the probes are over 30 years of age, they're still returning data and teaching us about what's out there. They're both in an area of space called the Heliosheath, just a short distance (in astronomical terms, at least) from interstellar space.

It'll be interesting to see what they can continue to send back to us here on Earth, and what we can learn from our first steps out into the Final Frontier.

I think that I've probably gone on long enough for this edition. Take care and I hope to see you at the International Conference or at a summit in the future!



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POSITION: VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET
CHAPTER: USS TIBURON NCC-74220



The Second Fiddle Report

Welcome to another Second Fiddle. What a busy couple of months it has been in the Vice-Commanders office. My first Chief of Staff, John Roberts, went off and got himself elected as Regional Coordinator for Region 17. My replacement for him, Gary Halverson, is in the processing of moving and I personally just finished moving. Let me tell you, when something happens it happens all at once!

I want to take a moment and thank John Roberts for his service as my Chief of Staff through the transition and the first few months of this year. John and I spent many hours building the start of the Vice-Commanders office foundation. John, thank you and good luck with your new posting as Regional Coordinator Region 17!

Also, I wish to thank Gary Hollifield Jr for his time and effort with the Annual Campaign. Gary was appointed the director under the previous admin-

istration and is only stepping away from Annual Campaign due to some changes in his life. Gary is still very much involved in many aspects of STARFLEET. Gary, thank you for your time and dedication to STARFLEET.

There are a few office announcements to make: I would like to announce the appointment of Gary Halverson as the Vice-Commander's Chief of Staff. Gary brings a lot of experience to the post, both within STARFLEET and in real life. Gary is with the USS Tiburon in Denver, Colorado and is eager to start helping me get the office of Vice-Commander moving and shaking (or singing Karaoke).

I would like to announce the appointment of STARFLEET's new HR/Personnel Director: Robert Page. Robert is with the USS Horangi in Heidelberg, Germany. By the time you read this article, he should be up and running at full speed!

I would like to announce the appointment of STARFLEET's new Annual Campaign Director: Aaron Clark. Aaron is with the USS Southern Cross in Sommerville, Waiuku New Zealand. However he lives in Iowa USA. Aaron will be working on some great projects and events to get us all involved.

Welcome aboard to these gentlemen, and a thank you to all those that applied for these positions! It is great to see that so many members are interested in helping do fun things with STARFLEET. Keep an eye on the list and hr.sfi.org for other possible opportunities to work within STARFLEET.

Spring and summer are upon us, and I am sure that all of us are enjoying getting outside and activities with our families, friends, and chapters. I hope that everyone has a great time this summer, stay safe, and let us know what you all are doing for fun!

Quick Tips - Viewing Your Member Info

It is important from time to time to review your information on record with STARFLEET. You can do that using by the STARFLEET Member Database at <http://db.sfi.org>

After you have logged into the STARFLEET Member Database look for the "Member" tab in the left-column navigation. Figure 1

Please note that depending on your position and responsibilities within STARFLEET, you may have access and visibility to some of these (or other functions) beyond that which is accessible and viewable by the average member.

After clicking on the "Member" tab in the left-column navigation, you should see something similar to Figure 2

Online Renewal – allows you to submit your membership renewal

- o Change Password – allows you to change your password

- o Change account Info – allows you to submit changes for your name, mailing address, email, date of birth and telephone number
- o Member Lookup – allows you to check basic information about another member (SCC #, Name, Join date, expiration date, chapter and region)
- o Member Eligibility – allows you to view your SFA, SFMCA course records, as well as your awards list
- o Affiliations - allows you to change your SFMC affiliation to active, reserve or none

Feel free to explore and review your data records. If you find an error or if you get into a 'jam', you can click on the blue text at the bottom of the most of the database pages where it says, "SFI Member Services Helpdesk" to report the problem, error, or to get some technical help.

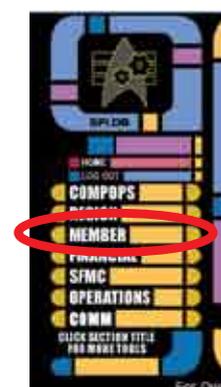


Figure 1

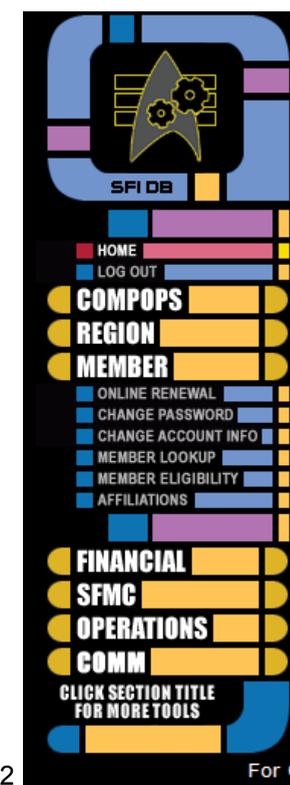


Figure 2



NAME: LINDA OLSON
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POSITION: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET
CHAPTER: USS RELENTLESS NCC--81001



Report from the Chief Financial Officer

SFI Main checking account.
Opening balance 4/1/11 \$2748.15

Credits for April 2011
4/1/11 Paypal transfer -3903.54
4/1/11 Paypal transfer -423.65
4/5/11 Deposit 121.00
4/14/11 Deposit 11.00 (Petfleet sub- account initial deposit)
4/18/11 Deposit 126.00
4/18/11 Counter Credit 17.00
4/25/11 Deposit 152.00

Debits for April 2011
4/1/11 Avl disc Makers - 67.41
4/5/11 Check 2363 62.00 M. Ingles reimburse for PO Box rental
4/7/11 FEDEX 12.79
4/7/11 Dreamhost -94.31
4/8/11 Allegra Print and Imaging -496.86
4/15/11 Pitney Bowes 100.90
4/15/11 Pitney Bowes 71.85
4/15/11 Walmart - CFO printer ink -15.52
4/15/11 Pitney Bowes 6.05
4/18/11 NC sales and use tax 1.71
4/20/11 Fla Dept Revenue -22.62
4/20/11 USPS postage 14.97
4/29/11 Check 2365 .24 Alabama sales tax

Closing balance for April 2011 - \$6495.42

Current status of the CDs on May 26th 2011

CD 2541 is a 7 month term, coming due on 9/30/11 current balance is \$16775.60 current rate is .45%

CD 2512 is a 9 month term, coming due on 10/30/11 current balance is \$5155.29 current rate is .35%

CD 1628 is a 12 month term, coming due on 8/15/11 current balance is \$1106.81 current rate is .65%

SFI General Scholarship Fund
April 1, 2011 balance was \$4382.46
credits to the account

4/29/11 interest earned - .29

Debits to the account - none

Closing balance as of 5/1/11 - 4382.75

IC Odd Account
April 1, 2011 balance was \$1948.64
Credits to the account

4/25/11 ATM deposit NJ -50.00

Debits to this account - none
Closing balance as of 5/1/11 \$1998.64

IC Even Account
Jan 1, 2011 balance was \$724.75
There have been no credits to this account

Debits
1/31/11 Service Fee \$16.00
2/28/11 Service fee \$16.00
3/31/11 Service fee \$16.00
4/29/11 Service fee \$16.00

Current balance as of May 1, 2011 \$660.75
I have tried to get these fees reversed, but since I am in Georgia and the account was opened in Texas, only the originating office in Texas has the authority to refund the fees. This is eating away at all the accounts that have little or no activity on them each month. A single transaction on the account will prevent the Service fee. Or the account could be handled as a sub-account of the IC Odd and tracked separately in Quickbooks but actually all moneys would go into the same IC bank account. They could be reported as two accounts for bookkeeping purposes.

Spec Ops Account
January 1, 2011 balance was 144.00
Credits to Account
1/6/11 Refund of service fee - 16.00

Debits to Account
1/31/11 Service fee \$16.00
2/28/11 Service fee \$16.00
3/31/11 Service fee \$16.00
4/29/11 Service fee \$16.00

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Current balance as of May 1st 2011 \$96.00

SFMC Account
April 1, 2011 balance was \$2959.14
Credits to the account

4/27/11 Paypal transfer \$128.89

Debits to the account
4/15/11 Walmart shipping supplies -4.75
4/19/11 USPS postage for quartermaster sales -7.35
4/27/11 USPS postage for quartermaster sales -2.35

Current balance as of May 1, 2011 \$3073.58

SFMC Scholarship Fund
April 1, 2011 balance was \$2974.04

4/29/11 interest earned .20

There have been no debits to this account
Balance as of 4/29/2011 \$2974.24



NAME: CHRIS CAROTHERS
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET
CHAPTER: USS RICHTHOPEN NCG--73286



Computer Operations Report

So here we are, six months into this administration. Time does seem to be flying by! That is certainly helped along by the fact that we in Computer Operations have been keeping ourselves very busy of late!

The first bit of news is that the RFP for the new STARFLEET database has been completed and passed on to the rest of the EC for review. This is a great and very excited step toward getting a more streamlined and user friendly database! I hope all of the members are as excited about this prospect as I am.

Secondly, our department has begun the process of offering web hosting for any chapter that wants it. Our Webmaster, RADM Laura Victor, has gotten some great response thus far. It seems a lot of our chapters want to take advantage of this great op-

portunity. If you are also interested in having your chapter's website hosted by STARFLEET, please feel free to email Laura at webmaster@sfi.org.

Our department has also begun looking at the possibilities for updating the official STARFLEET website. We are not just looking at updating what's on it. We are looking updating everything for the website as far as menus, links, and layout. The website as it is now has served us well, but I (and numerous members who have emailed me about it) see many possibilities for making it even better. The aim is to have a website that will be easy for anyone to navigate and use no matter their experience level with the Internet. We have a decent list of things we want to enhance, but if you have an idea for an enhancement of your own, please don't keep it to yourself! Feel free to email me at compops@sfi.org or Laura Victor at webmaster@sfi.org

and let us know your idea(s). This website is for the members and we want people happy with the end product!

I know I sound like a broken record saying this, but I feel it is something that bears repeating as often as possible. If you have any issues, problems, or questions with anything concerning the database, the website, the email lists, or anything concerning Computer Operations, please do not hesitate to email me and let me know. My door is always open and I always attempt to be prompt in my responses. If you email me and get no response within a few days, please rattle my cage again!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at IC 2011 in August! Until then, CompOps out!



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CHAPTER: USS CONSTITUTION/NGC-75020



Academy News

Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

STARFLEET Academy's philosophy is to tailor our colleges/courses for the enjoyment of all STARFLEET members. These colleges/courses not only are fun but some also are a continuation of education. Some folks think that, once one is out the doors of a school and have received their high school diploma, GED or college degree, that learning is all done. Ah, but that is not the case. Everyone learns something new or is refreshed with something they knew a long time ago. Our materials, especially those involving real life situations, can teach everyone something, whether it is only one question or all within one or all colleges of SFA. We strive to meet the needs of each individual.

Some of you have read the following in the past, but we've had many newcomers since that time and it doesn't hurt to refresh everyone's memory. STARFLEET Academy is the education/entertainment branch of STARFLEET, offering a wide variety of courses ranging from trivial knowledge of the STAR TREK universe to expanding general knowledge about the world around us. Courses designed to help build practical skills can be found here as well. The Academy's curriculum has been designed to be offered exclusively to the members of STARFLEET, and it is free of charge for any course taken that is available through email. Some courses are also offered free of charge as part of the Fully Automated Course. (Students wishing to have course materials or graduation certificates sent via post are asked to pay a minimal fee to cover printing and shipping expenses.)

CADETS.... WHERE ARE THE CADETS? We here at STARFLEET Academy have several colleges specifically designed for our Cadet members. These are for members who are under the age of 18 or have learning disabilities. Cadet Studies courses are specifically designed for the youth members of STARFLEET or those members who, due to a disability, are unable to complete the standard course. We at the Institute of Cadet Studies are adding a

new incentive to get our cadets to take our college courses. What would look better on a Cadet uniform then a star or two, or even more, to show that they passed an entire college with Honors or Distinction? That's right. Every time a cadet completes all courses with a college in the Institute of Cadet Studies, s/he will receive a special certificate and a star that can be pinned to a costume, uniform or whatever the cadet wears at a STARFLEET, Star Trek or Sci-Fi function. They can really show off how proud they are of what they have accomplished, as rightly they should.

We have had no takers for nearly a year, and for some colleges over that time period. I do understand that during the school year, it is difficult and what young member wants to take another exam when they have them at their regular school. However, these are much more fun. Summer time is coming and maybe some cadets might want to try a few, but they need to know about them.

I doubt many cadets read the CQ so I'm asking the adult members to show the Cadets (bring them to the computer and actually show them that STARFLEET Academy has something for them as well) and tell them about the Honor Star(s) they could earn.

Maybe each chapter could have their own contest to see how many courses their cadets can take and add some good healthy competition within the chapter.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following on a well deserved promotion:

TJ Allen to Lieutenant Colonel
Jeffrey Davis to Commodore
Grady Glover to Commodore
Darlene Harper to Vice Admiral
Ros Haywood to Commodore
Bryan Jones to Brigadier
Tom Pawelczak to Rear Admiral
Russell Ruhland to Rear Admiral

BOOTHBY AWARDS

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

MARCH BOOTHBY AWARDS

Hi everyone! Here is the Boothby Report for the Month of March 2011. March was a busy month. Eric Johannson got 900 Ruby on 03/03/2011 and 950 Emerald on 03/19/2011. George Ann Wheeler got 1050 Bronze on 03/14/2011, 1100 Truman Temple on 03/22/2011 and 1150 Gold on 03/28/2011. Way to go!

50 Bronze

03/13/2011 Conner, Jerome
03/13/2011 Fisher, Charles
03/08/2011 Belodeau, Leo

100 Silver

03/01/2011 Stringer-Lund, Erik

250 Diamond

03/31/2011 Rogers, Leo
03/15/2011 Tremellwyn, Alys

500 Trilithium

03/19/2011 Newman, Franklin

550 Amber

03/05/2011 Mayo, Douglas

700 Amethyst

03/01/2011 Savander, Oliver

800 Opal

03/09/2011 Allen, TJ

850 Sapphire

03/03/2011 Schulman, Eric

900 Ruby

03/03/2011 Johannson, Eric

950 Emerald

03/19/2011 Johannson, Eric
03/01/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

1000 Omega

03/28/2011 Johannson, Eric
03/08/2011 Diebold, Glendon

1050 Bronze Star

03/14/2011 Wheeler, George Ann
03/07/2011 Rowlette, Bill

1100 Truman Temple

03/22/2011 Wheeler, George Ann
03/18/2011 Tipton, Jill

1150 Gold Star

03/28/2011 Wheeler, George Ann
03/25/2011 Fisher, Josephine

1200 Latinum Star

03/14/2011 French, Larry
03/05/2011 Smith, Wayne

FEATURED COLLEGES

COLLEGE OF ENGLISH

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The College of English provides a series of courses on the English language. These are fun ways of reminding yourself of the parts of English grammar that you learned in school, and include jokes, pictures, and Star Trek references that give syntax a whole new image.

COE101 – The Art of English – An Introduction

This course covers a brief history of the English language and its dictionaries. Then it moves on to a very basic identification of some of the more well-known

parts of grammar, and it finishes up with a discussion on ‘that or which?’ The test is a mixture of true/false, multiple choice, and short answer questions.

All students are to take COE101 before proceeding to Level 2

COE201 - Punctuation

This course begins with a joke and continues to look at various punctuation marks in a humorous way. It includes a time line, and uses examples with a Star Trek flavour. The test includes true/false and short answer questions.

COE202 - Clauses

This course looks at the grammatical units called Clauses, the different types of clause, and when they can be used. The test includes true/false and short

answer questions.

COE203 – Objects, Modifiers, and Word Order

This course looks at the more descriptive side of grammar, and where all these words go in a sentence. The test includes true/false and short answer questions.

COE204 - Sentences

This course explores the grammar of sentence structure. It takes you beyond the basic concepts presented in COE101: The Art of English - An Introduction. The test includes true/false and short answer questions.

Future courses on Paragraphs, Spelling, and a Level 3 on proofreading are all in pre-production.

SOURCE MATERIALS NEEDED:

Manuals will be provided



COLLEGE OF SARAH JANE ADVENTURES

Fleet Captain Anne Glover,

Director

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Step into the world that's remarkably like our own. It's a journey through the eyes of Sarah Jane Smith who has met more than just one incarnation of the Doctor. She has a super computer in the attic, an adopted son that isn't your normal child and friends that help her in her adventures. Some come and go and we even see K-9 here and there.

While aimed at younger audiences, SJA as it is fondly known is still fun for even the adults that know Sarah Jane from her travels with the Doctor.

This college houses the exams for the stories of the Sarah Jane Adventures and the exam on the original spin off pilot from 1981.

COLLEGE OF SPACEFLIGHT HISTORY

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Course Tuition:

Course is available, free, by email or online. If by mail, \$2.00, LSASE (Legal-size Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)

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APPO102 – Apollo 11

APPO103 – Apollo 12

APPO104 – Apollo 13

APPO105 – Apollo 14 to 15

APPO106 – Apollo 16 to 17

School of Gemini Missions

GEMI101 – Gemini 1

GEMI102 – Gemini 2

GEMI103 – Gemini 3

GEMI104 – Gemini 4

School of Mercury Missions

MERC101 – Mercury 1

MERC102 – Mercury 2

MERC103 – Mercury 3



APRIL BOOTHBY AWARDS

Here is the Boothby report for the Month of April 2011. You can see it was a little slow this month. Josephine Fisher received her 1200 Latinum Star on 04/08/2011 and 1250 Diamond Star on 04/29/2011. Carol Thompson is still in the lead with 1550 Amber Star on 04/09/2011.

50 Bronze

04/26/2011 Zecca, Anne

04/25/2011 Walker, Daniel

04/21/2011 Warren, Brandi

250 Diamond

04/16/2011 French, Debbie

450 Platinum

04/16/2011 Parker, George

550 Amber

04/13/2011 Newman, Franklin

04/11/2011 Schaller, Scott

700 Amethyst

04/19/2011 Miller, Marlene

800 Opal

04/16/2011 Dobrin, Donald

850 Sapphire

04/26/2011 Allen, TJ

1000 Omega

04/26/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

1050 Bronze Star

04/11/2011 Johannson, Eric

1200 Latinum Star

04/23/2011 Wheeler, George Ann

04/08/2011 Fisher, Josephine

1250 Diamond Star

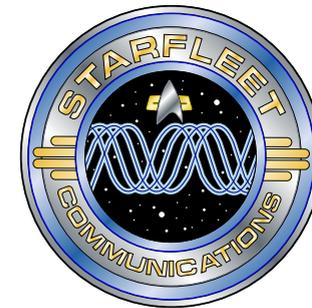
04/29/2011 Fisher Josephine

1550 Amber Star

04/09/2011 Thompson, Carol



NAME: MICHAL DUGAS
RANK: VICE ADMIRAL
POSITION: CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET
CHAPTER: USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012



Communications Report

No, you haven't fallen into a temporal loop. This issue of the Communiqué is simply really, really late. It was supposed to be the June/July issue, and many of the reports and articles were submitted to us around the end of May. Instead of just dumping those reports, we felt it better to proceed and publish them for you here.

I would like to thank you all for the support and understanding I've received since becoming the Chief of Communications. It has been overwhelming, and much appreciated. I just hope that I can meet the high standards that those before me have set,

and that includes getting the Communiqué schedule back on track. Our next issue, #166, will be out near the end of September and will contain reports submitted by August 31st.

Onto other Communications news... as some of you may have heard, Karen Mitchell Carothers has resumed her position as Vice-Chief of Communications. Among her other tasks, she'll be helping me craft a vision for the Communications Team. Once it is further along, we'll be happy to share it in an upcoming issue.

Over the next few issues, you'll see some changes to the Communiqué. We'll be trying a new format for an issue, and revamping the look, feel, and layout for our newsletter. I'm excited for the changes that are coming, and I hope that you guys like them. As always, we appreciate your feedback (both good and bad) regarding the Communiqué – you can always drop us a line at: cq@sfi.org

Thanks again, have fun at International Conference, and I'm looking forward to the future.

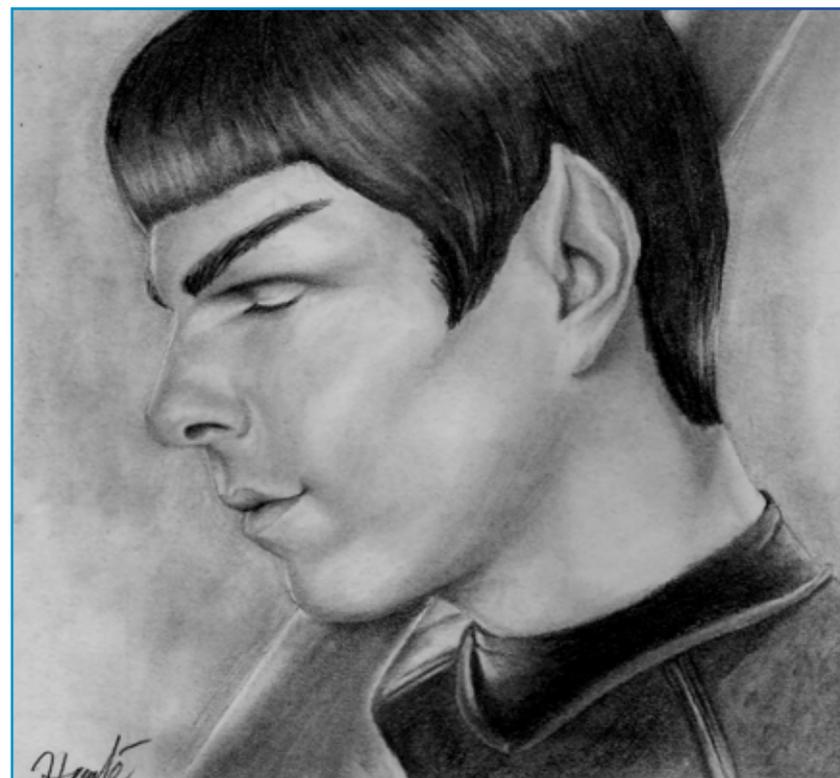
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USS Columbia NCC-2049

Knock it Off, SawBones; graphite on paper



When Music Meets Science; graphite on paper





NAME: PETE MOHNEY
RANK: VICE ADMIRAL
POSITION: STARFLEET QUARTERMASTER
CHAPTER: USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004



Update From The STARFLEET Quartermaster

STARFLEET is as cool as the other side of the pillow, right? Well, now's your chance to learn exactly what that means!

Spreadshirt has diversified its product offerings, and so we've added a much wider variety of items to our STARFLEET Spreadshop. We've got things like STARFLEET umbrellas, laptop sleeves, messenger bags (really awesome product!), scarves, and even bathrobes. And of course, pillowcases!

We've also added new T-shirt and sweatshirt colors, including expanding the colors offered in 3XL and 4XL sizes.

Jon Lane worked extra hard to not only create the virtual product catalog but also to organize it so that products are now MUCH easier to find. See for yourself at: <http://www.shop.sfi.org>

So now if you don't want to navigate through 8 pages of items, you can simply select a category of products--like 3XL T-shirts, Bags, or Pillowcases--and see only those items in that one category. Pretty cool.

Have you heard about the newer Starfleet Spreadshirt shop, where you can buy items from chapters and groups from all over Starfleet?

Surf on over to <http://starfleetheadquarters.spreadshirt.com/> and take a look at the dozens of items already in the store, from (so far) five different chapters and Starfleet groups (more to come - working on getting graphics properly set). You can get your own group, region or event added to the store by sending your own graphic to me (preferably as a 'transparent background' PNG file - but if not, I'll have it converted, though that may take a little while).

And before anyone asks--and Jon explained this last year--the reason that the classic STARFLEET logo does not appear on all items is that it is "grandfathered in" and cannot be reduced in size enough to fit onto certain products. That's the reason the new STARFLEET logo was created...to have something that would fit as a flex print (vector artwork) onto those products that couldn't fit the classic logo.

Speaking of flex printing, if you've never seen it, it's pretty impressive. The designs NEVER fade. The T-shirts will fall apart to rags long before that STARFLEET logo gets any less bright. And for products with the classic STARFLEET logo, the flex printing allows for a metallic gold color that makes the logo really pop!

So what are you waiting for? Spring is nearly here! Get yourself some T-shirts! Get a bag to carry food in for a picnic! Get a scarf in case winter comes back for a twelfth time! And yes, get a pillowcase to sleep on!

Visit www.shop.sfi.org ... You'll be glad you did.

The Starfleet QM has carried several different kinds of pins for a long time, and this Spring we're improving that even more! The flag rank pins have been restocked and are ready for 'summit season', and we're pleased to announce that we are now selling black rank pins that were specially made for Starfleet to perfectly match the gold rank pins. In addition, we're about to order TNG-style cadet collar pins, which should be in stock in a few weeks.

Don't forget the custom-made Special Operations pins - these beautiful pins feature the logo of Starfleet Special Operations, with Starfleet International above it and the group name below. Made of gold and red enamel, with a sturdy pin back. Sales benefit Starfleet Special Operations. The goal of Special Operations is to provide members of STARFLEET with a one on one experience, by allowing them to take on the personae of elite STARFLEET Special Operations soldiers. They can do this by taking STARFLEET Academy or STARFLEET Marine Corp Academy tests that allow them to follow one of five career tracks within the SFSO. Surf over to <http://sfsf.sfi.org/> for more information on this department.





NAME: RUSSELL RUHLAND
RANK: COMMODORE
POSITION: CHIEF CHAPLAIN
CHAPTER: USS DAVINCI NCC-74281



NAME: BRYAN JONES
RANK: COLONEL
POSITION: DEPUTY CHAPLAIN
CHAPTER: USS TIBERIUS NCC-58210



The Chaplain's Chat

Chaplain Services has come a long way in the past 2 years. I have seen members of my staff come and go, but all who have taken their spare time to work with this office have made significant contributions to the Chaplain Corps. We have successfully provided for the spiritual needs of our members within at least three regions by designating a Regional Chaplain Liaison. Members who are assigned to their chapters or MSG are beginning to contact us to let us know who they are and what they are accomplishing, and we have been able to personally contact many members who have been hospitalized or had a passing in their family to offer our support and prayers.



in the Thang Binh District of the Que Son Valley, elements of the 1st Battalion 5th Marines encountered a large North Vietnamese unit of approximately 2500 men near the village of Dong Son. The outnumbered and disorganized Company D was in need of reinforcements. By 9:14 am, twenty-six Marines were confirmed dead and another company of Marines was committed to the battle. At 9:25 am, the commander of 1st Battalion 5th Marine requested further reinforcements.

Recommendations for the Order of Capodanno may be submitted to the office of the Chief or Deputy Chief Chaplain. This will be considered an annual award. Although we will be allowing recommendations for this award to be submitted at any time during the year, it is our desire to be able to present the award or at the very least publicize the names of award recipients as part of the annual STARFLEET International Conference each year, beginning with IC 2011.

Send your questions or comments to Russell at: trekchristian@gmail.com, or Bryan at: rustyanchor1962@yahoo.com. Until next time, live long & prosper!

And now, as we continue to move forward, I am privileged to introduce a new Order of Merit Award designed for our chaplains or members who have made superior or significant meritorious contribution to service within the Chaplain Corps. It is entitled, The Order of Capodanno.

Quoted from wikipedia:

Vincent Robert Capodanno (February 13, 1929 – September 4, 1967) was a United States Navy Roman Catholic chaplain and a posthumous recipient of America's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for actions during the Vietnam War.

Chaplain Capodanno was born on Staten Island, New York, on February 13, 1929. He graduated from Curtis High School, Staten Island, and attended Fordham University for a year before entering the Maryknoll Missionary Seminary in Ossining, New York. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in June 1957.

In December 1965, Father Capodanno received his commission as a lieutenant in the Navy Chaplain Corps. He was assigned to the First Marine Division in Vietnam in April 1966.

At 4:30 am, September 4, 1967, during Operation Swift

Father Capodanno went among the wounded and dying, giving last rites and taking care of his Marines. Wounded once in the face and having his hand almost severed, he went to help a wounded corpsman only yards from an enemy machine gun and was killed. His body was recovered and interred in his family's plot in Saint Peters Cemetery, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.

On December 27, 1968, then Secretary of the Navy, Paul Ignatius, notified the Capodanno family that Lieutenant Capodanno would posthumously be awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his selfless sacrifice. The official ceremony was held January 7, 1969.

End quote.

Lieutenant Capodanno has 13 known memorials dedicated to his name worldwide.

Within STARFLEET, The Order of Capodanno is provided specifically through the Office of Chaplain Services. It shall be made available for awarding at three levels of merit. Award of Distinction shall be awarded to those members whom have distinguished themselves in service to the Chaplain Corps at Fleet, Regional & Unit/MSG levels. Award with High Honors shall be awarded for the same at Regional & Unit/MSG level. Finally, Award with Honors shall be awarded for the same at the Unit/MSG level. All award submissions will be subject to review and approval by the STARFLEET Chaplain Services Staff.

STARFLEET ACADEMY RIDDLE ME THIS

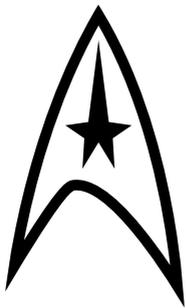
**What is:
Black when bought,
Red when used,
Grey when thrown away?**

Last Issue's Riddle:

**Axes and swords,
Will not help you through.
Yet it and a little push will do.
Some in the road would
have fought and soon died,
Were it not close at hand,
to let them inside.**

Answer:

Key



NAME: BARI PITCHER
RANK: COMMANDER
CHAPTER: USS STARFIRE NX-74878



Region Twelve Summit

April 16th didn't find all of Region Twelve working on their taxes. Instead, about forty members of the five states that make up Region 12 descended on Joplin, Missouri for the region's annual summit. The weather was cool and rainy, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. The Holiday Inn's convention center was piped, draped, and made ready for the meeting and the fun began.

This year's summit was coordinated by Captain Chris Tolbert, of the USS Aux Arc. Helping him were the chapters from the four states area - USS Dragon Strike, USS Oklahoma, USS Starfire, and USS William Wallace. This year's theme was Regional Cohesion and it was a success, even with having to share the facility with Joplin High School celebrating their prom. Free musical entertainment . . . there's always a silver lining.

The one day summit began with a meeting of the captains and executive officers, but that gave time for everyone else to get a jump start on the games. From Trek Trivia to a game that had everyone watching what they said to make sure that they didn't utter the word "Star," everyone got involved, but in the end Mary Lytle from the USS Oklahoma was the victor, sorry Rolando - if only you could have run a little faster.

The afternoon was filled with a lot of socializing and a few forums on various topics of interest. Items donated by the various chapters in attendance raised \$125.00 for the Joplin Association for the Blind in a silent auction. Vice Admiral Jeff Higdon and Rear Admiral Bea Hart both agreed to take a pie in the face to raise money for the region, and raise money they did. At the conclusion of the day's events, Admiral Higdon agreed to take the pie for both of them and was decorated with whipped cream by Rear Admiral Lee Schmidt, the region's chaplain. Anyone interested in a replay of the action can find it on You Tube.

So, the Region Twelve Summit was a rocking success (thanks to the music shared by Joplin High). Regional Cohesion is well underway, and those in attendance have accepted the challenge to keep it going throughout 2011 and into 2012 when we'll come back together to do it again.

Region Twelve's 2011 Annual Awards:

Promotions, STARFLEET International Award & R12 Spot Awards

Promoted to the Rank of Captain: Alan Hurtt, USS Aux Arc
Promoted to the Rank of Colonel: William Hof, USS Black Hawk

STARFLEET International Order of Babel, First Class
Captain Chris Tolbert

R12 'Spot' Awards

Region Twelve Coordinator's Citation

Bestowed for being an Outstanding Example to the Members and Chapters of the Region, through the extensive participation through activities and charitable event, with the Thanks and Appreciation of a Grateful Region (2nd Place in the Ship of the Year Award). USS Horizon, Rear Admiral Eddie Allen, III, CO

Region Twelve Coordinator's Citation

For the Assistance and Planning in the Preparation and Staging of the 2011 Region Twelve Summit, with the Thanks and Appreciation of a Grateful Region.
USS William Wallace, Commodore Ray Brown, CO
USS Oklahoma, Captain Shanon Lindbloom, CO
USS Starfire, Commander Bari Pitcher, CO
USS DragonStrike, Commodore John Dubose, CO
USS Aux Arc, Captain Chris Tolbert, CO

Region Twelve Coordinator's Commendation

For OUTSTANDING Participation as a member of the Regional Staff.
Rear Admiral Beatrice Hart
Brigadier Rolando Gomez
Captain Chris Tolbert
Lieutenant General Gary 'Tiny' Hollifield
Captain Eric Johannson
Commander Summer Scott
Captain Jeff Gallus

Rear Admiral Carolyn Zimdahl Hands Across the Region

Is bestowed to those Chapters that have devoted extraordinary time, energy, and/or resources to a charity or volunteer organization. Named in Memory of the Rear Admiral Carolyn Zimdahl, who served as the Region Twelve Awards Director and Executive Officer, USS BortaS.
USS BortaS, (The Very First of this Award granted), Commodore Donald Glenn, Commanding
USS Horizon, Rear Admiral Eddie Allen, III, Commanding

Rear Admiral Rick Giles Iron Star

For Outstanding Participation and/or Performance at the Departmental/Chapter level. This Award is named in Memory of Rear Admiral Rick Giles, a member of the region.
Commander Alan Dawson
Captain John Harwood

Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw Golden Pillar

For Outstanding Participation and/or Performance at the Region Level. This Award is named in Memory of Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw, the 2nd Commander, STARFLEET & proud member of Region Twelve.
Captain Chris Tolbert

Rear Admiral Dwain Gleason Chrystal Star

For Outstanding Participation and/or Performance at the International Level. This Award is named in Memory of Rear Admiral Dwain Gleason, a member of the region who served as the Vice Commander, STARFLEET under Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman.
Vice Admiral Wayne Killough

Service to Humanity

Is bestowed upon any STARFLEET member who has provided emergency care (medical or otherwise) to an individual/s during a traumatic situation.
Fleet Captain Ann Miller

Region Twelve Commendation

For his Enthusiasm and Zeal in the pursuit of studies in both the STARFLEET Academy and the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy, earning praise for his efforts from his peers, all the while serving his Region and Chapter, showing a devoting of Duty on behalf of STARFLEET and his Region, Thus Reflecting the Best of STARFLEET and his Region, thus reflecting the best of STARFLEET and Region Twelve. At the Request of the Commanding Officer, USS Sunflower Captain Eric Johannson

Annual Awards & Winners

Youth Member of the Year: Cadet Devon Tolbert, USS Aux Arc (Accepted by Captain Chris Tolbert)

Enlisted Member of the Year: First Sergeant Marlee Glenn, USS BortaS (Accepted by Commander Shane Russell)

Flag Officer of the Year: Vice Admiral Wayne Killough, Retribution Station

Commanding Officer of the Year: Captain Shanon Lindbloom, USS Oklahoma (Accepted by Lester Lytle)

Mothership of the Year: USS Sunflower, Rear Admiral Bea Hart, CO

Shakedown Ship of the Year: USS Oklahoma, Captain Shannon Lindbloom, CO (Accepted by Lester Lytle)

Officer of the Year: William Hof, USS Black Hawk

Ship of the Year: USS Aux Arc, Captain Chris Tolbert, CO

Correspondent Chapter of the Year: Troubadour Station, Admiral Helen Pawlowski, CO (Accepted by the RC)



NAME: CINDY KRELL
RANK: ADMIRAL
CHAPTER: USS STAR LEAGUE NCC-2101-A



Region One Summit

It was a dark and stormy night.... Wait! Wrong story.

Captain's log. Star date 201105.13

Following orders from STARFLEET command, I reported to Sector 01 Starbase Pigeon Forge for the interstellar conference (aka Region One Summit), accompanied by crewmates Captain Jana Sandarg, Captain Mary Holden, Captain Carnell Eubanks, Lieutenant Carl Irvin, and Ambassador Carolyn Irvin.

After being greeted warmly by the indigenous population and the excellent Region One Summit staff, we were assigned quarters on deck one that had been secured using Ferengi credits by Capt Eubanks. Our shuttles were stationed in the shuttle bay. The journey by shuttle was uneventful. Note to Star League engineering: please check the malfunctioning head facilities (toilet) on shuttle two. Our crew members were given security clearance to roam the star base at will, where we were pleased to meet

other captains and crews in the fleet.

STARFLEET moral was very high thanks to many engaging activities and trainings. The customary STARFLEET hug was embraced by all (a Region One invention). The Fleet Admiral himself, Dave Blaser, was in attendance and participated in Admiral Krell's Fun Session, a scenario where Kirk and Spock attempt to untangle themselves after the Enterprise is overrun by Romulans in order to deactivate the self-destruct sequence. The solution involves a knot-tying trick. Images were made of the Fleet admiral and his attempts to disengage.

Our crew members participated in sessions on recruiting and medical lifesaving. The CO and XO built a floating vessel from paper, straws and tape, and sailed into second place in the Captain's quest.

The CO was asked to judge the costume contest at the evening interstellar dance and recruited two volunteers

to assist. Capt Eubanks served as a photographer for the summit, and he and Captain Sandarg worked a security detail. Pigeon Forge natives were receptive to STARFLEET personnel. No Narsiccans were spotted at the local establishment.

Upon arrival, the crew was startled that we had passed through a space anomaly into a mirror universe. The summit emblem had been designed by our Chief of Communications and Computer Ops, Capt Carnell Eubanks, with assistance from Capt Peggy Eubanks, The USS Star League's name had been changed to the ISS Star Killer. We inexplicably had crew shirts sporting that logo. Tension was high among the crew as we proceeded to interact in this strange and illogical universe.

No injuries were reported and the crew arrived safely back aboard with much to tell in ten forward.

Photos Submitted by Jana Sandarg



Admiral Cindy Krell at the Region One Summit.



'Members of the USS Star League, from left to right - Mary Holden, Carl Irvin, Jana Sandarg, Carolyn Irvin, Carnell Eubanks, Cindy Krell



Fleet Admiral is Tied Up in Knots
By: Captain Jana Sandarg, USS Star League

At the May 2011 Region One Summit, Fleet Admiral Dave Blaser was fit to be tied. As a matter of fact, he was tied to Vice Admiral Kenny Proehl, the Executive Officer of the USS Heimdal.

The two of them appeared to do a slow motion version of the game "Twister" as they attempted to free themselves from the bonds of Admiral Cindy Krell, CO of the USS Star League, who was in charge of this Gaming Session. After twenty minutes of wriggling and occasionally getting even more entangled, they appealed to Admiral Krell, who showed them how to slip the bonds of captivity.

Region 1 Award Recipients

By: COMM Pam Michaud, USS Ronald E. McNair

Below are the recipients for 2010 Annual Awards. These recipients go on to represent their chapters and the region for STARFLEET Annual Awards.

Chapter of the Year - USS Ronald E. McNair

Best Shakedown - USS Cumberland

First Mission - USS Revelation

Member of the Year Enlisted - PO2 Martha Stimpson
USS Heimdal

Member of the Year Officer - Captain Stephen Stott
USS Ronald E. McNair

Member of the Year Flag - Admiral Willy Smith - USS Heimdal

Class of Excellence (CO of the Year) Commodore Pamela
Michaud - USS Ronald E. McNair

Edith Keeler - Fleet Captain Brian Griffin - USS Revelation

Dept. Of the Year - Communications - USS Heimdal

Cadet of the Year - Ensign Braxton Rickert - USS Bonaventure
RDC of Excellence - Engineering Fleet Captain Jeff Davis

R1 Staff Member of the Year - Captain Scott Gibson

Newsletter of the Year - "Stardate" USS Jamestown

Best Bi-monthly - "The End Times" USS Revelation

Best Monthly - "The Rainbow Connection" USS Heimdal

Best Quarterly - "All Ahead - Warp Factor One" USS Bonaventure

Best Handbook - USS Revelation Official Crew Manual 2nd edition

Best Fanzine - Andorian Crisis Fleet Captain Jeff Davis
USS Indiana

Best Website - USS Cumberland



NAME: BONNIE MALMAT
RANK: CREWMAN RECRUIT
CHAPTER: USS COLUMBIA NCC-2049



Here's Mudd in Your Eye

"It's well worth the price," the middle-aged man said to Quark. "Guaranteed to work, or I'll refund your latinum." He opened his fat palm to show six small red pills.

"Sure," sneered Quark. "By the time I want my refund, you'll be long gone. Thanks, but no thanks."

"Don't be so hasty," said the man. "I'm here for a week, on other business. This is just a side job." He smiled at Quark. "You will see results almost immediately. If you wish, I'll show you a demonstration."

"Do you think I'm that stupid? I'm sure your associate is sitting in my bar as we speak waiting for you to call her over to us."

"No, my charming wife is far, far, away, where she belongs," said the man, unknowingly echoing his grandfather's words of a century ago. "I tell you what, barkeep. You choose the person."

Quark's greed and curiosity were piqued. Who could resist a freebie? What would it hurt to let the man show him if the drug worked? If this was some scam, Quark would find out soon enough. He looked at Jadzia Dax. No. Not a good idea. Better to try it on someone not affiliated with Starfleet. Messing with Starfleet was apt to bring him unwanted attention and trouble.

"That one," he said, pointing at his Dabo girl, Leeta. Several moments later, Quark motioned Leeta over to the bar. "Leeta, this friend of mine wants to buy you a drink." Leeta smiled at the man, who stood. "That's sweet of you," she said. "I'm Leeta."

"Harcourt Fenton Mudd III at your service," said the man, bowing to her. "Call me Fenton."

"Pleased to meet you, Fenton."

Quark shoved a drink in her direction. "Ten minutes, that's all," he said to Leeta. "Or it's coming out of your paycheck. It's busy tonight."

Leeta rolled her eyes. Quark's desire to please his customer was warring with his desire to get a full day's work out of her. She made a face at Quark.

"Most generous," she said, sipping at the drink. If truth be told, the opportunity to get off of her feet for a few minutes was welcome.

"So what brings you to DS9?" she asked Fenton.

By the time the ten minutes had elapsed, there was no visible difference in Leeta, at least none that Quark could see. She and Fenton were deep in conversation.

"Well?" he said cryptically to Fenton.

Fenton smiled. "Leeta, darlin', put your hand on my thigh."

Without missing a beat in their conversation, Leeta placed her hand on Fenton's thigh.

"Now slap Quark," said Fenton, with an evil grin on his face.

Leeta reached up to slap Quark. He grabbed her hand. "No

you don't! Get back to work!"

She obediently went back to her Dabo table as if nothing untoward had ever happened.

"Convinced?" asked Fenton, with a smile.

"Maybe," said Quark, noncommittal, not wishing to show his excitement. "How long does it last?"

"Around a half hour," said Fenton. "Long enough to persuade someone to do your bidding. Let me show you." He turned away and called to Leeta.

"Hey Leeta, come here."

She obediently came over.

"You want to work an extra two hours today, for free. Tell Quark you'll stay late tonight."

Leeta did as he said and they sent her back to the Dabo tables.

"Now wait until it wears off. Even though she won't be under the influence of it anymore, what she did while under it will stick," said Fenton with a smile. "She'll stay two extra hours tonight."

Quark looked after the departing Leeta. This had to be too good to be true.

"Does it work on everyone? What about side effects?"

"I wouldn't try it on the Changeling who runs your Security, but other than that, it works on anyone. As for side effects, did you see any in Leeta? It's perfectly safe," lied Fenton. He didn't add that there were side effects. Let Quark find that out later, after Fenton was long gone.

"I might be interested," said Quark. This drug could be useful. "Where did you get it?" he asked curiously.

"It's a modification of something my grandfather used to sell," said Fenton. "He peddled love potions." Fenton wrinkled his nose in disgust. "He had good ideas, but thought small. If one wants to get laid, a holodeck will do. But to get rich? That takes intelligence."

"I see your point," said Quark. "Now how much do you want for them?"

The two fell to haggling.

When Fenton left, he was well-satisfied. Quark was exactly as Fenton expected, wary but greedy. It had been child's play to sell the drugs to him.

Fenton had no plans on staying for a week. He would depart later the next day. Staying the night should lull any suspicions that Quark might have. If Quark was like any of the other clients of the drug, he would get greedy. And eventually someone would figure out that something was happening. By then, Fenton would be far away from Deep Space Nine. His customer would take the heat for any problems alone.

Quark spent the rest of the night planning how he was to use his share of the drugs. He dreamt of latinum, piles of latinum bars, reaching so high into the sky that he could not

see the top bar.

When he woke, he was optimistic. First thing he did though, was make sure Fenton Mudd was still around.

A sleepy Fenton Mudd answered his comm. "What do you want, Quark?" asked Fenton, feigning annoyance. In truth, he had expected the call from Quark. Quark wanted to make sure that Fenton hadn't flown the coop. Fenton hadn't, yet.

"Just had a question about my purchase," said Quark, eyeing the waiter who had just come into listening range.

"So calling me at the crack of dawn was necessary?" asked Fenton. "Customer support is one thing, waking me at 9 a.m. is another. Do you KNOW what time I went to bed last night?"

Fenton had actually gone to bed early. But there was no harm in making Quark feel guilty about disturbing him.

"Sorry," said Quark. Having got what he wanted for the moment, there was no reason to prolong the call. "I'll ask you later."

"Sure," said Fenton, "Later." He snapped off the comm.

Fenton planned on visiting Quark in the bar later in the afternoon, again to lull suspicions. By nightfall, Fenton planned to be long gone. After that, Quark would be on his own.

Quark looked at the red pills in his hand. They had dissolved easily in a drink. Colorless, odorless, and without flavor, they should be undetectable. Quark decided to try one on Dravk, one of his brighter waiters. Leeta wasn't the sharpest knife in the drawer. Quark wanted to make sure that this would work on someone with a brain.

A while later, Quark was smiling as he wiped down the bar. The drug had worked as well on Dravk as it had on Leeta. Quark was now the possessor of a large part of Dravk's savings and the promise of free work from Dravk for a month. Quark grinned outright at the thought of the free work. He had enough of these pills to get all of his workers to work for free. He'd get the rest to do it for a year. And he would make sure that they were told to shut up about it. He didn't want Odo or Sisko on his back.

The free labor alone would pay for the drugs. After using them on his staff, he would keep the rest for special occasions. They would come in handy when it came to making large, profitable deals. He frowned suddenly. For how long would they keep? He would have to ask Fenton that when he spoke to him next.

One by one, he slipped them into the drinks of his staff (for which they had paid, of course) when they had their meals at the bar. It had been laughably easy to pull this off, he thought. Free work from his staff for a full year! After that, well, he could always get hold of Fenton Mudd again and get more of the little red pills. In fact, might he be able to get more for

free?

Fenton dropped by the bar late in the afternoon.

"So, what do you think?" he said jovially, clapping Quark on the shoulder.

"They seem to be working quite well," said Quark. "They've done what you said they would do." He slid a drink towards Fenton and raised a glass of his own. "Let's drink to a profitable day for us both."

Fenton declined the drink with an apologetic smile. He patted his ample stomach. "Sorry Quark, drinking messes up my innards. I can't even drink synthol."

Too bad, thought Quark. He had hoped to get more of the red pills, this time for free. He slanted a look at Fenton. Did Fenton suspect? Fenton's expression gave nothing away. Perhaps he really couldn't drink.

"Then I'll drink for both of us," said Quark, tossing down a glass of slug juice. As you hewmons would say, Cheers."

"Thank you," said Fenton, with a smile. "But now I have to run as I'm due to meet my client. This morning you wished to ask me something. What did you wish to know?"

"How long will they keep?" asked Quark. "I may want to hold some in reserve."

"Ahhh," said Fenton. "Six months. Beyond that, I can't guarantee their efficacy."

"Six months," repeated Quark.

"If you require more, you need only contact me."

He gave Quark his contact information. If Quark did attempt to contact him, Quark would be introduced to Mrs. Harcourt Fenton Mudd III. Fenton grinned mentally at the thought. If one looked up the word "harridan" in the dictionary, his wife's picture was next to the word. How could a woman so beautiful have turned out to be such a shrew, he wondered for the millionth time since he had said, "I do."

Fenton took his leave of Quark and returned to his quarters to prepare to leave the station.

By the time the side effects had begun to manifest themselves, Fenton Mudd was well on his way to his next destination.

The first sign that something was wrong was late in the evening when Leeta snapped at Quark.

"If you don't like how I run the table, you can do it yourself," she sneered. "Otherwise, shut up and leave me alone."

Astonished, Quark was momentarily speechless. Leeta was rarely the type to be confrontational. She was usually good-natured and pleasant. But her venom was not solely reserved for Quark.

"Get your hand off of me before I break it" she snapped at one of the Dabo customers.

"Leeta, take a break," said Quark, beginning to perspire. What had got into Leeta?

But worse was to come. One of his Bajoran waiters got into a fight with a customer.

"Dravk, what are you doing?" screeched Quark, grabbing a towel and coming to the aid of the customer.

"What kind of place are you running here?" said the Bajoran with Hasperat soufflé in his hair. "All I did was ask for a refill on my drink!"

"I'm very sorry sir," said Quark. "I'll get you another meal and of course this meal will be on us." Or rather, out of Dravk's paycheck, thought Quark angrily.

"I didn't like how he asked," said Dravk. "And who asked you to interfere? I was doing fine." He took a swing at Quark.

Quark ducked and grabbed the waiter by his arm. "Get out

of here," he said. "I'll deal with you later."

"I'll get out of here when I'm ready to get out of here," said Dravk. He lashed out at Quark again, and this time was able to hit the Ferengi in the head.

"You'll pay for that," said Quark furiously. "I'll press charges. Oh, and by the way, YOU'RE FIRED!"

Quark picked up a chair and turned it so that the legs were facing outwards, to protect himself.

"Now get out of here!" he demanded, poking Dravk with the chair, pushing him out of the bar. Dravk fell on his backside outside of the bar. Springing up to go back in to attack Quark again, he crashed into a Bajoran walking past. They both fell to the floor.

"You clumsy oaf," said Dravk and began to attack the hapless man.

Quark went to his backroom and poured a stiff drink. What was going on? First Leeta and now Dravk and...Oh Eternal Vault of Destitution. Please tell me that this isn't related to the pills, thought Quark. It can't be. Oh please no.

He went to his comm. "Computer, Fenton Mudd's quarters."

"There is no one here with that name."

It couldn't be. Oh wait, the name. Fenton's first name was Harcourt. Stupid hewmons and their stupid names.

"Computer, Harcourt Mudd's quarters."

"One moment please," said the computer. Quark let out a sigh of relief. For a moment there, he thought that Fenton had flown the coup.

"Harcourt Mudd has left Deep Space Nine," said the computer.

Quark swore then, a particularly vile Ferengi oath.

"Computer, did he leave a message for me?"

"There are no messages from Harcourt Mudd," said the computer.

"I've been tricked," thought Quark angrily.

What was going to happen now? Quark didn't even know the name of the drug, so he couldn't look it up in the Federation database.

He could, however, look up Harcourt Fenton Mudd III.

Ten minutes later, Quark sat in front of his comm wishing nothing more than to be able to kick himself. Why hadn't he done a little research on Mudd before buying the pills? Fenton Mudd had a rap sheet as long as his arm. He was both a swindler and a con man.

But the pills had worked, thought Quark. He had been able to get what he wanted, with no resistance, for the half hour that the victim had been under the influence. And they seemed to be unaware that they had been vulnerable for that time frame.

But now? He winced as he heard loud voices out in the bar. Now what? Snapping off the comm, he reluctantly went out to see what was happening in his bar.

Two of his staff were arguing loudly with each other. "Break it up," said Quark as he pushed his way between the two.

One of his waiters told Quark to do something that was anatomically impossible.

"I SAID break it up. Go home. Come back tomorrow when your head clears. Take the rest of the night off."

"Maybe I don't want to leave, Quark. I'll leave when I'm good and ready!" snarled the Bajoran waitress, Tlea, normally a placid woman.

"You'll leave or else I'll have Security haul you out," snapped Quark.

"Are you going to have Security haul ALL of us out?" sneered Tlea. "Hey guys, Quark is not happy with our work!" Suddenly Quark found himself surrounded by angry staff. He took the only prudent action. He pushed through them and ran as fast as he could.

"How did this turn into a mutiny?" he muttered as he headed for the safety of his quarters. He would stay put until things settled down. He hoped that the effects of the drug weren't permanent. Curse Fenton Mudd anyhow. If Quark ever saw him again, he would wring his neck.

Reaching his quarters, Quark felt relief when the door closed behind him. Safe at last. Now what would he do? He didn't want to go back to the bar until things had cooled down. With the mood his staff was in, they wouldn't hesitate to take out their aggression on him. Better to wait here until it was safe to return.

Back in the bar, things had deteriorated. The absence of Quark in no way lowered the levels of aggressive behavior. Fights broke out in the bar, between the staff and coworkers, between staff and patrons and between staff and anyone who got in their way.

Security was called. Odo and his deputies arrived and rounded up the fighters. Odo then declared the bar closed for the night. Quark was nowhere in sight.

"Probably hiding," muttered Odo.

Once the fighters were safely in the Brig, Odo noted that those who had been arrested for fighting were all members of Quark's staff.

Odo turned to two of his deputies. "Find Quark and bring him to my office," he said.

"Doctor Bashir to Odo."

"Odo here."

"In treating some injuries, I found something very interesting. I'm sending the report to you."

"I see it now," said Odo.

He grunted with satisfaction after reading it. This had the markings of Quark all over it.

Quark's door chime startled him. He rose to answer it, but hesitated for a moment. What if his staff had come after him? Who knew what they would do? For the tenth time since leaving the bar, he cursed Fenton Mudd.

"Who is it?" he asked warily.

"Open up. Station Security."

Quark felt oddly relieved. While this was not good news, it was better than getting his brains beat out. He needed those brains now. If Security was here, it meant things had gotten worse in the bar.

The walk to Odo's office was quiet. As they walked the corridors of DS9, Quark tried to think of what to say once he got to Odo's office. Could he explain this away without having his little scheme discovered? And if it did come out, how could he minimize the fallout to himself?

They arrived at Odo's office.

"Quark," said Odo, in the accusatory tone that he saved for the Ferengi and other lawbreakers.

"What?" said Quark. "What did I do now?"

Without being asked to sit down, he did so anyway.

"Would you care to explain what happened at your bar earlier?"

"My staff got mad at me," said Quark. It was wisest to stick to the truth when one could. "They started a fight. I deemed it

prudent to disappear until they cooled down.”

There. That had the virtue of being absolutely true. Quark could have patted himself on the back.

“Nice try, Quark, but in the course of treating several injuries sustained by your waiters during the fight, Doctor Bashir found some interesting readings.”

“What’s that got to do with me?” asked Quark, feigning boredom. He willed himself not to sweat.

“It seems that their levels of corticosterone were elevated well beyond the norm.”

“So?”

“Their adrenocortical response was well beyond what it should have been,” said Odo, reading from the report that Dr. Bashir had sent to him. “Meaning that they were hyper-aggressive.”

Quark shrugged. “So what? They were mad at me and wanted to fight. Did you bring me here to bore me with this medical stuff?”

“There was another interesting reading,” continued Odo, looking suspiciously at Quark. “Their levels of atradetaphrine were abnormally low. They were susceptible to mental manipulation.”

“All very interesting,” said Quark, sarcastically, “but again, what does that have to do with me?”

“I did a little checking around, and it appears that you’ve had latinum transferred from several accounts to your own.”

“What?” screeched Quark. “You can’t access my account without my permission. That’s a crime!”

“Quark,” said Odo, shaking his head. “As soon as they heard that they might have been under your influence, they readily gave permission for me to access their accounts.”

Quark was trapped. There was nothing he could say to that.

“What did you use?” ask Quark. “Doctor Bashir needs to know to counteract it.”

“I don’t have to tell you,” said Quark.

“I’m sure that your lack of cooperation will be so noted by Captain Sisko,” said Odo dryly. “And shall I list the charges that will be filed against you?”

“OK, OK, I’ll tell you,” said Quark. If he didn’t cooperate, Sisko would boot him off of Deep Space Nine permanently.

“I didn’t know about the aggression part,” said Quark. “It was only supposed to make them temporarily susceptible. Can’t trust anyone anymore.”

“Quark, what was it?”

“A drug, that could be slipped into a drink,” said Quark, wearily. “I got it from a trader who stopped here, one Harcourt Fenton Mudd. The Third,” he added.

“Do you have any left?” asked Odo, watching Quark’s expression closely to see if he would lie.

Quark hesitated for a fraction of a second. If only he hadn’t put them all in the same place. He cursed his lack of foresight. He should have hidden them in different places. It was too late now.

“They’re in my quarters,” he began and told Odo exactly where to find them.

Odo sent a Security Officer to retrieve the pills. Quark was then escorted to the Brig.

Glumly Quark entered his cell and sat on the hard bench. Not only was he out the latinum that he had paid for the pills, but he was in a heap of trouble. A pox on Fenton Mudd anyhow.

In a bar, far from Deep Space Nine, Fenton Mudd had his

head bent towards a man.

“I tell you, this pill will make him do whatever you want him to do. But it’s only effective for a half hour. It’s enough time to get the deal that you want.” He smiled at the man.

“The price is very reasonable, considering what you’ll get in return. If you like, I’ll even give a free demonstration.”

“So what do you say, friend?”



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An Interview with the Guest Judge of the 2011 STARFLEET Short Story Contest

PETER DAVID

We're a short time away from the end of submissions for the 2011 Short Story contest, and you've all probably been reading the winners of the 2010 Contest, and we wanted to give you, our members, the chance to get to know our Guest Judge for this year's contest, Mr. Peter David.

We had the opportunity to interview Mr. David via E-Mail about his own works, what inspires him, and a bit about what he enjoys about STAR TREK. I hope that you'll share our excitement and enjoy this opportunity to get to know one of the people that helps keep us entertained.

The Communiqué: How old were you when you started writing, and what was your first story about?

Peter David: Not counting assignments for creative writing classes, probably my first fiction was a Star Trek short story that ran in a fanzine called "Space-Time Continuum." The story was awful; the less said, the better.

CQ: How has Star Trek influenced your writing over the years?

PD: It's influenced my career more than it has my actual technique, but in a very positive way.

CQ: Who is your favorite character to write? Why?

PD: Mackenzie Calhoun, probably; he is "my" baby, after all.

CQ: Do you ever find your Trek novels mirroring current events?

PD: Yes, in ways big and small. The entire concept of "New Frontier" was predicated on the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Then there was the ongoing dispute over whether Pluto should be a planet which I conjectured was still going on during the time of "Star Trek," and which I then made moot by having the Borg eat Pluto.

CQ: What is your favorite canon alien species to write about? Which race that you created do you enjoy "visiting" every so often in a new novel?

PD: Probably the Klingons. They've certainly come the

furthest in their depiction. As for original races, probably the Selevians. They're such deceitful creeps.

CQ: Which do you enjoy writing more: novels or comic books? Why?

PD: I enjoy both for different reasons. Probably the most satisfying would be novels, because there's nothing between me and the reader. It doesn't depend on the artist or colorist or letterer; it's just my words doing all the work.

CQ: Do you find greater levity for imagination in the Star Trek world or the Superheroes world?

PD: Oh, there's equal opportunities for both if you look at it correctly.

CQ: What was your favorite Trek book of all time to write?

PD: Probably "Imzadi." That just flowed and it was very well received.

CQ: Is there a manuscript in any of your written forms that surprised you with its success?

PD: I'm always surprised at success. That's because I typically brace myself for the worst.

CQ: Was there someone on whom you based the character of Captain Mackenzie Calhoun on?

PD: William Wallace from "Braveheart."

CQ: Which series of Star Trek is your personal favorite? Do you have a specific favorite character?

PD: That I didn't create, you mean? I have a fondness for original Trek. Yes, I know by today's standards it might seem cheesy, but it's like "Doctor Who"--you never forget your first.

CQ: How do you feel about the new timeline as presented in JJ Abrams' Star Trek?

PD: I think it was rather clever that they were able to reboot the series without erasing everything else that had

gone before.

CQ: Do you get excited about new movies and releases over Star Trek series and movies like the rest of the Trek world or do you simply "take it in stride?"

PD: When it comes to movies, I try not to get worked up about anything until I see it on the screen. That way I don't fall prey to either believing it's going to suck or else getting my expectations so high that no film could live up to them.

STARFLEET and the Annual Campaign sends their deepest thanks to Mister David for allowing us a small insight into his brilliant and creative mind. By the time you are reading this, the winners of the 2011 short story contest will have been announced (we don't know who they will be yet either!), and we wish them all well in their writing efforts. Peter David has now joined the ever growing and ever popular list of guest judges. We started the contest with Keith R.A. DeCandido in 2009, then we were lucky to have Ms. Diane Duane for 2010, and now in 2011, STARFLEET was again fortunate enough to have a prolific author such as Peter David rate the stories!

Who will it be for 2012? Stay tuned and find out!



Photo by Luigi Novi



NAME: FRANK PARKER (AKA) ENARRAIN
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Romulan, Klingons and Bears.... Oh my?

On Saturday March 12, 2011, members of the USS Maquis (Gastonia NC) and USS Hornet (Charlotte NC) were invited to attend and participate in the first annual Science Fiction Festival at the Schiele Science Museum, located in Gastonia NC. On hand besides STARFLEET were members of the Klingon Assault Group (KAQ), Maquis Forces international, and Star Trek Independent Feet. Star Trek fandom was well represented. The thrust of the day was to educate the public about the area science fiction groups as well as promoting the museum and all their wonderful exhibits, especially the planetarium.

Well over 400 visitors passed through the doors to witness area paranormal, Brown Coat, Star Wars, Star Trek and geek groups in the Charlotte area. Also represented was the local science fiction convention ConCarolinas which the Maquis and Hornet have many of their local members on the convention committee.

Two things were apparent to me during the event. One was the amount of young visitors whom were generally interested in science. The other was the teamwork and cooperation of all the fan groups to work together and help put fandom in a positive light.

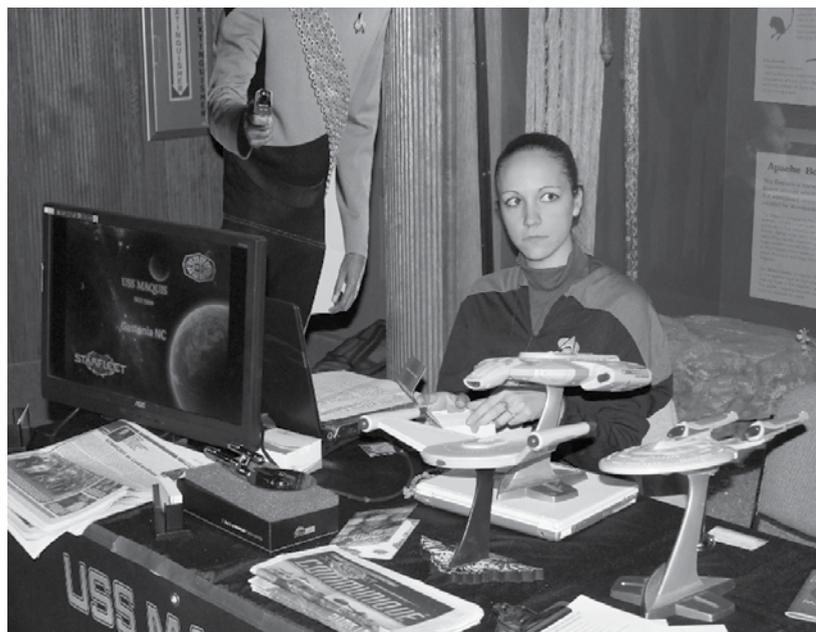
The following groups were represented:

Charlotte Area Paranormal, State Paranormal Investigations, Ghoul Skool, Carolina Garrison 501st, Mando Mercs, Star Trek Independent Fleet, Maquis Forces International, Starfleet the Star Trek International Fan Association, Inc., Klingon Assault Group, Blue Ridge Base., The OWL Society, Charlotte Geeks, ConCarolinas, and Charlotte Browncoats.



Romulan, Klingons and Bear..... Oh MY!!!! From left to right Frank Parker, Troy McAdams (Maquis) and Leila McMichaels (KAG and USS North Carolina)

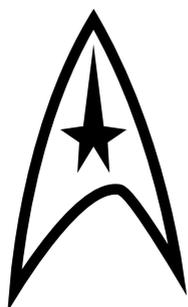
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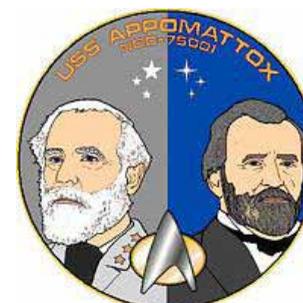
Worf watches as Heather Parker, USS Maquis Science Officer recruits at the Maquis Table
 (Photo Frank Parker)



From Left to Right Heather Parker (Maquis), Carolyn Smith and daughter Abbey (Hornet), Frank Parker (Maquis), Donna Parker (Hornet), Shannon Dupelle, Angela Accella, Alan Bennett and Ethan Shae (Maquis) (photo by Laura Rice)



NAME: MEG ROACH
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USS APPOMATTOX - CYSTIC FIBROSIS WALK



Several intrepid members of Region 1's USS Appomattox participated in the 2011 walk for Cystic Fibrosis on May 14th. Crewmembers Jayson Roach, Mike Eddelson and yours truly arrived at Riverside Park in good spirits and ready for action.

the local Chi-Fil-A for good sandwiches (for the meat eaters among us anyway...). A wonderful sheet cake was also cut and dispensed among us for desert.

The day started out gloomy and a bit chilly but the forecasted rain held off long enough to complete the event and subsequent festivities. We checked in at the registration table about ten that morning. The pavilions were brightly decorated and the DJ was playing some good tunes throughout the morning. Ladonna Austin, from Virginia's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, introduced the teams and gave her introductory remarks, reminding us of the rules. Then, each team captain or representative received a rose to carry with them during the walk. This is done as a way of honoring friends and relatives who are still battling this disease or that have lost their battle with it.

Door prizes were awarded and to my surprise I actually won something! I chose a silver Jefferson Cup donated by one of the local jewelers from among the remaining prizes. Lastly we had team photos taken behind a large banner with the Cystic Fibrosis logo on it. Mike shared his impressions of our participation and of the event:

On May 14 Commander Mike Edelson, Commodore Meg Roach, and crewman Jayson Roach from the USS Appomattox helped out at the Cystic Fibrosis walk a thon. Amid great weather Jayson did the walk from Riverside Park to a point outside the park, and returned. We were rewarded with a lunch of chicken sandwiches, soda and chips.

Jayson was our team walker while Mike and I held down the table and waited for the participants to return. The walk is a fairly easy stretch and did not prove to be too taxing. Jayson ran most of the way back, so he returned within 35 minutes after all the walkers left. After all the participants returned from the walk then lunch was served - a big thank you

This was a nice chance to meet and talk to people with CF and those interested in helping to end this dreaded disease. We heard about advancements in the understanding and possible eradication of this disease. In general it was a day out with fun, music, and games with a walk through some of the nicest areas of Lynchburg.



'Photo Submitted by Meg Roach

Beaming Down To Starfleet Headquarters



Following in his father's footsteps - Cadet Jayden Lane takes his first-ever trip to Starfleet Academy with his dad, former STARFLEET Chief of Communications Rear Admiral Jon Lane. Photo by Karen Hoagland

The crew of the USS Angeles reports for duty at the Japanese Garden in Van Nuys, CA...filming location for a number of TNG, DS9, VOY, and ENT episodes featuring Starfleet HQ and Academy. Photo by Jon Lane.





NAME: DAVE FORRAND
RANK: FLEET CAPTAIN
SHIP: USS DARWIN NCC-1166



Earth Day With The USS Darwin

On a cloudy, somewhat chilly April 16th, four crew members from the USS Darwin joined 280 other volunteers to clean up the ponds at Roger Williams Park in Providence, Rhode Island. CO Fleet Captain Dave Forrand, XO Commodore Corey Grant, Alex Rock and Ruth Forrand joined a group starting at the Casino check-in and cleaned the banks of Polo Lake. One of the volunteers pulled a tire out of the lake, but, unfortunately, it wouldn't fit Corey's truck so we left it for the city workers to dispose.

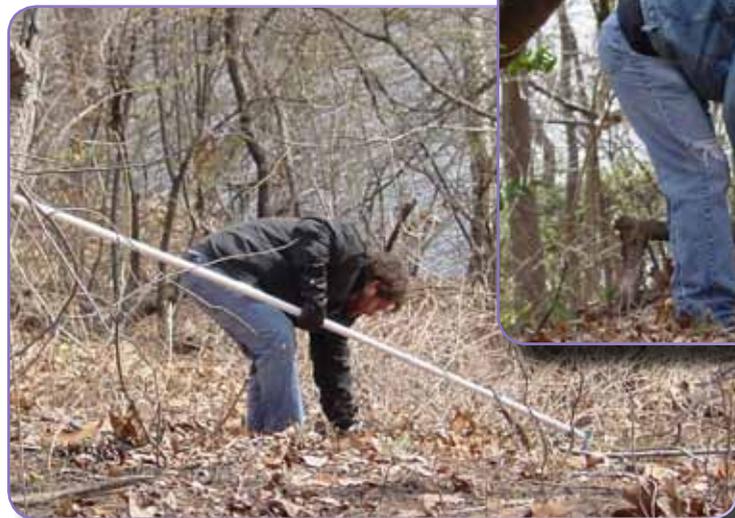
Once the group had finished our work at Polo Lake, it was decided by our group leader that we would head to another lake to continue the clean up effort. On the way, our group leader led us to the wrong side of the lake. While she figured out the best way to get the group to the other side, we grew bored and hunted down a geocache that was nearby. However, when we got back from the hunt, the group had moved on and we couldn't find them again. We managed to connect with a different group and finished out the day with them.

In the end, all groups at the clean-up effort collected enough trash to fill a 40-yard dumpster.

Photos Submitted by Dave Forrand



Dave & Corey



Alex



Dave



Dave, Alex & Corey



NAME: BRUCE O'BRIEN
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State Of The SFMC

Greetings to all Marines!

It has been most interesting to note the reports coming in over the last few weeks that give evidence of growth in numbers to our ranks. Currently, membership of the SFMC represents some 24% of total STARFLEET International members with clear signs of upward growth. For some of us crusty, dyed-in-the-wool Marines, it is a comforting and pleasing feeling to see that more and more of our fellow members are wishing to enjoy the "SFMC experience". As a truly unique and exceptionally "different" part of the organization, each of us in the Corps should always endeavor to pass on some of the camaraderie, culture, passion and true friendship that comes with the SFMC tag. And then who knows? We might even get to represent a true 25% of the outfit one day soon!

Awards and Devices

We continue to work through the issues relating to our ribbon awards and while at time of writing no definitive answer is ready, I am certain that we shall be able to announce a solid resolution to the supply 'problems' very shortly. It certainly does appear that there will be little, if any, disruption to our usual supply and as we head towards the IC/IM we should be able to provide any needs as required. More of this will get officially posted by the DepDant once he has completely resolved.

We continue to work to find replacement resin devices following the closure of New Moon Props and it is pleasing to see that some enterprising marines are already presenting some such material now. Any and all developments in this area will be updated as we have information to pass on.

SFMC Scholarship

The Scholarship Fund holds a healthy balance of some \$2,970. The Fund is available for any of our Marines and it would be great to see these funds being utilized for the purpose for which they are collected. We urge any qualified member of the SFMC to look to making application as I can assure you that we would be most pleased to see these funds being allocated where they can be of great value. Any queries regarding the SFMC Scholarship including applications for funding,

should be forwarded to the CO TraCom - tracom@sfi-sfmc.org

Staffing

My office often receives communication from marines offering their support and assistance where required. This is of course most gratifying and extremely helpful as we all know that one volunteer is worth a hundred conscripts. Sadly, we are not always able to point people to positions as most often, the qualifications required for the vacant posts are sometimes not easily met. But this should certainly not preclude anyone from stepping up and putting their name down for the future. Who knows what positions the various Commands may be working on and it certainly cannot hurt to have your name on someone's list. So I urge any marine who is keen to look to further his service to his fellows to get in touch with the DCO ForceCom who will only too happily take down your details.

And while on this note - might I take chance to remind any interested persons, that InfoCom still requires the services of a Publications Officer - one of the most energetic and exciting roles within the Corps for those inclined to be involved in graphic design, editing and publishing. If you have an interest in this role, why not drop a line to the CO InfoCom and learn more of what is required. We certainly need you!

Dealing with the Chain of Command (CoC)

A minor but important note is to remind all Marines of the importance of working through the CoC when wishing to make comment, query or criticism of any of the SFMC-associated Commands. While I always state that my "door is open" and I readily will respond to all communications sent to me, please be reminded that the CoC is in place for a reason - and that communications should be first passed to the next link of the chain upwards if you wish to bring someone's attention to anything. As I have said often before, I am happy to have your communications, but if you are going to make question or comment regarding one of the Corps various Commands, it would be expected (and appreciated) that you will have raised any issues or have made some point of contact, through the

CoC of the Command concerned first.

What Do You Want from the SFMC?

In the years I have been a Marine, I have always noted this comment in the previous Commandant's report. I can't speak for him nor know how much of a response was ever given. But the question was always asked. Do we respond? Do we have definite ideas and suggestions that we think the SFMC would find of value? Do we have something that we could share with our fellow marines that may add some interest, value or fun to what it is we do? Then if so, please speak up. Use your Units, your Battalions, your Brigades - Corps-list or even AoD!E to get your voice heard. We live and die by evolution so new ideas and thoughts are always welcome. We represent 24% of STARFLEET International (and if we all recruit a new marine it won't be long before that percentage rises even higher!) - so we have a strong voice. I suggest that we use it. And on that note - I step off my soap box, until next time.



CO Forcecom Report

Greetings Marines,

Well things have been busy here at Forces Command. One of the best jobs in Forces Command is activating units, and in the last two months, we have activated three new units. They are:

1. 399th "Night Fury" onboard the USS Isaac out of 20th Brigade
2. 348th Specter Squadron onboard the USS Daedalus, out of the 3rd Brigade
3. 880th Wild Hornets onboard the USS Alioth out of the 17th Brigade

One of the jobs of CO Forces Command is entering awards in the database and I would like to congratulate the Valor Winners from the 12th and 17th Brigades:

12th Brigade

1. Cross of Valor: William "Junior" Hof of the 263rd The Hawk's Talons stationed on the USS Black Hawk
2. Sword of Valor: Shane Russell of the 225th DedEx stationed on the USS Bortas

3. Shield of Valor: Josiah Smiddy of the 287 MSG Space Cowboys stationed on the USS Krakatoa
4. Legion of Valor: 234 MSG - Stray Dogs stationed on the USS Oklahoma

17th Brigade

1. Cross of Valor: John Roberts of the 898th Flying Medicine Men stationed on the USS Anasazi
2. Star of Valor: Marsha Beighley of the 898th Flying Medicine Men stationed on the USS Anasazi
3. Sword of Valor: Phillip Dillard of the 898th Flying Medicine Men stationed on the USS Anasazi
4. Legion of Valor: 898th Flying Medicine Men stationed on the USS Anasazi

Congratulations to all those fine marines.

I would like to encourage all Marines to send in recommendations for any of the Marine awards as the Brigade Musters are a chance for Marines to be recognized at the Brigade Level in front of friends. If you do not send in recommendations, the Brigade OIC can only present awards that he receives recommendations

for. People tell me, my marines have not done anything to receive any awards, I reply to that have you done any charity work if so then you can qualify for the community service award and then you can be in the running for the any of the valor awards. You can get your chapter CO to send in a recommendation for you even if the CO is not a marine.

I would like to thank all those Marines that are participating in the SFMC Reading Challenge. Remember the prize for the Marine that reads the most is a Challenge Coin and the Unit and the Brigade will get a Streamer for those guidons. I encourage all Marines to participate as it is easy to do, you just need to give your Unit OIC a list of the title, author, ISBN Number and number of pages that you have read. If you want more information it is located at the SFMC website under the Challenges sub-section under the About section (<http://is.gd/l1X6mR>).

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CO Infocom Report

Well the Easter Bunny comes tomorrow and in anticipation of that event, the marines that had dyed the Horta Eggs I mentioned last month have decided to hide them around the Data Warfare Center. The last time this happened most of the eggs were found, but of course there were some that were missed in the canvassing of the compound. Of course this meant that there were Horta hatchlings melting their way through various parts of the base. I think one building collapsed as a result. All in all it was a big mess.

Currently INFOCOM is in a bit of a quandary when it comes to publishing the AoDIE. A series of events have lead up to both me and the DCO becoming quite busy in real life. This fact has led to us not being able to publish a March issue and now it looks like an April issue. However we are currently planning out a way to make up those issues as well as rescheduling the release dates of the issues in such a way to give us more than enough time to receive articles and then to publish the AoDIE. Right now we are discussing moving the publication to the 1st of every month. We are hoping that we will be able to publish an issue on by the time this is published which will contain all of the material that would have been in the March and April issues.

Of course this highlights the need for an Assistant Editor to help with the production of the AoDIE. If you would like to assist with the production of the AoDIE please see the help wanted section for more

information.

Staffing

Staff, volunteers, victims...they are all the same. Unless they are zombies. In that case I need a heavy caliber weapon and a lot of ammo.

1) SFMC G3 Publications Officer: INFOCOM is looking for an individual to fill the SFMC G3 Publications Officer spot. The SFMC G3 Officer is responsible for editing and publishing all general SFMC manuals as well as all of the SFMCA manuals. Duties include taking draft documents, editing them if need be and then using a desktop publishing program to publish them in PDF format. Applicants must be a member in good standing in both STARFLEET and the SFMC. Applicants must also have access to Adobe InDesign and Scribus 1.3.x, any brand of PDF writing program, must have good time management and communication skills, and as well as be able to meet deadlines.

If interested please forward a copy of a STARFLEET and real world resume and if possible any examples of prior work to COINFCOM at infocom@sfi-sfmc.org.

2) Assistant Editor - Attention on Deck!: Extra: INFOCOM is looking for an individual to fill the position of Assistant Editor - Attention on Deck!: Extra. Candidates must be a member in good standing with STARFLEET: TISTFA, have completed PD-10, PD-20, & OTS, have working knowledge of Scribus

Desktop Publishing software, and be able to meet deadlines. Prior experience in desktop publishing a must. Duties include but are not limited to editing stories for content, grammar, and spelling, assist with and/or produce layouts for AoDIE, and work with the staff to come up with story ideas for upcoming issues.

If interested please forward a copy of a STARFLEET resume and if possible any examples of prior work to Michael Timko III, Editor AoDIE at michaelj.timko@gmail.com.

3) PHP/Javascript/Flash Developer: INFOCOM is once looking for a PHP/Javascript/Flash developer for various projects. Applicants must be a member in good standing in both STARFLEET and the SFMC, and have knowledge of PHP, Javascript, or Flash, and HTML

If interested please forward a copy of a STARFLEET and real world resume and if possible any examples of prior work to COINFCOM at infocom@sfi-sfmc.org.

Remember that I do maintain an open door policy so if any member has questions regarding the SFMC, INFOCOM, etc..., please do not hesitate to contact me at infocom@sfi-sfmc.org.

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NCO Corps Report

Greetings Marines!

After an “interesting” week for me I’m in the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of the local NCO club, where the combination of melting snow and subsequent mud means a bigger, thicker doormat to trip over and there is nothing “practical” about some of the jokes we play on each other. (“El-Tee, I have NO idea how those peacocks ended up in Staff Sergeant Hatteras’ quarters or what the significance of those peach preserves and that lawn mower is ...”)

On a far more serious note, the disaster in Japan drew a fair amount of comment on the Corps list regarding community service and awards. I am sure we all want to do our part to help out, and I have no problem with the idea of rewarding out members for their efforts to do so. But, as the ‘Dant made clear, just writing a check is not going to earn you a ribbon. The only way to earn a Disaster Relief or Community Service award is to put in some of your own time and effort.

Now, while it is true that the Red Cross WANTS you to just write a check, there are some things you can do as well. First and foremost, if you can afford it, write the check, and understand that your “reward” for that will be the knowledge that you have done something decent for your fellow inhabitants of this planet. The second thing is to contact your local Red Cross and see if there is anything they can use a hand with. I would be willing to bet that there is PLENTY of opportunity to put in some volunteer hours.

One thing to consider is doing a little fund-raising on your own for ANY charity you want to support. Essentially anything that brings in a little cash to support a worthy cause is going to take time and effort on your part. Collect recyclable bottles and cans and turn them in, or maybe clean out the garage or basement and hold a yard sale. Get the rest of your unit and chapter involved if you can. Get creative, and you might be surprised what you can accomplish.

No effort you can make is too small when it comes to giving back to your community. Keep up the good work, Marines, and please let me know about the contributions you make in terms of time and effort so I can share them with the rest of the Corps.

You may recall that I am working on getting some hard numbers, or at least a decent guess on how many enlisted members the SFMC actually has. Before I started collecting data, I was given estimates somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 percent of our total strength. I will be sending out a full report on my findings, but here is the bottom line:

According to the data sample (which consisted of 5 BDEs and comprised roughly 40 percent of the total membership of the SFMC), we can reasonably expect somewhere between 21 to 29 percent of any brigade to be enlisted, and it appears that for the SFMC as a whole, 25 percent of our overall strength hold enlisted ranks. In other words, about one Marine in four is enlisted, and since the SFMC accounts for roughly a quarter of the Membership of STARFLEET ... well, I’ll let you do the math.

I will look at the data again after the June reports come in, and hopefully will be able to expand the data set to include the entire SFMC.

This past month marked my third year as SGM SFMC, and I would like to thank all the great Marines out there who make this job such a pleasure. A special tip of Top’s eight point goes to the 313th MSG, the first unit in the SFMC to consist entirely of enlisted Marines. I am pleased to note that not only are the “Riven Seraphim” still going strong and still all enlisted, but according to FORCECOM, they are the largest single unit in their entire BDE.

Remember that one of my personal missions as SGM SFMC is to shine a verbal spotlight on the accomplishments of our enlisted members, and to do that, I need your help. Feel free to drop me a line and let me know what is happening in your unit or BDE.

Speaking of dropping someone a line, never hesitate 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. And, if you are not sure of which particular member of the GS is best equipped to deal with your question or comment, I can assure you that no matter which one you send it to, they will make sure it gets to the right person.

Now it’s time for Top’s History Lesson. If there is a “patron saint” of Marine NCOs, a good case could be made for the man that Major General Smedley Butler described as “The fighterist Marine I ever knew!” Butler, who won a Medal of Honor in each of two separate actions, was of course speaking of the only other Marine to accomplish that feat: Daniel Joseph Daly.

Look through any list of notable Marine quotes, and odds are you will find this one:

“Come on, you sons of bitches! Do you want to live forever?” Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly at Belleau Wood

Except, that’s not quite right. You see, for starters, at the time, Daly (who eventually retired as a Sergeant

Major) was a First Sergeant. And, Daley himself told a Marine Corps historian what he REALLY yelled was “For Christ’s sake men—COME ON! Do you want to live forever?”

Same sentiment, slightly different words. Still, to lift a quote from one of my favorite Westerns “When the legend becomes fact, print the legend”, and there is no denying Daly’s fire and enthusiasm inspired his men at Belleau Wood, regardless of the exact words he used or what rank insignia was on his sleeve at the time. Accurate or not, the line lives on in Marine lore.

A few more notes on Daly. He was a small man (Five foot six) and smoked a pipe, but did not drink. His first Medal of Honor was awarded in 1900, during the Boxer Rebellion in China. His second came fighting against insurgents in Haiti in 1915. During the battle of Belleau Wood, he received a Navy Cross for actions that included retrieving wounded men under fire, and attacking and capturing an enemy machine gun nest with grenades and his pistol. At the time, he was 44 years old. According to one author, Daly was recommended for another Medal of Honor for Belleau Wood, but was “only” awarded the Navy Cross and Distinguished Service Cross because some military leaders felt that nobody should have three Medals of Honor. Daly didn’t care, since he was not someone who liked the attention he got, saying medals were “a lot of foolishness.”

Daly served as an active Marine from 1899 to 1919 (with a further 10 years as a reserve member of the Corps), and was noted not only for his courage and daring in battle, but also for his constant attention to the needs of his men. He was respected by both officers and enlisted Marines alike. In fact, Major General John LeJeune, former commandant of the Corps, called Daly “the outstanding Marine of all time.” He reportedly was offered an officer’s commission at least twice which he refused, saying that he would rather be, “...an outstanding sergeant than just another officer.”

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Tracom Report

Greetings Marines,

Normally, during the monthly State of TRACOM Report, I'd tell you about new staff arriving, current staff departing, the application process, and a few quick points about the SFMCA. SURPRISE!! We're going to do it again. :)

Arrivals:

So far this month we have already had four new arrivals to the TRACOM Staff. Please help me in welcoming the following Marines:

1. Brigadier General Travis Littou of the 225th MSG is taking over the Armor School.
2. Chief Warrant Officer-3 Jenn Hoover is stepping into the TRACOM SGM role which includes operation of the NCO School.

This gives us an almost complete staff, or would were it not for...

Departures:

Wait a minute! We have no departures this month. We do, however, have a new post that we're trying to fill which leads us to...

Now Hiring:

Research Assistant: As of today, we are also seeking a Research Assistant for the Research and Development group. Requirements for are listed below.

1. All TRACOM Staff members must have completed PD-10 (Marine Basic Training), PD-20 and OTS;
2. Must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET;
3. Be at least 18 years of age;
4. Branch Directors must have completed every course offered by their Branch up to and including the -30 level coursework (Bachelors of Military Science);
5. If a staff member is appointed to a position within TRACOM, and that person has not completed the requirements for the position, he/she shall have 60 days to complete the requirements or be asked to resign the position;
6. All candidates should review the TRACOM Policies and Procedures Manual paying close attention to the duties outlined in sections 3.01, 3.02, 3.04 Doctrine Section sub-section Branch Directors, and section 3.05 IN FULL.

Please send your 'Fleet resume, a letter of intent, and why you feel you would make a valuable addition to the Training and Doctrine Command Staff to me at tracom@sfi-sfmc.org. As this post is predominantly that of a researcher, a successful candidate will have a decent understanding of researching the internet and other sources as well as basic citation practices.

Ongoing:

The TRACOM HQ program which will not only ensure that the SFMCA courses offered are up to date, but also that HQ has adequate and complete copies of all SFMCA materials on hand in a secondary storage site is still under way. Research and Development Group have been doing good work laying a basis for new development of goodies for the SFMC in the future. I have great confidence that they will be producing some awesome tech goodies for us to use soon. The SFMCA had kind of a light month in March. Remember that Summit season and IC are coming soon and many of the awards that marines want to receive are Academy based, so keep up the pace.

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Photos From I-Con 30

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Chris Trent, Mark Van Houten and Regional Coordinator / Britannic CO Wayne Augustson



Mr. Lansdale signed my VHS copy of the Batman: The Animated Adventures episode "Perchance to Dream," which he wrote.

Percentage of Enlisted Members

Percentage of Enlisted Members in the SFMC as of March 1, 2011

Executive Summary:

Analysis of a sample consisting of the February 2011 manning/roster reports from 5 different SFMC brigades leads to an estimate of 25% of the SFMC holding enlisted ranks, and the percentage of enlisted in any individual brigade to generally lie between 21-29 percent of the total brigade strength. This provides a baseline for further data collection and future trend analysis.

Details:

The sample consisted of a total of 423 individual Marines, which is approximately 40% of the current SFMC total strength. Reports from the 1st, 5th, 11th, 13th, and 17th BDEs were used to make up this sample. These 5 BDEs were chosen in part to give samples of BDEs of different sizes, and from different geographical locations.

In the sample as a whole, the percentage of enlisted members was 114/423 or 27.0 percent. However, the average percentage in any individual brigade was 25.8, with a standard deviation of 3.98. Given local differences this more conservative estimate was given greater weight as applying to the SFMC as a whole.

In the sample BDEs, the highest percentage of enlisted was in the 5th (39/120 or 32.5 percent) and the lowest was in the 13th (3/14 or 21.4 percent.) However, only the 5th BDE was more than one standard deviation from the average, which led to the possibility that the percentage of enlisted in the 5th BDE is significantly higher than the rest of the sample.

In order to check this, the data from the 5th was removed, which still left a sample of 303 individual Marines. In this sample, the percentage as a whole was 75/303 or 24.8 percent. The average percentage in the 4 remaining BDEs in the sample was 24.2 with a standard deviation of 2.43. In other words, there was less variability in the percentage of enlisted members in the other four BDEs, and the percentage of enlisted members in the 5th BDE may be seen as significantly different (more than three standard deviations) from the rest of the sample.

Given the possibility of BDEs outside the sample data being as variable as the original data, but the clear indication that a figure in the 25 percent range is perhaps more typical, the estimate of 25 percent for the SFMC as a whole, and a range of 21-29 percent (25 plus or minus 4 percent, the standard deviation of the 5 sample BDEs) in each BDE offer working numbers.

Individual unit data, where available, was also

examined, but proved largely uninformative. The percentage of enlisted members in units that had them varied wildly, from a low of 9.1 to a high of 66.7, with an average of 35.9 and a standard deviation of 17.22. There was also no clear relationship between the actual size of a unit, and the percentage of enlisted members, nor was there any clear relationship between the BDE of origin, and the percentage of enlisted members in a unit. The only possibly significant note that emerged from considering the individual unit data by BDE was that the 1st BDE data showed the highest variability (19.5) and the 5th BDE showed the lowest variability (10.5) in the sample.

Discussion:

Anecdotal information prior to data collection had the percentage of enlisted Marines as much lower (guesses ranged from 10 to 20 percent) and that may still prove to be the case once it is possible to look at the SFMC as a whole. However, the large size of the sample and the fact that the sample encompasses diverse segments of the SFMC membership combine to give a high degree of confidence to the estimate.

The data indicate that 5th BDE is doing something different regarding enlisted members. This does not mean that the other BDEs in the sample are doing something wrong, merely that the 5th BDE is somehow different. The obvious question becomes: Why?

The responses to a question on the 5th BDE email list pointed to two factors. The first is a leadership at the BDE, and chapter/unit level that recognizes some individuals, for whatever reason, are not comfortable being officers, and that enlisted members can be an important part of the group. Therefore, those who choose to remain enlisted are supported and encouraged in their decision. The second factor is that, in turn, some enlisted members have become prominent and vocal leaders, and set good examples for the rest of the members. This validates the decision by the leadership to actively encourage and support enlisted members, and offers a positive example for new chapters and units coming online in the region/BDE.

In short, the leadership actively encourages enlisted members, and the enlisted members encourage the leadership. But this seems to be the case in other BDEs where some units have a high percentage of enlisted members. The high variability of the individual unit data suggests that chapter COs and unit OICs and the presence of prominent enlisted members plays a large part in the percentage of enlisted Marines in individual units.

However, there is one possibly significant difference in the 5th BDE. In the past 5 years, the region and the

BDE have undergone a great deal of expansion both in terms of individual members and new chapters/units. Worth noting is that most of these new units are part of the same "family tree", tracing back to a chapter that historically emphasized and supported the enlisted ranks. A check of the data shows that the units in this "family" make up roughly 75 percent of the reported BDE strength, and contain 90 percent of the enlisted members in the BDE. On average, these units have 42 percent enlisted members.

So, it is entirely possible that the high percentage of enlisted members in the 5th BDE is less the result of something different that the BDE is doing and more the result of a "cultural" difference. In other words, some units were "brought up" with an emphasis on enlisted members and passed this on to the new units they mentored.

Further data collection:

Hopefully in the future, all BDE reports can be used to generate a complete data set. The current plan is to check the data again for the June reports from at least the BDEs in the sample.

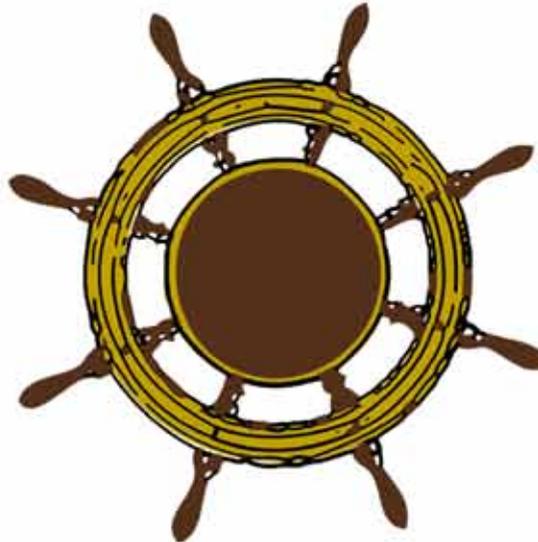
On the "wish list" for new features for the SFI database is a standard report that will return the number of enlisted members in each BDE and for the SFMC as a whole. This would greatly simplify data collection and tracking.

Respectfully submitted,

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