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Below Deck Notables

Members who do the little things that make a big difference.



Tim Barrington • USS Majestic

Over the years of Tim Barrington's membership he has done much in his community including volunteering with the 2010 Olympic Games. One of his best qualities is his ongoing faithfulness in the performance of his duties. What they did that was so cool: Volunteer 2010 Winter Olympic Games



Martha Ingles • USS Constitution

Licking and Laminating the Fleet

After getting your membership packet a few weeks after filing your application have you ever wondered who was responsible for that laminated ID card and the packet in general? If you have joined or renewed in the past 7 years the odds are very good that your card and packet have passed through the hands (and lips) of Fleet Captain Martha Ingles probably more than a few times.

On March the 6th 2004 (her birthday as it happens) the materials for a new membership processing team to be handle by the then USS Kasimar, arrived at her door thanks to a special delivery from Santa who was working for CompOps. Since that time on basically a bi-weekly basis Martha has been directly responsible for laminating every ID card and has licked the envelopes for just about every membership packet handled by the Bangor MP Team, which even at a conservative number figures out to be better than 1000 packets a year. In addition she has also helped with stuffing the packets, adding postage and dropping them off at the Post office. This year with the change in the PO Box location she has also helped with mail pick up and does most of the mail-in entry to the database. She has also manned Membership tables at our Region Summit each year and IC's in Philly, Greensboro, Ithaca and Poconos instead of visiting the areas or doing other IC activities.

Without the hard work and dedication from Martha over the years it is fair to say Membership Processing would not be nearly as fast and efficient as it has become today.



Jeremy Mayes • USS Navras

Jeremy joined the USS Navras after its launch in 2010 as an Ensign, where he remained throughout the course of our Shakedown Cruise. Once he was appointed to the position of Executive Officer, and given the rank of Commander, he immediately buried himself in chapter business, single-handedly building our bylaws and command structure from scratch. He is personally responsible for the recruitment of thirteen new members, and has made unrivaled progress in our chapter on courses from STARFLEET Academy with 15 distinctions, 16 honors, and 2 passes. The USS Navras would not be what it is today without Commander Mayes, and we are very grateful to have him as an active member.

Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the new look, and size, of the Communiqué!

It's been some time since the Communiqué has been printed in this size. While we'll be returning to our old size in the next issue, we're looking at the costs involved in moving back to this size. We also need to judge the how you guys feel about the new layout.

While the new size is temporary, we will be keeping this new look. I'd like to thank Christina Sievers for her work on the new design. I think she's done a wonderful job, and look forward to using it in upcoming issues.

In our next issue, we'll be printing a survey to gather your opinion on this new format, compared to the same layout in the old format, as well as your opinions on a few other topics. We'll have the same survey available online.

In closing, I would like to apologize for the delay in this issue. The fault is mine, and mine alone. The next issue, CQ # 167, should be published very shortly following this issue - which will help in getting us back on schedule.

As always, we're happy for your submissions - please send them to cq@sfi.org. We're also always looking for volunteers to help us in writing, editing and assembling each issue. Please contact me at comms@sfi.org if you'd like to volunteer.

In Service!

Mike

Correction

In Issue 165, in the header for 'The Chaplain's Chat', Russell Ruhland was incorrectly identified as a 'Commodore', his correct rank is 'Rear Admiral'. In the same article header, Bryan James was incorrectly identified as a 'Colonel', his correct rank is 'Brigadier'. Our apologies to both Russel and Bryan for the oversight.

Subspace Communications

A sampling of tidbits from around the fleet.

The Annual Campaign... It's what binds us together

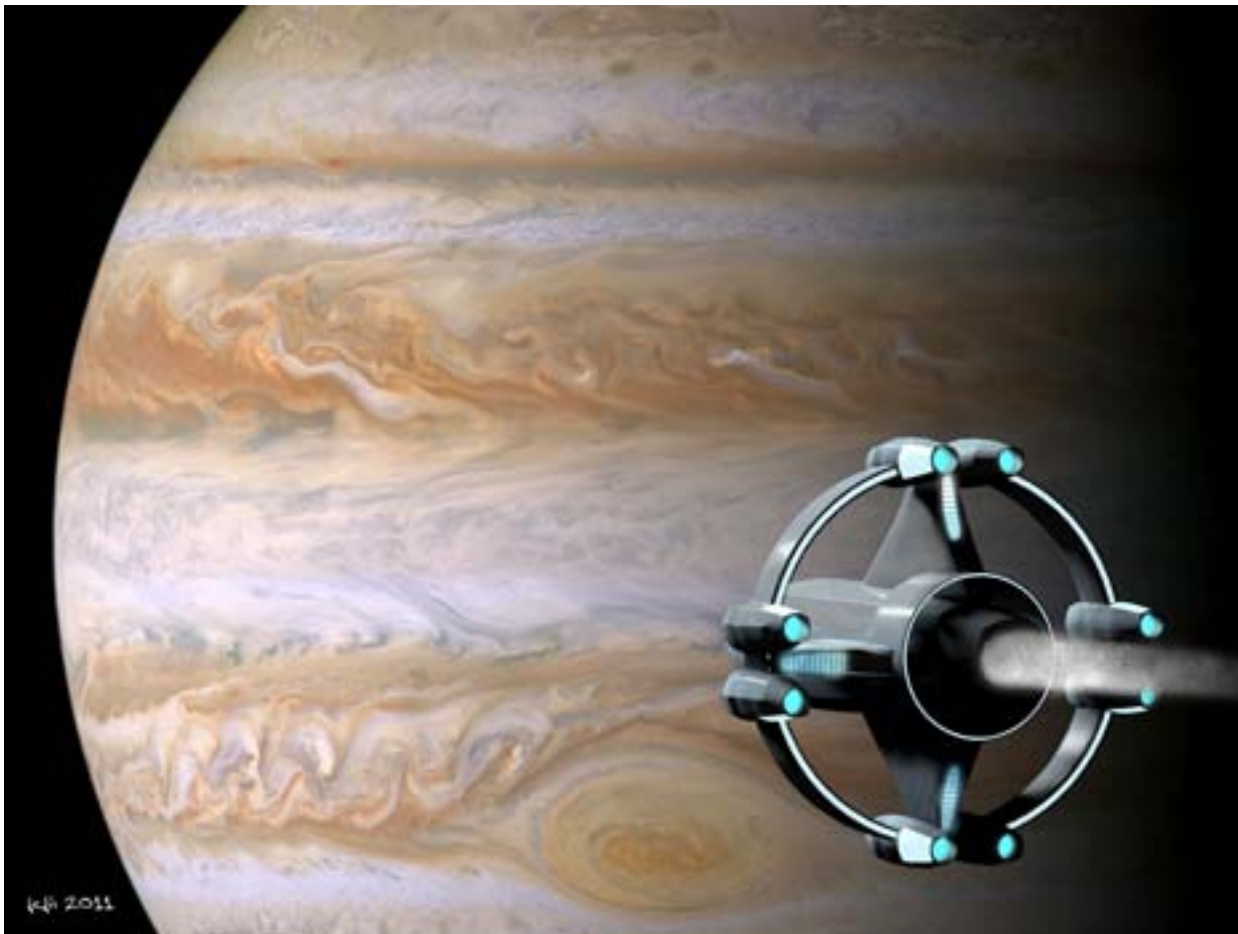
It has been often asked, "What exactly is the Annual Campaign?" The best way to describe it in a definition is as follows: "The Annual Campaign is what helps bring enjoyment to the member experience in STARFLEET. It's designed to bring fun and goodwill into our organization. From the individual member, to the Chapter, to the Region and beyond... It's what binds us together!" Lofty words indeed but how can you describe it in real terms? The best way obviously is by action. So perhaps an example would be in order.

When we join STARFLEET our initial membership experience is at the Chapter level. Whether it's in someone's living room or at a meeting hall, we meet in groups and enjoy the Star Trek experience.

This activity is by far the backbone of our organization where success or failure is determined. However the STARFLEET experience does not end there. STARFLEET is structured into Regions, the purpose of these region's is to bring together Chapters to enhance the membership experience even further. Regional Summits are held so that members of Chapters can meet and develop even more friendships with distant friends who have the same interests and the same desire of enjoying the Star Trek experience to the full. But wait: there is more to the STARFLEET experience. As an international organization we hold an International Conference or IC which is designed to bring together all the Regions throughout the world so that the member experience can be enjoyed to the ultimate! If you have never been to one, it really is something to be enjoyed. The friendships that you develop will last a lifetime and will increase your circle of friends and in turn help with your enjoyment of the

STARFLEET experience.

Now, this is all well and good but what does all this have to do with the Annual Campaign? It is the goal of this program to be the string that binds all three levels of the STARFLEET experience together. Programs and activities will be developed that will enable the STARFLEET member to enhance their membership experience by fully taking advantage of not only Chapter activities but also the Regional and International activities as well. To truly benefit from the STARFLEET experience, all three levels must be experienced to the full, this is the goal of the Annual Campaign. Our first steps have been taken to do this by the short story contest, but more is in the works and we are looking forward to binding all the members of STARFLEET in our campaign of bringing fun and friendship to our organization.



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PetFleet ... Saying Thank You in return

James Cecil
USS Commonwealth

PetFleet has been a program in STARFLEET for quite a few years now, and yet many in our organization really do not know why it exists.

In essence the program is a way to say thank you to our pets for what they give us. This thank you is expressed in the form of a special membership in STARFLEET, so that together you may enjoy the STARFLEET experience more fully. If you do not have a pet as a companion, this relationship might be a little hard to understand. So the best way to help bridge this gap is to outline what exactly a pet does for their owner and perhaps will help us all to embrace this program as a feel good opportunity to enhance the membership experience.

There are three basic reasons why we should say "Thank You" to our pets:

1) Pets can improve your mood.

Has there been a time when you were feeling sad and wanted to be alone, but then a cat rubs up against you and then suddenly you felt not so sad after all? They look cute and their loving eyes make you forget all your negative emotions. Recent studies have shown that people with AIDS are less likely to suffer from depression if they have a pet. It's almost impossible to stay in a bad mood when you see the eyes of a cute puppy dog wagging its tail saying scratch me please!!!!

2) Pets provide unconditional love.

Pets if they are properly cared for, offer unconditional love and companionship. They will always be there to give support. Pets can also enjoy moments of silence with you, and keep your secrets. Pets know who you really are and love you unconditionally. Sadly, what is hard to find in Human beings can be found with our pets.

3) Pets actually encourage you to exercise.

Research shows that urban dog owners spend more time walking and moving compared to non-dog owners. Pets can help take away some of the resistance to exercising if you know you have a happy partner.

The relationship between a pet and its owner is a special one. There is a bond that is developed and should be respected. PetFleet is the program that recognizes this and allows our members to say that special "Thank you". May all of us in STARFLEET smile in appreciation to these "special Members" who give so much and ask for so little in return!



Animal Emergencies

Jennie Sontag
USS Tiburon

As summer comes to a close, every pet parent needs to realize there are still dangers lurking inside of the home. We have to be aware what's happening with our beloved pets and keep them safe from harm.

There are many dangers to the pets inside the home like household chemicals. Some of these are bleach, furniture polish, dish detergent. These items may cause anything from surface burns, burns in the mouth and if ingested they can cause serious injury to the pet. If not caught in time the chemicals can do irreversible damage to the pets stomach, liver and kidneys.

If you do suspect your pet had gotten into any household chemical DO NOT induce vomiting, this may cause more damage as the chemical come back up through the throat.

There is a few things you can do:

1. Make sure the airway is open and nothing is blocking it,
2. Be sure to calmly talk to your pet and keep them as calm as possible,
3. Get to a veterinarian ASAP,
4. If you do know the brand and type of chemical the pet has ingested, be sure to bring it to veterinarian when you do arrive so they know what they are dealing with.

There is a pet poison control number through the ASPCA: (888) 426-4435. It is staffed 365 days a year 24/7. There may be a fee attached to the phone call of \$65.00.

These are just tips if your pet comes in contact with any household chemical. Make sure you keep you cleaners, detergents and polishers out of sight and reach of your pet.

As with any pet emergency contact your Veterinarian immediately!



Star Trek Vs. Star Wars Bowling

Trisha Tunis
USS Corsair

Stardate 201107.30 - Imperial Date July 30, 2011, the fate of the universe once more was at stake. 19 STARFLEET Officers and two cadets faced off against the mighty forces of the Bast Alpha Garrison of the 501st Legion. This was the second meeting of the opposing sci fi factions at the All Star

Lanes in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Local TV station WAFB interviewed both team's captains where they discussed techniques, strategy, and the spirit of fandom and friendship that has been generated with this annual event.

As the frames progressed, it was evident that the Imperial Forces had enlisted much needed help from the dark side. The USS Corsair's top engineers couldn't detect any technical anomalies that were causing the crew's bowling balls being attracted to the gutters or force fields around the pins.

At the end of the day, the 501st triumphed once more, and the Federation swore next year would be the "Search for Strikes".

The 501st may have won the galaxy-until next year-but true winners were everyone that participated.

Sci Fi Saturday Rocks York

USS Susquehannock

On Saturday, June 11 the crew of the USS Susquehannock attended the Sci Fi Saturday at York Emporium book store. The owner of York Emporium, Jim Lewin, is a huge Sci Fi/Star Trek fan. He often carries

cool Nostalgic Star Trek memorabilia. He has a Sci Fi Saturday event every year with different groups and speakers taking part. The USS Susquehannock had a table at the event. We were there to raise money for our Relay for Life team by selling baked goods and hopefully connect with more sci fi fans.

The day started with a discussion on collecting Science Fiction memorabilia. The favored collectable at the event was

an original (from 1968) Spock costume. There were several authors at the event. The best know author was Darrel Schweitzer. He is a well-known short story author and editor of Weird Tales Magazine. He also was an expert of the author, Lovecraft.

There was a local publishing company from Lemoyne, PA that had their own stories. They incorporated the authors in the stories as characters. The stories ran along the lines of sci fi/fantasy/comedy. For those that don't know Lemoyne is in the USS Susquehannock's back yard so to speak. One of the books they read excerpts from was "Drunken Comic Book Monkeys". Yes, it is as silly as it sounds but very entertaining.

There was one movie screening of "Plan 9 from Outer Space". I myself didn't see this but understand it's like the ultimate B rated Sci Fi film. Bella Lagosi made a cameo appearance for like 30 seconds of the film.

The USS Susquehannock's own Scott Taylor participated in the "Science Fiction Jeopardy Like" contest. He was kicking butt until the last question when he bet too many points. To the USS Susquehannock, Scott is still a winner!!!

The big event of the day was the performance of the Capital Area Jedi. These very talented people perform choreographed Light Saber fights usually for charity. They demonstrated some of their fights and then taught audience members how to do some of the basic moves. Two of our members, Jason Seim and Jim Hutley, gave it a try.

This is definitely a fun annual event any sci fi fan would enjoy. The York Emporium has tons of Sci Fi and fantasy used books any sci fi fan would enjoy going through. The USS Susquehannock would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Lewin, our fellow Trek fan, for having this event at York Emporium.



The Chaplain's Chat

Russell Ruhland and
Bryan Jones

Continuing with our growing Chaplain Corps community, I wish to announce RADM Lee V. Schmidt's appointment as Chaplain Liaison to Region 12. Lee has already provided some amazing contributions to the Chaplain Corps, which recently included a Chaplain's pin and patch for Region 12. Lee can be contacted at: lvsmo135@juno.com.

In our last article we introduced the Order of Capodanno Award to the Fleet. Unfortunately we were not able to have a representative available during IC 2011 for inaugural presentations, so at this time it is our distinct pleasure to formally announce the first awardees of this unique service award:

Order of Capodanno With Distinction

RADM Russell D. Ruhland,
USS DaVinci, Region 2

BDR Bryan R. Jones,
USS Tiberius, Region 2

LTC Anne Zecca,
USS Tiberius, Region 2

MGEn Dennis Rayburn,
USS Nikola Tesla, Region 1

Order of Capodanno with High Honors

CMDR Dixie Savander,
USS Tiberius, Region 2

CMDR Philip Bower,
USS Marathon, Region 2

VADM Jeffrey Higdon,
USS Blackhawk, Region 12

RADM Lee V. Schmidt,
USS William Wallace, Region 12

GEN Jill Rayburn,
USS Nikola Tesla, Region 1

Order of Capodanno with Honors

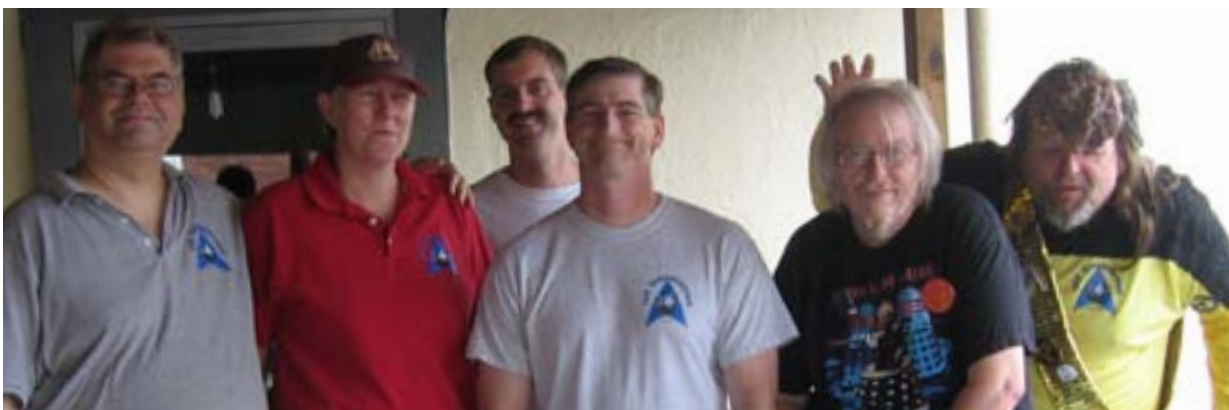
FCPT Karen Mitchell Carothers,
USS Richthofen, Region 7

BDR James Reed,
USS Judah, Region 2

LTJG Diane Ruhland,
USS DaVinci, Region 2

Our sincere congratulations to all of the above recipients. Your past, present, and continued contributions and/or support to the STARFLEET Chaplain Corps is truly appreciated. Since we were not able to provide a personal presentation, certificates will be personally e-mailed to the awardees as soon as possible. Remember, submissions for the Order of Capadanno can be sent in at anytime during the year and recommendations can be made by any member of STARFLEET, with formal announcement of awardees being made in future issues of the CQ on a quarterly basis.

If you have a question in the area of general spirituality that you would like to see answered in a future issue on the CQ, send it to us at: trekchristian@gmail.com. The name of the member asking any question will never be published, to protect the sender's spiritual values. Until next issue, warp speed ahead!



2011 SFI Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of STARFLEET Scholarships.

Armin Shimerman
Award for Business
Debbie Blaser
USS Hadfield, R13

James Doohan/
Montgomery Scott
Engineering Scholarship
Paula Luther
USS Susquehannock, R7

Leonard McCoy/
DeForrest Kelley
Memorial Medical
Scholarship
Juanita Marie Burlew
USS Aurora, R5

LeVar Burton Educational
Scholarship
Emma Hanashiro
USS Aurora Vulcanus, R3
and Andrey Kuznetsov
USS Golden Gate, R4

George Takei
International Studies
Scholarship
Catherine M. Andronik
USS Galaxy, R15

Law & Order Scholarship
Jeffrey Triz
USS Niagara, R7

Space Explorers'
Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Bishop
USS Hood, R15

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When we arrived, the lobby was busy with summit attendees either registering or hugging old friends.

Region Two Summit



Region 2 again broke the mold. This time our host committee (consisting of members of the *USS Judah*, *USS Tiberius*, and *USS Victorious*) for the 2011 Summit steered away from the traditional “big hotel” concept by holding all of the summit events at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, FL under the theme, “When Science Fiction Meets Science Fact”. We did have the Holiday Inn and Suites as our base; and what a beautiful base it was. A Spanish Revival style building with a large courtyard, heated pool, Tiki bar and all sorts of patios and balconies on which to hang out and relax with friends.

I had arrived early Thursday night as did Region 3 RC Reed Bates. After going over last minute details with the hotel management, Reed and I headed off for dinner in nearby St. Petersburg Beach at Keegan’s Seafood, a superb restaurant once featured on “Diners, Drive Ins and Dives”.

Friday started a little slower than I had anticipated so Reed and I took off to Ybor City. This square mile neighborhood was the hub of cigar production in Tampa at the beginning of the 20th Century. After years of decay it was been

Cuban coffee before returning to the hotel.

When we arrived, the lobby was busy with summit attendees either registering or hugging old friends. The big event on Friday night is the Admiral’s Dinner; an informal night on the town and a chance for the Fleet Admiral to mingle and meet folks. Of course, for this to work well you have to actually have the Admiral in attendance. Dave Blaser’s flight did land on time but, the crowd in the lobby grew, the scheduled time for the dinner was fast approaching

China First Buffet for a wonderful meal before returning to the hotel for the Dalmuti Tournament.

Excitement for the evening was supplied by Jim Cozine of the *USS Trident* when the Tampa Police and Fire Departments had to respond when the lock to his hotel room wasn’t working and he couldn’t wake up his two children sleeping inside. Maintenance showed up just as the police tried breaking the door down. Let it never be said that the R2 Summit is “boring”!

Saturday, of course, is the big day at summit. It was quite a sight as all sorts of Trek uniforms filed into the Museum. Dave Blaser made his first public speech as Fleet Admiral during the Opening Ceremonies. This was followed by panel discussion and meeting including the annual CO/XO’s meeting and Marine Muster which were both held outside in the Ritual Observatory. While attendees were not in meetings they were able to wander the Museum checking out exhibits on the human body, earth science and astronomy. Some even dared and took a ride in the MaxFlight Simulator.

RADM Jack Eaton
USS Trident
Region 2

RC Region 2



Dave Blaser (L) and Jack Eaton (R) present the CO of the Year Award to Jay Gallops of the *USS Continuum*.

reborn in recent years into a social and dining hot spot. Of course, there are still hand rolled cigars to be found and that’s what I was on my shopping list. We also walked around and sampled some local

and he had not yet arrived. I frantically called to find out Dave had his shoes off and was walking the beach getting his first experience of being in the waters of Tampa Bay! He did finally show up at the

That evening the main lobby of the Museum was transformed as chapter banners were hung and tables set for our Awards Banquet. After a fantastic Caribbean Island inspired buffet, which miraculously started 30 minutes early, Awards Director Lucy Ferron took center stage to present the Annual Region

Region 2 Summit

2 Awards.

This year's recipients were: Chapter of the Year, USS Continuum; Commanding Officer of the Year, FCapt Jay Gallops of the USS Continuum; Officer of the Year, LtJG Connie Fleming of the USS Continuum; Flag Officer of the Year, FCapt Mark Anderson of the USS Victorious; Enlisted Member of the Year, Crewman Corinne Grammer, USS Robins; Junior Member of the Year; CMDR Billy Baker of the USS Okatoma; Region 2 Commendations, COMM Larry Morris, RADM Denby Potts, COMM Bill Paul and Admiral Dave Ryan;

After returning to the hotel to get out of our "good clothes" some attendees joined in on the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, this year hosted by James Cozine. Others took advantage of the relaxed hotel setting and gathered in the atrium and patios over looking the pool.

Sunday morning is the laziest day at Summit. The highlight was the Charity Pie Toss. This year our victims were Dave Blaser, Alvin

byes. We usually save some "fun" awards and presentations for this time to keep things light. Dave Blaser was presented with a collection of "tourist-y" Florida souvenirs. The Great Dalmuti, James "I'm Not Here" Meunch, and

This year's Summit also earned itself a place in history. The weekend was a success as we made our donation to charity, paid all the bills for Summit and added \$1,700 to the Regional Treasury. We also tried something a little

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Lesser Peon, Alvin Dozier were announced as were the winners of Texas Hold 'Em. The First Out went to Jay Gallops, Third Place to Fred Crews, Second Place to Raye Crews and First Place to Alvin Dozier. The Ronald McDonald House was presented with a \$500 donation and Janice Davis spoke on behalf of the organization.

Stragglers made their way to Ybor City for a Dead Dog Party. Dave Blaser, Reed Bates, Russell and Diane Ruhland, Bruce Dolan and I first went to see "Battlefield LA" and then found a hold in the wall restaurant with some of the best pizza I have ever found in 16

different by having the function space away from the hotel and, for the most part, it worked! The bottom line was that everyone walked away saying the same thing; "I had a great time!" That's what we strive for each year; so it's easy to label this Summit as "Mission Accomplished"!

Next year, Region 2 breaks the mold once again by joining with Region 3 for a Joint Summit in Hammond, Louisiana. We hope to see you there!

years of living in Florida.

While some had already made it home, things finally closed down Monday morning as the last of us checked out of the hotel and Dave Blaser was placed on his plane back to Canada. Reed Bates kept alive the Tampa Summit Curse slipping and falling on her.... pride in the parking lot. This curse began the last time

we had a Summit in Tampa when Fleet Admiral Mandy Livingston slipped and broke her tailbone on the slide in the kiddie pool. While Reed has had some doctor's care for this injury she is doing fine and has cemented herself a place in Region 2 History.



Jack Eaton (L) presents Dave Ryan with the Region 2 Sh*t Stirrer Award

Dozier of the USS Judah and me. A total of \$315 dollars was raised for the Ronald McDonald House of Tampa. The saddest part of the weekend is Closing Ceremonies as we all prepare to say our good



FCapt Bruce Dolan and R3 RC Reed Bates relaxing at the hotel



Museum of Science and Industry



Texas Hold Em



SFMC Honor Guard at Opening Ceremonies



Russell Ruhland pies the Admiral



Dave gets revenge on Towaway



Science Log

Robinson Crusoe on Mars – How Accurate Was It?

In light of what we now know about the Red Planet from the space probe data, how accurate was Robinson Crusoe on Mars?

As a scientist, I'm rather picky about my science-fiction movies and TV shows. If it's promoted as science-fiction, then its discussion of science had better be fairly accurate! Perhaps the best science-fiction movie in this respect is the classic 2001: A Space Odyssey. Stanley Kubrick (director) and Arthur C. Clarke (writer, and a scientist himself) kept their science realistic, a direct extrapolation of the Apollo science of 1968. Gene Roddenberry's discussion of scientific and technological concepts in Star Trek was a reasonable speculation of the science of the 1960s. If the producers make a show where they don't care about scientific principles, then it's really fantasy, not science-fiction.

In this month's S.T.A.R. Science Log, I'd like to share a discussion we had at our June USS Alaric meeting about a movie we viewed at that month's movie night: Robinson Crusoe on Mars. When it was released in 1964, Robinson Crusoe on Mars was promoted as being scientifically accurate, a realistic representation of what it would be like surviving a crash landing on Mars.

The fictional Commander Christopher Draper and test monkey Mona discover a Martian breathable atmosphere with enough oxygen for short excursions, moderate temperatures, and a volcanically active geology with surface firestorms. The Martian canals are surface depressions atop underground collapsed lava tubes, and the nights are lit up by marvelous colorful auroras. The Martian ice cap is water snow, underground springs provide nourishment both to human and monkey as well as for Martian plant life. Based on the scientific data for Mars that we have today,

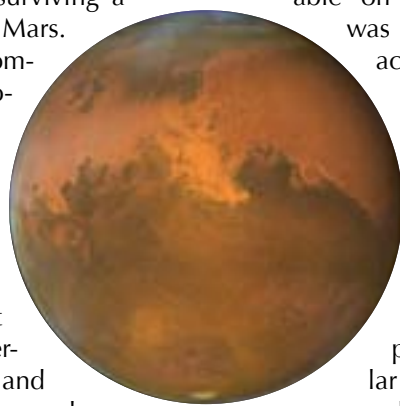
this is grossly inaccurate. But based on the observations of Mars available in the early 1960s, how inaccurate was it? Well, let's take a look.

The first space probe to successfully reach Mars was Mariner 4 in July of 1965, a year after the movie was released. Before that, the only information available on the Red Planet was what we could acquire with Earth-based telescopes. Strange surface features were seen which some speculated were a type of canal or surface depression, and polar caps were observed. There seemed

to be some seasonal change to the surface features, implying possible atmospheric activity or maybe vegetational changes with the seasons. No direct measurements were available on the atmosphere, surface temperature, or presence of water or plant life, nor was much known about the geology. So, extrapolating based on what was known about Earth

processes, it was certainly feasible that there could be geologic activity on Mars, volcanism, and an atmosphere, and the Martian canals certainly could be a surface manifestation of underground lava tubes. Water and plant life were pure speculation, and the rocks that give off oxygen when burned could have been based on some esoteric chemistry. Fire is a form of oxidation that requires a combustible material, heat, and oxygen gas or another oxygen-rich compound as fuel to burn. Although oxygen is required to make fire happen, Wikipedia says that non-oxygen oxidizers exist that can replace oxygen. I'm not a chemist, but I imagine it is possible for oxygen to be released if it is locked up chemically in a compound and there is another oxidizer available to fuel the fire.

In 1965, Mariner 4 returned 22 close-up photos of Mars showing a cratered surface. A thin atmosphere was detected, composed mostly of carbon dioxide in the range of 5 to 10 millibars pressure (the surface pressure on Earth averages about 1000 millibars). A small intrinsic magnetic field was detected. The Mariners 6 and 7 flybys occurred in early 1969 and measured the surface and atmospheric temperature, surface molecular composition, and atmospheric pressure. In 1971, Mariner 9 entered orbit while a huge dust storm engulfed Mars. It discovered river and channel-like features. The Viking 1 and 2 landers in 1976 searched for microbial life and monitored the Martian weather. Other spacecraft, such as the orbiters Mars Global Surveyor (1996), Mars Odyssey (2001), Mars Express (2003), and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (2006), and lander/rovers Mars Pathfinder (1996), Spirit/Opportunity (2004),



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USS Alaric
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and Phoenix Mars Lander (2008), have gathered much data.

In light of what we now know about the Red Planet from the space probe data, how accurate was Robinson Crusoe on Mars? Let's go through the following points:

1 - Dry desert-like surface – they got this right, even filmed the movie in Death Valley National Park, California, and at Zabriskie Point, Ubehebe Crater, which are reasonable representations of the Martian surface.

2 - Oxygen atmosphere – well, no ... the Martian atmosphere is 95% carbon dioxide and less than one percent (0.13%) oxygen, so no breathable oxygen on Mars.

3 - Temperate climate with earth-type surface pressure – no again. The surface temperature ranges from 125 degrees below zero F (-87°C) to 68 degrees above F (+20°C), so on a sunny summer afternoon at the equator it might be warm enough for short sleeves. But the atmospheric pressure is similar to what it would be 21 miles (35 km) up, or 4 times as high as Mt. Everest. Not enough air to breathe.

4 - Firestorms on the surface – not now at the current atmospheric pressure and composition.

5 - Volcanically active – not now, but definitely in the remote past. Mars' Olympus Mons, at 3 times the height of Mt. Everest, is the tallest known mountain in the Solar System and the youngest of the large volcanoes on Mars, having formed during the planet's Amazonian Period (3 billion years ago to the present).

6 - Liquid water on the surface – not now, but in the distant past. During the Noachian Period (4.1 to 3.7 billion years ago) and Hesperian Period (3.7 to 3.0 billion years ago), extensive erosion by liquid water produced river valley networks, and large lakes or oceans may have been present.

7 - Polar caps composed of water ice and snow – mostly no. However, the Mars Express probe confirmed that the southern polar cap has an average thickness of 1.9 miles (3 km) and is mostly carbon dioxide ice (85%) and varying



**View From The
Mars Lander**

amounts of frozen water (15%). NASA scientists calculate that the volume of water ice in the south polar ice cap, if melted, would be sufficient to cover the entire planetary surface to a depth of 36 feet (11 meters). And the Phoenix Mars Lander detected water ice just beneath the surface of the ground in 2008.

8 - Cavern homes – yes, for sure. The Mars Odyssey orbiter detected 7 possible cave entrances on the flanks of the Arsia Mons volcano. The interiors of these caverns may be protected from micrometeoroids, UV radiation, solar flares and high energy particles that bombard the planet's surface, so Martian caves could provide a home for a wayward astronaut. And, by the way, they are associated with volcanoes, as in the movie.

9 - Beautiful auroras – actually, yes. The Mars Express probe detected aurorae on Mars in 2006, but they are not as gorgeous as in the movie because the magnetic

field is so weak.

So, based on the scientific data available at the time, I'd say they did a reasonable job. At the very least, the movie provides a great jumping off point for a discussion at club meetings of the exploration of Mars!

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I've been Punk'd... Steampunk'd!

There's another form of science fiction out there called "steampunk". It's been around for years; however, the term is relatively new:

Your average dictionary defines "steampunk" as: "a genre of science fiction set in Victorian times when steam was the main source of machine-power". However, that is only one part of what Steampunk is. You can speak to 20 steampunkers and get 20 different views of the definition. It's not just in the Victorian times. Usually, it is seen from that time all the way up to WWII... However, it's not fair to limit it to those time frames either (they just happen to be the most popular in the science fiction world).

Steampunk has been around years before the term ever existed:



This is me ready to go inside the con Saturday morning as Steampunk Willie.

Photo: By My wife Peggy Sitbon.

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conceived today... The possibilities are limitless!

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So, when coming-up with my costume, I first had to decide what I wanted to be. I decided I wanted to be a bad guy, so I chose mostly dark colors. Then I had to decide what timeframe & I decided the Victorian Period, since you can't go wrong with that. I then added claws on my hands, a fetish spiked mask to breathe through, welding goggles, a vest, top hat & other freaky things to accessorize my appearance. Then people started to ask what my character's name was... I thought & thought, & then Mickey Mouse inspired me: Using

LTJg David M. Sitbon
USS Sovereign
Region 7

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These guys in their full steampunk glory out and having a ball. Photo: David M. Sitbon

the idea from Steamboat Willie, I used Steampunk Willie, & he was born! I still have a far way to go with accessories & gadgets, but I had more than enough to fit-in & have lots of fun with my new character. I also had an ulterior-motive for wanting to play a "bad guy": You see, I'm also really into horror & by choosing such a character, I can borrow much of my costume to make something up for the horror conventions I go to as well.

Peggy, wanting to match me, also went with the Victorian Period. She got some cool little burlesque-style top hats, a corset, pocket watch, pins & other cool clothes & accessories. She bought a slew of buttons, clockwork gears & pins so she can make her Victorian costume even more steampunk. We both had lots of fun.

Finally, I wanted to point out that there is a Steampunk party each month in down-town Philly called Dorian's Parlor. It's a place to dress-up, have fun, eat, drink & be merry! They have great bands playing there like Platform One or Psyche Corporation, fashion shows & even burlesque shows from the White Elephant Burlesque Society. You gotta check the web-site each month because it's different each time. What a great way to spend the evening & meet others with passion for steampunk. Good times for all!

So, what do you say? Give steampunk a try.... You might get hooked & start thinking of ways to "punk" your old Trek & Stargate uniforms! Then there's steamgoth.... But let's just save that for a different article....



My wife Peggy Sitbon with The White Elephant Society's Viktor Devonne. Photo: David M. Sitbon.



Now THAT'S Steampunk! This gentleman was more than proud to show off his awesome costume!

Photo: David M. Sitbon

Links to mentioned activities for your reference:

Wicked Faire
<http://www.wickedfaire.com/>

Steampunk World's Fair
<http://www.oneiroievents.com/thesteampunkworldsfair/>

Dorian's Parlor
<http://doriensparlor.com/>



USS Chicago Travels To Wizard World In Chicago

**Their location was the Chicago Comic
Con Wizard World and their mission was
to recruit as many people as they can...**

The crew of the USS Chicago boldly embarked on an away mission on August 11-14 to a world where various universes met in one location.

Once arriving at the Donald E. Stephens convention center, they encountered such species as the Daleks, crime fighters, costumed villains, and their rival, Jedi Knights and Siths. The crew knew when they arrived that they would be glad to be a part of it. Their location was the Chicago Comic Con Wizard World and their mission was to recruit as many people as they can to either join up with Starfleet, the Region 12 expanse, or to enlist in the local chapter of the USS Chicago.

The Region 12 table and the USS Chicago table were side by side so that passer byers were able to get as much information as they can on all aspects of Starfleet. Some Trek fans were even considering starting their own Starfleet division in their neck of the woods, if no chapter was close by. The USS Chicago table was prepared with pamphlets and a sign in sheet for those who wanted to learn more about this particular chapter. Anyone who signed up or took information also received a free Star Trek collectable card.

Displayed proudly on the USS Chicago table were various models of Starships including the USS Chicago's beloved Sovereign class replica. Many were impressed with the displays the USS Chicago exhibited on their table which also included a large map that exposed all the decks of the USS Chicago and various Trek paraphernalia such as communicators, phasers, and a Doctor's hypo-spray with different medicinal cartridges. What was also captivating was the large banner that was designed and created by Fleet Captain Jay Hurd for the group on behalf of the occasion. All the members were dressed in their class A uniforms which made guests want to stop by the table and take pictures of the crew. Some crew members

as they voyaged outward to see the various vendors and artists were stopped by Wizard World guests, so they could grab a picture of the Starfleet representative. The crew were not only engrossed by the different shops and all, some were hoping to catch a glimpse of some major celebrities that were appearing there, especially the main attraction to the Trek universe, Sir Patrick Stewart and LeVar Burton. Lt. Commander Jessica Mucha said that her knees melted the moment she caught a glimpse of the man who portrayed the Captain of the Enterprise D&E.

The weekend after, the crew got together at The Zone Comics in Homewood, IL. to discuss how they felt about the Wizard World event. One group member had the opportunity be a part of the 45th Anniversary celebration of Star Trek in Las Vegas and shared her experience with the rest of the entourage.

Lt. Elizabeth Rahuba said that she was impressed by the large number of people stopping by at Wizard World. "It was a good crowd, and it was a lot of fun," Rahuba stated. According to fellow crewmembers, a good percentage of people were quite impressed with Rahuba at the recruiting table. "I felt that we were very successful in recruitment," Rahuba added. Fleet Captain Jay Hurd felt that the success was mostly due to Rahuba's efforts and felt commendations were in order.

Crewman Greg Davis was very fascinated with all the costumes that were being displayed at the Wizard World Costume contest. Fleet Captain Jay Hurd threw off his uniform to join in with the other costumed competitors and transformed himself into Batman's biggest bad guy, Bane. Davis was also taken back by one celebrity in particular. "Peter Mayhew was

also very nice," Davis said. He added that the man who portrayed the fierce Chewbacca of Star Wars fame was a very friendly guy. It seems a wookie and a trekkie can coexist especially in Wizard World.

At the 45th Anniversary celebration in Las Vegas, Crewman Muji Pica took in all the sights that the convention had to offer. It was a Star Trek studded event where the celebs from the Original Series to the Next Generation were on hand to help join Trek fans say Happy Birthday to Gene Roddenberry's creation. Even with the multitude of people that came from across the globe, Pica managed to find fellow USS Chicago crewmate Capt. Jeff Gallus. For Gallus, the trip to Vegas and the convention was a surprise birthday present from his wife, Ensign Jennifer Gallus. For Pica, if there was one word to describe her time there it was phenomenal. "It was phenomenal. I really enjoyed it" Pica stated. Pica also added that the costumes people wore were "phenomenal." One person that really caught her attention was a gentleman dressed as the Trek super villain, Khan. "He just started unwrapping the scarf around his face and took off his head gear just like the character did in Star Trek II," Pica fondly recollected. The people in Vegas also heard some news about the Wizard World convention in Chicago from a very unlikely source. "Patrick Stewart talked about the couple who got engaged right in front of him," Pica said. Stewart went into detail and indicated that once the man proposed and the woman accepted, Stewart grabbed the couple's hand and said, "Engaged."



LTJg John DeYoung
USS Chicago
Region 12

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Challenger Recruits At The First Ultra Con



Where could you find a giant Dr. Zaius head, a Count Chockula bobble head and more action figures then you could buy, for the crew of the USS Challenger, the answer to that question was Ultra Con held on June twelfth at the Eatontown Sheraton Inn.

Rear Admiral Laura Victor our chapter's communications chief, her husband, Executive Officer Commodore Jeff Victor and your's truly were there manning a recruitment table for the first ever convention put on by the folks of Zoloworld.

These are the same people who coordinated Zoloworld shows at a popular South Jersey flea market in Willingboro NJ. They decided to do a full fledged show charging a small admission fee of \$4 which was waived for those manning fan club tables.

Laura brought along a lap top and we showed Star Trek bloopers and several other items to draw attention to ourselves which wasn't too hard to do. Laura wore her DS9 attire, Jeff a ST:TNG admiral's uniform and I wore a short sleeved classic gold uniform from the most recent movie along with my USS Challenger cap.

We weren't the only fan club preset, although we were the only STAR TREK fan club to be part of the show. We were joined by Stormtroopers from the 501st Legion, one of two Star Wars clubs. The second SW club was the Pennsylvania Jedi who very friendly.

The New Jersey Ghost Busters not only brought along their back packs for shooting paranormal creatures but one of their specially designed Ghost Buster vehicles which got a lot of attention in the parking lot.

Joining us later in the afternoon were Iwo Jima CO John Slavin and his young son who were both decked out in their Starfleet Marine fatigues and sporting phasers. They made a surprise visit and we were happy they could join us.

The duo won \$50, the second

place prize in the costume contest. I have to say I was a bit envious of that as I joined them on stage wearing a Borg costume.

The costume had been made by ship engineer Capt. Patrick Barnes for March's Polar Bear Plunge (which you might recall reading about in the last issue of the CQ) held on the beach and boardwalk of Seaside Heights.

I added a Borg mask to the costume and it was a tad warm with a black sweat shirt. So Borg Bob gotten beaten out by a young man dressed as the movie Spider-Man and a couple of SF Marines.

That was okay though. I was glad to see John & Son have fun and make a big splash. The father and son duo left with a Tie Fighter which cost nearly as much as they won. It might have helped that the moderator of the event, decked out in a tight black GI Joe Baroness costume, seemed to take a shine to the younger Slavin.

There were loads of vendors and being a comic book and action figure collector I was in heaven. I found more than my share of mini treasures and as you can see, took my share of photos of many other items.

Pirates, monsters, super heroes D&D characters, cowboys, aliens, you name it, it was there.

Jeff was teasing me about my picking up a She Hulk figure for a buck at which point I put a mini hove bike on his head at our table.

The three of us were interviewed by the internet radio program Fever Keeps It Real which made the day complete. We spoke

about Starfleet and the USS Challenger plugging our website, Facebook page and the Starfleet International Conference that we are hosting in August.



The show featured a few special guests including some wrestlers (though don't ask me their names, one was a female wrestler who while cute, looked like she could probably rip your head off).

Although attendance was a bit lighter then the organizer hoped for, it was a fun day had by all. Zoloworld is planning to do another show and we hope to be there at a Starfleet-USS Challenger table recruiting in uniform, hopefully with more Challengers joining us as their commanding officer looks for bargains and items that he has no room to store.

**ADM Bob Vossler
USS Challenger
Region 7**



USS Heimdal Celebrates 27th Anniversary as a Starfleet Chapter

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On April 16 the USS Heimdal, NCC-1793 in Madison Heights, VA, Region One celebrated her 27th. anniversary as a Starfleet chapter. The Heimdal launched as the shuttle Asgard from the USS Jamestown in 1984. She went to full starship status in April 1985 and the rest, as they say, is history.

That history includes launching 16 shuttles, sponsoring numerous charities, being home to several R/1 Regional & Vice Regional Coordinators, sending 5 local students to Space Camp, having an award winning newsletter, being Region One's Chapter of the Year several times and being Starfleet's Co-Chapter of the Year in 2009. Her CO and chapter members have been recipients of many regional & national awards. The Heimdal has had a very full & prosperous 27 years.

On April 16th the chapter celebrated her anniversary with a huge party to the Terrace on the James Restaurant downtown Lynchburg, VA. The restaurant is on the 8th floor of a local bank building with a panoramic view of the city ... very much like the view from the bridge of a starship.

40 people attended the anniversary festivities and the theme for the party was Karaoke Night on the Holodeck. Admiral Linda Smith, CO of the Heimdal, hired a Karaoke Disc Jockey as entertainment, not really knowing if her crew would participate in karaoke, but hoping they would. She wasn't disappointed.

Before dinner CO Linda Smith & XO Kenny Proehl welcomed everyone and Chief Chaplain, Tim Hazlett said a blessing. A wonderful buffet dinner was enjoyed by all and was followed by several film presentations.

Karen Delano & Willy Smith



Heimdal member Eric Merrill sings ... and dances ... karaoke at anniversary party. Photo by Willy Smith

put together a wonderful film featuring movie trailers advertising up-coming Heimdal movies & featuring Heimdal members that was very funny. There was also a "What's in Spock's Scanner" film segment that brought the house down, plus a series of photos of Heimdal members from 1984 through 2011, showing just how much we have changed. Kudos to Karen and Willy for the superb entertainment.

Following the film presentations, the karaoke DJ shifted into high gear and started Karaoke Night. What a treat! So many Heimdal people wanted to sing that the DJ had to play for an extended period to accommodate everybody. Member Eric Merrill surprised everyone by being the hit of the evening and not only singing but dancing and doing some pretty tricky stuff with the microphone. He was amazing. In between people singing, everyone

got up and did the YMCA dance & attempted a couple of line dances. It was just so much fun.

Following the entertainment, drawings were held for door prizes, which included a free Starfleet membership. Heimdal friend, Teran Harrison was a guest for the evening with her husband & she won the membership. Her husband, Jay added the additional money & made it a "family membership." The Heimdal welcomed them by making a video of them singing "I've Got You, Babe."

It was a wonderful evening ... the kind of fun a group of people can have when they're with people they've known for a long, long time. There were no inhibitions!

Everyone is looking forward to 2012 & celebrating the Heimdal's 28th anniversary. Holy Moley ... we're almost 30!!!!

To see Heimdal members singing on YouTube, follow these links:

Kathy Beck
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7fY1NCyLI0>

Willy Smith
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEOX581b7jg>

Teran & Jay
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=124oVpQqmMk>

Eric
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB-EpeA8YdU>



ADM Linda Smith
USS Heimdal
Region I

CO USS Heimdal,
Region One RC -
Retired



Anniversary party crowd doing the YMCA Dance at Karaoke Night on the Holodeck ... left to right: CO Linda Smith, XO Kenny Proehl, Cathy Touna & Robin Hudson. Photo by Willy Smith

On Saturday, we went to General Session where I had received the CO of the Year award for all of Fleet. What a shocker that was, but nonetheless, I was thrilled to be handed the Honor.

Inferno goes to IC2011 in the Poconos



On Friday, while Larry was in the ECAB meeting sitting in as proxy for the IG, the rest of us wandered around the hotel, got our registration taken care of, and met up with all of our friends that we haven't seen in a long time. After dinner, we went to opening session where I was promoted from Commodore to Rear Admiral. On Saturday, we went to General Session where I had received the CO of the Year award for all of Fleet. What a shocker that was, but nonetheless, I was thrilled to be handed the Honor. We went to different panels. Jim, Larry and I sat in on the Marine Muster before Larry left to go take care of the Academy Panel with Annie Wheeler and Cher Schleigh. We all then went to the How to Host an IC panel chaired by Mark An-

Larry French, Debbie French, and Jim McClure from Region 7 joined forces with Matt Moyer and Krista Darbyshire from Region 1 to head to IC2011 in the Poconos. We left from Jim's place on Thursday and headed up to the IC. Of course, there were the usual pit stops along the way to eat, gas the car up, and rest while on the road. We finally arrived and checked into the hotel.

binder. I suggest that anyone thinking about hosting an IC to please go to this panel the next time that you are at an IC or contact Mark for more information.

We went out to dinner and returned just in time for the dance. We danced our butts off and had a blast. On Sunday, we went to closing session, had lunch, and went to the Region 7 meeting afterwards. In between, we said our goodbyes to those who were leaving on Sunday. We went out to dinner and returned to make our

way to the pool for a short while before heading off to pack our things to leave the next day and head off the bed. On Monday, we checked out of the hotel and made our way back here to our end of Region 7. We all had a good time and wished that we could spend more time with all of our friends. It was a good time seeing everyone as well as spending the time that we had with them. Until next time, this is Debbie French signing off...



RADM Debbie French receives CO of the Year Award.



MGEn Larry D. French, Sr. received SFI Academy's 2010 Institute of the Year.



FADM Dave Blaser promoted RADM Debbie French.

RADM Debbie French USS Inferno Region 7



IC2011 delegates dancing on Saturday night.



Poking Around At IC 2011

One hike was described as a waterfall hike, only a mile and half long. So, I decided to take that hike, since I felt I needed some exercise anyway.

Hi everyone, as I write this article Hurricane Irene is about to hit Northern NJ in the next 12 hours. Hopefully, everyone will get through this okay and we won't lose any power either. Now, by the time you read this it should be a sunny day and people will have stories to tell about the great hurricane of 2011.

In any case, a few weeks ago, Thursday, August 11th to be exact, I went to IC 2011 which was being held at The Inn at Pocono Manor, PA, this year. I arrived early and immediately met some familiar faces from the crew of the USS CHALLENGER. After checking in and scouting out the hotel including the spa, I then went to lunch in the hotel. A couple of hours later the Registration table was open and I got my registration pack.

I had a lot of free time on my hands since I had originally planned on playing paintball on Friday, but unfortunately prior to arriving everyone else had changed their plans. Since I had arrived early anyway, I decided to make the most of it. I checked back at the spa and made an appointment for one of their massage treatments. The massage turned out to be very relaxing and well worth the cost of about \$100 for an hour session.

Later that night, I met up with some other people from Region 7 and had dinner in the main dining hall there. The package I had selected was the Commodore package which included two meals a day. Since I was there for four nights the total cost came to \$556. When I told Jeff Victor, IC Chair, about this he thought it was very funny too. I told him it should be called the Justice Special. I'm sure the other attendees who paid the same rate didn't notice the connection to our ship.

Friday morning I had breakfast in the dining area which had a full breakfast buffet. This also was

very good. Shortly after breakfast, I decided to crash the EC/AB meeting and sell some IC chocolates for Region 7. I told everyone there that they were going to need some chocolates to stay awake during their session and that I was leaving shortly. In just a few minutes I had sold about 10 bars to the EC/AB members.

After checking in on the EC/AB, I was intending to go either horseback riding or to the Golf Driving Range and have some fun there. Once again, I made the wrong decision. I saw one of the hotel brochures at the front desk for three local hikes in the woods. One hike was described as a waterfall hike, only a mile and half long. So, I decided to take that hike, since I felt I needed some exercise anyway. Well, that turned out to be at least a mile and half to get to the waterfall itself. The waterfall was only about five feet high at most. Not exactly what I was expecting after walking so far. On the way back, I took the wrong trail back and wound up on the other end of the driving range of the golf course. Now, I was very far from the hotel. I'm sure my total hike was at least five miles, and I was totally beat after that.

Upon arriving back at the hotel, I called David and Maria Fricke, my ship XO and Chief of Staff to see what time they would be arriving in the area. After speaking with them, I had about two hours of free time, which I used to take a shower and get some rest. I really needed about four hours of sleep but I later met David and

Maria in the lobby downstairs and we then proceeded to go to the Amber Steakhouse. This was very nearby and the food was great. We then drove around the local area and went to a place called Callie's Candy Kitchen. There they make homemade chocolates and fudge. I thought I had bought enough until I later tasted their chocolates and then realized I didn't buy enough. Their fudge was outstanding as was their chocolate covered Oreo cookies. From there we went to Callie's Pretzel Factory which wasn't too far either. This place also owned by the same owner of course had lots of different pretzels to choose from. I only bought one bag of various pretzels and once again noticed how good they were.

That Friday evening was the SFMC Open Dress Mess. This was a formal dining event organized by the SFMC that was open to everyone attending the IC. The food once again was excellent and a few people gave some speeches including the history of the Open Dress Mess. I sat with Keith Shikowitz, the CO from the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN and with Jonathan Slavin the CO from the USS IWO JIMA. Jon had a few members of his crew along with some of his cadets. Shortly after dinner was over, Jonathan ordered his XO to take one of the cadets to the bathroom for a No. 2. We all thought this was hysterically funny, I told Jonathan, he should say No. 1 report to the bathroom for duty detail.

Saturday morning was the general session which ended an hour earlier due to some changes this IC had tried out. Also, a lot of the EC speeches were very short.

After lunch, I attended the SFMC Marine Muster for about two hours and then went to the

RADM Mike Stein
USS Justice
Region 7

Swap Meet. I had brought a lot of the ST stuff to trade with; however ADM Joe Hoolihan whom I had wanted to trade with didn't bring what I had wanted. This was a desk computer console that when you pushed a button it said, "Working", in the same voice as in the TOS. I did trade some other stuff for a large colored blue print of the USS Enterprise - NCC 1701.

After the Swap Meet was over I then made my way to the Meet The Brass. This was an opportunity for everyone to ask the EC questions they had. I waited a few minutes and then I raised my hand and took the floor and proceeded to ask the EC, although mainly CS Dave Blaser, with financial questions. Since, I hadn't seen any financial statements since my departure as CFO, I was wondering what was going on. Did we close out the year with a profit or loss? Apparently, Dave was expecting my questions and calmly explained that they were still working on the financial data and would be working also with Pat Spillers, my former Vice CFO as well. Dave then asked if I could help out their financial team as well with the financial statements that I had done in Excel. I agreed to of course, since it was in STARFLEET's best interest to have someone helping them that understood how to prepare non-profit financial statements.

Shortly, after this session was completed, I attended The Final Mission. This was a brief ceremony honoring everyone in STAR TREK, STARFLEET and significant people in SF that had passed away during the previous year, whose names were read. This was followed by a flag ceremony performed by a few members of STARFLEET and the SFMC. David and Maria also attended this event.

The Saturday night banquet was next and I also attended. The food once again was very good. For a 100+ year old hotel, the catering staff at the hotel did an excellent job. The charity auction followed the banquet which was to benefit the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. David and Maria attended the dance that followed. David

even got up and danced the "Time Warp" from ROCKY HORROR. As you can see, it was a wild night after the Banquet.

The following Sunday morning at around 10 AM we had our Closing Ceremony. I personally thanked Jeff Victor, the IC Chair along with other members of his team including his beautiful wife, Laura. I made my good-bys to those that were leaving and then went to lunch with David and Maria. After we got back, we attended a brief Region 7 Conference, where I once again gave a financial report followed by our upcoming ship events.

The meeting lasted about an hour or so and then I went shopping with David and Maria to the Crossings Outlets. David and Maria also took me to see their timeshare in Pocono Manor which wasn't too far from the hotel I was staying at. After some time there, they dropped me off back at the hotel where I then saw a large contingent of Region 7 members in the lobby. After sitting around for awhile with them they decided to go out to dinner. Since they were going out of the hotel for awhile I decided to go with them as well. I recommended the Amber Steakhouse to Mike Allen who was driving the car I was in. Once again, we had a great meal at a local restaurant. That evening I also heard about a room party that Dave Blaser was having. So, I then checked that out and stayed there for awhile. The following morning I checked out and said my final good-bys to a number of people that were still there. All in all I had a great time at this IC.



Waterfall at the end of the hike



The Inn at Pocono Manor



**RADM Michael Stein, CO USS JUSTICE
and CS Dave Blaser after the SFMC
Dress Mess**

Photos From IC 2011



CPR Class - proficiency test of then LT David Fricke, XO USS JUSTICE, now LTCMDR, performing chest compressions on an infant
By Maria Fricke



The Final Mission
By Maria Fricke



FCAPT Sal Lizard (L) & FCAPT Joseph Gallagher (R)
By Maria Fricke



Commissioning of the USS SERUNG, the USS JUSTICE was the mothership.
By Maria Fricke



RADM Michael Stein, CO USS JUSTICE, then LT David Fricke, now LTCMDR, then LT Maria Fricke, now LTCMDR at the Saturday Night Dance.
By Keith Shikowitz



Meet the Brass. (With VCS in digital attendance.)
By Maria Fricke

FADM Dave Blaser performing YMCA
By Maria Fricke

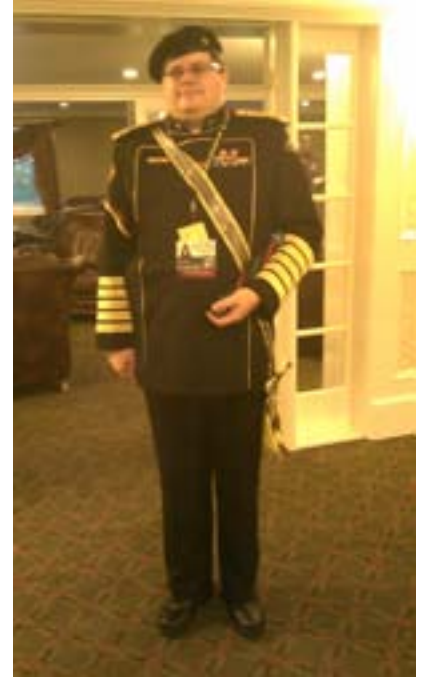




Joe and Rose Dorffner
By David Sladky



RC7 Wayne Augston
By David Sladky



Martin Lessim
By David Sladky



Federation Shuttle
By David Sladky



RADM Laura Victor, Chief of Communications for the USS CHALLENGER (R7) and SFI Webmistress. She had signs to remind people of the time they had left while speaking at the podium. If someone kept on going and going, Laura would put up the "STFU" sign. I loved it and had to get a picture of Laura with the sign for holographic posterity.
By CMDR Ariel Vitali



COMM Jim and COMM Mary Ann Pugliese. Jim is CO of the USS ASCENSION NCC-2520 and Mary Ann is CO of my ship. It's a goofy candid shot, taken during Opening Session on Saturday morning. We were pleased to hear that they were promoted from Fleet Captain to Commodore at the IC. FCPT Matt Moyer of the USS LIBERATOR (RI) is in the background.
By CMDR Ariel Vitali

Member Awards

2010 Commanding Officer of the Year:

Commodore
Debbie French
USS Inferno
Region 7

2010 Enlisted Member of the Year:

Petty Officer 2nd Class
Martha Stimpson
USS Heimdal
Region 1

2010 Officer of the Year:

Lieutenant Junior Grade
Mark Russel
USS Genesis
Region 11

2010 Flag Officer of the Year:

Admiral
Willy Smith
USS Heimdal
Region 1

2010 Junior Member of the Year:

Cadet 2nd Class
Crystal Grace Hough
USS Thermopylae
Region 5



Chapter Awards



2010 Shakedown Chapter of the Year:

USS San Juan
Region 2



2010 Mothership of the Year:

USS Antares
Region 5



2010 Chapter of the Year:

USS Avenger
Region 7

Web Awards

Fun Site

USS Haise

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

Most "Wow"

USS Thermopylae

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

Most Informative

USS Vre'Kasht

<http://www.ussvrekasht.org>

Vanguard Award

USS Tydirium

<http://thety.org>

Newsletter Awards

2010 Best Chapter Newsletter

'Angels Flight'

USS Angeles

Region 4

2010 Best Regional Newsletter

'Subspace Communicator'

Region 4

2010 Newsletter of the Year

'The Commlink'

USS Haise

Region 2

Commissionings



USS Constitution
Region 15



USS Dejah Thoris
Region 2



USS Serling
Region 7



IC 2011: A Word From The Staff

This was a team effort with strong guidance by Jeff Victor the conference's chairman.

It is hard to believe that it has been three years since my crew and I got word that the bid that my Executive Officer, Commodore Jeff Victor put in to host the International Conference of 2011 got a thumbs up.

Hosting an international conference is one major undertaking and we knew that. Jeff, who I have watched grow up from his early days as a young cadet with the chapter to now young man and the best number 1 a chapter CO could have, put some major work into this event and was the driving force behind its success.

That isn't to say that the event didn't get support from his wife, Laura, who is our communications chief, Julie Victor, Jeff's mom and Challenger's long-time financial officer and our long time Engineering Chief Ken Diehl.

Other support members included my wife Emily Vosseller who assisted with registration beside Julie and Asst. Security Chief Kevin Victor who assisted with IC operations and security.

Sovereign's long time chief engineer (gosh notice that constant reference of "long-time") served as our Transportation Chairwoman. A role she excelled at before during IC1997 in Cherry Hill NJ and again in 2006 in Philadelphia.

Those conferences were hosted by Region 7 itself unlike this one although we certainly benefited from other 7th Fleet ships like the Britannic and Abraham Lincoln who provided security support at the IC plus those from R7

who served as panelists.

This was a team effort with strong guidance by Jeff Victor the conference's chairman.

After each IC I've attended (and trust, me that is a pretty good number) I've come home feeling excited and energized as to the future of our international organization and reminded about why I've

strong desire to bring out interests that Starfleet members had that went beyond our love of Star Trek (which of course was a given).

That is why R7 RC Wayne Augustson, the CO of the USS Britannic got conned into... I mean asked, to serve as panelist for a forum on his other love, Star Wars.

In a similar vein, Karen Carothers, CO of the USS Rich-tofen and her husband, Chris, our SF Computer Ops director, are both ghost hunters and ran a panel

on paranormal activity even focusing on the stories of a ghostly presence known to appear at the Poconos Manor itself.

Long-time USS Sovereign CO (there's that long-time moniker again) Beryl Washington came up with an idea that she knew would captivate the interest of the ladies attending the conference, a spotlight on relationships and hot men in media.

Of course we did have a panel on the future of Star Trek that I ran so we were pretty well rounded.

Abraham Lincoln's XO Willie Yee's interest in astronomy came in handy for the starry nights at the manor.

We appreciated everyone who shared their interests and knowledge for these panels which got people thinking and gave them a glimpse at something different and enjoyable.

Mike Allen proved a great benefit to us as the ECAB liaison,



Jeff Victor at the Microphone

been in it for so long (going on 29 years this year).

I was wondering however, how I would feel after this IC having worked it as program and public relations chairman. I served as PR chairman back in 2006 and as IC Co-Chair and PR Chairman back in 1997. I even brought along the T-shirts and polo shirts from those conferences for nostalgia sake. Thankfully, they still fit, albeit perhaps a bit more snug in the case of the 2 IC1997 T-Shirts.

As program chair, I had a

**ADM Bob Vossler
USS Challenger
Region 7**

(especially when it came to his assistance with some of our lap top plug ins and providing necessary coffee during Friday's ECAB meeting). We couldn't have asked for a better liaison.

"We had an excellent IC, and it has been described to me as one of the best, if not the best ever," Jeff Victor said a week after the event. "I want to thank all of those folks who made the trek to the Poconos and supported IC 2011. We had a great time throughout the whole weekend and I can't think of a better time to express not just my gratitude, but that of the entire IC committee," he added.

Jeff added that "while it was a lot of work, it was also just as much fun to put on the IC and I am extremely gratified that it was so well recieved."

SF members were able "to watch the IC Webcast to see me get weepy about my team, but I

wanted to again thank Bob, Emily, Julia, Kevin, Wayne, Traci, Joe, Rosy, Mark, Mike, and the rest of the team for making the weekend a success."

Jeff added that "we tried some new things, and I'd say that pretty much all of our "Great Experiments" worked out. From breaking up promotions and awards, to having a longer opening and shorter closing session, I'm hard pressed to say that we'd change anything from a production standpoint."

What makes an IC are the attendees and the programming. There were a lot of laughs and a fair amount of liquor to help the party along.

Jeff said that based on a preliminary accounting, our charity, the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund, will be able to fund at least three or four scholarships from the proceeds of the IC.

Speaking of the Charity auction, the event noted two big spenders of the night during the event, Joe Hoolihan of the USS Matrix, and Ron Coleman of the USS Wessex. "We had great donations and we humbly thank all who opened up their closets to give the scholarship fund a boost," Jeff added.

For those who would still like to order IC2011 polo shirts, you can do so by contacting me directly at chair@ic2011.com. They still are \$35 plus tax, plus shipping.

Oh, and one more thing, go to IC 2012 (www.ic2012.com)...I hear Elvis may be making an appearance.

Once you've registered for IC 2012, you should prepare to IC 2013 (www.ic2013.com) in Dallas as well...unless, of course, you shot J.R.

A Special Invite to IC 2013



It is an honor and a privilege to personally invite you to the STARFLEET International Conference 2013, to be held at the beautiful and luxurious MCM Elegante Hotel in the heart of Dallas, Texas. We have a lot of surprises in store for those in attendance, in addition to all of the wonderful things you've come to expect from an International Conference! The event will take place from August 1st through August 4th, 2013, and we're working diligently to put together something that we think you will leave you with some amazing

memories for years to come.

The theme for this IC is "The Year of the Phoenix," as 2012 is supposed to be the year the world comes to an end. From the ashes, the phoenix will arise, reborn. As Gene Roddenberry was often referred to as the Great Bird of the Galaxy (which was also referred to in the Star Trek: New Frontier books by Peter David) and the Phoenix was the name of Zefram Cochrane's ship in Star Trek: First Contact, we felt it would be a fitting theme for the 2013 International Conference.

Information will be added to the website as it becomes available, and you can follow us on Facebook, or by following @SFI_IC2013 on Twitter. We strongly encourage you to keep checking with us as 2013 approaches—we'll be posting some very exciting information between now and then.

In the meantime, if you are planning on attending IC2013, we suggest that you take the opportunity to visit the website at www.IC2013.com and lock in the early registration rates.

Executive Committee Reports

International Conference Reflections & Announcements



Report From The Commander STARFLEET

So, this edition of the Communique is a very special edition, for at least two reasons, but possibly more!

The first is that it's a bit of a dry-run to see how well things will work out for us and to give you all something to whet your palate for possibly changing STARFLEET Communique back from having a newspaper-style newsletter to what we had years ago, a magazine style format. It's something that I'd heard from a lot of people about, wanting to return to something that we're hoping will be attractive and will help us give the chapters something that they can put on display, and make recruiting for STARFLEET a little easier.

So that you're all very well aware, this is just a one-off that we're trying. In this edition we're going to have a survey which will allow you, the member, to tell us what you think, and hopefully give us the mandate that we need to move forward with this format in a longer term.

Because this is a dry-run, I'll tell you now that we're still looking at possibly refining things more and are still looking for a long-term way to get to this format which will allow us more colour pages to be printed. The printing company that we're trying this edition with won't allow us a huge number of colour pages, but this will give us a good sampler.

The next reason that this is a very special edition of the Communique is because it's the post-International Conference edition where we'll hopefully have a lot of articles, photos, and stories shared about the great time that people had at the IC!

First, let me take a moment to express my congratulations to all of the award winners that were announced at the IC. Voting on the Annual Awards was, once again, very challenging and we even had two ties for Annual Awards that

Linda Kloempken had to run tie-breaker votes for. You know it's a hard choice when there are not one but two tie-breakers that have to be considered by the EC.

So, what can I say about IC2011... I had a great time!

An IC is jam-packed with things to do, people to see, discussions to have, and ceremonies to watch and participate in, and IC2011 was no exception. Jeff Victor and his IC Team tried a few new things this year, some which worked well, and some that could probably be refined a bit in future IC's.

I think that this year's effort to spread out things a little more over the course of the whole weekend was a very good idea - giving promotions out on Friday night so that people could enjoy their new ranks for the whole weekend was a great idea. Between that and giving some of the awards on Sunday allowed us to have a shorter General Session on Saturday, which more than a few people commented on and said that they liked. (After all, who wants to sit for four hours on Saturday morning listening to the EC, and others, blather on for all that time while you're sitting there bored?)

A few things were also tried which weren't as popular with some of our members. The SFMC had been given their own block of time at the beginning of the General Session for their own State of the Corps and Honor Awards to be given, but much of that was presented at the International Muster. While it saved time at the General Session, a few were a bit upset about that. All I have to say about it is that every once in a while you have to try something a little different to see how things go and whether trying something new will work. After all, you don't learn anything if you don't try.

The afternoon sessions were a lot of fun. Questions were asked

and answers given to the best of the best of our abilities. Joe Hoolihan had a great chance to talk about his various Star Trek collectables. (He has stuff that I've NEVER seen before... ever!) And more than a few entertaining photos were taken, no matter where you were in the hotel, even at the Final Mission, organized by DJ Allen - someone out there got a picture of Jack "Towaway" Eaton's bear feet standing next to my EVH red, white and black striped sneakers. (Whoever has that picture, I'd really LOVE to have it, please and thank you!)

I think that we did pretty decently at the Charity Auction this year as well, benefiting STARFLEET's Scholarships, raising more than \$1,000 over the course of the whole weekend. Fantastic work by Jeff as our Auctioneer, and Bob Vosseller, who walked around the audience and showed off the great items that we had for auction. There were some fantastic items up for bid, and STARFLEET members did a great job in pumping up the price of the items.

Of course, anything that happens at the IC should stay at the IC, so we won't mention the removal and subsequent helicopter swinging of someone's shirt, and the extra \$4 in donations that it got for the charity. And, no, there was no video evidence of it... there can't possibly be any video of it that we're aware of. Please, oh, please don't let any video evidence appear on YouTube. :)

All I can say is that if you missed IC2011, you had better be in attendance at IC2012 in Memphis. It's going to be a great time there, with plenty to see and do, and a lot of fun to be experienced. I hear that there just may be an Elvis sighting...

And, of course, I can't forget that the location for IC2013 had been announced as being in Dallas, Texas. I've never been to Dal-



FADM Dave Blaser
USS Hadfield
Region I3

Commander,
STARFLEET

Report From The CS Continued...

las before, but I'm looking forward to seeing where J.R. Ewing was shot. :)

IC's are a great chance to meet other Fleet members, rekindle friendships, and have a lot of fun. As I said at the closing ceremonies, and in an earlier article about the Region 1 Summit, I had the chance to not only do all of that, but also to help mend a friendship or two that was a bit stressed, so I definitely recommend that all of our members take the time and make the effort to get out to a Regional Summit or Conference and, if you can do more than one trip in a year, get to the International Conference. It's always a great time!

While I'm talking about the IC, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate our Honorary Membership Awardees, Laura Victor, Andrey Kuznetsov and Christina Sievers, as well as our Lifetime

Membership Awardee, Mark H. Anbinder. All of you are very well deserving for the work you've done for STARFLEET, both recently as well as over the years you may have been in STARFLEET, and we deeply appreciate your time, participation and all of the effort you make on STARFLEET's behalf.

For most others, the IC ended on Sunday. Everyone gave their best wishes to one another and left for home, but Debbie and I had scheduled our vacation around the IC and went on to travel to Washington D.C. and to have a great time there visiting the United State's capital.

We had some great times there, seeing two of the three Enterprises currently in existence (the Space Shuttle Enterprise at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum, as well as the original film-

ing model of the Original Series USS Enterprise [no bloody A, B, C or D] while visiting The Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and particularly The Viet Nam War Memorial. That last one left a lasting impression on me, and helped me to better understand my American friends. It was very moving, and was something that I wasn't really expecting or quite ready for.

So, now I'm back from my vacation, and back at work as CS. I hope you enjoy this version of the CQ, and hope that you'll tell us what you think about it, so please, fill in the survey and tell us what you think. Hopefully we can move forward and return to this format of the CQ, starting next year after we try this out and see how things work out for STARFLEET.

Talk to you again in the next edition!

The Second Fiddle

I want to start by congratulating all the various award winners that were announced at the International Conference in August. Each one of you put forth an exceptional effort and deserves to be recognized for that effort. Thank you for being a member of STARFLEET. You are a credit to the organization and your friends. Also a hearty congratulations and good luck to all the scholarship winners!

I hope that each of you who were able to attend IC2011 in Pocono PA had a great time! I wish that I had been able to attend with you all. The International Conference is one of the most enjoyable events that STARFLEET members put on that I have had the pleasure of attending during my years in STARFLEET. Even though I was not there, I was able to enjoy the live streaming video from the IC events. If you were not able to attend or watch the live feed, you can still watch the events saved on UStream.

I want to give a big thank you to Matt Ingles to agreeing to proxy for the Vice-Commander's office at the IC. Matt and I have been friends since before either of

us were members of STARFLEET. Matt did an excellent job representing the office and I could not have asked for anything more. Matt, thank you for all your hard work at the IC.

Since my speech video was not able to be shown (some computer issues) and Matt was not able to completely go through the entire speech, I thought I would cover the high points here for you all.

Since taking office in January, I have directed the office to provide the best customer service experience to you, the members of STARFLEET. Since you, the members of STARFLEET, are the customers of the organization, we need to do our best to ensure that we listen to each one of you, and quickly and accurately rectify any situation that may arise. We also need to ensure that we provide quality programs and resources as well.

What I just laid out is what I call the customer service coin. As with each coin, there are two sides. With this coin, there is support and product. Both sides need to be maintained in order to ensure a good experience for the

members.

On the support side of the coin, within the Vice-Commander's office, are Membership Processing and Member Services. We all know what Membership processing does: they process all new and renewing membership and mail out the membership materials. Member Services runs the Helpdesk, the Orientation office and the newly reopen HR/Personnel office.

On the product side of the coin, within the Vice-Commander's office, are the Annual Campaign, STARFLEET Marine Corps, PetFleet, and STARFLEET Technology Applied Research program (or STAR). Each of these departments is designed to enhance the member experience by encouraging participation on the international level of the organization.

So as you can see, we are doing our best in the Vice-Commander's office to improve and provide the best experience for our members. If you have any suggestions or comments on anything going on within the Vice-Commander's office, please feel free to contact me or any of the office staff



MGN Bran Stimpson
USS Tiburon
Region I7

**Vice Commander,
STARFLEET**



Greetings from the great Halls of Learning, STARFLEET Academy.

It is with great sadness that I start my article with the announcement of two STARFLEET members who have passed on to the next phase of their journey.

Jeff Davis, who was a current director with the College of Engineering and Orion Orientation College, left us on May 13, 2011, and Gloria Hansen-Cooper, who

was a past director (Vulcan Academy of Science) of STARFLEET, Academy left us on May 23, 2011. "Somewhere a journey begins at the end of the worldly existence we know...." Rest in Peace, Jeff and Gloria.

STARFLEET Academy annual Squad and Staff awards announced at the IC are listed further on in this article. If for some reason you are one of the recipients and have not

received your certificate, please notify me at one of the email addresses listed at the end of the article. Congratulations to all!

I want to apologize to those who were affected by the late entries of Boothby Awards as well as late certificates. You will see the reason below. I'm so pleased that this was brought to my attention so it could be rectified.

2010 STARFLEET Academy Awards given at IC 2011

In 1993, with the help of Denise Dugan (former Director of the College of History), the Academy established Honors Graduates Awards to recognize outstanding achievement within a 12-month period covering the previous calendar year.

These awards have been renamed Red Squad, Blue Squad and Gold Squad, and consist of the "Best" students which have attended STARFLEET Academy.

There be Awards here! Congratulations to all.

Gold Squad

(Gold Squad Awards are given for family involvement at the College level)

Gold Squad Leaders:

(2) due to a tie

Donna Hollifield & Jacob Hollifield
Bobbie Baxter & Patricia Baxter

Blue Squad

(Blue Squad Awards are given to the "Best" Cadet students who have attended STARFLEET Academy)

Blue Squad Leader:

Catherine McKean

Assistant Blue Squad Leader:

Jacob Hollifield
Blue Squad Members
Noah Cook
Samantha Tolleson

Red Squad

("Best" adult students which have attended STARFLEET Academy)

Red Squad Leader:

TJ Allen

Assistant Red Squad Leader:

Frank Newman III

INSTITUTE OF ALIEN STUDIES

Jill Tipton

Andorian Orientation College

Eric Schulman

Caitian Orientation College

Jeffrey Davis

Cardassian Orientation College

Eric Johannson

College of Borg Technology

Jeffrey Davis

Frenji Orientation College

Mike Romero

the Gorn Academy

Dewald de Coning

Klingon Warrior Academy

Eric Schulman

Orion Orientation College

Russell Ruhland

Romulan Orientation College

TJ Allen

Vulcan Orientation College

Franklin Newman III

College of XenoStudies

INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS

Sue Logas

College of Communications

Franklin Newman, III

College of Economics

Linda Ricketts

College of Genealogy

Eric Schulman

College of History

Eric Schulman

College of Law

Eric Schulman

College of Mythological Studies

Masibindi Miller

College of Humour

INSTITUTE OF FANTASY, HORROR & SUPERHEROES

Bill Rowlette

College of Charmed

Barbara Buffington

College of Fantasy Realm

Barbara Buffington

College of Macabre

Tom Pawelcazk

College of Superheroes

INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIR

Russell Ruhland

College of Down Under

Eric Schulman

College of United Kingdom

INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ESPIONAGE

Eric Schulman

College of Cryptography

Franklin Newman, III

College of Bond, James Bond

Adam Wenclewicz

College of Intelligence in Media

Kelly Carter

College of Intelligence Operations

Franklin Newman, III

College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi

Adam Wenclewicz

College of Military Intelligence

INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

TJ Allen

College of Evidence

TJ Allen

College of Law Enforcement

TJ Allen

College of Law Enforcement Resources

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Leona Henry

Officer's Command College

Jared Fielder

Flag Officer's School

Franklin Newman, III

STARFLEET Officer's

Leadership College



ADM Peg Pellerin
USS Constitution
Region I5

Commandant,
STARFLEET
Academy

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

Christopher A. Smith
College of Security
Franklin Newman, III
College of Security in Trek
Dewald de Coning
College of Starship Operations
Franklin Newman, III
College of Strategy & tactics
TJ Allen
College of Survival Studies

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Adam Wenclewicz
College of Abnormal Psychology
Jozette Allen
*College of Archaeology
& Anthropology*
TJ Allen
*Chaplain Services College
of Spirituality*
Mark Anderson
College of Computer History
Brianna Jessee
College of Engineering
Charles Robison
College of Mathematics
Kelly Carter
College of Medicine
Russel Ruhland
STARFLEET Officer's Radio School
Morgan Hahn
Vulcan Academy of Science

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

Sharon Norris
College of Alien Nation
Sean Niemeyer
College of Babylon 5
Marie Wilson

College of Dr. Who
Carol Thompson
College of Farscape
Barbara Buffington
College of Sci-Fi Cinema
Cher Schleigh
College of Sci-Fi Television
E. Jerry Beaulieu
College of Stargate
Ken Purdie
College of Star Wars

INSTITUTE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Adam Wenclewicz
College of SpecOps in Movies
Oliver Savander
College of SpecOps Resources
Jill Tipton
College of SpecOps Training
Jill Tipton
College of SpecOps Units

INSTITUTE OF STAR TREK STUDIES

Franklin Newman, III
College of Federation Studies
Franklin Newman, III
College of Parallel Studies
James Herring
College of Star Trek Literature
Angie Smith
College of Temporal Physics
Janet Bullock
College of Trekology

SFA STAFF & FACULTY AWARDS

Commandant's Star Award
Marlene Miller
Academy Vice-Dant
OCC Director
Support Staff Member of the Year
Scott Schaller - Chief SFA Awards

Dean of the Year
George Ann Wheeler
(Institute of Science Fiction Studies)
Institute of the Year
Institute of Science Fiction Studies
Dean George Ann Wheeler
College of Alien Nation
Director, Scott Schaller
College of Babylon 5
Director, Wayne Killough, Jr.
College of Farscape
Director, Cher Schleigh
College of Dr. Who
Director, Grady Glover
College of Sarah Jane Adventures
Director, Anne Glover
College of Sci-Fi Cinema:
Alien Contact
Director, Scott Schaller
College of Sci-Fi Cinema:
Artificial Intelligence
Director, Scott Schaller
College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Science
Director, George Ann Wheeler
College of Sci-Fi Cinema:
Space Travel
Director, Scott Schaller
College of Sci-Fi Cinema:
Time Travel
Director, Scott Schaller
College of Sci-Fi Television
Director, Larry French
College of Stargate
Director, Wayne Smith
College of Star Wars
Director, Douglas Mayo
College of the Year
College of Dr. Who
Director, Grady Glover
Director of the Year
Grady Glover
College of Dr. Who

Promotion

Congratulations to the following on a well deserved promotion: Jayden Tyronian to Commodore

Riddle Me This

What Is:
Bloodless and boneless
it travels about.
Yet it never leaves home.

Look for the answer in the next issue!

Last Issue's riddle: *What Is: Black when bought. Red when used. Grey when thrown away.*

ANSWER: Coals

From the desk of Coordinator of Academics: ADM Carol Thompson

As of June 30, 2011, STARFLEET Academy boasts of 13 Institutes, 96 Colleges, 2124 courses live in Academy! Courses and the largest Institute is Science Fiction at 13 Colleges and 484 Courses.

Due to the fact that Chief Awards Director Scott Schaller's computer went on the fritz, and his Assistant Awards Director, Scott Anderson, Sr. is still on dial up and slow as molasses going uphill in the winter, the Boothbys had been

taking a back seat. When this was brought to my attention, Carol gladly stepped in and brought everything up to speed and below you see the results.

Boothby Awards

APRIL Addendum BOOTHBY AWARDS

1000 Omega
04/01/2011 Rowlette, Bill

300 Dilithium
04/01/2011 Schleigh, Cher

100 Silver
04/07/2011 Dreesbach, Daniel

MAY BOOTHBY AWARDS

1300 Dilithium Star
05/15/2011 Fisher, Josephine

1100 Truman Temple
05/03/2011 Rowlette, Bill
05/15/2011 Johannson, Eric

1000 Omega
05/20/2011 Killough, Wayne
05/25/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

950 Emerald
05/15/2011 Pawelczak, Thomas

850 Sapphire
05/15/2011 Hewitt, Richard

650 Topaz
05/15/2011 Newman, Franklin

350 Titanium
05/01/2011 Schleigh, Cher

300 Dilithium
05/15/2011 Beaulieu, E. Jerry

250 Diamond
05/15/2011 Lewis, Patricia

200 Latinum
05/01/2011 Lewis, Patricia

150 Gold
05/24/2011 Bayonet, Christopher

100 Silver
05/15/2011 Barclay, Matthew
05/20/2011 Fisher, Charles

50 Bronze
05/15/2011 Bressie, Deanna Rose
05/26/2011 Lindbloom, Shanon
05/30/2011 Conner, Kara
05/31/2011 Landry, Angela

JUNE BOOTHBY AWARDS

1600 Garnet Star
06/20/2011 Thompson, Carol

1250 Diamond Star
06/19/2011 French, Larry

1150 Gold Star
06/10/2011 Johannson, Eric

900 Ruby
06/09/2011 Schulman, Eric

400 Zirconium
06/30/2011 Lewis, Patricia

350 Titanium
06/02/2011 Buffington, Barbara
06/17/2011 Lewis, Patricia

300 Dilithium
06/30/2011 Paul, Barbara
06/01/2011 Lewis, Patricia

150 Gold
06/30/2011 Rayburn, Jill

100 Silver
06/14/2011 Conner, Jerome
06/30/2011 Bressie, Deanna Rose

50 Bronze
06/02/2011 Miller, Michael
06/20/2011 Lewis, Robbie
06/20/2011 Reagan, Douglas
06/30/2011 Chin, Robert
06/30/2011 Woodell, Robin



As Chief of Computer Operations, there are many things I get to do. Some are very enjoyable and others not so much. Most recently, I got to do something VERY enjoyable and that was getting to meet lots of STARFLEET folks at our most recent International Conference! IC 2011 was a great weekend and I was happy to meet many members of STARFLEET who, up until now, had just been names on emails and/or IMs. I must give a big congratulations to the IC 2011 staff for putting on an excellent weekend. Thank you for all the hard work you did. It was greatly appreciated.

While I am congratulating folks, I must give a big pat on the back to my entire CompOps staff for their hard work. Sam Black is my Vice Chief and has been my go-to guy. He has filled in for me when I have felt ill or had family emergencies. He has also filled in the blanks during major CompOps issues and has been someone I can count on always. Laura Victor, our webmaster, has worked tirelessly with me through lots of issues and, along with Sam Black, helped to make the transition from the last administration as easy as

possible. Andrey Kuznetsov is my PHP programming wizard and continuously blows me away with how fast he can get things done. I honestly don't know where the CompOps Department would be without these folks I work with.

Thank you all.

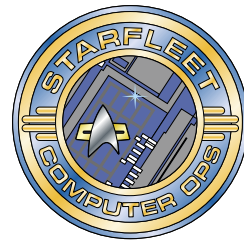
At the moment, the biggest project we are dealing with right now is the programming and implementation of the new STARFLEET database. As most of you know, we started this process by asking membership to give us their wish lists for things they would like to see. We received quite a few and added many new items to the Request For Proposal (RFP) that was later drafted up. Once that RFP was written up, it was placed on guru.com for a while to see if we would get any companies interested in doing the work. As it turns out, we got around 7 or 8!

That leads us to where we are now, as we have begun combing through the list of interested companies who gave us basic starting quotes on programming what we want. At the moment we are leaning toward one company in particular, but we will not have any-

thing to report on it until we have a chance to talk to them and get a better idea of a time frame and other details. Once we have these details locked down, I will be sure to let everyone know.

We in CompOps also intend at some point to begin work on the streamlining and updating of the sfi.org website. We are still interested in hearing from the membership about what they would like to see when the website is fully updated. What do you like about the current page? What do you not like? Please let us know! You can email us at either compops@sfi.org or webmaster@sfi.org to tell us your ideas.

In closing, I just want to reiterate that I truly enjoyed meeting a lot of our membership at IC 2011 and I loved hearing some of the new ideas that were given to me there! Thank you very much! As always if there are any issues with the database or anything else CompOps related, please do not hesitate to email me at compops@sfi.org and let me know. My door is always open and I am here to help!



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News and updates from the marines.



State of the SFMC

Greetings to all marines of the SFMC

Part of this report includes some referencing of material presented at the International Muster held last August by the Deputy Commandant and as a consequence, is quite detailed. It is important that this message is posted to as wide an audience as possible so all may view not only the important detailing, but to also ensure our Annual Award winners are openly proclaimed as much as we can.

Thanks again go out to all who attended the Muster and/or the Mess Dress. I am certain that a good time was had by all and so I also once again thank GEN Anbinder for taking the lead in my absence and doing a fine job representing the GS Stepping up to the podium to follow on from the previous Dant who had done the job for the last six or so years and would have had it all down to a fine art, was never going to be an easy task. Well done all - let's hope to see more of us there next year (fingers crossed)

STAFFING

As has been posted, we recently announced the appointment of BDR Mike Timko to the post of Commanding Officer, Information Command. Mike had previously held position as DCO and had been Acting CO for some several weeks prior to his appointment. Selection was not easy as were honored to receive many solid applications for this position from some very well-qualified Marines. We again thank all applicants and are once again mightily pleased to see that so many are prepared to step forward in offering to volunteer time, skill and energy to the Corps.

SFMC VOLUNTEERS

In speaking of GS staffing, it is a good time to remind any Marine who may be unsure of "where to go" to offer their services or talents

somewhere within the Corps, that a simple email to the DCO Forces Command will put you on the right track. The ForceCom DCO has an office set up specifically to deal with "volunteers" and has tabs on positions that are, or may be available, throughout the GS and the Corps. And heck, if your skills or talents are THAT good, we may even be able to create a suitable position just for you....

The DCO ForceCom can be best contacted at dcoforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org

SFMC WEBSITES

The transfer the SFMC websites to new hosts has been undertaken with extreme efficiency and speed. With the assistance of a competent team of people, we quickly completed moving SFMC webs into COMPOPS, bringing the SFMC material under the STARFLEET International umbrella. The speed and efficiency with which these multi transfers were completed - which included all email and group posting activity - was achieved with the skills and professionalism of MGN Sean Niemeyer and STARFLEET Webmaster RADM Laura Victor, to whom both we owe much gratitude. The transfer worked extremely well and within a matter of around 48 hours, we were able to have everything up and running again.

This change to STARFLEET International hosting will make no difference at all to the management of the SFMC sites and 'ownership' and activity continues exactly as it was prior to the move. We see nothing but good value from this development and the aspect of improved working relationships between Fleet and Corps is a huge bonus.

SFMC AWARD RIBBONS

At the IM, the DepDant made announcement of the progress we had made to resolve the SFMC ribbons award issue. At that time, we had made conclusion that there

would need to be changes to some of the SFMC-unique designs and that we had established a supply relationship and a program to carry us forward.

However, following a very generous offer and series of suggestions made at the Muster by Martin Lessem, we have gone back to the drawing board and worked through this most generous of offers. This means that we will be able to retain our SFMC unique designs and at same time completely settle the ribbon design 'problems' from here on in. Shortly, you will be able to look to the SFMC QM for ribbon stocks

ANNUAL AWARDS

And moving to the all-important Annual SFMC Awards, my first comment is to soundly congratulate all winners - most especially those of the SFMC Honor Awards. I have personally been involved with Honor Awards selection for several years now and it never fails to impress me in reading through the nomination narrations. We have many fine marines out there - people who are committed to supporting the Corps, their communities and their fellow marines. I am very pleased to be able to make presentation to the marines who ultimately win these awards, but mention must also be made to those who get nominated. Nomination to the top honors within the SFMC is something that in itself, is a great recognition to motivation, effort, talent and support. I congratulate every nominee for having been put into a position for consideration. Well done!

The message remains clear however for the year ahead towards next IM - make certain YOU are the one who puts forward a nomination for the marine that you feel worthy. They are there doing the job, let's make sure they get recognized for this. At the end of this report will be the full listing of all awards issued at the IC/IM

BGN Bruce O'Brien
USS Southern Cross
Region II

Commandant SFMC

2011.

As a post-note to this - there have been some concerns expressed at the timings of the announcements of some of the key SFMC awards at the IC this weekend. I wish to point out that there was no intention whatsoever to denigrate the standing of the SFMC within STARFLEET International - and that the timing of the awards presentation was made more to assist with the timings and flow of general presentations than anything else. Nor was there certainly ANY intention to downgrade the importance of, nor the acknowledgement to, the fine marines who indeed worked hard to be so deserving of our Honor awards. If our award presentation actions usurped any SFMC traditions, then of course we have concern and we will review all matters pertaining to the IC/IM attendance and activity to ensure we are satisfied with how we proceed in future. If any marine took offence at the manner by which we conducted ourselves at IC/IM, I am more than happy to have correspondence from them to discuss. Overall, I felt the presentations - from what little I was able to view many hours later and with a dodgy internet connection that created havoc in imaging - all seemed to have moved smoothly and efficiently. It was also great to hear the questions and interest being expressed from Marines at the Muster in general. If any marines have any questions of anything at all - especially to elements from the Muster - then please do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the GS as appropriate

GS OBJECTIVES PLAN

Presented at the IM by the DepDant, was a detailed overview of the objectives of this General Staff, going forward for the next 28 months or so. This Plan is a detailed set of guidelines and objectives that each if the GS Commands will aim to have achieved by December 2013. It is not necessarily a conclusive plan even though there are many elements that will require completion within time-frame - but the Plan should be seen as a living/breathing plan that can and will, be added to or

adjusted as needs dictate. This Plan is published on the SFMC website under "Commandant's Briefing". Any questions on this Plan can be directed to my office in first instance. GS members and their staffs are to be commended for putting forward a concrete set of objectives for their Commands which I am sure many will monitor with interest.

IM/IC 2011 AWARDS

The following awards were issued at either the International Conference or International Muster 2011. Congratulations to all these fine marines

Cross of Honor

Eric Schulmann (787th MSG, USS Matrix)

Sword of Honor

Shane Russell (225th MSG, USS Bortas)

Shield of Honor

John Caverly (503rd MSG, USS Thermopylae)

Star of Honor

James Maarsingh (503rd MSG, USS Thermopylae)

Legion of Honor

333rd MSG (3BDE, USS Regulator)

Cadet Cross of Honor

Anya Walker (173rd MSG, USS Dakota)

Cadet Sword of Honor

Victoria Garhmann (173rd MSG, USS Dakota)

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

Mike McGowan, Sean Niemeyer, John Roberts, Jerry Stoddard

STARFLEET Cross

Joe Gallagher, Barry Jackson, Sean Niemeyer, Linda Olson, Marie Wilson, John Roberts, Oliver Savander, Christina Sievers, Marie Wilson, Peter Yohe

SFMC Service Commendation

Joseph Dorffner Jr, Sean Niemeyer, Bran Stimpson, Jerry Stoddard, Michael Timko III

SFMC Achievement Award

Mark H Anbinder, Jari James, John Kane, Patrick McAndrew, Peter Yohe

Communications Service Award (Issued by Commandant, SFMC)

Sean Niemeyer

Communications Service Award (Issued by COINFOCOM)

J.D. Clancy, Gary Hollifield, Jr., Michael Timko III

Honor Guard

(Issued by SFMC Commandant)

David Brandwein (Cadet), Larry French, Tom Guertin, Joe Horton, Sal Lizard, Laurie McFarland, Aaron Murphy, DJ O'Brien, Paul Reid, David Sladky, Ben Slavin (cadet), Mike Urvand, Eric Weisberg

Leader's Commendation

(Issued by SFMC Commandant)

Bobbie Baxter, David Garrett, Cathey Osborne, Michael Tolleason, Anne Zecca, Daniel Walker, Conell Osborne

SFMCA Team Delta

(issued by COTRACOM)

Josiah Smiddy - (student), Travis Littou - (student), John Kane - (honorary), Bruce O'Brien - (honorary)

SFMCA Student of the Year

(issued by COTRACOM)

Brandi Warren

TRACOM Commander's Award

James Jones II

Leader's Commendation

(Issued by COINFOCOM)

J.D. Clancy, Gary Hollifield, Jr., Lauren Niemeyer, Michael Timko III

Meritorious Unit Citation

(Issued by SFMC Commandant)

509th MSG (5BDE, USS Jack Fletcher), 173rd MSG (1BDE, USS Dakota)

Meritorious Unit Citation

(Issued by COFORCECOM)

132 nd BDE (1BDE, USS Constellation)

Naval Achievement Citation

Laura Victor - USS Challenger

Naval Unit Citation

USS Firebird, USS Tiberius, USS Regulator, USS Bortas, USS Jack Fletcher

Commandant's Campaign Award

Bobbie Baxter, Patricia Baxter, Earl Beighley, Nicole Bollinger, Truck Bollinger, Wallace Cady, John Caverly, David Cerame, Susan Cerame, Carl Christianson, Doug Davenport, Norman E. DeRoux, Rosy Dorffner, Joseph C Dorffner Jr, Marc Easterly, Jared Francis, Osvaldo Franco, Joseph Fuller, David Garrett, Donna Gillis [R], Amie Greist, Stephen C. Idell, Jari James, David Jepson, Dennis Jones, Brianna Knipper, Amy Kovacs-Weiss, Wade Larkin, Missey Larkin, Ashley Smith, Haley Larkin, Kylie Larkin, Jared Larsen, Robin Larsen, James Maarsingh, Patrick

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McAndrew, Courtney Martin, Craig Martin, Sarah Martin, Laurie McFarland, Ken Miller, Matthew Miller, James Monroe, Kimberly Monroe, William Monroe, Lea Morgan, Christopher O'Banion, Linda Olson, Wade Olson, Cathey Osborne, Conell Osborne, Jenn Petersen, Catherine Pierce, Jereme Pierce, Gerald Purkey, Jevin Purkey, Lisa Purkey, Ephraim Quihuis III, Ferdinand Antonio Ramos, Douglas Reagan, Dave Reustle, John Roberts, Nadine Romero, Oliver Savander SR, Alexandra Shepherd, Danielle Shepherd, Ronald

Shepherd, Christina Sievers, Jonathan Slavin, Ben Slavin, Jordana Slavin, Zoe Slavin, Jennie Sontag, Harold Spears, Bran Stimpson, Mike Vivian, Daniel Walker, Anya Walker, Eric Weisberg, Roy Willis II, Donald Willis, Peter Yohe

STREAMERS

*SFMC Staff Service Award
(issued by SFMC Commandant)*

377th MSG – 11BDE

Dant 2011

771st MSG – 7BDE

DepDant 2011

503rd MSG – 5BDE

SGM SFMC 2011
DCO FORCECOM 2011
101st MSG – 1BDE
COFORCECOM 2011
555th MSG – 5BDE
CO FINCOM 2011
742nd MSG – 7BDE
CO INFOCOM 2011
199th MSG – 1BDE
DCO INFOCOM 2011
225th MSG – 12BDE
COTRACOM 2011
147th MSG – 1BDE
DCO TRACOM 2011
212th MSG – 12BDE
DCO TRACOM 2011



After Action Report – Invading the Poconos

What a pleasure to see so many of you this summer at the Inn at Pocono Manor for this year's International Conference and International Muster in the Poconos! Region 7 and the 7th Brigade did a fine job hosting us, and despite the repeated wisecracks about "The Shining," I was really impressed with the hotel. A century-old mountain lodge that's in great shape is a rare find.

This wasn't my first International Muster, but it was my first IM as a member of the General Staff — and certainly my first running the show, in the absence of our Commandant. (Bruce claims the Orbit New Zealand ballistic spacelines union strike you may have read about in the subspace tabloids interfered with his plans to get to Pennsylvania, but I admit I'm skeptical.) I want to thank everyone who helped me plan various presentations for the IM, and everyone who attended or participated. My thanks, as well, for your patience with a new (and still pretty green) member of a new General Staff.

As it has for the last few years, the SFMC Dress Mess on Friday night of the IC helped to bring together members from around STARFLEET, Naval as well as Marine, to break bread together, to share some stories and camaraderie, and to appreciate some of the tradition, the pomp and circum-

stance, even, behind the Corps. Of course, I felt the absence of LGN John Roberts, who's presided over the Dress Mess in the past and has provided some of my own inspiration for activity within the Corps. I'm not as versed in running such events as John is, but I do believe our attendees had a good time until we had to head downstairs for the IC's Opening Ceremonies.

There are a few people I'd especially like to single out for their help with the International Muster. MSGT John Kane was the only other current member of the General Staff who was able to attend, and was kind enough to hop back up on stage to assist with reading and presenting the large stack of awards given to many SFMC members and units. (Sean Niemeyer was also in attendance, as a GS member emeritus!) LGN Aaron Murphy, my predecessor, provided moral support over the course of the weekend. BGN DJ O'Brien lent her expertise and wisdom to the proceedings, and I'm especially grateful to her, as always, for coordinating and leading the Final Mission ceremony that brought together several participants and many more observers from across the Corps and the Fleet to commemorate those we've lost from our chapters, our units, and our families. And, beyond being the OIC of the 7th Brigade, and thus one of our hosts for the weekend,

MGN Joe Dorffner was a great resource as always, among other things, producing the seemingly endless stack of certificates we presented over the course of the weekend, many of them at the last moment.

Speaking of certificates, I mentioned in my last column the importance of being thorough when submitting nominations for SFMC awards, especially the Valor Awards and Honor Awards for which many members are competing. I don't want to seem to be diminishing the actions or value of the members who won this year's Honor Awards, but I do want to make it clear that the eventual winners were the members whose nominations best conveyed why they deserved to win. Even the most worthy nominee won't win an award based on a lackluster nomination, and I'll remind our Brigade OICs once more that it's their job to advocate for their nominees as best they can.

What's next? As I write this, but long before you read it, I'm looking forward to seeing some STARFLEET and SFMC members in Atlanta, at the annual Dragon*Con convention. A few weeks beyond that is USS Accord's 22nd annual Watkins Glen Weekend, hosted this year by the 771st MSG, at which I know I'll be seeing a number of you.

I'm not sure whether I'll get

GEN Mark Anbinder
USS Accord
Region 7

Deputy
Commandant

Invading the Poconos Cont.

to any Fleet events over the winter, but I'm always up for travel to interesting locales, so if you're hosting a chapter or regional or brigade event, by all means let me know about it.

We're already looking ahead to next summer, of course, with the sad realization that the recently announced change in dates for Shore Leave will conflict with the 2012 International Conference outside Memphis. Shore Leave tells us they had to change their

dates to avoid conflicting with new dates for San Diego Comic-Con, not because there's a huge overlap in their attendees, but because so much of the celebrity "talent pool" is taken up by SDCC, and hardly anyone would be available for Shore Leave to bring in as guests. The Comic-Con date change has actually caused quite a stir around the continent, with several cons scrambling to change to a different weekend. Unfortunately, changing dates to avoid a conflict with

Shore Leave isn't an option for us, and we realize that means some members, especially those on the east coast, will be choosing one or the other, and not all of them will choose the IC. That's OK! We'll hope to see them the next time.

What has your SFMC unit, battalion, or brigade been up to? Take a few minutes to send some photos or an article to Attention on Deck or the CQ.

In Service to the Corps...

State of the NCO Corps

Greetings Marines!

Once again I am coming to you from the booth in the back in the corner in the dark, where seldom is heard a discouraging word that does not apply to Prigal, and most of those can NOT be printed here.

As Sergeant Major of the Corps, one of my duties is recognizing the efforts of some of our outstanding enlisted Marines. To that end ... GSGT James "Fireball" Maarsingh, Front and Center!

Having weighed a strong field of candidates carefully, and with the assistance and input of the entire SFMC General Staff, it is my pleasure to announce that you have been selected as the winner of this year's Star of Honor. Your significant efforts in community service, coupled with your outstanding leadership set a standard for every enlisted member of the Corps. Well done, Marine!

Of particular note is that the bulk of Gunny Maarsingh's long list of accomplishments in 2010 came while he was busy at his day job: serving as a US Army Sergeant in a combat role in Iraq. My eight point is not only tipped, it is completely off to this outstanding NCO.

While I am on the subject of awards ... LCPL Noah Cook, Front and Center! It is my pleasure to announce that your efforts in community service and your demonstrated leadership, especially for one of your age group, set a standard for Cadet NCOs throughout

the Corps, and thus it is my privilege to award you the Cadet Star of Honor. Well done, Marine! Keep up the outstanding work.

Something that stood out in the nomination for LCPL Cook was that he has apparently been doing his homework in the MFM, as he is actively engaged in recruiting more Marines of his age group into the Corps in addition to making strong efforts in community service. He may be young, but he seems to understand the duties of an SFMC NCO.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the winner of the Cadet Cross of Honor, CDT SGT Anya Walker. This makes two years in a row this outstanding young NCO has been awarded this ribbon. These fine cadets are the future of the SFMC, and from where I sit, the future looks very bright.

Speaking of cadets, I would like to share some information I got this past month about a Marine who seemingly never lets down in the area of community service. CDT CPL Alexandra Shepherd, who I have brought to your attention in the past, just keeps on going in her efforts to help others. In addition to some of her ongoing works, she started a project called Right 2 Read, which has so far distributed over 1500 brand new books to over 500 families who can not get books otherwise. She was also reportedly raring to get started on collecting for Toys for Tots this year ... in July. Sounds like a plan to me, Marine.

I have completed my promised second round of data collection and analysis on the numbers of enlisted members, and it looks like the estimates I made based on my first round of data are holding up, but there were a few interesting things that popped up this time.

The first is that the 5th BDE continues to be a significant statistical outlier, with 40.5 percent of their Marines holding enlisted ranks. The second is that of the 5 BDES in the sample (the 1st, 5th, 11th, 13th, and 17th BDEs) all but one showed at least a slight increase in the percentage of enlisted members from their February reports, in spite of 3 of those 5 BDEs actually showing a slight decrease in overall membership. The exception was the 1st BDE, which had an increase in actual numbers of enlisted Marines, but because of an even larger increase in overall members, showed a decline in the percentage of enlisted members.

What this MAY mean is that enlisted members, especially "career" enlisted members, are in it for the long haul, but more data is needed to even begin to support this idea.

Another round of data collection on the sample BDEs is scheduled for the October 2011 reporting period, and in the meantime, I will be looking at a couple of BDEs outside the sample as a check on the predictive abilities of the study. The actual data collection process is still a bit cumbersome and labor



MGSGT Jerome A. "Hawk" Stoddard
USS Thermopylae
Region 5

Sergeant Major
SFMC

State of the NCO Corps Cont.

intensive and my thanks go out to FORCECOM for their assistance..

Now, it's time for Top's History Lesson. Belleau Wood is a name that all Marines should be familiar with, and it was the scene of many acts of heroism by enlisted Marines. But, perhaps one of the greatest of those acts is one that went almost forgotten for years, and that even today few have even heard of.

During an intense barrage of both high explosive and gas shells, GSGT Fred William Stockham noticed that a wounded Marine's gas mask had been shot away. Well aware of the personal consequences of his actions, he removed his own gas mask and fitted it to his wounded comrade. Unprotected against the effects of the gas in the trenches, he then directed and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded until he finally collapsed. It took him two days to die from the exposure to mustard gas he received as a result of his selfless actions. His company CO said

of his actions "No man ever displayed greater heroism or courage and showed more utter contempt of personal danger."

His body was returned to the US in 1920, and buried in an unmarked grave, near his only known relative, his foster mother. (Stockham was an orphan) In St Louis, an American Legion post was named in his honor. And there the matter would have ended except for the actions of his former company CO.

In the late 1930s, former 2nd Lt. Clifton B. Cates, who would become Commandant of the USMC in 1948, discovered that the Medal Honor recommendation he had written for Stockham had gone astray, and along with Barret Mattingly, the Marine who received Stockham's gas mask, he set about to having the actions of the forgotten hero recognized at last. In December of 1939, over 21 years after that night in Belleau Wood, GSGT Fred Stockham was finally awarded the Medal of Hon-

or for his courageous and selfless actions.

There are no known photographs of the man whose 37 years of life and long service as a Marine were cut short by one act of courage. (The only image I could find is one of a painting in the American Legion post that bears his name.) Since he was an orphan, there was no next of kin to accept the medal he so richly deserved. But the Marines of 96th Company, 2nd BN, 6th Marines remembered him, and I hope you will too.

As I promised, a compilation of all the History Lessons to date is now available for anybody interested. Simply email me, and let me know whether you would prefer a PDF or a Word document.

Remember that the SFMC General Staff is here to serve you. The email addresses are ALL on the SFMC web page, and their doors are always open. Your questions and input are always welcome and needed. Semper Fi!



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SFMC

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

Executive Summary:

Analysis of a sample consisting of the June 2011 manning/roster reports from 5 different SFMC brigades was compared to the data previously collected for these BDEs. The data continue to support 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.

Details:

The sample consisted of a total of 485 individual Marines, which is approximately 47% of the current SFMC total strength. As before, reports from the 1st, 5th, 11th, 13th, and 17th BDEs were used to make up this sample. These 5 BDEs were originally 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 136/485 or 28.0 percent. However, as discussed in the previous study using the February 2011 reports, the 5th BDE continues to be an anomaly, with 40.5 percent of their roster holding enlisted ranks in the June 2011 report.

The data set from the June reports does show a slight increase in overall enlisted percentages in the sample (up 1.0 percent), and most of the BDEs in the sample showed some increase in individual percentages of enlisted members, even if the total number of members in the BDE decreased slightly.

The exception was the 1st BDE, which increased greatly in overall numbers between the February and June reporting periods (from 162 to 240, a total of 78 members). Even though the actual number of enlisted members increased from 38 to 51, there was

an overall decrease in the percentage of enlisted members of the BDE.

Of more importance is the fact that having two data points allowed using the numbers from the original data to predict the range of percentage of enlisted members in the sample BDEs for the June report. That data predicted each BDE (with the probable exception of the 5th) would have somewhere between 21-29 percent enlisted members, with the average being approximately 25 percent.

The actual numbers were:

1 BDE	21.3%
5 BDE	40.5%
11 BDE	25.0%
13 BDE	25.0%
17 BDE	32.1%

Average	28.8%
Standard Deviation	7.65%

Removing the 5th BDE from the data set, the average for the other 4 BDEs was 25.8 percent,

Percentage of Enlisted Cont.

with a standard deviation of 4.53 percent

Discussion:

The first round of data at this point seems to be repeatable, which in turn gives greater weight to the estimates arrived at from that data. For now, an estimate of 25 percent total enlisted membership for the SFMC, with 21-29 percent of any given BDE seems to be holding up.

Another thing of note that appeared in this round of data collection was that 4 of the 5 BDEs in the study showed an increase in percentage of enlisted members even though 3 of those 4 BDEs showed a slight decrease in overall membership. It is too soon to know whether this is of any real significance or not, since several factors may be in play here. It may imply that retention is higher among enlisted members. However, it may also reflect a loss of older members, and an influx of

new members at lower ranks. Further data is needed.

Two data points does not provide a good basis for analyzing overall trends, but it is hoped that future data collection will be able to provide insight as to what direction the enlisted membership of the SFMC is actually going over time.

The data show a greater variation in the second data point, primarily due to the very high percentage of enlisted members in the 5th BDE, and the decrease in percentage for the 1st BDE. Another data point will help to provide better insight as to the variability between BDEs.

Further data collection:

The next round of data collection is scheduled for the October 2011 BDE reports from the sample. This allows a consistent time interval between data points.

The data collection process is very time and labor intensive, with

manual counts having to be made from the reports submitted by each BDE. Furthermore, each BDE report must be counted at least twice to be sure the number is accurate. If the second count does not agree with the first, more manual passes through the report must be taken until a consistent number is arrived at.

My thanks to FORCECOM for all their assistance in this project. Again, on the "wish list" is a report from the database that can be run at any time to reduce all the painstaking labor that must go into data collection for this study.

Also on the agenda will be random checks of BDEs not a part of the study data to see if the predicted range of enlisted members holds true. The presence of the 5th as an outlier at one end of the curve implies that there may be a BDE that is far below any of the others in terms of enlisted percentage.

State of FINCOM

Once again, IC has come and gone... back to our normal routines, back to our respective chapters and MSGs, and back to business as usual in the FINCOM department.

I'd like to thank Mark Anbind-er for presenting my report at the International Muster and reporting on how financially sound we are as a Corps! I'd like to also again congratulate as was awarded at IC the 2011 SFMC Scholarship to Jeffrey Triz of the 7th Brigade!!

As always, I'd like to keep you up-to-date on our finances in the Corps. The following is a summary of the finances of the SFMC for August 2011:

SFMC Checking Account
Beginning Balance
7/26/2011- \$3,751.06
Credits

8/2/2011
Transfer of sales for PayPal - \$78.94
8/16/2011
Deposit of Cash sales from IC - \$464.28

8/22/2011
Transfer from Scholarship Fund - \$250.00

Debits

8/3/2011
USPS mailing of order - \$1.71
8/5/2011
USPS mailed QM materials to IC - \$54.85
8/9/2011
Check #1002 - Jeffrey Triz-Scholarship - \$250.00
8/23/2011
USPS mailing of order- \$1.71
Total Change to account - \$484.95
Ending Balance
8/28/2011 - 4,236.01

SFMC Scholarship Account Beginning Balance

7/26/2011- \$2,974.64
Credits

7/29/2011
Interest Earned - \$0.20
Debits

8/22/2011
Transfer to Checking for Scholarship Award - \$250.00

Total Change to Account - \$(249.80)

Ending Balance

8/28/2011 - \$2,724.84

Thank you all for keeping the SFMC financially sound! Linda and I will be replenishing the QM soon, so look for these numbers to drop... but don't be alarmed, that just gives you all an opportunity to get that uniform looking sharp and ready for your next summit or chapter function!



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CO INFOCOM SFMC

Greetings all,

As I write this, this may be my final report sitting behind the COINFOCOM desk here at the SFMC HQ. As you already know, I have been serving as your Acting COINFOCOM for about a month now and I have been doing my best to keep the Inbox empty and the Outbox full. We have had our ups & downs, but I will say this has been a rewarding experience.

... But let's talk about what's going on right now.

IC/IM 2011

This past weekend (August 12-14) was the IC/IM in the Pocono Mountains. Many awards were handed out and I very proud of the Infocom Staff and staff of Attention on Deck Extra.

Also at the IC, the new SFMC Objectives were rolled out. I have read through the Infocom Section and I will stand behind what Commandant O'Brien laid out. The Infocom Department is due for an overhaul on how it conducts its business and I will play my part in bringing this vision in to reality.

Pingdom Report

The SFMC website is connected to the Pingdom Service which allows us to track the websites uptime. During the past month, it was reported that the SFMC website was down twice for a total of 4 hours, 45 minutes and 2 seconds with a total uptime of 99.36%. As you may remember, we recently

moved the SFMC website under the SFI umbrella, so those two outages were most likely when the site was offline for the move.

Staffing

Commandant O'Brien talked about staffing issues in the SFMC Objectives document. In the near future, Infocom will be looking to fill many staff positions. Infocom cannot be a one man band. We need to bring on key staff in a number of areas to improve the quality of service offered by the Infocom Dept.

We will be looking for many talented individuals in many disciplines that involve communications. Some of these areas are: 1) programming (PHP, CGI, and Java developers), website design & maintenance persons (Joomla, HTML5, Flash, and Word Press), graphics (web and print), desktop publishing (SFMC Manuals and Attention on Deck: Extra), etc.

If you have ever wanted to express your creative talents, then Infocom is the place for you. Keep your eyes on the SFMC & SFI mailing lists for more information.

Autonomous SFMCA Testing:

Commandant O'Brien mentioned during the objectives document that he would like Infocom to assist Tracom in devising a means of testing similar to what is offered by STARFLEET Academy's FACS system. If you would like to assist with this project, or have some

information to share, then please drop a line to either infocom@sfi-sfmc.org or tracom@sfi-sfmc.org.

Expanded Communication:

This section ties into our staffing needs, but I also wanted to make this a separate topic. As part of our expanded communication role, the SFMC will be looking for individuals to oversee our Facebook and Twitter assets. These members will be making regular posts on the respective assets to keep members informed as to what is happening within the SFMC.

The beauty of Social Media is that it can go viral. A member might like a Facebook post and put it on their Facebook page or they may re-tweet something that was said on the Twitter feed. Essentially every repost and re-tweet spreads the existence of STARFLEET and the SFMC to a group that may not know we are out there (hard to believe, huh?) and is an excellent means of "stealth recruiting".

Well, that's all I got for this time around. In closing, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve as your Acting COINFOCOM, but next month it may or may not be my words behind this column. No matter what the future holds, I am a marine through and through and will always do my best to bring honor to the SFMC. Semper Fi!

End Transmission...



Greetings Marines,
International conference and Muster have come and gone and it looked like everyone who was able to make it had a great time. I wish I could have made it over. But down to business...

TRACOM IC Summary

Several awards were issued at IC by TRACOM this year:

Brandi Warren (USS Dakota) was named the STARFEET Marine Corps Academy Student of the Year. She was a very prolific student with a high grade level over the entire year. Congratulations Brandi!

SFMC Team Delta inductees this year included two students and two honorary members: Bruce O'Brien – Honorary Inductee John Kane – Honorary Inductee Josiah Smiddy – Student Inductee Travis Littou – Student Inductee

TRACOM Commander's Award: James Jones II for his outstanding work with the TRACOM R&D Group in 2010.

There were also three awards that, due completely to an oversight on my part, weren't issued at IC, but are officially issued this date by the Commandant at the request of COTRACOM:

BGN Scott "Amigaman" Anderson Sr. is hereby awarded the SFMC Service Commendation.

MGN Gary "Tiny" Hollifield Jr. is hereby awarded the SFMC Service Commendation.

COL William "Junior" Hof is hereby awarded the SFMC Achievement Award.

My sincerest apologies to these three fine marines for my oversight. Guys, you rock.

Also at IC, we presented a number of objectives for TRACOM over the next year. The entire objectives presentation will be released separately on the SFMC website very soon. A condensed list of the TRACOM Objectives is listed below:

1. TRACOM Headquarters

A. Develop new policies and procedures where required with regard to posts new since last edition of the Policies and Procedure Manual was published.

B. Modify Policies and Procedures Manual in areas where it is either unclear, or no longer reflects the policies of the command.

C. Take steps to reduce the TRACOM Staff turnover rate in some of the more arduous posts.

2. Administration

A. STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy (SFMC) will be...

1. continuing to improve the quality of the examinations provided to students.

2. working towards further improvement in turn around times on both segments of the student transaction.

3. continuing to improve security and reliability of materials by expanding the use of off site storage in use.

4. working, through COTRACOM, with INFOCOM to try and develop Online Testing Facilities for some of our more popular courses.

5. working with the Resource Group and R&D toward further improvement of both the resource works themselves as well as the ongoing publication schedule.

B. Award Decoration and Certification Group (ADC) will be...

1. working toward continued improvement of the efficiency of the certificate creation and distribution process.

2. working toward improvement of the quality of the certificate themselves.

3. working to reduce the number of complaints as well as improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of complaint resolution.

3. Doctrine

A. Research and Development Group (R&D) will be...

1. working with the SFMC Branch Directors to develop such equipment as they might need for inclusion in the discussion of their Branch's operations.

2. assisting the SFMC Branch Directors, in conjunction with the Resource Group in continuing improvement of SFMC

CA training manuals.

B. Resource Group will be...

1. working toward removing conflicts between manuals that have crept in over the years.

2. compiling lists of typographical errors in the manuals so that they might be corrected in the next editions.

3. Coordinating the efforts of the Branch Directors in the updating of the SFMC Manuals on a set publication schedule.

Other Business:

In the month of July, SFMC posted 179 grades for 64 individual students, which has been a big month for us in 2011.

In the first 13 days of August, SFMC posted 87 grades for 39 individual students. August looks as if its going to be a pretty good month for us as well.

During this time period, 01JUL through 13AUG there has been one student, and I won't embarrass this person here, who has completed 40 courses in 11 different schools with an average grade of Honors. All I can say is "WOW".

ADC reports that it is caught up to 31JUL and is pushing into August demand as I write.

IC/IM and the run up towards it has really consumed the attention of this Corps command as well as, I strongly suspect, the others. Now that its over I do have one comment to make to close this report. Having never before served on the General Staff, I never realized just how many truly gifted and talented members the SFMC has. You folks really made it difficult to select the Honor awards. I imagine that the choice of Valor award selectees was similarly difficult for the Brigade OICs. You marines should do your best to keep making the job of selecting annual award winners increasingly difficult. Keep doing what you are doing. While you're at it, give yourselves and each other a round of applause. You deserve it.



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